

DEMCCO General Meeting Minutes

April 22, 2023

The meeting was called to order by President Michele Cyr at 10:28 am with 25 participants in person and 19 participants on zoom for a total attendance of 44. She welcomed everyone and all the new members. Michele provided a Land Acknowledgement.

I. Approval of Agenda

- Vince Loughney made a motion to remove the Friendly Incumbent Endorsements/New Candidate Endorsements from today's agenda. The motion was seconded. Members were recognized to speak against or in favor of the motion.
- A motion was made by Linda Slater to end debate on the motion. The motion was seconded. Vote to end debate: Yes – 10 in person/12 on zoom; No – 9 in person/none on zoom; **Motion to end debate passed**
- Discussion ended and vote on motion to remove the Endorsements from the agenda was called for a vote. Yes to remove: 4 in person; 1 on zoom; No to not remove: 17 in person; 10 on Zoom; **Motion to remove Endorsements form agenda Failed and Agenda stands**

II. Minutes of the March 25, 2023 meeting were approved as written without objections.

III. Elected Officials Remarks (2 mins each)

- **Eric Joyce** – Oceanside City Councilmember District 1
Ban on styrofoam and plastics in Oceanside is being introduced
- **Stuart Gaiber** –Appointed to San Diego County Behavioral Health Advisory Board.
This Board evaluates the community's behavioral health needs, services, programs, facilities, and procedures used to ensure citizen and professional involvement in the planning process.

IV. Friendly Incumbent Endorsements/New Candidate Endorsements

Each candidate was given two minutes to speak and then took up to three questions and two minutes to respond to each. 60% in favor is required for endorsement

A. Friendly Incumbent Endorsements

- **Teresa Acosta – Carlsbad City Councilmember District 4**
Priorities: sustainability, safety, affordability; This district has the most registered Republicans in Carlsbad
Vote to Endorse: All in favor – 23 in person; 12 on zoom
ENDORSED
- **Esther Sanchez – Mayor of Oceanside**
1st Democratic mayor to run for re-election
Barbara Collins moved to approve by Acclamation; Bill Fowler said by unanimous consent

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Michele Cyr asked if anyone was against Esther Sanchez receiving a FIE and one person raised their hand

ENDORSED

- **Terra Lawson-Reimer – Board of County Supervisors District 3**

Linda Slater spoke representing Terra

Vote to Endorse: All in favor – 18 in person, 11 on zoom

ENDORSED

Kathy Rallings made a motion that DEMCCO donate \$500 to each of the candidates the three candidates that received FIE. Motion was seconded. Eric Joyce made a request to move this motion to the next meeting so that it could be on the agenda. Kathy withdrew her motion.

B. New Candidate Endorsements

- **Jaime “Jimmy” Figueroa – Candidate for Oceanside City Council District 3**

Spoke about his background and extensive activism in the community; Born and raised in Oceanside; Priorities will be to bring resources to the underserved community

One person spoke in favor of endorsing; no one spoke against

Vote to endorse – All in favor: 23 in person; 15 on zoom

ENDORSED

V. Program: Earth Day

Due to the time, at 12:07 pm Michele Cyr suggested that we postpone the planned program on Earth Day until next month.

VI. Raffle winner

Winner of the \$55 was announced (Mike Bullock) and donated back to the club.

VII. Congressman Mike Levin’s remarks on Climate Stabilization

Mike Levin addressed the DEMCCO meeting via Zoom. He expressed concern over the proposed cuts in Speaker McCarthy’s budget bill that calls for drastic cuts in discretionary funding and would undermine many of the green credits from the Infrastructure Bill. Mike is excited about a major announcement that will be coming about the interim storage of nuclear waste at San Onofre.

VIII. Adjourned at 12:12 pm until Saturday May 27, 2023 at 10 am

Submitted by Angie Knappenberger, Secretary

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