

**Minutes for August, 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,

August 11, from 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon

32 people were in attendance.

Sue Alderson, President, Presiding

The meeting was called to order at 10:09.

The Minutes from August meeting were approved (Harold moved; Kathleen L. seconded)

The Agenda was approved with order of presentation changed . (Vince moved; Harold seconded)

Welcome guests and new members: guests are Bee Mittermiller from Climate 350; Kelly Harless and Rose Ann Alderson Sharp from Never Again; Tim, returning member.

Candidates 3 Minutes:

Michelle Gomez: Running for County Supervisor, Dist. 5, will handle county resources better

Larry Kornit: Running for City Council, Dist. 2, Oceanside needs a new, non-dysfunctional City Council. Oceanside traffic impacts Vista too.

Sarah Spinks: speaking for Corinna Contreras, Running for Vista City Council, Dist. 1, Vista is rich in culture, it's time for District 1 to thrive.

Carol Herrera: Running for Vista School Board, Area 2, has been on the Board for 16 years, has a passion for children in this community; has gotten raises for the teachers.

Tricia Tomasbee and Donna Rencsak: for Elizabeth Warren Running for AD 76, she is not taking a corporate money and asks that we please donate.

Sue Alderson: for Martha Alvarado for School Board, Area 3, who is a great teacher who takes care of both teachers and kids.

Nikki Leeds for Marggie Castellano Running for State Senate 36th District, she is canvassing this weekend and she needs money to run her campaign.

Tazheen Nizan: Running for City Council, Dist. 4, she is picking up this race and needs all our support and love. Franklin is a political operative working for Diane Harley, Taz will bring our voice back to Vista and make it ours again.

Michelle Gomez - Presentation on Human Trafficking

Human Trafficking is a big problem in San Diego County. Pimps and traffickers look for vulnerable teens. It is important to look for signs of Trafficking including victims appearing to be controlled or abused and many vehicles coming and going. If you notice signs don't call 911, call Trafficking Hotline at 888-373-7888.

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

Suspend bylaws to endorse Taz for City Council due to time crunch. Harold moves to suspend bylaws; Adam seconds the motion. Taz leaves the room. Donna moves we vote to endorse Taz, The vote to endorse is unanimous.

Nanci moves that we take \$1000 from our fund and give \$250 to each of our local candidates, Taz, Corinna, Carol and Martha. Harold seconds the motion. Motion passes.

Rose Ann Alderson Sharp and Kelly Harless from Never Again speak about their petition to end gun shows on state property. The gun show at the Del Mar Fair grounds is run by 2 convicted felons, Bob and Jeff Templeton. 5000 unregulated handguns come into the county a year due to this gun show. Please sign the petition.

Bee Mittermiller from 350 Climate Change spoke about how the recent fires have woken people up about Climate Change. There is a march in downtown San Diego City Hall on September 8, for 100% Clean Energy. There is a global summit in S.F. Next weekend.

Sue - our next City Council meeting after the July break is August 14. We will hold them accountable for voting against the California Values Act. We will meet at Sue's house on Sunday the 12th at 7:00 to organize our speeches. We aren't allowed to do a presentation, but can order the sequence of our speeches. The more people at City Council meeting, the better.

August 28, 5:30, City Council meeting on the CAP, we need speakers on CCE and other CAP issues. Talking points include how we are behind other North County cities on CCE.

We need to get people at every City Council meeting. Rebecca will send around a sign up sheet to make sure we have at least 5-10 people at each meeting.

We need to write op-eds on Franklin on issues including medical marijuana, California Values Act and CCE. Heather volunteers to research issues. Fredi Avalos, Mark Day and Hector can help us write editorials.

Stand Shoulder 2 Shoulder - We are trying to influence Democratic Senators and Congress people to support our goals of blocking Kavanaugh and Impeaching 45. We will take pictures of groups of use Shoulder to Shoulder with hashtags #StandShoulder2Shoulder and #BlockKavanaugh. We will post them on 9/6. Sue will send instructions.

Table By-law changes until next meeting. Kathleen L. Will printout changes.

Next month's meeting- Cody Campbell will discuss cannabis initiatives for Nov. 8 ballot. LWV will discuss propositions on Nov. 8 ballot.

October meeting - will meet but then go out canvassing.

Treasurer's Report- We have \$2649.05 cash on hand and 83 members in good standing.

Announcements:

Flip the 49th - will have CCE training on Thursday, August 16 in Carlsbad.

Heather has 2000 educational pamphlets about the difference between Democrats and Republicans for us to hand out.

Nikki will allow rec room to be used at no cost for political events by candidates and causes with good values.

Kathleen B. - There is a vigil at 2:00 today for Sergio Weick at Copper and Iron, where he was shot.

Volunteers are walking for Elizabeth Warren in Vista.

September 5 - training for GOTeam at Sue's.

September 7 - Michelle Gomez fundraiser - "Girls Night In", in San Marcos, \$50 donation will feature poker, craps and food.

Our next meeting is September 8 at 1234 Santa Fe.

Meeting Adjourned at 12:01 p.m.