

Approved at November 2017 meeting

MINUTES
Meeting of Thursday, October 5, 2017
 Kelseyville Senior Center

CALL TO ORDER – ROLL CALL

Meeting called to order 6:30pm by Chair Carlos Negrete. Voting Member list completed by Secretary and Quorum verified to be present.

Voting Members Present:

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

District 2: Tim Everton

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

District 4: Larry Bean, Virginia Cerenio, Tom Jordan, Dave Rogers

District 5: Becky Curry, Adckinjo Esutoki

Club Representative: Richard East

Ex-Officio Alternates: Stephanie Pahwa, Sissa Harris

Voting Members Absent:

District 1: Ron Green,

District 2: Shirley Howland

District 5: Debra Boivin

Ex-Officio Alternates: Michael Friel, Joey Luiz (attendance not mandatory)

Regular Member Alternates Present: Carlene Lesker, Ceva Giumelli, Jim Knox,

Associate Members present: Anna Ravenwood, Eveylyn Wachtel

Guests: Linda Holt, Louveina Hopkins

Approval of Agenda

Agenda approved as presented.

Approval of Sept 2017 Minutes:

Minutes approved as amended (correction to page 2 under Chair Report: name of group that received the Steyer grant is "Native American Caucus of the California Democratic Party")

Public Comment

None.

Appointments & Resignations

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

Guest Speaker – Doug Jones for Attorney General

Legislator's Reports

- **Congress Member Thompson** – Alternate M. Friel – not present, no report
- **State Senator Mike McGuire** – Alternate J.Luiz – not present, no report

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

1. **Upcoming Events:** Congressman Garamendi will attend our Barbeque next Sunday.
2. **Media appearances & speeches:** Congressman Garamendi appeared on these networks – CNN; NEWS Radio KFBK, FOX news, HLN & MSNBC to discuss DACA, Health Care reform, President Trump’s address to the UN and North Korea.
 - He hosted two telephone Town Hall meetings to discuss Graham-Cassidy. These were also streamed live.
 - He provides weekly updates on his Facebook page that you can stream, and writes a monthly column for the Davis Enterprise, which you can access on his Facebook page.
 - The Congressman was a guest on the Situation Room to speak about Facebook’s decision to hand over more than 3,000 ads it sold to Russian-linked accounts to the U.S. government for review. He argued that our campaign finance system is broken stating that now, foreign entities are buying social media advertisements to influence our elections. The Congressman urged campaign finance reform now to protect our democracy from those who seek to corrupt it, both domestically and abroad.
3. **Legislation:** Congressman Garamendi
 - supported emergency relief legislation for Hurricane Harvey destruction.
 - issued a statement, and attended a community event promoting the “Energizing American Shipbuilding Act.” Congressman Garamendi was presented with the Alan Hirsch Maritime Award for his dedication to the American Maritime industry at this event.
 - met with his Agriculture Advisory Committee about the contents of the Farm Bill.
 - strongly opposed the Republican Health Care plans to repeal the Affordable Care Act and replace it with “Trumpcare 3.0” [Graham-Cassidy]. He warns that the repeal effort may appear again, but that the Affordable Care Act can be strengthened by good legislation from Congress.
 - took to the House Floor to implore the House to immediately debate and vote on a relief package to help Puerto Rico recover from hurricanes Maria and Irma.
 - urged President Trump to preserve DACA, and called on House and Senate majority leadership to immediately schedule a vote on the American Hope Act, H.R. 3591, which would protect DREAMers in DACA from deportation and harassment.
 - strongly opposes the Trump Tax plan as it will increase the deficit, and not help working men and women.
4. **Environment:** Congressman Garamendi...
 - continues to oppose the Twin Tunnel project and has requested that Congress hold an oversight hearing into the misuse of taxpayer funds in this project. He urged Californians to move forward on a water plan that addresses all of California’s future water needs - one that does not include the twin tunnels, and fully utilizes Proposition 1 funding. The Congressman states, “Californians must continue to conserve water, build water storage facilities above and below ground, recycle water and improve the health of California’s watersheds. It is time for our great state to come together and address its water needs in a comprehensive manner.”
 - met with leaders with Vulcan, Inc. in Seattle to discuss how technology can transform the government’s approach to combatting wildlife trafficking and illegal fishing worldwide.
 - spoke before Club Demeter, a group of fruit and vegetable growers from France, who are promoting innovation in agriculture and responsible water resource management.
5. **Korea:** Published the following, “My message to the President is simple: tweet softly and carry a big stick. No one carries a bigger stick than the United States, and we should put bombastic rhetoric aside and get every party to the negotiating table to denuclearize the Korean Peninsula.” He urges quiet, strong negotiations and diplomacy as a solution to this dangerous situation.

Assembly Member Cecilia Aguiar-Curry – Alternate Stephanie Pahwa:

Legislation Update -14 bills presented to the Governor, 6 have already been signed

AB-273: Childcare services - On the Governor’s desk

- 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.

AB-401: Telepharmacy - On the Governor’s desk

- 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.

AB-707: Clear Lake -On the Governor’s desk

- 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.

AB 1665: Internet for All Now Act - On the Governor's desk

- provides quality, reliable internet for all, especially rural areas where service may be lacking currently.

In the District

- Attended Kelseyville Pear Festival
- Attended Sep. 30 Anderson Springs Recovery Ceremony with Senator McGuire and Congressman Thompson to celebrate the building of new wastewater systems and homes after the Clayton and Valley Fires
- Looking forward to attending the Lake County Democratic Party's BBQ on Sunday!

FOLLOW UP (questions asked by DCC members at previous meetings) response from aide Tracy Krumpfen:

1.) Who is going to be on AB 707 committee?- how is that committee going to be established- how are members from our central committee and club going to be involved/ included?

AB 707 establishes a Blue Ribbon Committee with one representative from:

- UC Davis;
- County of Lake;
- Local tribes impacted by the lake;
- Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board;
- A public water supplier that draws its drinking water supply from Clear Lake
- Natural Resources Agency; and,
- Local experts in economic development, agriculture, and the environment.

The Committee will meet quarterly, with at least two meetings per year held in Lake County. Beginning January 1, 2019, the Committee will be required to submit an annual report to the Governor and the appropriate policy committees of the Legislature that identifies barriers and contributing factors to the poor water quality, strategies to improve the water, and the threats to wildlife. The report will also include recommendations, estimates of cost, and a plan for coordinating with local, state, and federal governments to secure funding for implementation of restoration activities. The Blue Ribbon Committee will spearhead activities aimed at cleaning up Clear Lake for environmental gains, so that it may have greater recreational usage and entice new economic development. **Central Committee members can attend the meetings and provide comment and feedback. Support includes:

- Moke Simon, Lake County Supervisor, District 1
- Jeff Smith, Lake County Supervisor, District 2
- Jim Steele, Lake County Supervisor, District 3
- Tina Scott, Lake County Supervisor, District 4
- Rob Brown, Lake County Supervisor, District 5
- Middletown Rancheria of Pomo Indians
- Habematolel Pomo of Upper Lake Tribe
- Scotts Valley Band of Pomo Indians
- Lake County Land Trust
- Sierra Club California

2.) Several members stated the 2 million dollar clear lake study smells like another government hand out- many committees in past, many studies and research have been paid for. Clarification on what the 2 million is used for.

The funding goes hand in hand with AB 707. The money goes to study and help implement the revitalization of Clear Lake and its regional economy. Clear Lake, as you know, is contaminated with high levels of mercury, an overgrowth of seasonal algae, and toxic cyanobacteria blooms. These various forms of pollution cause a decrease in local tourism which hinders the local economy. Clear Lake is one of the top two economic contributors to the county, which is currently ranked as the fourth poorest in California. The purpose of this Committee is to assess the quality of the lake and submit a report on what data was collected and what solutions are recommended for clean-up. Clear Lake is in need of improvement due to toxic levels of mercury and an overabundance of surface algae and cyanobacteria that negatively impact the quality of the water and is the cause of a decrease in County tourism. This bill will rehabilitate the lake, resulting in heightened tourism and water recreational activities that will economically benefit Lake County. **I would highly encourage anyone on the Central Committee who thinks this is a government hand out to contact me at 707-224-0440 or tracy.krumpfen@asm.ca.gov to speak about this. I would like to know what studies and research the members refer to.

3.) How do we get civics included/ expanded in the California curriculum? (Question posed from a retired teacher)

We can probably all agree that there needs to be more civics in schools. Locally, I would recommend talking to local school boards/school districts. If the teacher has ideas, I am happy to send an Isenberg form which is the form we use for legislative ideas.

Club Report - Richard East, Club Representative

- Club met September 13, now have 95 members
- Adopted goals and tasks (grow membership, win in 2020), values statement
- Circulated sign-up sheet for Sept 16 Voter Registration at Twin Pines Casino
- Speaker Craig Cheslog, Region 2 director of CA Democratic Party (CDP) How to get bill past legislature (most effective for citizens to telephone or visit office)
- October guest speaker will be Tina Scott, Lake County Supervisor D4

Officer Reports:

Chair Negrete –

- Will attend Rural Caucus meeting on Oct 6
- Will attend “Your Government, Your Vision” – county outreach in each district on October 16
- Accepted BOS Proclamation for Native American Days
- Reviewing Strategic Plan for Clear Lake, will review plan for City of Lakeport next
- Focusing on bills affecting tribes, like municipal water bill
- Met with south LC Fire District – in 2009 ambulance transport left LC, need for service was picked up by Fire District which is seeking appropriate partnerships to remedy situation (perhaps a ballot initiative)

Vice Chair Curry –

- Walmart – hurry up & wait – Guesstimate on final EIR mid/late Oct, a 15 day comment period will follow, then on to the City Planning Commission Typical Walmart tactics to push public hearings close to holidays - limit attendance & attention.
- PDI Training – On target – many participants from Lake & Mendocino Saturday November 11, Twin Pine 2-5pm Conference Room I will set LC people up with instructions to access our Lake PDI database in Mid Oct.
- Campaign Field training – Coordinating w/Sonoma DCC Political action committee – Debra Dobish – looking at a couple of Saturdays late Jan/early Feb again @ Twin Pine- I will settle on some dates with her and have that by Nov DCC meeting. These trainings will be open to all dues paying members of DCC & Lake Dem Club
- We thought that two dates would be a good idea. Late January or early February and both on a weekend. Hoping for 20 or so people at each. Interested in the modules that train in phone banking and canvassing. The modules should both introduce new volunteers and refresh the skills of longstanding volunteers. Voter registration was important and that people always could use a brush up, regardless of their experience. We were thinking of a program that would be 4 to 5 hours long, with a break.
- Voter news – California Presidential Primary bill signed by Gov. 2020 California Primary will be in March 3, 2020 -

Secretary Baumann:

- Volunteered at Voter Registration on Sept 16, signed up 9 new Democrats (3 switched from Republican). Noticed that everyone who saw the Constitutions on the table wanted one... It created awkwardness and potential ill feelings to deny anyone (“These are only for new Democrats...”) so I gave one to anyone who asked. SUGGESTION: Either we give one to everyone who asks, or don’t put the actual booklets out on the table, keep them out of sight until a new Democrat signs up, then offer that person one.
- Following up on DCC instructions to promote our support for The People’s Platform: 1) made display signs for the BBQ, and 2) distributed copies of the Peoples Platform press release/flyer to DCC members with invitation they contact our electeds or use the PP talking points when conversing with our electeds.

- Environmental Justice tool – (or other issue that may serve the people) I am now licensed by the FAA as Remote Pilot, offering free drone service to document events/issues pertinent to protecting or promoting our Lake County environment or cultural heritage.

Treasurer Evans:

- **August & September 2017** (8-1-2017 to 9-30-2017 BOH = \$6,700.10)
- General Fund: In August & September we received \$6,380 for the BBQ. We paid Dean & Company \$567 for accounting, \$7 for office supplies, \$64 for postage and \$1674 for BBQ expenses. Our balance on hand is \$6,700.
- BBQ: To date we have received \$5,955 for the BBQ and we have spent \$1,662. Both income and expenses will increase about 50% next month.
- Please be sure to turn in all BBQ reimbursement requests by the November meeting so we can have the final numbers at the December meeting and approve the Club share check.

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

- Tom Jordan: committee did not meet in September, next meeting is October 16 at 6:30pm at Scotts Valley Pomo office 1005 Parallel drive in Lakeport.
- Mireya Turner announced on FB that she is running for re-election to Lakeport City Council

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

BBQ reservations to date:

- Gross attendance reservations: 162. My discounted attendance reservations estimate: 123.
- Act Blue & Snail Mail Vegetarian meal reservations: 9
- Sponsor Donations to date: \$5,500.00. I have not received a check or a report on the sponsor Adckinjo has secured.
- Individual donations to date: \$2,215.00
- There are more 2 Act Blue donations pending and hopefully some more snail mail also.
- We are on track for a **very** successful BBQ!!!

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

- Issues Committee did not meet last month but there is followup from previous actions:
 1. AB-249: Political Reform Act of 1974: campaign disclosures.
On 26-SEP-17 bill was "Enrolled and presented to the Governor at 3 p.m." Urged DCC members to please call Sacramento to urge Governor Brown to sign.
 2. AB-1269: Mobilehome Residents and Senior Protection Act.
On 15-SEP-17 the following history action: "Senate amendments concurred in. To Engrossing and Enrolling."
NOTE: Aguiar-Curry was "NO VOTE" on the bill. Sent email to staff asking why. Response: "The Assemblymember supports the intention of this bill but she had concerns was how the program was structured. She felt the best solution to help resolve senior mobile home complaints is to work through the Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) since HCD oversees most mobile home law, instead of setting up a new entity through Dept. of Fair Employment and Housing. She asked the author to address this concern in the Senate, and he agreed, but unfortunately he did not follow through with his promise to her. If the bill would have been in any jeopardy of passing, she certainly would have voted Aye.
"There are several mobile home related bills she voted for during this year and they include:

• SB 147 will make it easier for homeowners to rent out a room in their mobile homes, and to make it easier for mobile home residents to have a caregiver live in their home to help them with a disability or health need. • SB 136 permits HCD to contract directly with nonprofits to deliver technical assistance to mobile home park residents or assist mobile home park residents in acquiring, financing, operating, and improving parks occupied by low- and moderate-income households. • SB 3, the \$4B housing bond, provides funding for grants and forgivable loans to assist in the rehabilitation and replacement of existing mobile homes. Please let me know if you have any more questions. Thank you. **Tracy Krumpen**

3. People's Platform has more than 60 new co-sponsorships in Congress, 25 of whom signed on to at least six of the eight bills included in the document. Nina Turner hand-delivered over 130,000 petitions to DNC. Our local scorecard:
 - Thompson 63% -- signed onto 5 of 8 (not yet College, Tax Wall Street, Criminal Justice reform)
 - Garamendi 50% -- signed onto 4 of 8 (not yet College, Women's Rights, Criminal Justice Reform, Climate/Renewable Energy)

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

Chair Boivin not present.

Descriptions of Standing committee duties are in the DPLC bylaws

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

Annual BBQ – Becky Curry, Chair

- Some people arriving by 10:30 on Oct 8, please try to be there by 11am or noon at the latest
- Carleen Leskar has the key

ONGOING BUSINESS

- Strategic Plan Update – Chair Negrete led discussion of date options and logistics, there was general agreement that event will need to be postponed until after the holidays (January or February). CDP presenter also needs to be arranged in advance.
- Holiday Potluck – Chair Negrete appointed Stephanie Pahwa to chair committee to organize a mid-December potluck at Stephanie's home in Hidden Valley Lake for DCC members to socialize informally.

New Business

- Website content – Volunteer needed. Deb Baumann volunteered to maintain website, with kind assistance and instruction from current webmaster Adckinjo Esutoki.
- Values Statement – two versions presented by Susan Cameron, group voted to approve the version that says both Club and DCC support, with caveat that top of document should clearly identify that this list was created locally and reflects values envisioned by Lake County Democrats.

Announcements

- Next DCC meeting is Thursday November 2, 2017 at 6:30pm at Lower Lake Methodist Church community room.
- Ceva Giumelli said Union for Home Caregivers currently in negotiations with Board of Supervisors, appreciates support if DCC members can attend BOS on Tuesday October 17 from 9-9:30am (arrive by 8:30 to sign in to talk during Public Comments)
- Susan Cameron said Voter Registration Day at high schools went well (and they do teach civics)

Adjourned at 8:40pm

Minutes recorded by secretary D.Baumann