

**Minutes for September, 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,
September 8, from 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon

26 people were in attendance.

Sue Alderson, President, Presiding

The meeting was called to order at 10:04.

The Minutes from August meeting were approved (Mary Elizabeth moved; Heather seconded)

The Agenda was approved. (Kathleen L. moved; Mary Elizabeth seconded)

Welcome guests and new members: Tom Gannis and Gary Garrison

Candidates 3 Minutes:

Kat for Marggie Castellano Running for State Senate 36th District, she is at the Climate walk, she is running against an incumbent Republican in a large district, she needs canvassers and money to run her campaign.

Donna Rencsak: for Elizabeth Warren Running for AD 76. Her opponent is behind a lawsuit challenging he ballot statement. She is not taking an corporate money and asks that we please donate.

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

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

Our next City Council meeting is September 11 at 5:30. Joe Green has placed a revote of filing an amicus brief joining the Tr-mp lawsuit against the California Values Act on the agenda. We must get as many people and speakers to attend. We can help with talking points if you need them. Another issue is hiring an additional deputy instead of Code Enforcement Officers, on the consent colander. We will pull it by pulling a card and speaking on it.

We need to get people at every City Council meeting.

Candidate Forum for District 1 and 4 City Council seats and Mayor; possibly Tri-City Board (Vista seat) and School Board. We discussed options and decided at the time and place of our next meeting. Heather moves to have forum and Martha seconds it. The motion carries. (Note this has been canceled due to low response from candidates).

Ballot Parties - Martha will have one at her home. Sarah will have one at Backfence. Our next "Beer and Politics" will be a ballot party at Wavelength. Mail-in ballots should drop on 10/10.

By-law changes printouts were handed out. There are amendments adding membership and “at-large” as voted-on board members. The other amendment is no audio or filming at candidate events. Vince moves to accept new bylaws, Heather seconds, motion passes.

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

Presentation on Ballot Measures and Initiatives:

Cody Campbell spoke on Measure Z and other Cannabis Measures. 8000 Vistans signed the petition which allows for up to 11 medical cannabis dispensaries. Vista has spent millions on criminal prosecution of medical dispensaries. They can’t be near schools or youth centers or in residential areas. It will impose a 7% special use tax on gross sales and would raise millions of dollars. The initiative is funded by Vista businesses. Measures AA and BB only allow delivery from out of town and are designed to defeat Measure Z.

Prop 1 - Authorizes bonds to fund Specified Housing Assistance Programs for Veterans and low income families - Democratic Party supports.

Prop 2 - Authorizes bonds to fund Existing Housing Programs for Individuals with Mental Illness. Democratic Party supports.

Prop 3 - Authorizes bonds to fund projects for water supply and quality - Democratic Party takes no position; LWV opposes; Sierra Club opposes; Bond money will go to most effective developers.

Prop 4 - Authorizes bond funding construction at hospitals providing children’s health care - Democratic Party supports.

Prop 5 - Changes requirements for certain property owners to transfer their property tax base to replacement property, would help rich property owners, Opposed by Democratic Party.

Prop 6 - Eliminates Certain Road Repair and Transportation Funding, Requires fuel taxes and vehicle fees be approved by electorate. This eliminates the gas tax and higher vehicle registration fees; Opposed by Democratic Party.

Prop 7 - Conforms California Daylight Saving Time to Federal Law, allows legislature to change daylight saving time period. Democratic Party Supports.

Prop 8 - Regulates amounts Outpatient kidney dialysis clinics charge for dialysis treatment. Democratic Party Supports.

Prop 10 - Expands Local Governments’ Authority to enact rent control on residential property, Rent control may make housing more affordable, though it can also result in fewer repairs. Democratic Party Supports.

Prop 11 - Requires Private sector emergency ambulance employees to remain on-call during work breaks. Opposed by Democratic Party.

Prop 12 - Establishes new standard for confinement of specified farm animals; bans sales of non-complying products, closes loopholes under prior initiative, Democratic Party Supports

Announcements:

Flip the 49th - Bring your own phone to Carlsbad headquarters or phone from home. The 49th is a close race with 50.8 for Levin; 49.2 for Harkey. There is a forum with them both on 10/5.

Heather has 2000 educational pamphlets about the difference between Democrats and Republicans for us to hand out. She is also doing free on-line talk about activating creativity.

Sarah is having a walk and barbecue for Corinna today at 5:00.

SD Green tour on 10/21 includes Apartments on Santa Fe by Transit Center; Contact Lynn Mitschke.

Good news - The Gun Show has been cancelled from the Fair Grounds.

Our next meeting is October 13 at 1234 Santa Fe.

Meeting Adjourned at 12:01 p.m.