

DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF SACRAMENTO COUNTY

CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

11/11/2021 – DPSC Zoom

Call to Order, Roll Call, Pledge of Allegiance, and Swearing-in of New Members

The Chair had Mr. P. Torres do roll call. Following roll call and with the Chair noting the presence of a quorum, the virtual meeting of the Democratic Party of Sacramento County Central Committee, held via Zoom on Thursday November 11, 2021, was called to order at 6:10pm, Ms. Stafford presiding as Chair and Mr. Cameron as Parliamentarian.

The Chair swore in new members.

Acknowledgement of Elected Officials and Candidates

The Chair acknowledged the elected officials in attendance, including Rosanna Herber (SMUD Board Member), Paula Villescaz (San Juan USD Board Member), Orlando Fuentes (Cosumnes CSD Board Member), Thien Ho (Candidate for Sacramento County District Attorney), Michael Seaman (Chair of Fulton El Camino Recreation and Park District Board), Nancy Chaires Espinoza (Elk Grove USD Board Member), and Alana Matthews (Candidate for Sacramento County District Attorney).

Review of Code of Conduct and Virtual Meeting Participation

Ms. Hanzlik provided an overview of the code of conduct, how to make motions, how to be recognized during the meeting, and rules of decorum during virtual meetings, and DPSC code of conduct.

Adoption of the Agenda and Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

The Chair moved to adopt the agenda with changes to move the Resolutions Committee report as the first committee report, to open floor resolutions before committee reports, and to adjourn the meeting in honor of our Veterans. The approval of the agenda, with modifications, was made by unanimous consent. The Chair then moved to approve the previous meeting minutes by unanimous consent, which were then approved.

Officer Reports

The Chair delivered her report. She announced the creation of a Policy and Advocacy Committee which would be meeting the following week. There have also been conversations about incorporating high school democrats within DPSC. She also presented the executive board recommendation to not hold a December meeting and hold a holiday party instead, which was approved by unanimous consent.

The Controller delivered her report. The state account has \$81,00.87 and the federal account has \$22,398.51. A question was asked about presenting a monthly summary document that includes approved budget items broken down by expenditure. The Chair mentioned that the Controller will look into this and determine how frequently to present a budget summary.

The CDP Region 3 Director delivered his report. The Pre-endorsement meeting will be held on February 12th, which will be virtual. The CDP Executive Board meeting is also coming up. The full CDP Convention will be in-person in Los Angeles on March 3rd. He has also been coordinating with the Region 4 Director.

Special Order: Presentation on Redistricting by Redistricting Consultant, Lauren Hammond

The Chair introduced former Sacramento City Councilmember and Redistricting Consultant, Lauren Hammond, to provide a briefing on redistricting. She provided an overview of County of Sacramento and City of Sacramento redistricting criteria and process. She then provided an overview of potential impacts

of the redrawing of congressional maps, state senate maps, state assembly maps, and City of Sacramento maps. A question was asked about who can provide public input on these maps and how the outreach is being conducted. The Chair mentioned that Lauren Hammond is part of the new Policy Committee and they will be discussing these issues at the next meeting. Mr. Ramos and Mr. Sasso expressed the urgency of being involved in the Sacramento County redistricting process, as redistricting is critical to ensuring that Democrats can get elected.

Call for Floor Resolutions

Mr. Guerrero made a motion to place a floor resolution calling on the Board of Supervisors to Ban the Sale of Flavored Tobacco, seconded by Mr. Weitzman. The Parliamentarian confirmed that it had the required ten signatories. It was also clarified that it is timely given that it is going to the Board of Supervisors in December. The motion approved and resolution placed on the agenda by a raise of hands vote. Mr. Sarama then made a motion to place a floor resolution to Stand with Muslim Students. The motion was seconded by Ms. Dramer and confirmed that it had the required ten signatories. The motion was approved and resolution placed on the agenda by a raise of hands vote.

Committee Reports

The Resolutions Committee Report was provided by Mr. Brown. He asked for a motion regarding *Resolution 2021-16: Calling on the Board of Supervisors to Ban the Sale of Flavored Tobacco*, which was moved by Mr. Guerrero and seconded. Mr. Guerrero seeded his time to Tim Gibbs who spoke in favor of the resolution. The resolution was then approved by a vote of 35 in favor and 4 opposed, having achieved the required two thirds threshold. Mr. Sarama then moved to consider *Resolution 2021-17: Resolution to Stand with Muslim Students*, which was seconded by Mr. Barreto. Mr. Becker asked for a friendly amendment to fix a grammatical error in the resolution which was accepted by Mr. Sarama. The resolution was then approved by a vote of 38 in favor and 2 opposed, having achieved the required two thirds threshold.

The Campaign Services Committee report was delivered by Ms. Brewer. The questionnaires have been sent to the candidates for Sacramento County District Attorney and Sacramento County Supervisor District 5. The committee will be holding interviews over the weekend of November 20th and the recommendation will come back to the full body in January. Mr. Becker moved to edit the District Attorney questionnaire to add Democratic values questions from the previous section three, seconded by Mr. Hildebrand. The chair called on three speakers to speak in favor and three in opposition to the motion during discussion. Mr. Becker, Mr. Hildebrand, and Ms. Childs spoke in favor of the motion, followed by Mr. Fong, Mr. A. Torres, and Ms. Brewer speaking in opposition. The motion then failed by a vote of 13 in favor and 21 opposed.

The Fundraising Committee report was provided by Mr. Weitzman. The committee is looking at events for 2022 and will be looking at the updating rules for contributions.

The Rules Committee Report was provided by Mr. Cameron. He presented an updated proposed Standing Rule: Addendum VI, Section 1, Subsection 3 regarding electronic meetings. There was a concern raised about the muting and the ability to raise questions during electronic meetings. Mr. Becker made a motion to divide the proposal and refer the final sentence of the proposal back to the committee, which was approved by a vote of 31 in favor and 1 opposed. Mr. P. Torres then made a motion to adopt the proposal, seconded by Ms. Rodriguez. The motion was approved by a vote of 25 in favor and 8 opposed.

The Membership Committee report was provided by Ms. Stafford. She provided details about the planning of the December 9 holiday party.

Club Reports

The Wellstone report was provided by Mr. Hildebrand. They are having an upcoming social event and will be following guidelines for safety.

The Town and Country report was provided by Mr. Lagomarsino who ceded his time to Mr. Seaman. They are still collecting dues and are concerned about redistricting impacts on unincorporated areas.

The Truman Club report was provided by Mr. A. Torres. They held their 40th anniversary luncheon and will be hosting an upcoming luncheon with Phil Angelides.

The JFK Club report was provided by Mr. Barreto. They have been moving on endorsements and are involved in redistricting. They also have been supporting labor in the Kaiser hospital strikes for Strike October.

The Folsom Democratic Club report was provided by Mr. Jonnalagadda. They have an upcoming event with Congressman Ami Berra at the Folsom Community Center and plan to be more involved in the coming campaigns.

The County Labor Dems report was provided by Mr. Sasso. They will be holding the Scabby Awards in Sac Yarhouse to recognize the works of scabby democrats.

Announcements

Mr. Becker moved to have a discussion about holding meetings online and ensuring that they remain online longer. He also made a point of information about what the rules would be to have a hybrid virtual and in-person meeting. The Parliamentarian explained that hybrid meetings might not be viable with the technology constraints and need to provide a common experience to attendees. The matter was referred back to the Executive Board.

Mr. Seaman raised concerns and the need for the central committee to focus on Sacramento County redistricting and the suburbs are in danger of being ignored.

Mr. Kim provided an update from the California Nurses Association as they are holding several phone banks and a strike on November 19th.

Mr. Becker mentioned that the Natomas Unified School Board is going through redistricting and encouraged members to engage as there are three incumbents living in one neighborhood.

Adjournment

The Chair then reminded members that we are adjourning in honor of our veterans. Mr. Weitsman made a motion to adjourn and Ms. Brewer seconded. The Central Committee meeting was adjourned at 8:58pm in honor of veterans who have sacrificed so much for this country.