

DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF SACRAMENTO COUNTY

CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA

9/10/2020 | 6:00 P.M. – 8:00 P.M.

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Meeting Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82891760604?pwd=OWR5MTltOTd6d2FUVUU4ZTIHeGcrQT09>

- I. Call to Order, Introduction of Guests & Candidates, Pledge of Allegiance**
- II. Roll Call, Adoption of Agenda, Approval of Previous Minutes**
- III. Controller’s Report – Valeria@SacDems.org (2 min.)**
- IV. Chair’s Report – Terry@SacDems.org (10 min.)**
- V. Voting Items**
 - 1. Endorsement Consent Calendar **Executive Board Recommendations**
 - a. American River Flood Control Dist., At-Large (1 seat) ... *No Endorsement*
 - b. Center Joint Unified School Dist., At-Large (2seats) ... *Julia Bellehumeur*
 - c. N. Highlands Recreation & Park Dist., At-Large (3 seats) .. *Beau Reynolds*
 - d. Robla Elementary School Dist., At-Large (2 seats) *Sharona Devine*
 - e. Roseville Joint Union High School Dist. ... *defer to PCDP (Greg Harnage)*
 - f. Sacramento City Unified School District, Area 3 *Jose Navarro*
 - g. Sacramento City Unified School District, Area 4 ... *Nailah Pope-Harden*
 - h. Measure B, City of Sacramento Support
 - i. Measure J, River Delta USD (SFID#1) Support
 - j. Measure K, River Delta USD (SFID#2) Support
 - k. Measure L, City of Isleton Support
 - 2. Races pulled from Consent Calendar **E. Board Recommendation**
 - 3. Open Ballot Endorsement ... *Natomas Unified School Dist., At-Large (2 seats)*
 - a. Ericka Harden, Susan Heredia, Raynette Johnson, Sumiti Mehta, and Christopher Alvarez
 - 4. Open Ballot Endorsement ... *San Juan Unified School Dist., At-Large (1 seat)*
 - a. Garrett Brewer
 - 5. Open Ballot Endorsement *Measure M, City of Citrus Heights*
 - 6. Open Ballot Endorsement *Measure R, City of Rancho Cordova*
 - 7. Club Chartering **E. Board Recommendation**
 - a. Queer Dems *Approve*
- VI. Committee Reports *Next Meeting Date (if clickable, goes to Zoom link)***
 - 1. Campaign Services – Andres@SacDems.org ... *September 28th (4th Monday)*
 - 2. Finance – Valeria@SacDems.org *(No date set)*
 - 3. Fundraising – Maureen@SacDems.org *September 22nd (4th Tuesday)*
 - 4. Communications – Tracie@SacDems.org ... *September 24th (last Thursday)*
 - 5. Resolutions – Anna@SacDems.org *September 24th (3rd Thursday)*
 - 6. Rules – Andrew@SacDems.org *September 15th (Tuesday after CC)*
- VII. Club Reports & Announcements (limited to 30 seconds each)**

VIII. Adjournment

An historical perspective: Aaron Burr died 184 years ago this month, but he is considered by many to be the founder of the Democratic Party. It was his faction within the then Republican Party that took the term “Democrat”—which Federalists had used as a slur against the Republicans—and owned it, beginning to use the term “Democratic Party” as a badge of pride that they cared for common people, unlike the rich and aristocratic Federalists. Aaron Burr was the most radical anti-slavery politician in America both at that time and for many years after. In the New York legislature, he called not just for the immediate and unconditional abolition of slavery, but for the New York legislature itself to go down to the slave docks to set every enslaved person free as soon as they arrive. Aaron Burr was the first American to propose a bill for womens’ suffrage, and he believed so much in gender equality and the education of women on equal terms as men that he helped privately fund a school for young girls. Burr’s favorite author was Mary Wollstonecraft, mother of Mary Shelley, a pioneer for womens’ equality and a proto-socialist thinker who paved the road for class-based feminism.

Burr secured a legislative charter to found the Manhattan Company and build the aqueduct that would supply New York City’s early slums with fresh water for the first time. When all of the banks in New York were owned by Federalists and would only lend to the opposing aristocrats in Hamilton’s Federalist Party, he modified the Manhattan Company’s operations to also include lending money to Democrats. When New York’s legislature refused to give non-landowners the right to vote, Burr stood up to the aristocrats by using the Manhattan Company to issue no-interest loans to the poor in the slums of New York to buy small parcels of property collectively and thereby gain the right to vote. He transformed a social club called the Tammany Society into a wing of the Democratic Party by using it to organize impoverished immigrants to help them obtain jobs, a cheap place to live, and even citizenship.

As Vice President, he fought off President Jefferson’s plan to impeach Supreme Court Justice Samuel Chase, in a trial that defined the separation between the judicial and executive branches. Burr was known to be outspoken and fair, as well as a masterful orator. Despite making many enemies in both parties, his farewell address to the Senate in 1804 left the chamber unable to resume business for half an hour, as too many members were moved to tears. After the Vice Presidency, he began securing men and funds to support democratic revolutions in the other colonies of the Americas. He was even accused of treason by Thomas Jefferson, but the case was thrown out when it was discovered that the only evidence was a letter written by an American General that was in the General’s handwriting, not Burr’s. The General was later exposed to be an active spy who was being paid by the Spanish monarch.

In many ways, Aaron Burr began what became more than a century-long struggle to tear the Republican Party away from rich landowners of the south and remake it as the Democratic Party of the north and west that served equality and the lower classes everywhere. He also pioneered the art of campaigning, so you can thank him for every door you have to knock or call you have to make this election season.

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