

DEMCCO General Meeting Minutes

April 23, 2022

- I. The meeting was called to order by President Linda Slater at 10:14 am after determining that a quorum existed. Everyone was welcomed to the our 2nd hybrid in-person/virtual meeting . Jan Neff-Sinclair and John MacDowell monitored the Zoom throughout the meeting.
- II. The agenda was approved as written. Agenda approved as written without objections.
- III. Minutes of the March 26, 2022 meeting were approved as written without objections.

IV. Consideration of Endorsements

The EBoard has made recommendations for donations to candidates. Members were asked to please hold this action until the end of all the endorsement votes. It was noted that ourByLaws requirement that endorsements require a 60% approval of those voting.

Written ballots were distributed to voting members attending in person and it was announced that they would be turned in all at once after all candidates have spoken. Voting members attending by Zoom will vote by responding to a secret poll after the candidates have spoken.

Note: Although the ballots and votes were not tallied until the end of the meeting, the results of each considered endorsement are shown under each race in the order of the presentations.

Four Friendly Incumbent Endorsements (FIE) were considered first, each having 3 minutes to address the group. All of these incumbents attended in person except for Priya Bahet-Patel who had sent a written statement that was read by Martha Alvarado.

- A. **OUSD Area 3 - Stacy Begin** FIE
Yes - 43 No – 0
100% YES Endorsed
- B. **Carlsbad CUSD Area 5 – Kathy Rallings** FIE
Yes 42 No - 1
97 % YES Endorsed
- C. **Carlsbad City Council D3 – Priya Bhat-Patel** FIE
Yes - 35 No – 5 Abstain - 3
88 % YES Endorsed
- D. **Vista USD Area 3 - Martha Alvarado** FIE
Yes – 43 No - 0
100% YES Endorsed

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Procedure for consideration of the non-incumbent candidates:

- each candidate is given 3 minutes to speak about their qualifications for office
- members then ask questions and candidates have 1 minute to respond
- candidates leave the room either physically or via the waiting room on Zoom while members are given an opportunity to speak as to why DEMCCO should endorse the particular candidate.
- candidate responses to the DEMCCO questionnaire was available for members to see in print (for in-person attendees) and by links (for Zoom attendees), but these needed to be turned in at the end of the meeting.

E. San Diego County Sheriff – Dave Myers, Kelly Martinez

Dave Myers presented via Zoom and discussed his goal to rebuild community trust in law enforcement. David has 33 years of experience working within the SD County Sheriff's office. Kelly Martinez had been invited to present, but declined.

Vote for David Myers:

Yes - 42 No - 0 Abstain - 1
100% YES Endorsed

F. Carlsbad City Council D1 - Sam Ward

Sam Ward presented in person and emphasized how critical it was for the future of Carlsbad to win back Democratic control in the city council. Major issues for Sam are climate action and diversity, equity, and inclusion progress.

Yes - 43 No - 0
100% YES Endorsed

G. Vista City Council D4 – Dan O'Donnell

Dan O'Donnell presented in person and highlighted the issues of the increasing rents in Vista and concerns about how this will affect the city's growing senior population, the continued multi-million dollar housing plans that will leave many behind, and the inadequacy of the city's Climate Action Plan (CAP). Dan stated that it is possible to flip the city of Vista to Democratic control for the first time in 60 years.

Yes - 43 No - 0
100% YES Endorsed

H. OUSD Area 1 – Nancy Licon

Nancy Licon presented in person. She is currently a school counselor at VUSD and wants to be an advocate for the community of first generation college graduates. Her priorities include fighting for better resources to support the mental health and emotional needs of the students and providing more innovation career pathways for students.

Yes - 43 No - 0
100% YES Endorsed

I. Superior Court Judge Seat 35 – Michael Fleming, Rebecca Kantor

Michael Fleming presented via Zoom. Michael is currently a public defender and stated that his priority is to rehabilitate versus incarcerate. Rebecca Kantor presented in person. Rebecca is a federal prosecutor and requested No Endorsement for this race from DEMCCO as, per the Hatch Act, she cannot receive an endorsement from a partisan

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group in the primary. She is instead requesting personal endorsements. Linda Slater shared that the Central Committee has elected No Endorsment in this race.

Endorse Michael Fleming	Yes – 23	55 %
Endorse Rebecca Kantor	Yes – 4	9%
No Endorsement	Yes --15	36%
Abstain -	1	

None of the above vote categories received 60%, therefore, no endorsement decision is made.

J. Superior Court Judge Seat 36 – Peter Singer

Peter Singer presented in person and shared that he has 29 years of judicial experience with an emphasis in civil law. Linda Slater shared that he has been endorsed by the Central Committee.

Yes - 39 No – 0 Abstain - 4
100% YES Endorsed

A motion was made by Linda Slater to approve the following donations as recommended by the E Board:

Carlsbad City Council D1- Sam Ward	\$1000
Carlsbad City Council D3 - Priya Bhat-Patel	\$1000
Vista City Council D4 - Dan O'Donnell	\$ 500
Carlsbad USD – Kathy Rallings	\$ 500
Osido USD - Stacey Begin	\$ 500
Osido USD D1 - Nancy Licona	\$ 500
Vista USD - Martha Alvarado	\$ 500
38th State Senate - Catherine Blakespear	\$ 250
74 th Assembly – Chris Duncan	\$ 250

An amendment to the motion was made by Dan O'Donnell to increase the amounts to Catherine Blakespear and Chris Duncan from \$250 to \$500. **The amendment and then the amended motion were passed unanimously with 23 votes. Total Donations: \$5500**

V. Announcements

On May 1st at 2pm, Mike & Joan Bullock are hosting a Meet and Greet for Catherine Blakespear and Dr Tiffany Boyd- Hodson at their home:1800 Bayberry Drive Osido

VI. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 1:14 pm until May 28, 2022

Submitted by: Angie Knappenberger, Secretary