

Lake County Democratic Central Committee  
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## MINUTES

### Meeting of Thursday, June 7, 2018

Location: Kelseyville Senior Center 5245 3rd St. Kelseyville, CA 95451

#### **CALL TO ORDER – ROLL CALL**

In absence of Chair, meeting called to order 6:38 pm by Vice Chair Becky Curry.

Voting Members present list completed by Secretary and Quorum verified to be present.

#### **Voting Members Present:**

*District 1:* Susan Cameron, Ron Green, Doug Harris

*District 2:* Shirley Howland

*District 3:* Deb Baumann, James Evans, Louis Rigod, John Sheehy;

*District 4:* Larry Bean, Virginia Cerenio, Dave Rogers

*District 5:* Becky Curry, Adckinjo Esutoki

*Club Representative:* Richard East

*Ex-Officio Alternates:* Sissa Harris, Stephanie Pahwa, Denise Rushing

#### **Voting Members Absent:**

District 1: Carlos Negrete

District 3: Ann Bauer

District 4: Tom Jordan, Chloe Karl

**Regular Member Alternates Present:** Carlene Leskar,

**Associate Members present:** Greg Peters

**Guests:** Louveina Hopkins

**Approval of Agenda:** Susan Cameron moved, John Sheehy 2<sup>nd</sup>, **Approved** as presented

**Approval of May 2018 Minutes:** Susan Cameron moved, Dave Rogers 2<sup>nd</sup>, **Approved** as amended:

Page 6 – universe of voters open rate is 8.64 percent (not 864 percent)

Page 8 – most of our supplies are in the storage shed (not campaign office)

#### **Public Comment**

- **Susan Cameron:** Congratulations to Susan Krones!
- **Deb Baumann:** Concerned that the words with which various groups identify themselves and their values, are too often a wedge that divides American voters and prevents us from finding common ground. When polled on the issues, most American voters support most of the same fundamental concepts. We have more in common than in difference, but we move within social bubbles that use different values-words, and how these value-words affect our psyche can make us appear to disagree even when we actually share the same basic values. Example: my friend who says she is Republican because she believes in “hard work.” The impression that Republicans (alone) stand for “hard work” is the result of decades of values-language manipulation of the electorate. Identity politics uses semantics – trigger-words -- to keep us from uniting behind common goals for the good of all, and for the good of the nation. Suggesting any one party has a monopoly on a value can be a wedge that keeps us apart. Also, it is easy to pay lip-service to values. But the only thing that really matters (so far as our elected officials go) is how they vote.
- **Larry Bean:** Attended a conservative forum once where someone spoke about his own values in terms of “rugged individualism.” We’re caught up in labels and stereotypes. We should not be so tribal.
- **Becky Curry:** When humans are not united in a shared battle, we tend to pick on each other.

### **Appointments & Resignations**

- Open seats for regular members *are now as follows:*  
*D2 – 2 seats; D5 – 3 seats*
- Open seats for alternates:  
*D1 – 3 seats; D2 – 1 seats; D3 – 3 seats; D4 – 2 seats; D5 – 2 seats*

### **Legislator's Reports**

#### **Congress Member Thompson – Alternate position still vacant, no report**

#### **Congress Member John Garamendi – Alternate S.Harris:**

- **Protecting California's Water** - As always, I am doing everything I can to stop the disastrous twin tunnels. Unfortunately, a Southern California member from the majority party recently introduced legislation that would invalidate all current lawsuits against the project and prohibit any future suits. I have been doing everything I can to sound the alarm on this threat, and I will fight to ensure this language does not pass the House of Representatives. And if it does, I will work with California's Senators to ensure that the Senate rejects it.  
 On a more positive note, I am pleased that the House passed the Water Resources Development Act of 2018, H.R. 8. This critical bill authorizes flood control projects across the country, and I was able to insert a number of Third district priorities. Specifically, the bill includes language to expedite completion of the lower Cache Creek Feasibility Study, which will provide greater flood protection for the City of Woodland, and language to allow the Three Rivers Levee Improvement Authority to construct three miles of levee on the Yuba River.
- **Supporting Our Troops** - As a member of the House Armed Services Committee, I'm also working on giving our servicemembers the support they deserve while setting policy to make our military as strong and wise as it can be. Recently, I voted in favor of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2019, H.R. 5515. It contains a 2.6 percent pay raise for our troops the largest in nearly a decade. I also ensured that the legislation supports Travis AFB and Beale AFB and provides the vital facility and equipment upgrades they need to continue their missions to keep America safe.  
 However, I am extremely concerned about the direction the recently-passed defense bill sets for America's nuclear weapons policy. The bill authorizes the development of dangerous new low- yield nuclear warheads. Not only does this pull us even further into a dangerous arms race with Russia, but it would also increase the risk of miscalculation in a conflict. I submitted amendments to the bill that would have stripped this authorization, but they were defeated. I will continue to work with the Senate to remove this dangerous provision from the Defense Authorization Bill.
- **Honoring Our Veterans** - I'm also working on giving a very important group of veterans a well-deserved honor. I've introduced H.R. 5879, the World War II Merchant Marine Congressional Gold Medal Act. This bipartisan, bicameral legislation would award one of our nation's highest public honors to the brave Merchant Marine veterans from World War II.  
 In World War II, our armed forces relied on Merchant Mariners sailing American-made Liberty Ships to transport supplies and cargo to the front. It was a dangerous job: The Merchant Marine had the highest casualty rate of any of our forces. Over 8,300 mariners died and 13,000 were wounded. But despite their heroism and bravery, these mariners didn't even receive veteran status until 1988.  
 I recently had the chance to meet some of these veterans and hear their stories about braving waters infested with German and Japanese submarines to deliver vital supplies to our troops in the field. After all they did for us, this honor is the least we can do in return. These are just a few of the things I'm working on in Congress to give Americans a Better Deal. As always, it's an honor to represent you in Congress.

#### **State Senator Mike McGuire – Alternate Denise Rushing:**

##### **Legislation:**

- SB 897 – Residential property insurance: wildfires passed through the Senate Insurance Committee last week!
  - Senator McGuire's SB 897 would waive inventory claim form requirements (an itemized contents list) during a governor-declared state of emergency, allowing homeowners the option of foregoing the itemization and instead automatically collecting at least 80 percent of the policy limit. Without the itemized lists, some insurance companies will provide as little as 30 percent payoff.
- SB 833 – Emergency Alert Legislation passed the first Senate Committee Hearing with bipartisan support.

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- SB 1453 – Illegal Conversions just passed the Senate Judiciary Committee today. The bill would extend statute of limitation for illegal conversions of timberland from one year to three years in order to go after illegal cannabis operations. Additionally, this proposal would allow the cause of action to accrue upon discovery of the violation.
- SB 929 – Special Districts Transparency Act passed the Senate Governance & Finance Committee with bipartisan support.
  - The bill will require every independent special district to create and consistently maintain a website with specific and detailed information including meeting agendas, clear information on the district's budget and expenditures, compensation reports, information on how to contact representatives of the district and more.
- SB 1029 – the Great Redwood Trail Act Updates:
  - Senator Mike McGuire's bill that will create the Great Redwood Trail from the San Francisco Bay to the Humboldt Bay is one step closer to reality after it was approved with a unanimous, bipartisan 9-0 vote in the Senate Natural Resources and Water committee.
  - The Great Redwood Trail will be a significant economic driver for the rural North Coast communities it would wind through. California outdoor recreation is one of the fastest growing sectors of the Golden State's economy. It generates over \$92 billion a year here in California, is responsible for nearly 700,000 jobs with over \$30 billion in wages, and brings over \$6 billion in tax revenues back to state and local communities. The trail will attract hundreds of thousands of locals and visitors alike to hike this spectacular landscape and inject needed funds into the small, rural economies that would neighbor the potential future trail.
  - The North Coast Rail Authority will be dissolved through SB 1029, and the 300 mile long right-of-way will be segmented roughly at the halfway point. The Northern Segment – from Arcata to Willits – will be temporarily transferred to the state Department of Transportation, who is charged with beginning the "railbanking" process, cataloging property easements and advancing environmental work. The Great Redwood Trail Agency would then take over to start building the actual trail. The legislation supports freight where it is currently existing and supports rail around Humboldt Bay.
  - While there are years of planning, community meetings and work ahead, the Great Redwood Trail is gaining momentum. SB 1029 will next be heard in the Senate Appropriations Committee in May.
- Senator McGuire's advanced a critical state budget request to fund enhanced screening and counseling for opioid and meth addiction.
  - Senator Mike McGuire is fighting to secure millions that would allow California to implement a successful enhanced drug screening program, which has been proven to help combat drug addiction in other states. The funding would be focused on screening of opioid and methamphetamine addiction when patients see their doctors.
  - The funding will allow for all Medi-Cal patients to receive screening from their providers, which would ask them about any potential drug use. This results-driven practice is not currently deployed in California for the state's more than 7 million Medi-Cal patients, 21 and older.
  - If this funding is secured, when a patient goes to their doctor for a regular visit, they would receive a questionnaire asking if they use any opioid prescriptions or illicit drugs to help them sleep, relax, calm down, feel better, or lose weight. Their answers could lead to additional drug screening, counseling and substance abuse treatment.
  - Senator McGuire has officially requested that the budget committee advance an allocation from the state's General Fund to cover the costs of this data-driven screening program. This would include allocating \$8.4 million (\$2.58 million from the State General Fund/\$5.82 million in matching dollars from the Federal Financial Participation).
  - The screening dollars, if secured, would be invested with the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) to expand the Medi-Cal benefit for Alcohol Misuse, Screening and Counseling (AMSC) to include screening for overuse of opioids and other illicit drugs.
  - Routine screenings for excessive alcohol use in California, followed by brief intervention or counseling and referral to treatment has helped countless Californians get the help they need to combat their addiction. The program, Screening Brief Intervention, Referral and Treatment (SBIRT), has been in place in emergency rooms, public hospitals and federally qualified health centers across California for 15 years focused solely on alcohol. Now, Senator McGuire wants to take the same results driven process and apply it to opioid use and methamphetamine.
- **Recently:** The Senator spoke at a Middletown Area Town Hall in April discussing legislation updates and all things fire recovery.

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- Senator McGuire & First 5 hosted a town hall on Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) in Humboldt last Friday. The forum discussed community response and initiatives that have been launched to positively change the lives of some of Humboldt's most vulnerable kids. Humboldt County has some of the highest rates of ACEs in California. The town hall featured presentations from community leaders on trauma informed care programs and community action teams, as well as an update from the county on reforms taking place following the Attorney General's report on Humboldt County Child Welfare.
- Legislature's Wine Committee held a hearing in April in Healdsburg to talk fire recovery, ag tourism, and water supply.
  - Senators Mike McGuire and Bill Dodd and Assemblymember Cecilia Aguiar-Curry united their respective Select Committees on Wine for a hearing in Sonoma County's Wine Country to discuss wildfire recovery following the devastating North Bay Firestorm and receive a report on water supply issues.

**Assembly Member Cecilia Aguiar-Curry – Alternate Stephanie Pahwa:**

- **AB 2292 - Improving Infant and Toddler Care** - Assembly Bill 2292 will strategically invest in California's child care system by increasing state rates for infant and toddler care, creating a grant program to fund implementation and start-up costs of new child care facilities, and establishing a fund to recruit a new generation of family child care providers. **Passed Assembly Floor, In the Senate**
- **AB 2576 – Emergencies: Healthcare** - AB 2576 is critical to ensure that communities continue to receive timely access to care when disaster strikes. This bill takes into account the experiences of clinics and health providers in communities impacted by the 2017 wildfires, and proposes policy streamlining that will provide for improved continuity of care even in the face of natural disasters. AB 2576 is a comprehensive bill to address a variety of challenges identified during the disaster response to the wildfires of 2017. These changes will improve the ability of community health clinics and their health care providers to deliver timely access to services after a disaster occurs. **Passed Assembly – In the Senate**
- **In the District** - Met with SEIU Local 2015, Spoke with League of CA Cities, Attended and spoke at Lake County Early Child Educator Awards
- **Election Results** - Cecilia is honored with the overwhelming support she received in the election. There were three official 'write in' candidates – one from Dixon, one from Davis and one from Lake County. We are waiting for the final results as to who will move on to the November election with Cecilia. She received 94.1% of the Lake County vote.  
**ADDITIONAL DISCUSSION:** Susan Cameron asked who attended the SEIU meeting with Cecelia. Answer unknown at this time.

**Club Report** - Rich East, Club liaison:

- Met on May 9
- Chair worked with web admin to get new logo on Club website
- Club participated in May events tabling for voter registration
- Club has placed ads on radio and news websites
- Need Liaison for Spanish-speaking community, if you know of anyone, please contact Susan Cameron
- Voted to donate \$100 to Susan Krones campaign
- Treasurer designed new reimbursement form
- Guest speaker was Bruno Sabatier who talked about his campaign priorities
- Next meeting is June 13 with guest Lisa Morrow, executive director of Lake Family Resource Center, speaking on topic of "Housing First, Housing Stability"

**Officer Reports:**

Chair Negrete – not present, no report

**Vice Chair Curry** –

- I continue to update the DCC webpage & facebook page, still looking for someone to take this over.

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- Using PDI - 2 emails were sent to Dem voters during the GOTV period. One went out on 5/14 to all vote by mail Dem voters and all vote by mail voters who ever pulled a Dem primary ballot - 2825 total with a 12.4% open rate. Second email went out on 5/29 to all Dem poll voters - 2431 with an 8.54% open rate.
- Walked for Shanda & made calls for Susan.
- Re pay-for-play slate mailers - If we want to effectively counteract these - we will come up w/funding & process for mailing our OWN Lake Co Dem primary slate mail piece directed to our Democratic voters in Lake County.
- Will be attending 6/16 Region 1 meeting in Santa Rosa. CDP Controller Dan Weitzman will be having a discussion on compliance for clubs & DCCs.
- Voter Registration Comm - I will be the contact for the CDP bounty program between our voter reg committee - club & DCC - and the CDP. Voter reg leads - please make photocopies of the Dems you register and give them to me at your convenience. When we have 50 Dems we can submit to the CDP for payment.
- Lake County Fair - I will take care of making sure we have the insurance coverage for the fair. We need to wait until the new 2018-2019 policy is renewed so that the coverage date of our policy is current for use at the fair.
- Issues Comm. Anti Sanctuary through the CDP rural caucus - from Mariposa County - County Boards of Supervisors within the purview of the SoJ movement are now being targeted to adopt "Anti Sanctuary" resolutions to formalize opposition to SB 54. I sent out an email to our DCC and asked if anyone was aware if any of our Board members had yet been approached. Can members please reach out to their own Board member and see if any of them have been approached? I will provide a template email (that you may of course adapt) to those of you who will volunteer to contact your board member - I need another person from D5 to do this. If/when we find out if our board has been approached I will follow up w/Issues Comm - we may also want to be proactive and take a public stand BEFORE the issue gets to the board.
- BBQ David Neft is available if we want him. I've confirmed. I will give his contacts to the BBQ lead and the BBQ committee can decide to book him/or not. I've solicited our labor donors for sponsorship Received commitments from CTA & North Bay Labor. Will follow up w/others next week. I have given a sponsor check from Congr Thompson for \$1500 to James.

Secretary Baumann-

- Completed the DNC Best Practices Institute Train-The-Trainers (T3) training.
- Last month I was asked how the DNC training is different from the Our Revolution training. At the beginning in the early sessions, not so much difference. The basics are the same regarding accessing and managing voter databases, digital media basics, voter outreach, canvassing and GOTV. However, towards the end of the training the differences between DNC and OR became pronounced.
- Quick comparison of candidate selection processes: The DNC often endorses people who self-select and who can self-fundraise. Whereas the progressive approach is to go out into communities to see who is already a leader. Who is already serving the people, and getting things done? OR candidates do not self-select -- they cannot nominate themselves. Other people must nominate them and urge them to run. Fundraising is by small-dollar donations only.
- In the final T3 session, our "graduating class" enjoyed a commencement speech from (DNC deputy chair) Keith Ellison. He said the Democratic Party needs to build community. People need to know the party is there for them, that it has their back, that it understands their problems and challenges, and that the party has solutions to the problems that ail this country. He concluded by saying that if people perceive the Democratic Party as a community that is there for people, they will turn out to vote.

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- The California State Democratic Party has a list of T3 graduates in California, and may call upon me as a training resource in future.

Treasurer Evans:

- 5-1-2018 to 5-31-2018 BOH = \$1,903.37
- General Fund: In May we received \$150 in dues and \$528 in Candidate Event donations for a total income of \$678. We paid \$284 to the accountant, \$770 for the annual storage unit, \$251 for the Candidate Event decorations and supplies, \$128 for printing and emailing our endorsed candidate flyer, and \$600 in contributions to our four local candidates for total expenses of \$2,034. We spent \$1,356 more than we took in. Our balance on hand is \$1,903.
- As of last month's bank statement our \$100 check to the California Democratic Council has still not cleared our account. I will continue to monitor it.

**STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

NOTE 1: As DCC Chair, Carlos Negrete is a member of all committees.

NOTE 2: \* indicates committee which should have at least 1 member from each District

**Elections\*** – D4 Tom Jordan, Chair / D1 Ron Green, D2 Tim Everton, D3 John Sheehy, D4 Virginia Cerenio, D5 –Becky Curry, Ex Officios

- All our endorsed candidates won.
- Kelseyville school board has new member, don't know party affiliation.
- Looking for candidates for school boards.
- Will meet in July to gear up for November.

**Finance** – D3 James Evans, Chair / D1 Susan Cameron, D4 Virginia Cerenio, D4 Tom Jordan, D5 Adckinjo Esutoki

- Membership: One new member joined in May. We welcome Greg Peters. Six new members have joined this year. We now have 40 paid memberships. All 21 voting members are paid up but two voting member alternates are not. Eleven people who paid last year did not pay this year. One person who has not paid for two years paid this year. Four other people who have not paid for two years have not paid this year.
- Candidate Event: The gross was \$668, the expenses were \$802 and the net was -\$134. The net will improve when we apportion all the elected and union annual sponsor donations after the BBQ.
- We sent 264 invitations by snail mail and 2,968 invitations by email for 3,232 invitations sent. The attendance was 60. At least 27 of those were Central Committee or Club members. About half of the attendance were non-members for an invitation cost of \$149 and approximate income of \$334. It appears to me that the email outreach was a success.
- Income: The DPLC member sponsorships were \$165, the donation jar was \$209, the food donations were \$172, the alcohol beverages donations were \$100 and the non-alcohol beverage donations were \$22.
- Expenses: The food expenses were \$421, the beer expenses were \$44, the ABC permit was \$26, the Senior Center rental was \$143, decorations were \$19 and the invitation mailing was \$149 for 3,232 snail mail and email invitations.

**Issues\*** -- D3 Deb Baumann, Chair / D1 Doug Harris, D2 Shirley Howland, D3 Louis Rigod, D4 Dave Rogers, D5 Becky Curry, Ex Officios

- Did not meet in May, will meet in June, please send agenda items if you have any.
- Becky Curry proposed agenda item – State of Jeff folks are approaching rural Boards of Supervisors asking for anti-sanctuary resolution to block SB 54.

**Voter Registration\*** -- Chloe Karl, Chair, D3, D1 VACANT, D2 Shirley Howland, D4 Larry Bean, D5 VACANT. Report from Chloe Karl:

- In absence of chair Karl, Becky Curry reported that June 15 event at HVL concert on green needs help, and there was voter registration at Upper Lake Wild West Days and at Lower Lake Daze.

Descriptions of Standing committee duties are in the DPLC bylaws

<http://lakecountymocrats.org/about-us/bylaws/democratic-party-of-lake-county-bylaws-revised-june-7-2015/>

**ONGOING BUSINESS**

**Candidate Event** – Susan Cameron: Event was upbeat and fun, used the tradebooth wall for first time and it made a great backdrop for speakers. Turn-out was good but need more new faces. First time using the PDI database to send invites. Middletown Mercury News did not charge for ads. There was no entry fee for this event, just sold food plates... did not cover all costs.

**United Democratic Campaign (UDC) Headquarters:** Monthly Report from Dave Rogers: too early to rent now, will look again for space in late July.

- DCC ex-officios need to ask their representatives for swag to be handed out from office.
- Becky Curry: Dave needs help, I will be going to Democratic Club to ask for volunteers. Solicitation of funds from legislators – asking only once from Thompson who pledged \$3000 but has only sent \$1500 so far.

**BBQ** – Susan Cameron: Event will be on Saturday 9/22 at Clearlake Senior Center at 3pm. Need 2-3 people for planning committee, will only meet 1-2 times. Passed around sign-up sheet. Ex-officios need to invite their legislators to come speak at the event.

**New Business**

**Resolution in support of Self-Determination of Native Peoples** – presented by Becky Curry.

- We are asked by Melodi Masaniai to co-sponsor Resolution (attached) in support of Self-Determination of Native People for submission to the Resolutions Committee of the California Democratic Party (CDP). Deadline to submit is by June 13, 2018. The resolution must be passed by a central committee or a region in order to be considered at the eBoard meeting in Oakland.
- Deb Baumann moved that the DCC co-sponsor the Resolution, Virginia Cerenio seconded. -- **APPROVED**
- The following LC DCC delegates to the CDP additionally signed the sponsorship form: Deb Baumann, Susan Cameron, Doug Harris, Stephanie Pahwa.

**Announcements**

- Becky Curry: Next meeting will be Thursday, July 5, at 6:30pm at Lower Lake Methodist church community room.
- Deb Baumann – Fiesta of the Horse celebrating its 7<sup>th</sup> year at Rancho de la Fuente on Sunday June 10, no admission charge, you are all invited to this family-fun event.

**Adjourned at 8:06 pm**

*Minutes recorded by secretary Baumann*

## **Resolution in support of Self-Determination**

***WHEREAS**, in 1900 and 1904, the traditional leaders of the islands now called American Sāmoa signed deeds of cession with the United States, which include cultural protections of hereditary chiefs and customary lands; and*

***WHEREAS**, many U.S. Nationals in American Sāmoa and the diaspora, in addition to the Government of American Sāmoa, disagree with non-consultative efforts to impose birthright citizenship in their islands because such acts violate the American Sāmoan people's right to self-determination; and*

***WHEREAS**, the Resolutions Committee and Executive Board of the Democratic State Central Committee passed Resolution 17-07.09 in Anaheim on August 27, 2017, without the benefit of input from all sides of the birthright citizenship issue and a **more informed** understanding of the potential consequences to the indigenous culture of American Sāmoa;*

***BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED**, that the California Democratic Party supports the self-determination of U.S. Nationals in American Sāmoa and all native peoples; and*

***BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this resolution shall be communicated to the Democratic Members of the California Congressional Delegation and to American Sāmoa's Delegate to the United States House of Representatives Aumua Amata Coleman Radewagen.*

Sponsored by: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Lake County Democratic Central Committee (passed June 7, 2018)

Additional sponsors:

Deb Baumann, AD4  
 Susan Cameron, AD4  
 Doug Harris, AD4  
 Stephanie Pahwa, AD4