

**MINUTES** (Approved at June 4<sup>th</sup> Meeting)

Thursday, May 7<sup>th</sup> 2020 via Zoom

**6:38 PM CALL TO ORDER – ROLL CALL -- GUEST AND SELF INTRODUCTIONS**

Establish Quorum (at least ½ of eligible voting members present)

**APPROVAL of Agenda** \_\_\_\_\_ as presented X as amended

Susan Cameron made a motion to accept as amended, Larry Bean second. MOTION PASSED.

**APPROVAL of March 5<sup>th</sup> 2020 minutes** X as submitted or \_\_\_\_\_ as amended

Note: There was no April meeting due to pandemic.

Susan Cameron made a motion to accept minutes as presented, Mary Borjon second. MOTION PASSED.

D1 - Susan Cameron, Ron Green, Sissa Harris, Doug Harris  
D2 - Ceva Giumelli, Shirley Howland, Vanessa Mayer  
D3 - Deb Baumann, Trish VanDenBerghe  
D4 - Larry Bean, Virginia Cerenio, Tom Jordan, Chloe Karl, Dave Rogers  
D5 - Adckinjo Esutoki, Mary Borjon, Cathy McCarthy  
Ex-officios: Sorhna Li  
Alternates:  
Absent: Louis Rigod D3, John Sheehy D3  
Associates: Ellen Karlowski, Justine Schneider

**6:53PM PUBLIC COMMENT**

Sissa Harris/Ron Green - Attended Board of Supervisor's meeting on Tuesday 5/5/2020. If you have interest in this issue, highly recommend that you attend BOS meetings or email your supervisor.

Larry Bean - Happy that Governor took action to shut down the state. Other states are much more significantly impacted. Recommended that we follow guidance put forth by qualified medical personnell. Encouraged patience and calm during this period.

Dave Rodgers - At town hall meeting with Mike McGuire, public health officials from Mendocino and Lake County. Legal constraints inhibit medical personnell.

Shirley Howland - Recommends following doctors and experts on this issue.

Sorhna Li - To clarify, there is a methodology whereby a county can move faster than governors orders but it requires meeting specific datapoints/thresholds and approval.

Susan Cameron - Looking for someone to head up the North side of the Lake to assist with distributing postcards. She has already sent out 6700 postcards throughout the nation.

**7:06PM APPOINTMENTS & RESIGNATIONS**

Chair Baumann described the DCC reorganization which is done every four years (in presidential election years) within two months after the primary. Usually done through the Registrar's Office but we missed the deadline which was in September (due to CA primary being moved up three months). As alternative to the usual Registrar process, and keeping in mind the unusual and unprecedented pandemic circumstances which make in-person election meetings or caucus not possible due to being contrary to County Health recommendations restricting gatherings at this time, she recommends that the we notify the public through a democratic a process, such as email to notify them that we are seeking applicants for positions on the board. If the number of candidates is not greater than available seats in each district, the result is that all candidates are "elected by acclamation" and we are done. If there are more candidates than seats available, then we will need to follow up with some kind of election campaign and district voting process.

Discussion: Susan Cameron recommended using PDI to do the outreach via email because the cost will be affordable. Dave Rodgers agreed with Susan's idea of using PDI and offered to fund it. Larry Bean recommended using email listings as suggested by Chair Baumann. Ron Green also supported Chair Baumann's idea. Doug Harris requested clarity on what would happen if more applications were received than open seats? Chair Baumann advised that there would need to be a vote of the affected district, which would require electioneering and a candidate forum of some kind. Publishing a notification in the newspaper is another option. Sorhna Li recommended using email notification to the Lake County Democrats, and recommended avoiding making the process harder than it needs to be. Shirley Howland

recommends using the most efficient and easy method possible. Susan Cameron recommends using Sorhna Li's suggestion and did not agree with the newspaper posting

**MOTION** - Susan Cameron made a MOTION for DCC to send an invitation to the larger DCC email group (Lake County Democrats email distribution group). Second by Shirley Howland. **APPROVED** by unanimous vote, no abstentions.

*D1 - Susan Cameron, Ron Green, Doug and Sissa Harris would like to seek re-election (stay on DCC). D2 - Shirley Howland would like to step down as voting member but continue as an associate member, Ceva Giumelli and Vanessa Mayer stay. D3 – Deb Baumann, Trish VandenBerghe stay, James Evans step down but continue as associate. Chair Baumann will follow up with absent D3 members. D4 - Larry Bean, Chloe Karl, Dave Rogers will stay, Virginia Cerenio and Tom Jordan – maybe, will let Chair Baumann know via email. D5 - Adckinjo Esutoki – will step down. Mary Borjon and Cathy McCarthy will stay. Ellen Karnowski and Justine Schneider willing to be candidates for empty D5 seats.*

*Based on above, remaining Open seats for regular voting members as follows:  
D1 – 0 seats; D2 – 1 seat; D3 – 0 seats; D4 – 0 seats; D5 – 1 seat.*

*Open seats for alternates to regular members as follows:  
D1 – 2 seats; D2 – 2 seats; D3 – 3 seats; D4 – 0 seats; D5 – 3 seats;*

## **7:44PM LEGISLATOR'S REPORTS**

Congress Member Thompson

Sorhna Li for Shao Jia Chiang

I'm excited to announce that our Annual Sonoma County Pasta Dinner has gone virtual! I hope you can join us on Zoom for an Italian dinner together on Sunday, May 17th from 5 to 6 PM with special guest, Representative Anna Eshoo.

Our dinner will support The Pasta King, a local business in our community, and remaining proceeds will be donated to the Redwood Empire Food Bank. Place your order by May 11th to have your dinner delivered to you on Saturday, May 16th.

Congress Member Garamendi  
No report.

Dirk Slooten

Senator Mike McGuire

Sorhna Li

We hope you are staying safe, healthy, and practicing stay-at-home during this pandemic.

### **COVID-19:**

- Senator McGuire has been hosting a Telephone Town Hall every Wednesday at 6:30pm on the COVID-19 Response. He rotates between the counties he represents each week, but everyone is welcome to join every week. Please check Senator McGuire's Facebook pages for details of how to dial in each week.
- You can listen to April 8th Mendocino & Lake Town Hall here: <https://sd02.senate.ca.gov>

### **Unemployment and the new Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) FAQs:**

1. **What is the average turn around for application approval and then payment made?**

#### **Timeline and Process After Filing a Claim**

- You will receive these documents in the mail within two weeks of filing your claim:
  - **Notice of Unemployment Insurance Claim Filed (DE 1101CLMT)**  
An overview of the information you provided when you filed your claim. Contact UI within 10 days of the Mail Date if any information is incorrect. Reporting incorrect information may result in a disqualification, overpayment, or overpayment penalties.
  - **Notice of Unemployment Insurance Award (DE 492Z)**  
Your weekly benefit amount and maximum claim amount based on wages reported by your employer(s). Contact UI within 30 days of the Mail Date if any information is incorrect.
  - **Employment Development Department Customer Account Number Notification (DE 5614)**  
Your EDD Customer Account Number (EDDCAN) is required to register for UI Online and may be used instead of your Social Security number when speaking with the EDD.
  - **Unemployment Insurance Benefits: What You Need to Know (DE 1275B) (PDF)**  
Important information about eligibility requirements for UI benefits and a step-by-step guide to certifying for ongoing UI benefits.

○ **Continued Claim (DE 4581) (PDF)**

Use this form to certify for continued benefits every two weeks. You can also certify through UI OnlineSM or EDD Tele-CertSM.

**Receiving Benefits**

- When your first benefit payment is posted to your account, Bank of America will mail you an EDD Debit CardSM. It may take 7-10 days to receive your debit card. Once you activate the card you can track, use, and transfer your benefit payments.
- You can set up a one-time or recurring direct deposit transfer to the financial institution of your choice at no cost to you. Visit [Bank of America EDD Debit Card](#) or call [Bank of America Debit Card Customer Service](#) at the phone number on the back of your card.
- Benefits are deposited on a bi-weekly basis
- Payment information is updated daily and is available through your UI Online account or by calling the UI Self-Service Phone Line at 1-866-333-4606.

2. **Is EDD fully staffed now? If not, when and if so, how long will they stay that way?**

Beginning April 20, 2020, the Employment Development Department's (EDD) office hours will be extended to 8 am-8pm every day in order to respond to the record number of unemployment insurance (UI) claims the state is receiving. A total of 1,340 state employees have been redirected to increase staffing at the call center, and assist Californians with their UI claims as hours of operation are increased (Link: [https://edd.ca.gov/about\\_EDD/pdf/news-20-10.pdf](https://edd.ca.gov/about_EDD/pdf/news-20-10.pdf)). 833-978-2511

The EDD asks people to apply online and look first for answers on its website before calling. Gov. Newsom said EDD leaders have moved 550 staff members to focus on the increased volume of applicants and will move "hundreds more" specifically into the call center.

In the past 5 weeks, EDD has seen more than 2.7 million unemployment claims filed—nearly the same amount as all unemployment claims during the 2008 Great Recession.

3. **If applications are not processed prior to employees going back to work, will the payments for lost time be retroactive?**

For regular Unemployment Insurance: File your UI claim in the first week that you lose your job or have your hours reduced. Your claim begins on the Sunday of the week you submitted your application. **Important:** Waiting to file can delay your benefits. Link: [https://www.edd.ca.gov/unemployment/filing\\_a\\_claim.htm](https://www.edd.ca.gov/unemployment/filing_a_claim.htm)

For Pandemic Unemployment Assistance: **Benefits can be retroactive to weeks starting on or after February 2, 2020,** depending on your last day of work due to COVID-19 and regardless of when you submitted your claim application. The effective date of your claim will begin the Sunday of the week when you last worked and became unemployed due to reasons directly related to COVID-19. Link: [https://edd.ca.gov/about\\_edd/coronavirus-2019/pandemic-unemployment-assistance.htm](https://edd.ca.gov/about_edd/coronavirus-2019/pandemic-unemployment-assistance.htm)

4. **Does everyone that has been laid off qualify for benefits, regardless of how long they have been employed? (Asked by employee of newly started business)**

We would recommend they submit a UI claim if they earn W-2 wages and have had their hours/wages reduced. EDD will then process your application and determine if you qualify.

If you did not earn enough wages before being laid off to qualify for regular unemployment insurance, you should file a claim under the Pandemic Unemployment Assistance Program once the application becomes available on April 28th.

5. **Do self employed qualify for benefits?**

Yes, the NEW Pandemic Unemployment Assistance program (PUA) provision expands coverage to certain workers who traditionally are not eligible for unemployment benefits under state law, such as individuals who are self-employed, independent contractors, who have limited work history, or who have exhausted all rights to regular or extended unemployment benefits, among other issues.

EDD announced on April 14 that they need two weeks to create the new technology to process these claims. The application will be available on April 28<sup>th</sup>. Once up and running the EDD's new system will begin to pay individuals within 24-48 hours of applications being filed.

Gig workers who believe they may have been misclassified as independent contractors should apply for benefits through the regular Unemployment Insurance program. True independent contractors should apply for the Pandemic Unemployment Assistance Program.

Under the PUA, individuals can receive weekly benefits that may be the same as those provided under the standard UI program (subject to verification of their earnings). The minimum weekly benefit amount is \$167, but weekly amount may be

higher and equal the amount provided under regular UI (maximum \$450/week), depending on proof of prior earnings. Individuals may receive up to 39 weeks of benefits which can be retroactive for COVID-19 related unemployment starting February 2nd through December 31, 2020. In addition, PUA recipients will also receive \$600 per week added to their benefits for the weeks they were unemployed during the period of March 29 through July 31, 2020.

The Employment Development Department (EDD) will be accepting on-line applications for this program beginning on Tuesday, April 28.

**Resources:**

- [PUA Eligibility](#)
- [PUA FAQs](#)
- For more information on the resources available to Californians please visit [edd.ca.gov](http://edd.ca.gov).

**Additional \$600 per week from CARES Act funding:**

Unemployment Insurance Program

- If you certified for Unemployment Insurance benefits for this past Sunday and have an EDD debit card/direct deposit set up, you should have received an additional \$1200 (payments are deposited bi-weekly) on top of your weekly benefits
- If you certified on Monday, you should see that on your card today
- If you haven't received your debit card yet then it may take a few extra days for you to receive the \$600
- You will also receive an additional \$600 for the week of April 5th if you qualified for benefits for that week
- The additional \$600/week will end on July 31<sup>st</sup>

PUA Program

- You will receive an additional \$600/week once you begin receiving PUA benefits. It will be paid on top of your weekly benefit.
- The additional weekly benefit will apply to the weeks between March 29th and July 31st.

Assembly Member Cecilia Curry  
No report.

Stephanie Pahwa

**7:55PM Officer Reports**

**CHAIR'S REPORT**

March 3 Primary – We received notification from Lake County Registrar of Certification of Election Results, you can see the complete results posted on the Registrar's webpage. Moke Simon and Tina Scott won their primaries outright and will not be on the ballot again in November. Jessica Pyska will be on the November ballot in run-off for the D5 BOS seat.

3-21 – I attended virtual California Democratic Party (CDP) eBoard (previous location in Visalia cancelled due to pandemic)

- All dates associated with National Convention have been pushed back (election of convention delegates is now pushed back to June, the National convention itself is now tentatively for August 17, a date which was originally CA's date for next CDP eBoard... The convention itself might be virtual.
- eBoard members have cast votes by mail to elect California Delegates to the DNC, we won't know results until Shelter in Place restrictions lifted so that CDP staff can meet in Sacramento CADEM offices to count the ballots, a process which will be live-streamed.

Late March -- I attended a CADEM (another term for CDP) House Party with several hundred participants including CDP Chair Rusty Hicks. Lots of technical challenges but people had fun learning together. CDP is very committed to making Zoom the software we will be using effectively to campaign during this pandemic year.

4-2 Lake County Democrats Virtual House Party -- I hosted a CADEM (another term for CDP) House Party for Lake County Democrats, and encourage others to also host House Party's via CADEM. The goal is 1000 house parties, across the state. CADEM handles all the meeting logistics, while each host provides outreach to new participants. Each virtual House Party expands the circle of Democratic volunteers who are proficient in Zoom and ready to participate in virtual campaigning and phone-banking.

4-4 – I attended a virtual Rural Caucus meeting with over 100 participants, it went very well as people become more proficient at Zoom meetings.

4-8 participated in Covid-19 Town Hall with Mike McGuire, these will continue every Wednesday evening by phone

May 9 Day of Action – I sent DCC email about this, and Susan sent email to LCDemClub gmail list. Volunteers are needed to phone bank for hotly contested CA congressional races.

CDP Chair Rusty Hicks had intended to visit all CA county DCCs this year and would have been on our Agenda as our in-person guest at our May meeting. Alternatively, he is now arranging for virtual meetings with all DCC's. Available dates are in the evening on Friday May 15, or any evening the following week. What is our preference? Group decision: May 15.

- Friday May 15<sup>th</sup> 2020 there will be a meeting with the Lake County DCC and Rusty Hicks at 6:30 pm. I will send email with invite to register.

**VICE CHAIR'S REPORT**

Larry reports that he is happy with the level and depth of participation tonight.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT**

Vanessa Mayer will serve out her term as Secretary but will be resigning all positions with the DCC in December 2020.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

<b>Statement of Cash</b>							05/07/2020
YTD through April 2020							
	Jan 20	Feb 20	Mar 20	Q1 2020	Apr 20	YTD	
<b>OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>							
Income	2,779.00	435.00	375.00	3,589.00	170.00	3,759.00	
Expenses	-2,226.85	-1,750.94	-432.30	-4,410.09	-144.39	(4,554.48)	
<b>Net cash change for period</b>	<b>552.15</b>	<b>-1,315.94</b>	<b>-57.30</b>	<b>-821.09</b>	<b>25.61</b>	<b>(795.48)</b>	
Cash at beginning of period	19,762.08	20,314.23	18,998.29	19,762.08	18,940.99	19,762.08	
<b>Cash at end of period</b>	<b>20,314.23</b>	<b>18,998.29</b>	<b>18,940.99</b>	<b>18,940.99</b>	<b>18,966.60</b>	<b>18,966.60</b>	
March & April income: 14 membership renewals and 3 new members (\$545)							
March & April expenses: accountant (\$320), and sponsor Mike Thompson Ravioli Dinner (\$250).							

**Lake County Democratic Central Committee**  
**Revenue & Expenses by Function prior month**  
 March through April 2020

3:04 PM  
05/07/2020

	Admin & Gen'l	Elections	Fundraising	Issues	Programs & Recruitment	Voter Registration	TOTAL
<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>							
<b>Income</b>							
43000 · Direct Public Support							
43230 · Membership Dues	490	-	-	-	55	-	545
<b>Total 43000 · Direct Public Support</b>	<b>490</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>545</b>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>490</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>545</b>
<b>Expense</b>							
60000 · Administrative / Infrastructure							
60110 · Accounting Fees	320	-	-	-	-	-	320
60170 · Bank, ActBlue, CC fees	7	-	-	-	-	-	7
<b>Total 60000 · Administrative / Infrastructure</b>	<b>327</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>327</b>
65000 · Other							
65200 · Volunteer incentive	-	-	-	-	250	-	250
<b>Total 65000 · Other</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>250</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>250</b>
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>327</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>250</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>577</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>163</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(195)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(32)</b>

## **7:25PM COMMITTEE REPORTS**

NOTE 1: DCC Chair is a member of all committees.

Appoint Standing Committee leads & members

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

### **Elections\***

*Composition - 1 **member** from each BOS district and leg alternates*

Chair Baumann appointed Sissa Harris as Elections chair to replace Becky Curry.

### **Finance**

*Composition – DPLC Treasurer is lead plus at least 2 other **regular** members –  
Susan Cameron*

Finance Committee has not met during pandemic yet, planning a meeting in May.

### **Issues\***

*Composition – 1 member from each BOS district and leg alternates –  
Doug Harris*

No report.

### **Programs and Recruitment**

Susan Cameron

March program: We hosted Sheryn Hildebrand, Executive Director of Court Appointed Special Advocate program in Lake/Mendo Counties. Being held on March 11<sup>th</sup>, the very beginning of public attention on the pandemic, kept many home. Seven people attended. We learned some disturbing data, like the level of substantiated child abuse rates in Lake County. Also learned that recruiting volunteers in Lake County is difficult because so many foster kids are placed outside the County.

In the pipeline for programs:

June 10<sup>th</sup>: Assemblymember Cecilia Aguiar-Curry (pending confirmation)

July 8<sup>th</sup>: Planning a book discussion format; will consider using Zoom if live events continue to be risky.

**2nd Saturday Cinema** was held on March 14<sup>th</sup> at Kelseyville Event Center Annex. 2 – 4 PM. In honor of Women's History month, showed a double feature: Perfect 36: When Women Won the Vote and Step by Step: Building a Feminist Movement, 1941 - 1977. Perfect 36 chronicles the dramatic vote to ratify the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment in Nashville TN. Step by Step offers a panoramic-yet-personal view of 8 midwestern women on feminism's front line. We had 8 people in attendance; 2 were guests.

**Other:** Standing meetings are suspended through the month of May.

We may well need to re-focus on virtual activities since public gatherings may not be advised until 2021. Given that our membership is generally in the over-65 crowd, even if public gatherings are allowed, many may choose to stay home.

**Recruiting:** Three new members joined in the last two months.

*Renew your dues* letters were sent via conventional post at the end of March. ActBlue link will remain active for the rest of 2020.

Membership Registration form is on our website.

An active recruiting campaign may be best use of time, and let program activities lapse.

### **Voter Registration\***

*Composition – 1 member from each BOS district*

No report. Committee needs a new Chair as Mary Borjon has stepped down from that position.

Bylaws

No report.

Ron Green

## **8:15PM ONGOING BUSINESS**

BBQ/Deb Baumann – Reports that all elected officials (Garamendi, Thompson, McGuire, Aguiar-Curry) who were invited to present on 9/13/2020 confirmed their attendance...before pandemic, of course. We need to consider alternatives as it may not be possible or advisable to hold a large gathering in September. Virtual dessert auction...? Could be fun.

**8:18PM NEW BUSINESS**

Campaign office/Deb Baumann – Discussion held until next meeting.

- Susan Cameron mentioned a concern about hosting an office while observing social distancing might be problematic.
- Sorhna Li – Agreed with Susan’s recommendation and also asked that we consider assisting the community as some individuals are in need at this time.
- Doug Harris - Also agreed with Susan’s recommendation.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS/GOOD OF THE ORDER**

Next meeting June 4, 2020, via Zoom.

Meeting **ADJOURNED** at **8:26PM**