

Lake County Democratic Central Committee  
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## MINUTES

### Meeting of Thursday, Feb 1, 2018

Location: Kelseyville Senior Center, 5245 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, Kelseyville CA 95451

#### **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, Ron Green, Doug Harris, Carlos Negrete

*District 2:* Shirley Howland

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

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

*District 5:* Becky Curry, Adckinjo Esutoki

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

*Club Representative (attendance not mandatory):* Richard East

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

District 2: Tim Everton

*Ex-Officio Alternates (attendance not mandatory):* Joey Luiz

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

**Associate Members present:** Ann Bauer, Janet Levi,

**Guests:** Louveina Hopkins, Shanda Harry, Karen Miller, Mary Borjon

#### **Approval of Agenda**

Agenda approved as amended (add "We Strive" Club document and Credit Card reader to New Business)

#### **Approval of January 2018 Minutes:**

Minutes approved as presented.

#### **Public Comment**

- Adckinjo Esutoki attended Winter WOW 8<sup>th</sup> Annual event in Santa Rosa, said Senator McGuire was grateful to see Lake County Democrats there and that we need to show more support for McGuire who is working hard on our behalf.
- Richard East said we should support Cecelia Aguiar-Curry's Joint Resolution 30

**Guest Speaker:** Shanda Harry, running for Judge

#### **Appointments & Resignations**

- Open seats for regular members *are now as follows:*  
*D2 – 1 seat; D3 – 1 seat; D5 – 3 seats*  
 Deb Baumann nominated Ann Bauer for D3 seat, Becky Curry seconded, to be voted on next month.
- Open seats for alternates:  
*D1 – 3 seats; D2 – 2 seats; D3 – 3 seats; D4 – 1 seats; D5 – 2 seats*

#### **Legislator's Reports**

**Congress Member Thompson – no report**

**State Senator Mike McGuire – Alternate J.Luiz** – not present, no report

- Carlos Negrete spoke with Jason from Senator McGuire’s office. The senator appreciates Lake County Democrats for organizing the voter-related training effort.

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

- **Events:** The Congressman attended the “HR 669 Teach In”, sponsored by the Unitarian Universalist Congregation in Davis CA. I also attended this event. After introductory remarks, Garamendi focused his segment of the panel discussion on the “Nuclear Posture Review”, a process used to determine the role of nuclear weapons in US security. The NPR process is completed every eight years and culminates with the issuance of a report (available on the defense department’s website (<https://www.defense.gov/News/Special-Reports/NPR/>)). This policy document spells out the United States’ position on the allowable use of nuclear weaponry. The Trump Administration’s revision to the NPR is due on February 18th, and it may possibly come out earlier. Congressman Garamendi was concerned about the possibility that a formerly approved, and then rescinded, use nuclear weapons will make its way back into this revision – and that would be a policy shift allowing for these weapons to be approved for use in conventional warfare. Currently they can only serve as a deterrent to war or be used in response to a first strike against our nation. Congressman Garamendi stated we needed to be vigilant about looking at this revision and letting Congress be aware of our feelings. For more information on the NPR, here is a link to an article in the Atlantic by Adam Mount, Senior Fellow at the Federation of American Scientists: <https://www.theatlantic.com/international/archive/2018/01/trump-nuclear-posture-review/550400/>
- **Media appearances & speeches:** Congressman Garamendi appeared on FOX news & MSNBC. Videos of these appearances are on the Congressman’s Facebook page.
- **Issues & Statements:**
  - o **Issue:** The congressman expresses concern about the United States’ crumbling infrastructure and Federal Forest Management practices, given the passage of the latest Tax bill. At present most of the money that goes into the Forestry Department’s budget is used to fight forest fires. Virtually none of the budget can be used for forest maintenance to deal with standing dead trees, which contributes to the risk of fires. With the passage of the tax bill there will be cuts to critical programs, such as infrastructure and the Forest Service. The Congressman also believes that there will be moves to cut other critical social service programs this year.
  - o **Issue:** The Congressman did vote to end the government shutdown. He appeared on MSNBC to explain his vote, which displeased some Democrats. I spoke with his office today and was told that by voting for this stop-gap measure, it took the CHIP program off the table for future bargaining and budget negotiations. The Congressman’s staff stated that the CHIP program is critical for the delivery of health services in the third district. The Congressman expressed hope that the next round of budget negotiations may very well lead to a DACA deal – another issue that is critical for the third district.
  - o **Issue, China:** The congressman states that he has concerns about the Trump Administrations policies on global trade. China is reaching out to the world – and especially to Africa, after Trump’s statements on immigrants from those countries – with the goal of replacing the US as these countries’ primary trade partner. The Congressman feels this will be detrimental to the US economy.
  - o **Legislation:** Congressman Garamendi is a co-sponsor of HR 1251, a bi-partisan bill, the FAIR COLA Act, which uses a better formula to calculate Social Security COLA’s – one that is based on Senior Citizen spending habits.
  - o **Statement:** Congressman Garamendi wore black to the State of the Union in support of survivors of sexual harassment, abuse and violence. I am also attaching the Congressman’s statement after attending the State of the Union address.

**Congressman John Garamendi’s Statement on President Trump’s State of the Union Address Jan 30, 2018**

**WASHINGTON, DC** – Today, Congressman John Garamendi (D-Fairfield, Davis, Yuba City, CA), issued the following statement in response to the State of the Union Address by President Trump: “Tonight, President Trump spent 90 minutes literally applauding himself, but there wasn’t much for everyday Americans to be excited about. Contrary to Trump’s claims, job creation last year fell to its lowest rate since 2010. The bulk of the benefits of the tax cut he praised himself so much for went to America’s wealthiest, with only cents on the dollar for the middle class and the working poor. Meanwhile, Trump’s reckless efforts to repeal the Affordable Care Act have jacked up the uninsured rates and the cost of healthcare, including prescription drugs.

“On immigration, President Trump offered far from a middle-of-the-road compromise, providing instead a divisive

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roadmap that provides no answers to the needs of California's agricultural industry. On foreign policy, Trump further alienated our allies and provoked our adversaries, while committing to a massive expansion of our nuclear arsenal that will damage both our safety and our economy.

"In his response speech, my colleague Joe Kennedy offered a Better Deal for Americans tonight: an America that recognizes that wages matter just as much as the Dow Jones Index. It's a vision that recognizes that America is not a zero-sum game, and that a rising tide does indeed lift all boats. And it's vision of an America that has health care as a right, and not a privilege for those lucky enough to afford it.

"Our vision is one that seeks to unite, rather than divide by gender, color, creed and country of origin. That's not the vision we got from President Trump tonight, but that's the vision that I believe in and will fight for every day."

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

**AJR30** - Assemblymember Aguiar-Curry introduced Assembly Joint Resolution 30 on Tuesday, the day of the State of the Union Address.

- AJR 30 urges the United States Congress to assert its role in the approval of acts of war in a nuclear first-strike scenario by swiftly taking up and passing HR 669, the "Restricting First Use of Nuclear Weapons Act of 2017." HR 699 is co-sponsored by Congressman Mike Thompson and Congressman John Garamendi. HR699 would prohibit the President from unilaterally authorizing the deployment of nuclear weapons in an offensive attack absent express authorization from Congress.

**AB 1772** - This bill gives wildfire victims an additional year to rebuild their homes and businesses after a catastrophic wildfire and collect the full amount of replacement cost coverage they are entitled to. Insurance policies currently provide two years to rebuild home/business. This bill provides an additional year.

**SB 833** - Cecilia is also a primary co-sponsor of McGuire's bill SB 833 – Statewide Emergency Alert Protocols. SB 833 will create statewide protocols that will make sure all tools available are used during future natural and man-made disasters and ensure residents have the information they need to stay safe.

### **California Democratic Party**

- CDP endorsement of Cecilia will be on Consent Calendar at the February CDP Convention in San Diego. She is honored by the support.
- At the Convention, please join Cecilia, Sen. McGuire, Sen. Dodd and Assmeblymember Wood Friday night at the Hard Rock Hotel for a North Bay Delegation Party. More information to follow shortly.

### **Club Report - Richard East, Club Representative:**

- Met January 10,
- Guest Tina Scott (BOS D4) spoke about community vision forums, staffing, plans for future (tiny homes will be allowed, county marijuana ordinance, new focus on tourism)
- Next regular business meeting will be on February 14, no potluck

### **Officer Reports:**

#### **Chair Negrete –**

- Voter Registration committee needs more DCC members
- May 3<sup>rd</sup> the Lower Lake location is not available for DCC meeting. Discussion regarding change date or change location of meeting. Becky Curry moved/Deb Baumann second: keep date, find new location – **APPROVED**
- Visioning meetings – can still submit comments electronically to BOS, next meeting is Feb 6
- Convention preparation – should the Lake delegates meet? How keep in communication?

#### **Vice Chair Curry –**

- Training update - Field/voter contact led by Sonoma County Democratic Party's Political Action Committee.
- Sunday Feb 11 9:30-2:30 Twin Pine Casino - Harvest Private Dining Room
- A few spaces left - capping attendance at 24. Sign up sheet circulated
- Food options - delivery pizza from Mt. St. Helena Brewery Pizza (provided by Sen McGuire) or at the Marketplace Express stand (sandwiches/salads) on site at the Casino Will contact attendees to confirm next week

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- Distributed Delaine swag - Designated Proxy Whip for Delaine at Convention.
- SEIU 2015 - Gubernatorial Debate focusing on Long Term Care - Will be Facebook live streamed Feb 8, 2018 @6pm - posted on Lake Democrats facebook page, will also email out to our Lake Dem email list.

#### Secretary Baumann-

- Received phone call for Lake County visioning survey – quickly recognized a “push poll” designed to shape my opinion in the direction desired by the poll. When asked if I would support a 1.5 cent increase in sales tax, I said no. Sales taxes are regressive and negatively impact the lowest end of the population – people on low fixed incomes, seniors on Social Security, people earning minimum wage, etc. Lake County has the highest percentage of CA population living in poverty. For decades now, the burden of paying for services and infrastructure has been shifted from the wealthiest citizens to the poorest. I will oppose this tax increase for those reasons.
- Good news – 70-80 (that I know of) progressive Democrats are running for office throughout the country. A new show on TYT Network called Rebel Headquarters features 1-2 candidates each weeknight from Monday-Thursday. Available for free viewing on You Tube within a day or two of original broadcast. Watching is a great way to learn about candidates, and to learn about the whole complicated campaign process, and the challenges facing both candidates and the party.
- Learned from Rebel Headquarters about Bob Solomon, running for Congress in Penn D8, which is rated “Republican +11” despite the fact that there are 70,000 more registered Democrats in that district than registered Republicans. Why is it rated GOP+11? Because Dems have not been coming out to vote. Bob Solomon is running as a strong progressive and will give Democratic voters a reason to show up. His primary opponent is a centrist establishment Democrat which conventional wisdom says is the only kind that can win. We’ll see!

#### Treasurer Evans:

- Pending email

### **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

DPLC ELECTIONS COMMITTEE Meeting Minutes, January 15, 2018, 6:30 p.m.

Location: Offices of Scotts Valley Pomo, 1005 Parallel Drive, Lakeport. In attendance: Tom Jordan (Chair), Becky Curry, Virginia Cerenio, Ron Green, Sissa Harris, Stephanie Pahwa.

Committee Members absent: Carlos Negrete, John Sheehy, Joey Luiz, Tim Everton.

Meeting Goal: Create a plan to “seek out and encourage new Democratic candidates” for the 2018 election cycle.

- Report on follow-up with candidates: potential school board candidates. Amended to include District Attorney and judicial candidates. Next steps.  
 It was clarified that District Attorney and judicial elections will occur in June 2018; School board, city councils, and supervisorial elections will occur in November 2018. Plans and strategies implemented by the Elections Committee for June elections will be reviewed and refined for the November elections.  
 Judicial elections: Curry reported on the candidacy of Susan Krones. Harris provided a full report on the presentation by Shanda Harry at Solidarity Sunday. Harry is currently Deputy County Counsel. Don Anderson presented at the January Dem Club meeting.

Clearlake City Council: A positive report was received re: initial meeting with Dirk Slooten. This was attended by Curry, Harris, and Bruno Sabatier.

- B. FINAL review of Candidate Questionnaires. (This item was discussed last, in order to review the Task Calendar.)

-Candidate Orientation Pre-Campaign Questions, to assist candidates in campaign message and focus.

-Written Questions for candidates to submit prior to endorsement interview.

- Oral Interview questions, used during the endorsement interview, to determine the candidate's fitness for office and meeting DPLC endorsement criteria.

Committee members reviewed Ron Green's draft questions for DA and judicial candidates and determined which questions will be included in either the written or oral interview questions. With this inclusion, all questionnaires were approved by the Committee for implementation of future Election Committee tasks.

- C. Review 2018 Elections Calendar.

The Task Calendar was reviewed. Adjustments were made for efficiency and to make implementation easier for Committee members and candidates with a focus on the April 5<sup>th</sup> deadline of final endorsement recommendations to the full DPLC. Cerenio and Jordan will finalize the calendar based on discussions and distribute to Committee members.

Follow-up tasks:

*Cerenio* will finalize the questionnaires to include the judicial and District Attorney questions.

*Jordan and Cerenio* will finalize the 2018 Elections Task Calendar as discussed at the Committee Meeting. New Candidate Orientation is scheduled for Wednesday February 7<sup>th</sup> 6:30 p.m. at Scotts Valley Pomo conference room. Written questions will be issued to identified District Attorney and judicial candidates by February 7<sup>th</sup> for on-line completion by March 7<sup>th</sup>. All communication with candidates will occur by email per Committee decision.

Meeting concluded at 8:30 p.m. This is the final work meeting of the Elections Committee. The next meeting will be the Candidate Orientation as stated above.

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

- Pending email

**Issues\*** -- D3 Deb Baumann, Chair / D1 Doug Harris, D2 Shirley Howland, D3 Louis Rigod, D4 Jim Knox, D5 VACANT, Alternate Reps for Garamendi, Thompson, McGuire, Aguiar-Curry  
 Committee did not meet, no report.

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

Committee did not meet, no report. Dem Club's Mary Borjon will be helping Chloe Karl.

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**

n/a

## New Business

- **Rural Caucus Plank – Becky Curry**

Kevin Hendricks, DCC Chair Del Norte, is organizing convention support for the adoption of the Rural Plank into the CDP Platform and is asking for our help. The CDP Rural Caucus is encouraging Rural Caucus members to show unified support for the Rural Plank. The Platform Committee will have a final meeting on Saturday, February 24 to consider amendments. On Sunday, February 25, the final version will be considered for adoption by the delegates. **Motion for LC DCC to customize sample Plank letter and send to CDP – Becky Curry moved, Deb Baumann second -- APPROVED**

- **Credit Card reader – James Evans**

James Evans moved the DCC approve purchase of smart phone for purpose of reading credit cards at events. Point of Order referred this to the Finance Committee, to research the options and come back to DCC with recommendation. James Evans withdrew motion.

- **“WE STRIVE” – Susan Cameron**

Lake County Democratic Club document for consideration by the DCC to be also identified on it. DCC requested amendment of deleting words “from the powerful” at end of third bullet. Susan said document would need to return to the Club for vote on accepting the new version. Susan Cameron moved DCC approve as amended, Becky Curry seconded -- **APPROVED**

### **WE STRIVE**

- To demonstrate a generosity of spirit and sharing to bind us together as Americans
- To elect Democrats who will provide leadership that reflects our values and defends our Constitution
- To provide a voice for the voiceless and protect the powerless ~~from the powerful~~
- To maintain our American tradition as a welcoming place to those who seek opportunity or refuge
- To promote a government which ensures equality, fairness, compassion, and progress
- To encourage participation in our democracy through direct communication with our elected representatives

### **JOIN THE LAKE COUNTY DEMOCRATS TO PURSUE...**

a government of the people, by the people and for the people!

## Announcements

- Carlos Negrete: Next meeting will be Thursday, February 1, at 6:30pm at Kelseyville Sr Center.
- Susan Cameron: Healthcare For All and Healthy CA – hearings Wednesday Feb 7 in Sacramento around 10-11am, go to [HealthCA.org](http://HealthCA.org) for details
- Ron Green: Philadelphia Lawyer radio show on KPFZ topic this week is homelessness in Lake County.

## Adjourned at 8:31pm

*Minutes recorded by secretary D.Baumann*