

Carlsbad Democrats General Meeting Minutes 1/24/24

Welcome by President Chih-Wu Chang at 6:05 PM.

39 Individuals in attendance:

Diana Aquirre, Eve Antekeier, Steve Burrell, Jodi Cleesattle, Indroneal Banerjee, Priya Bhat-Patel, Sharon Bodon, Spencer Burrows, Chih-Wu Chang, Greg Chang, Pei-Tei Chang, Michele Cyr, Daniel Dominguez, Phyllis Dominguez, Alison Emery, Nikki Faddick, Bill Fowler, David Hall, Maxine Hall, Omar Hashimi, Mariam Hashimi, Rob Howard, Denis Huntsman, Vince Loughney, Chuck Lowery, Douglas McGinn, Lisa McGinn, Hope Nelson, Vincent Nelson, Amber Kae Niuatoa, Destiny Preston, Kathy Rallings, Donna Rencsak, Jan Rodriguez, Kevin Sabellico, Koryn Sheppard, Kevin Shin, Cipriano Vargas, Stephanie Wells. Note: several individuals renewed their memberships just before or during the meeting to vote - we need to prevent this type of stacking from happening in the future by changing bylaws. A few members were disruptive during the meeting - we need to share meeting ground rules before the meeting.

Land Acknowledgement: Chih-Wu Chang made a brief land acknowledgement - We live on the land of the Luiseno people.

Approval of Meeting Agenda: Motion made, seconded and approved as presented.

Public Statement:

Eve Antekeier made a public statement about her ethics complaint.

Financial Report by Pei-Tei Chang

Winter Warm-up income is estimated about \$1,500 and the income for the 2022 fundraiser is about \$1,500 too.

Executive Board Election:

No one in attendance wanted to run for the open positions. Voting members unanimously approved a proposed slate (Spencer Burrows as the Director of PAC, David Hall as the Director of Community Service, and Jan Neff-Sinclair as the Director of Communication).

Endorsement Considerations:

- **Carlsbad City Council D2** - Kevin Sabellico and Kevin Shin)
- **Carlsbad Unified School Trustee** - Alison Emery
- **Encinitas City Council D2** - Destiny Preston

- **Superior Court Judge Seat 41** - Jodi Clessattle
- **Superior Court Judge Seat 44** - Koryn Sheppard
- **Oceanside Cout Council D4** - Omar Hashimi and Amber Kae Niutoa
- **Oceanside Treasurer** - Phyllis Dominquez and Victor Roy (Absent)

Endorsement Process:

1. Each candidate has two minutes to make an opening statement.
2. Members can ask each candidate up to two questions, and each candidate has one minute to answer each question. Only questions applied to both candidates are allowed.
3. Candidate(s) and guests will be placed in the Zoom Waiting Room.
4. Up to two individuals have one minute to make a statement supporting or against each candidate.
5. Members will vote for or against the endorsement via Zoom Polls. We will accept the vote by phone or email from individuals with technical challenges (such as hearing impairment).
6. "No Endorsement" may be an option for the position considered.
7. If only one candidate is running for a position, voting is allowed by "Raise Hand" or acclamation.
8. We will announce the endorsement result after we invite candidate(s) back to the meeting. We will endorse the candidate who received 60% or more votes.

Endorsement Results

- Carlsbad City Council D2 - **Kevin Shin**
- Carlsbad Unified School Trustee - **Alison Emery**
- Encinitas City Council D2 - **Destiny Preston** (but formal public announcement is pending until further notice from Destiny)
- Superior Court Judge Seat 41 - **Jodi Clessattle**
- Superior Court Judge Seat 44 - **Koryn Sheppard**
- Oceanside Cout Council D4 - **Omar Hashimi and Amber Kae Niutoa** are rated as **Acceptable** since no one received 60% or more votes
- Oceanside Treasurer - **Phyllis Dominquez**

Adjourned at 9:06 PM

Next Meeting Wednesday, February 27, 2024 at 6:30 PM

Submitted by: Chih-Wu Chang