

Approved at September 2017 meeting

MINUTES
Meeting of Thursday, August 3, 2017
 Kelseyville Senior Center

CALL TO ORDER – ROLL CALL

Meeting called to order 6:30pm by Chair Carlos Negrete. Roll call taken by circulating an attendance sheet. Quorum verified to be present.

Voting Members Present:

District 1: Susan Cameron, Doug Harris, Carlos Negrete,

District 2: Shirley Howland, Tim Everton

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

District 4: Larry Bean, Virginia Cerenio, Tom Jordan

District 5: Debra Boivin, Adckinjo Esutoki

Club Representative: Richard East

Ex-Officio Alternates: Michael Friel, Sissa Harris, Stephanie Pahwa, Joey Luiz

Voting Members Absent:

District 1: Ron Green

District 4: Natalie Higley

District 5: Becky Curry

Regular Member Alternates Present: Carlene Lesker

Associate Members present: Ceva Giumelli, Ana Ravenwood, Dave Rogers

Guests: Linda Holt, Eleni Kounalakis, Mario Fernandez (SIEU rep), Elmy Bernego, Joe Welz, Mark Currier, L Hopkins

Approval of Agenda

Agenda approved as submitted.

Approval of July 2017 Minutes:

Minutes approved as amended*

- Page 6 clarified that Fair tickets provided for all registration volunteers, in addition to the 8 provided by the Fair, DCC will pay for any additional.

Public Comment

SIEU representative Mario Fernandez circulated petition sheets and asked DCC to support the union's bargaining to increase IHSS Caregiver minimum wage (with the BOS)

Guest Speaker – Eleni Kounalakis for Lt. Governor

Running. Donated book for Silent Auction at BBQ.

Appointments & Resignations

- Ceva Giumelli to become Alternate for Louis Rigod (pending confirmation with Registrar)
- Open seats for regular members *are now as follows:*
D2 – 1 seat; D4 – 1 seat; D5 – 2 seats

Legislator's Reports

Congress Member Thompson – Alternate M. Friel

(no report was submitted to DCC Secretary electronically via email)

Additional discussion:

- Note from Brad: coffee with the congressman on August 10 from 3-4:30p BOS

Congress Member John Garamendi – Alternate S.Harris:

Summary of Congressman Garamendi's activities for the month of July 2017

- **Upcoming Events:** Town Hall in Winters on Saturday, August 19th, 1:30-3:30 pm PT at St. Anthony's Parish, 511 Main St., (wheelchair accessible). Town Hall in Marysville on Friday, August, 25th, 6:00 to 7:30, 915 8th St, Marysville.
- **Barbeque:** I received confirmation that Congressman Garamendi will attend our Barbeque in October.
- **Media appearances & speeches:** FOX news & MSNBC – to discuss the Better Deal Economic Agenda, and North Korea. House floor – Healthcare solutions and the Better Deal. CSPAN – Healthcare solutions, Better Deal Economic Agenda, and his trip to Vietnam and the Korean Peninsula, and Foreign Policy.
- **Legislation:** 1) Introduced the "American Food for American Schools Act" with House colleague Rep. Doug LaMalfa. This bill will take steps to enforce the "Buy America" provisions in the National School Lunch Program, and will prevent the system from tipping the scale against local farmers and in favor of foreign competitors. 2) Introduced the "Fair COLA Act of 2017", that ties Social Security COLA calculations to a Consumer Price Index for the Elderly (CPI-E) (which reflects how retirees spend their money). Currently, the COLA calculation is based on the living standards for younger, urban wage earners who spend their money much differently than retirees. 3) Offered an amendment on the House floor that would have instituted "Make It In America" policies in an upcoming construction project. The Congressman's goal was to turn rhetoric into concrete action. FaceBook Statement by Congressman Garamendi: "Sadly, my colleagues shot down my proposal and opted to allow foreign materials to be used on this project. I intend to keep up the fight with my colleagues in the Blue Collar Caucus to advance Make It In America policies that help create better jobs and higher wages for the American middle class."
- **Water:** Spoke on the House floor in opposition of H.R. 23, which would override California's water law and allow nearly unregulated pumping of water from the Delta, threatening the local economy, water quality, and wildlife. The Congressman joined Rep. Doug LaMalfa in sending a letter to the California water Commission urging them to use Proposition 1 funding to advance the Sites Reservoir project, stating that this is one of the most useful, cost-effective water infrastructure projects California can build to help California achieve its co-equal goals of water supply reliability and ecosystem improvement.
 - Link to article in LakeCo News: <http://www.lakeconews.com/index.php/news/community/51829-congressmen-garamendi-and-lamalfa-lead-letter-to-the-california-water-commission-urging-proposition-1-funding-for-sites-reservoir>
 - Link to the Appeal-Democrat OpEd authored by the Congressman regarding water: http://www.appeal-democrat.com/opinion/john-garamendi-american-children-should-be-eating-locally-sourced-foods/article_00c8f8a2-66bf-11e7-bc46-aff5a76e8689.html
- **Korea:** Visited allies and trading partners in the Pacific, including South Korea, to learn about the impacts that instability in the White House is having on our Korean allies and our own service members. The Congressman pledged to continue to do everything he can to deescalate the situation on the Korean Peninsula.
- **Defense:** Voted in favor of the 2018 National Defense Authorization Act--the annual bill that provides the authority and direction for the United States armed forces. This bill ensures that people in uniform have the means to do their jobs, and gives servicemembers a well-deserved pay raise. The Congressman also issued a strong statement opposing President Trump's tweet announcing a ban on transgendered individuals serving in the US Military.
- **Net Neutrality:** After hearing from over 300 constituents who called/wrote supporting maintaining existing Net Neutrality laws (and receiving NO calls opposing the existing standards), the Congressman issued a statement assuring his firm stand in support of Net Neutrality and Titlell protections for a free and open Internet.
- **Sanctions:** Voted with the majority of Congress on the Sanctions Bill (Russia, Iran and North Korea).
- **President Trump:** Denounced the partisan speech given by President Trump to the Boy Scout's Jamboree.
- **Border Security:** Authored an opinion piece in The Hill supporting full funding of the Coast Guard as a proven means of securing the border, rather than building an ineffective wall.
 - Link to the article: <http://thehill.com/blogs/congress-blog/homeland-security/344213-16-billion-for-a-wall-lets-spend-it-on-a-sure-thing#bottom-story-socials>
- **Veterans:** In June, Congressman Garamendi joined a bipartisan group in Congress that called upon VA Secretary David Shulkin to end his attempt to cut certain unemployment benefits for disabled veterans. On July 10th, Secretary Shulkin announced he would no longer pursue these cuts to veterans.

State Senator Mike McGuire – Alternate J.Luiz

(no report was submitted to DCC Secretary electronically via email)

Additional Discussion:

- Debra Boivin requests that Senator McGuire support AB 1269

Assembly Member Cecilia Aguiar-Curry – Alternate Stephanie Pahwa:

- Cap and Trade passed the Legislature • “When I came to the Capitol, I knew the most important vote I would take this year would be on cap-and-trade. This program is a global model that shows how we can strike a balance between aggressive climate change goals and protecting and strengthening our economy,” “For months I fought to bring the agricultural community and food processing industry to the table as participants in the discussion. I’m proud to say that we negotiated a cap-and-trade deal that strikes this balance. It holds all regulated industries accountable to reduce emissions, while also ensuring our agricultural industries get the support they need to make those reductions.”
- California law requires the state to meet aggressive climate change goals that slash greenhouse gas emissions to 40% below 1990 levels by 2030. The cap-and-trade program allows businesses to buy and sell greenhouse gas emissions credits to meet a declining “cap” on the total amount allowed. Economists agree this market-driven system allows California businesses to reduce emissions in the most economically-feasible and environmentally-friendly way. Without a legislative extension of cap-and-trade, California businesses would still have to meet state climate change goals without the market flexibility cap-and-trade provides.
- The Assemblymember attended the Cap and Trade signing ceremony with Gov. Brown, former Gov. Schwarzenegger and Legislative Leadership.
- In the District The Assemblymember will be touring the Redbud Health Center this month. Next month, the Assemblymember will be participating in the Lake County Fire Recovery and Rebuilding Team - Anderson Springs Groundbreaking. We are opening our Lakeport office within the next month - 883 Lakeport Blvd – Lakeport CA.
- Current Bills AB1665 (Internet for All Now Act) – provides quality, reliable internet for all, especially rural areas. Bill status: Senate Energy, Utilities and Communications Committee AB273 Child Care - AB 273 would add ESL and HSE educational programs to the list of eligibility criteria for state subsidized child development services under the California Educational Code. Bill Status: Senate Human Services Committee AB707 (Clear Lake) - AB 707 will establish a Blue Ribbon Committee for the Rehabilitation of Clear Lake. The purpose of the committee is to assess the environmental health of Clear Lake and provide recommendations for revitalization. Bill Status: Senate Natural Resources Committee AB401 Telepharmacy- AB 401 will increase access to a pharmacist for those living in pharmacy-deprived areas, by authorizing the California Board of Pharmacy to issue remote dispensing pharmacy licenses for facilities that connect a licensed pharmacist to patients through telepharmacy communications. The remote dispensing pharmacy will be staffed by a registered pharmacy technician on a day-to-day basis, with a lead pharmacist providing oversight from another location. Bill Status: Senate Business and Economic Development Committee

Additional Discussion:

- **Farm Worker Housing** – In response to questions raised at July meeting... Word from Aguiar-Curry’s office is that growers pay into a fund via a self-assessment, and are therefore “partners” with the state in paying for this housing, and that without the state’s money, these housing centers may need to be shut down. Committee members question the use of taxpayer dollars to subsidize wealthy farmers. LCDP committee members expressed strong concern that **growers should pay for their own workers’ housing as well as pay their farmworkers a Living Wage.**
- Jonathan Holt asked how can a new member join the AB 707 committee?
- Anna Ravenwood asked that Civics be included (once more) in the CA school curriculum.

Club Report - Richard East, Club Representative

- Met July 5, 21 members and 1 guest
- Speaker: John Jacobs “Keep Well Kids Club” – author of books that teach kids about hygiene
- Becky Curry: need more volunteers for BBQ and silent auction items
- Next meeting: August 9 at 6:30pm
- Susan Cameron went over the Values Statement and new logo design

Officer Reports:

Chair Negrete –

- Trying to get guest speaker and we may need a new caterer
- Tom Steyer/ NextGen has been meeting with Cal Pine regarding more green energy
- Community Bank – local
- BOS Moke Simon has switched to Democrat (ran and was elected as Peace & Freedom)

Vice Chair Curry: not present

- Chair Negrete led discussion of BBQ plans to date, based on notes Becky Curry sent via email.

Secretary Baumann:

No report

Treasurer Evans:

- **July 2017** (7-1-2017 to 7-31-2017) BOH = \$2,632.40
- General Fund:
 In July we received \$250 for a BBQ sponsorship from Sonoma, Mendocino, Lake Building Trades Union. We paid Dean & Company \$418 for July accounting, \$650 for insurance and \$375 for the Fair booth. Our balance on hand is \$2,632.
- Budget:
 We are doing better than the January estimates for this point primarily due to the unexpected success of the 100 Days Dinner.

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, Alternate Reps for Garamendi, Thompson, McGuire, Aguiar-Curry
 Chair Jordan: Reaching out to candidates, reiterated report that was included in July minutes, next meeting is August 14 at 6:30pm.

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

Chair Evans: No report.

Issues* -- D3 Deb Baumann, Chair / D1 Ron Green, D2 Shirley Howland, D3 Louis Rigod, D4 Jim Knox, D5 Deb Boivin, Alternate Reps for Garamendi, Thompson, McGuire, Aguiar-Curry

Chair Baumann:

Lake County DCC Issues Committee 25 July 2017 Minutes

- Meeting called to order at 6:30pm in the back meeting room at Twisted Sisters Pub in Lakeport.
- Members Present: Deb Baumann, Debra Boivin, Michael Friel, Sissa Harris, Doug Harris, Jim Knox, Stephanie Pahwa.
 Guest: union representative Doug Jones
- **COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION #1** Meeting began with discussion of recent (July 24) press conference in which Democratic leaders introduced what they described as “Bold Ideas” (a new agency to investigate drug prices, new regulations on corporate mergers, and tax credits for employers). These so-called “Better Deal” proposals were not well received by either the public or media, and raise questions about the Democratic Party’s ability to raise enthusiasm and support among voters. A recent poll showed that nearly two-thirds of respondents felt that the Democratic Party stands for nothing except that it is anti-Trump. Clearly, there is need for better branding and messaging, if Democrats are to prevail in upcoming elections. Our committee discussed role that DCC’s – the grassroots foundation of the Democratic Party – can play in helping party leaders understand what bold ideas look like. Hence, we discussed 8 bills introduced in this session of Congress, known collectively as ***The People’s Platform***:
 - **Medicare for All:** H.R. 676 Medicare For All Act
 - **Tuition-Free College:** H.R. 1880 College for All Act of 2017

- **Worker Rights:** H.R.15 - Raise the Wage Act
- **Women's Rights:** H.R.771 - Equal Access to Abortion Coverage in Health Insurance Act of 2017
- **Voting Rights:** H.R. 2840 - Automatic Voter Registration Act
- **Environmental Justice:** Climate Change Bill - Renewable Energy (no # assigned yet)
- **Criminal Justice and Immigrant Rights:** H.R. 3227 - Justice is Not For Sale Act of 2017
- **Taxing Wall Street:** H.R. 1144 - Inclusive Prosperity Act The Issues Committee felt the above are a good start but do not go far enough, and added to the above list (hence, our **People's Platform-Plus**):
- **Redistricting Reform Act of 2017** (end gerrymandering): H.R.1102 (Garamendi and Thompson are co-sponsors)
- **Money Out of Politics/Overturing Citizens United** (not a bill... yet)

There is a saying about asking for a loaf and getting half a loaf... which is still better than what you get when all you ask for is crumbs (incremental change). The Issues Committee believes it will raise public opinion and improve Democrats' election chances if the Democratic Party advocates for full loaves -- ideas that could significantly improve the lives of most Americans. **Therefore the Issues Committee voted to recommend:**

- 1) that our DCC endorse the above **People's Platform-Plus** and
 - 2) that our DCC helps spread the word to other DCCs and Clubs to follow suit, and
 - 3) that our DCC send letters to Democratic leaders in Washington and to our own elected representatives, urging their support of the above **People's Platform-Plus**, and
 - 4) that our DCC publish news of our DCC's support in newspapers and share this information with prospective voters at Registration events. **NOTE: Moved & Approved by DCC**, with request to include wording "Campaign Finance Reform" to the last bullet (Money out of Politics)
- **COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION #2** CA SB 349 – **The Dialysis Patient Safety Act** (passed by CA senate, now going to Assembly) – **Issues Committee voted to recommend** our DCC support this bill and encourage Cecelia Aguiar-Curry to support it also. **NOTE: Moved & Approved by DCC**
 - **COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION #3** H.R. 1111 The Department of Peacekeeping Act of 2017 – the California Democratic Party has endorsed this legislation. John Garamendi is a co-sponsor of the current bill. **Issues Committee voted to recommend** our DCC support this bill also. **NOTE: Moved & Approved by DCC**

Voter Registration* -- D5 Debra Boivin, Chair / D1 – VACANT, D2 Shirley Howland, D3 Jon Holt, D4 Larry Bean, D4 Natalie Higley

Chair Boivin: Voter registration booths are important vehicle to get our messaging out, people are not registering as Democrats, we need more volunteers for Concert on the Green (HVL) and the Fair (free admission for volunteers). Circulated signup sheets.

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

- Annual BBQ –
 - Discussed during Secretary's report (Carlos vis Becky's notes)

New Business

Announcements

- Next DCC meeting is Thursday Sept 7, 2017 at 6:30pm – Lower Lake Methodist Community Room
- Anna Ravenwood: Roy Zimmerman performing at UUMC on August 11 at 7pm, tickets \$20

Adjourned at 8:50pm

Minutes recorded by secretary D.Baumann