

**Minutes for April, 2018 Monthly Meeting  
Of the Democratic Club of Vista**

The meeting was held at Universidad Popular Community Center, 1234 N. Santa Fe Ave., Vista, 92083

The meeting was held on the second Saturday of the month,

April 14, from 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon

25 people were in attendance.

**Sue Alderson, President, Presiding**

The meeting was called to order at 10:14.

**The Minutes from March meeting were approved** (Beth H. moved; Sara S. seconded)

**The Agenda was approved.** (Beth H. moved; Kathleen B. seconded)

**Candidate 3 Minutes:**

Sarah Spinks is running for Vista Mayor. She is a second general Vistan and the Public Arts Commissioner. She is all about transparency and engaging the community.

**President's Report:** Sue Alderson, president, discussed:

The candidate forum event at RBV was a great success!

Discussion and vote on whether to endorse any candidate for the 49<sup>th</sup>: There are concerns that an endorsement vote would be divisive, as we are still trying to recover from the divisiveness of the 2016 election and other clubs have had problems with divisiveness. Our by-laws require 10 days notice before the endorsement vote. Our by-laws also specify a simple majority vote. There are no provisions for rating acceptable or unacceptable in our by-laws. Vote tally- Eleven in favor of endorsing a 49<sup>th</sup> candidate; Nine against; Six abstain. Next month we will vote by paper (secret) ballot on 49<sup>th</sup> endorsement candidates. 10 minutes per candidate including questions.

Next Month we will also have School Board endorsements including Martha Alvarado and endorsements of judges.

We must be careful to endorse only Democrats; Concern regarding the Levin Eleven who signed in lieu of from for NP McLaughlin. Some Democratic electeds and officials have endorsed Republicans: Sheriff Gore and Interim DA Summer Stephan. Some oppose Dave Myers for his desire to enforce concealed carry license instead of using favoritism. We must get ahead of this narrative.

Endorsement Board of Supervisors District 5: Candidates are Jacqueline Arsivaud and Michelle Gomez. Each candidate gets 10 minutes to speak; 3 for introduction; 7 minutes to answer questions. Jacqueline speaks first; then Michelle. Both candidates leave the room; members are given a chance to advocate for either candidate. Vote is 22 for Michelle; 2 for Jaqueline; 1 no endorsement.

Endorsements of County Wide offices - We vote to endorse: Dave Myers for Sheriff; Genevieve Jones-Wright for District Attorney and Matt Strabone for Assessor/Recorder/County Clerk.

**Treasurer's Report-** We have \$2,248.20 cash on hand.

**Announcements:**

May – we will have ballot parties on Friday nights; Sarah Spinks volunteers Backfence space and offers husband to make large blow up of ballots. May contact LWV.

May 19, 2:00-4:00 in Oceanside near library we have Power to the Polls event. We will sign up voters and have a ballot party, march to the post office and mail mail-in ballots.

April 14, 3:00 NC Progressive Dems endorsement meeting.

April 29, 3:00-6:00 p.m. Meet and Greet for Sara Jacobs, Sarah Spinks and Corinna Contreras at Linksoul in Oceanside.

**Committee Reports:**

Membership thanks those who have paid dues and reminds members to pay dues if they have not. For online payment (\$15 for individual, \$25 for family) go to <http://www.demclubvista.org/membership/> click on donate.

Flip the 49<sup>th</sup> – Harold – Rally on Tuesday the 17<sup>th</sup> at County Administration Building to protest closed door meeting on Trump lawsuit, bus leaves La Costa at 7:00 a.m.; Group is doing phone banking Monday and Tuesday night in Carlsbad, 5145 Avenida Encinas, Suite I.

CCE – Wednesday conference call with City Counsel; will e-mail Google list for future meetings

VNIA – Community engagement party at Luz Duran park was a success. Second meeting on Townsite and Santa Fe at City Hall on Wednesday, 4/18, 6:00.

GOteam – Sign up with Nanci, there will be a kick-off with lists and door hangers on Sunday, 4/22 from 3:30-5:00 at Universidad Popular.

Our next meeting is May 12, 10:00 a.m. at 1234 Santa Fe.

Meeting Adjourned at 11:55 p.m.