

DEMCCO General Meeting Minutes

July 23, 2022

The Zoom meeting was called to order by President Linda Slater at 10:14 am with a total of 60 participants: 26 in person and 34 on zoom. She welcomed everyone.

Ann Crosbie made an announcement about a Fundraiser picnic at a local park, most likely on a Saturday morning (10am – noon) in late August or early September. Tickets would be around \$10. Approximately 50% of those present indicated with a show of hands that they would likely attend, and no one opposed the idea.

- I. A motion was made and seconded to modify the agenda by moving the consideration of endorsements up before the program. Yes votes – 13; No votes – 23; Motion failed
- II. Minutes of the May 28, 2022 meeting - not presented

III. Program: Homelessness – Current Research, Practicable Applications, and Solutions

Dr. David A. Snow, Distinguished Professor of Sociology UCI discussed the causes of homelessness, who the homeless are, the challenges of living on the streets, and the costs of homelessness to society. His presentation highlighted the intersectionality between structural antecedents of limited or inaccessible housing and personal, biographic factors which accentuate vulnerability. His research shows that homelessness is a situation in which some people find themselves rather than a particular characteristic of the person so situated. The primary cause of homelessness for both men and women is the gap between the cost and availability of rental housing and the wages/incomes to access that housing. The cost of homelessness and the problematic issues associated with homelessness decrease significantly with the provision of housing, and the results are even more dramatic for the chronically homeless. For example, costs for services for those who are chronically homeless are 50% lower per person when people are housed (\$51,587/year including housing costs) versus when living on the streets (\$100,759/year). When housed, the chronically homeless have 43% fewer visits to the ER, 53% fewer inpatient hospitalizations, 78% fewer ambulance rides, and 100% fewer arrests.

Dr. Snow's presentation will be available on the DEMCCO website

IV. Mike Levin Campaign – Ellen Montanari

Before Ellen presented, Linda Slater noted that we had not yet given any money to Mike Levin's campaign. **Sheila Kadah made the motion that we donate \$1000 to Mike's re-election campaign for the 49th Congressional District; the motion was seconded and passed unanimously.**

Ellen, deputy campaign manager, stated that Mike's re-election was going to be extremely competitive due to redistricting, dark money pouring millions into negative ads about Mike's record, and malaise among many Democrats. The district is now officially considered a toss up race. The campaign really needs volunteers to knock on doors and could use some help in the office. They have prepared a fact sheet to counter the misinformation in the ads.

V. Elected Officials and Candidates Remarks:

- a. Sam Ward
 - Candidate for Carlsbad City Council District 1
 - Campaign kickoff is Saturday, August 6th in Holiday park at 10am.
- b. Kathy Rallings
 - Candidate to be re-elected to the Carlsbad Unified School Board
 - Thanked DEMCCO for its support
 - Emphasized how important the local school board elections are as there is a significant, organized effort to take over school districts all over our county by those willing to defy public health orders .
- c. Teresa Acosta
 - Carlsbad City Council member
 - Stated that although the revenue for the city has been good, she is considering suggesting an independent audit
- d. Dan O'Donnell
 - Candidate for Vista City Council District 4
 - Campaign kickoff is tomorrow and he appreciates DEMCCO support.

VI. Endorsement Considerations

1. **Neal Meyers, Candidate for Olivenheim Metropolitan Water District FIE**
Olivenheim water district encompasses of all Carlsbad; Neal is retired from law and now concerned with water scarcity due to climate change.

Motion was made by Rob Howard to approve Neal's endorsement by acclimation.

Seconded by Hope Nelson

In favor: 17 in person; 24 on zoom = 41 total in favor

Opposed: 0

PASSED and Endorsed

2. **Dan Dominguez , Candidate for Oceanside City Council, District 2**

Dan commented that he is a lifelong Democrat and member of DEMCCO. He is being opposed by a well-funded Republican. He is a long-time resident of Oceanside and a long time union supporter. He identifies as a problem solver.

Motion was made by Donna Rencsak to endorse Dan Dominguez for Oceanside City Council, District 2 by acclimation; Seconded by Ann Crosbie

In favor: 13 in person ; 24 on zoom = 37 total

Opposed 0

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Motion was then made by Donna Rencsak to give donation of \$1000 to Dan Dominguez's campaign; Seconded by Mickey Pierson
In favor: 16 in person; 22 on zoom = 38 total
Opposed: 0 in person; 1 on zoom = 1
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VII. Catherine Blakespear Campaign, Matt Rubel State Senate District 38

Matt Rubel spoke a few moments and said that details on an event on Saturday August 13th at 2:30 pm will follow shortly

VIII. Announcements

- Carlsbad Village Faire DEMCCO table – November 6th
- Cecily Resnick - GO Team training will be in early August and encouraged members to sign up to help
- Kathy Rallings made a motion that we agree to not change our agenda for candidates to speak at future meetings. The motion was seconded, but no vote was taken as there was no longer a quorum present.

IX. The meeting was adjourned at 12:38 pm until August 27, 2022

Submitted by: Angie Knappenberger, Secretary