

Minutes for August, 2019 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 10, from 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon

34 people were in attendance.

Sue Alderson, President, Presiding

The meeting was called to order at 10:00.

The Minutes from April meeting were approved (Lisa moved, Don Seconded)

The Agenda was approved. (Lisa moved, Judy seconded)

Welcome guests and members

Candidates:

Katie Melendez- for Vista District 3 - born and raised in Vista, is a social worker in the community, worked for Americorps in Vista, we need to invest in our youth.

Elisa Jimenez- for Vista District 3 - was in the Leadership Academy, is on Senior Citizens Affairs committee, important issues are affordable housing, homeless, seniors.

Jane Marshall- for Oceanside District 4 - issues include traffic management, city planning, they stopped the freeway from going in and stopped digital billboards

Michelle Gomez - for Oceanside District R - The 4-1 City Council doesn't represent the City. Is on the Commission on housing and homelessness, issues include traffic, public safety.

Olga Diaz - for County Supervisor, Dist 3, is on Escondido City Council, which she helped flip, We need another Democrat on the Board of Supervisor to replace Gaspar.

Corinna Contreras- Vista Dist. 1 would like us to attend City Council Meeting on Tuesday the 13th for SANDAG presentation and vote on accessory dwelling units.

Speaker- Jay Kumar from [350.Org](https://350.org) has 3 climate action resolutions for Congress:

1. A pledge not to take money from the fossil fuel industries
2. Endorse to Green New Deal
3. Hold a climate town hall.

Mustafa moves that we endorse the 3 resolutions; Lauren seconds the motion; motion passes unanimously.

Speaker- Jean Huy- Leader of Indivisible, spoke to Advocate for Criminal Justice Reform requested endorsement for 3 bills:

1. ACA 6 - amends California Constitution to allow parolees to vote;
2. AB 1076 - eliminates the complicated process of expunging criminal records;
3. AB 32 - bans private prisons.

Mustafa moves that we endorse all 3 bills, Lauren seconds the motion, motion passes unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: on the back of the agenda; we have 80-85 members; \$2000 in the bank, spent money for headsets for translating.

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

We need make Guests welcome- at SANDAG presentation there were people translating and they were shushed. We got headsets in case anyone needs translation. Also we need to make people with young kids welcome.

Operation HOPE shelters families, needs volunteers to bring them dinner and sit with them while they eat. This is a good volunteer opportunity for our club. We need volunteers for first Mondays, first Fridays and third Sundays, 4 volunteers for each dinner, from 5:30-7:00 at 598 E Vista Way. Elisa will send sign-up sheet around.

Committee Reports:

Political Action Committee had a recent meeting at Lisa DeJesus' office. Lisa DeJesus is PAC chair, she will hold meetings at her office on Melrose on the 1st Saturday of the month at 10:00.

No committee reports from Media or Fundraising committees. Jean Huy will do Twitter training for people interested in media.

Announcements:

Corinna- next town hall is September 4, 6:30 at Linda Rhodes Community Center, there will be a budget breakdown at the quarterly town hall.

Sarah Spinks- Vista Night Out, 3rd Wednesday of every month

Speaker: Katie Melendez speaks on Homelessness- has a role playing session/empathy exercise of 3 different homeless people's scenarios. Scenarios include people ticketed for sleeping in car and impounded car. There is not enough housing or right kind of housing and there is housing insecurity. There is a surplus of expensive homes and a shortage of affordable housing. There are public health problems caused by homelessness including hepatitis, Shigella, overheating, mental health problems, substance abuse, needles. There need to be housing first shelters, open public bathrooms, community oriented policing.

Our next meeting is September 14 at 1234 Santa Fe.

Meeting Adjourned at 11:55 p.m.