

## **Minutes for June, 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,  
June 9, from 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon

34 people were in attendance.

#### **Kathleen Lambert, Vice President, Presiding**

The meeting was called to order at 10:04. Greetings and recognition of all our work on the election.

**The Minutes from May meeting were approved** (Mary E. moved; Nanci seconded)

**The Agenda was approved.** (Mary E. moved; Nanci seconded)

**Welcome new members:** Amanda Mascia, Dinah Poellintz and Max, Carol Herrera.

#### **Candidates 3 Minutes:**

Michelle Gomez is running for County Supervisor in District 5 against Jim Desmond. She thanks the club for our support and now let's get out there and win!

Tasha Beorner Horvath running in AD 76 which was a Republican stronghold. Now two Democrats are running in this race.

Elizabeth Warren is the other Democrat running in AD 76. She thanks us for our support.

Marggie Castellano is running for state senate against Pat Bates in the 36<sup>th</sup> which goes from Cardiff to Orange County. She got more votes than her Republican opponent in San Diego County. She thanks our club for our support.

Carol Herrera is running for Vista Unified School Board. She has been on the Board for 16 years. She was a teacher and a principal. She is a lifelong Democrat who has lived in Vista for 42 years and knows the important issues.

Martha Alvarado is running for Vista School Board against Jim Gibson. She teaches 1<sup>st</sup> grade in Escondido. She wants to focus on marginalized students, strengthen path to college and help preschoolers.

Corinna Contreras is running for Vista City Counsel Dist. 1. She is working for issues including CCE, sidewalks and diagonal crosswalks. She is working to make sure Dist. 1 is not ignored.

Sarah Spinks for mayor is Chair of the Arts Commission; Backfence and Only Losers Litter. She is a doer in our community.

Mustafa Nizam announced that he will be running for the Dist. 4, Shadowridge seat against John Franklin who won't be expecting this. He will run on civic engagement and will get out the vote.

#### **President's Report:** Kathleen Lambert, Vice President, discussed:

Bylaws review - Nanci, Kat and Vince are our bylaws committee. The issues they will address are our stance on videotaping during endorsements and during speakers with policies of no

videotaping during endorsement process. They will also clarify the issue of new members and their right to vote in endorsement.

Summer speakers series will include our cannabis workshop and a presentation on human trafficking which Michelle Gomez will present. We will invite young people.

Focus on Local Energy, we will empower local leaders, Corinna, Mustafa and Sarah will meet and come up with an agenda.

We will organize more family friendly events and forums for diversity. Dinah will help organize events.

Register voters at schools and farmers markets and at the community garden. Outreach in Spanish for voter reg and community involvement, Door to door, how to workshops and ballot parties. Corinna will organize this.

Pride parade downtown is on July 14 and conflicts with our next meeting. We normally march in the parade but have not had a conflict before. Vote on moving our next meeting date or time to accommodate the parade. Discussion- we would like to focus on more local events, including North County Pride events. Backfence will have an event. Vote - against moving date/time of next meeting.

**Treasurer's Report-** We have \$2568 cash on hand.

#### **Announcements:**

Harold discussed the election, more Democrats than Republicans voted in the 49th; there is a Flip the 49th meeting on June 27 in Carlsbad. Harold will be our liaison to Mike Levin and Flip the 49th.

VCAP meetings coming up this summer, Nanci will send an email about dates.

June 23 march downtown for immigrant rights, Taz will send flyers.

Homeless need diapers and feminine hygiene products. We will bring them to our meetings

Shout out to Nanci and GOTeam!

#### **Speaker; Sophie Wolfram, Director of Programs for Climate Action Campaign:**

She works on local Climate Action Plans and discussed various options that different cities are using to comply with Climate Actions Plans. It is a political challenge for California cities. Many cities focus on limiting car use through biking paths, public transportation and turning parking lots into public squares. Green roof ordinances combine solar panels with living roofs. Curbside composting and recycling are popular. Community Choice Energy is an important part of CAP. The Vista CAP was written in 2012 and is set to be updated next year. Under California plan, green house gases must be halved by 2035. VCAP needs to be legally enforceable. We must make a business case for CCE as there is no other way to meet 2035 goals. It is an uphill climb in Vista. [sophie@climateactioncampaign.org](mailto:sophie@climateactioncampaign.org)

Next Month we will do some endorsements for local races; must give notice to club per bylaws.

Our next meeting is July 14 at 1234 Santa Fe.

Meeting Adjourned at 12:03 p.m.