

# DEMCCO General Meeting Minutes

October 23, 2021

The zoom meeting was called to order by President Linda Slater at 10:05 AM with 43 participants. She welcomed guests, new members and all members.

## I. President announcements:

- a. January 2022 will begin with in-person meetings at the same Carlsbad Womens' Club but those who prefer to remain online may continue to participate through Zoom.
- b. Candidates that want endorsement need to notify DEMCCO ([info@demcco.org](mailto:info@demcco.org)) and the Endorsement committee will contact you about what is needed. While the Endorsement Committee collects information about candidates wanting endorsement and the E Board oversees the scheduling of endorsement votes, endorsements are decided only by vote of the members.
- c. Save the date December 4<sup>th</sup> 2-5PM for the DEMCCO fundraiser at Janet Lacey's home. Mike Levin and Tasha Boerner Horvath will be there as well as other candidates. Looking for ways to make it fun – please communicate with Kathy Rallings.
- d. Discussion of livestreaming on FaceBook and will ensue without objection. Hope Nelson requests that there be consideration to hostile reactions. People on Facebook only see the meeting but can't participate.

## II. The agenda was approved as written.

III. Minutes of the September 25<sup>th</sup> meeting was approved as written without objections. Minutes for the October 9<sup>th</sup> special endorsement and resolution to support the recall meeting were approved as written without objections. The October 9<sup>th</sup> minutes ammended to correct the spelling of the names of Kathleen Rallings and Ann Crosbie.

IV. Board of Supervisor Update: Amanda Berry, Policy Advisor for Board of Supervisor Terra Lawson Remer. Some actions came through including ghost guns and common sense gun control. Also, working on trying to get to root cause of homeless vs. first action to go to jail. The pandemic lessons learned could decrease incarations for homeless and provide alternatives. Any questions please email Amanda at [Amanda.berry@sdcounty.ca.gov](mailto:Amanda.berry@sdcounty.ca.gov).

## V. Program:

- a. Update from Doug Applegate on SD Sheriff's race: He clarified that he is appearing today as a civil rights attorney. Will provide a lawyers prospective on the sheriff's race, the Democratic candidates, Dave Myers vs. Kelly Martinez. He opines she was registered and voted as a Republican. The Sheriff's department has outside funding and operates under the Codes of California vs. Police departments with an executive officer, typically the mayor for oversight. What is critical is that the Sheriff's offices set the tone as what gets tolerated or not. The sheriff's department is a huge part of controlling this and the impact on people's civil rights. Please send questions to [doug@applegateslaw.com](mailto:doug@applegateslaw.com)
- b. Encinitas Mayor Catherine Blakesphere is running for 36<sup>th</sup> Senate district in 2022. She's interested in two priorities; climate crisis/sustainability and poverty related issues. She wants to operationalize the aspirational and has the courage to try things to solve issues. Currently there are no other Democrats running, only one Republican in Orange Co.

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## VI. Elected Officials and Candidates Remarks:

- a. Kathy Rallings, Carlsbad School District, said there is opposition for rooftop solar with the Carlsbad School District and asks for your support.
- b. Teresa Acosta, Carlsbad Councilmember. Recently the council passed a single use, styrofoam, and mass balloon ban and now restaurants will only give disposable utensils upon request. Also working on homeless issues. She's partnering with other cities and state representatives. Please reach out to her for information and ideas.
- c. Joy Lyndes, Encinitas Councilperson, wanted to reach out and introduce herself. Her priorities are environmental; climate action, sustainability and resilience. She's working with Mira Costa on workforce development and for expanding affordable housing.
- d. Dr. Tiffany Boyd-Hodgson is running for SD County Board of Supervisors District 5. She is currently on the Vallecitos Water Board and is President of San Marcos Democratic Club. She has a track record for getting things done, minimizing developer money and special interests, safe water and diverse progressive agenda.
- e. Dave Myers is running for San Diego Sheriff race. He has 35 years of service primarily in the San Diego Sheriff's Department rising to the rank of commander. He retired in 2018. Dave is competent, reflects the community, and is a professional. He has worked to have a state audit on the jail practices. He wants to engage with all facets of the community.
- f. Kent Lee, running for San Diego City Council District 6, wanted to introduce himself and use his experience to bridge the community. Currently a Republican seat.
- g. Doug Applegate, running for San Diego Board of Supervisor District 5. He is concerned about housing changes and he will work to get things done.

## VII. Selection of Representatives for the CDP Pre-Endorsing Conference.

- a. By December 11, 2021 is deadline. We have eight voting members volunteer. Kathy Rallings moved to accept the 8 volunteers listed candidates as our representative and the others will be alternates Jane Marshall seconded the motion. 30 approved, 4 opposed. Representatives include Sirley Anderson, Clarice Tovani, Jan Neff-Sinclair, Donna RencsaK, Chih-Wu Chang, Mike Bullock, Jason Rosenberg and Stewart Gaiber. Alternatives are Vince Loughney, Vanessa Forsythe, Nikki Faddick, Fred Chambers, and John MacDowell.

## VIII. Citizens for a Friendly Airport (C4FA) update by Hope Nelson: November 3<sup>rd</sup> is expected the Board of Supervisors will be voting on the Carlsbad Airport expansion. C4FA has been working diligently to oppose this expansion. Please, everyone, sign the petition at [www.C4FA.org](http://www.C4FA.org) opposing this expansion – they need more community signatures.

## IX. Announcements:

- a. November 7<sup>th</sup> DEMCCO will be at the Carlsbad Street Faire. We need help! Email [info@demcco.org](mailto:info@demcco.org).
- b. October 24<sup>th</sup> is Oceanside's celebration Dia de los Muertos, the day for remembering people we have lost. This Latino custom will be at the Oceanside Civic Center from 10AM to 5PM.
- c. DEMCCO has a goal to expand our diversity, equity and inclusion efforts. Rob Howard will host a series of "chats" to address how DEMCCO can insure this in our

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club. The 1<sup>st</sup> chat will be Tuesday, October 26<sup>th</sup> at 10AM at the Brown Cup Coffee Shop across from the Oceanside Civic Center. Rob encouraged everyone to join the conversation.

- d. Shirley Anderson reminded everyone that redistricting is happening now. The San Diego County Redistricting Commission will meet on Oct 26<sup>th</sup> at 3:30 pm via zoom. Draft maps being created now.
- e. Diana Aguirre spoke about the Community Service Committee of the Central Committee is sponsoring baskets for Thanksgiving for the Oceanside Resource Center. She would appreciate everyone's support.
- f. Donna Rencsak shared a great video "My President" with Joan Baez singing Amazing Grace.
- g. Mike Bullock will be presenting next Thursday on car parking systems and next Friday the Climate Action Plan meeting – please contact him for the link.
- h. Kathy Rallings is working on the DEMCCO fundraiser on December 4<sup>th</sup> from 2-5PM.
- i. Chih-Wu Chang announced today is "take back drug day" to turn in excess drugs.
- j. Shirley Anderson alerted everyone to renew your dues now! Checks preferred.

X. The meeting was adjourned at 12:10PM. Next meeting January 22, 2022. There will be in-person and zoom participation.

Submitted by: Jane Marshall, Secretary

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