

DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF SACRAMENTO COUNTY

CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

8/13/2020 – DPSC Zoom

The virtual meeting of the Sacramento County Democratic Central Committee, held via Zoom call on Thursday evening, August 13, 2020, was called to order at nine minutes past six P.M., Mr. Schanz being in the Chair and Mr. Becker as Secretary.

The Chair called the roll [see Attachment 1], and noted the presence of a quorum.

The agenda was approved as distributed.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as distributed.

The Central Committee heard a presentation from guest speaker Daraka Larimore-Hall, California Democratic Party 2nd Vice Chair.

The Controller delivered her report. The Party has \$1,961.⁷⁸ in its federal account and \$62,340.⁹⁶ in its state account.

The Chair delivered his report. The Democratic National Convention will be held from August 17 to August 20, and will feature California Senator Kamala Harris as the Vice Presidential nominee.

The Chair put consideration of the Endorsement Consent Calendar before the Central Committee: Folsom City Council (2 seats At-Large), Jaya Badiga; Rancho Cordova City Council (2 seats At-Large), Siri Pulipati & Jack Zwald; Folsom Cordova Unified School District (Area 4), Christopher Clark; Natomas Unified School District

(3 seats At-Large), Mariana Sabeniano; Los Rios Community College District (Area 4), Kelly Wilkerson; City of Sacramento Measure A (Sacramento Mayoral Accountability & Community Equity Act), Oppose; and City of Sacramento Measure C (Sacramento Community Stabilization & Fair Rent Charter Amendment), Support.

The Chair asked for any requests to pull items from the Calendar. Mr. Weitzman asked to remove Los Rios Community College District, Area 4, from the Consent Calendar, which was seconded and thirded. Mr. Fong asked to remove Natomas Unified School District, At-Large, from the Consent Calendar, which was seconded and thirded. Mr. Mandel asked to remove Rancho Cordova City Council, Jack Zwald, which was seconded and thirded. Mr. Fong asked for unanimous consent to withdraw his request to pull, which was granted. Ms. McBride asked to remove Rancho Cordova City Council, Siri Pulipati, which was seconded and thirded. Hearing no further requests, the Chair put consideration of the Endorsement Consent Calendar as amended before the Committee, which passed unanimously. The endorsements made were: Folsom City Council (2 seats At-Large), Jaya Badiga; Folsom Cordova Unified School District (Area 4), Christopher Clark; Natomas Unified School District (3 seats At-Large), Mariana

Sabeniano; City of Sacramento Measure A (Sacramento Mayoral Accountability & Community Equity Act), Oppose; and City of Sacramento Measure C (Sacramento Community Stabilization & Fair Rent Charter Amendment), Support.

The Chair put the Executive Board recommendation of endorsing Siri Pulipati in the Rancho Cordova City Council, At-Large, race before the Committee. After remarks from the eligible candidate, the Chair gave three supporters of the motion and of those opposing the motion time to speak. After debate, the Chair allowed the candidate one minute to make a closing statement. The Chair called a roll call vote. The Executive Board recommendation to endorse Ms. Pulipati passed with 49 votes in favor and 4 opposed.

The Chair put the Executive Board recommendation of endorsing Jack Zwald in the Rancho Cordova City Council, At-Large, race before the Committee. After remarks from the eligible candidate, the Chair gave three supporters of the motion and of those opposing the motion time to speak. After debate, the Chair allowed the candidate one minute to make a closing statement. The Chair called a roll call vote. The Executive Board recommendation to endorse Mr. Zwald passed with 38 votes in favor and 6 opposed.

The Chair put the Executive Board recommendation of endorsing Kelly Wilkerson in the Los Rios Community College District, Area 4, race before the Committee. After remarks from the eligible candidates, the Chair gave three supporters of the motion and of those opposing

the motion time to speak. After debate, the Chair allowed the candidates one minute each to make a closing statement. The Chair called a roll call vote. The Executive Board recommendation to endorse Ms. Wilkerson with 40 votes in favor and 3 opposed.

The Chair put endorsement in the Sacramento City USD, Area 7, race before the Committee for consideration. The Chair gave the eligible candidates, Ms. Jessie Ryan and Ms. Lavina Grace Phillips, two minutes each to speak. The Chair allowed three supporters of each candidate, of staying neutral, and of no endorsement time to speak. After debate, the Chair allowed the candidates one minute each to make a closing statement. The Chair called a roll call vote. Ms. Grace Phillips received the endorsement with 40 votes, Ms. Ryan receiving 6 votes, 'Neutral' receiving 2 votes, and 'No Endorsement' receiving 2 votes.

The Chair put endorsement in the Folsom Cordova USD, Area 2, race before the Committee for consideration. The Chair gave the eligible candidates, Mr. Hari Shetty and Mr. Tim Hooey, two minutes each to speak. The Chair allowed three supporters of each candidate, of staying neutral, and of no endorsement time to speak. After debate, the Chair allowed the candidates one minute each to make a closing statement. The Chair called a roll call vote. No position received a $\frac{3}{5}$ ^{ths} majority, with Mr. Hooey receiving 0 votes, Mr. Shetty receiving 14 votes, 'Neutral' receiving 8 votes, and 'No Endorsement' receiving 22 votes.

The Chair moved that the Party officially adopt a 'No Endorsement' stance, which passed.

The Chair put endorsement in the Sacramento Municipal Utility District, Ward 5, race before the Committee for consideration. The Chair gave the eligible candidates, Ms. Fatima Malik and Mr. Rob Kerth, two minutes each to speak. The Chair allowed three supporters of each candidate, of staying neutral, and of no endorsement time to speak. After debate, the Chair allowed the candidates one minute each to make a closing statement. The Chair called a roll call vote. No position received a $\frac{3}{5}$ ^{ths} majority, with Mr. Hooey receiving 0 votes, Mr. Shetty receiving 14 votes, 'Neutral' receiving 8 votes, and 'No Endorsement' receiving 22 votes. The Chair moved that the Party officially adopt a 'No Endorsement' stance, which passed.

The Chair put endorsement in the Sacramento Municipal Utility District, Ward 5, race before the Committee for consideration. The Chair gave the eligible candidates, Mr. Rob Kerth and Ms. Fatima Malik, two minutes each to speak. The Chair allowed three supporters of each candidate, of staying neutral, and of no endorsement time to speak. After debate, the Chair allowed the candidates one minute each to make a closing statement. The Chair called a roll call vote. Mr. Kerth received the endorsement with 32 votes, Ms. Malik receiving 12 votes, 'Neutral' receiving 1 vote, and 'No Endorsement' receiving 1 vote.

The Chair put endorsement in the Elk Grove Unified School District, Area 3, race before the

Committee for consideration. The Chair gave the eligible candidate, Mr. Sean Yang, two minutes to speak. The Chair allowed three supporters of the candidate, of staying neutral, and of no endorsement time to speak. After debate, the Chair allowed the candidate one minute to make a closing statement. The Chair called a roll call vote. No position received a $\frac{3}{5}$ ^{ths} majority, with Mr. Yang receiving 17 votes, 'Neutral' receiving 15 votes, and 'No Endorsement' receiving 22 votes. The Chair moved that the Party officially adopt a 'No Endorsement' stance, which passed.

The Chair placed the adoption of Resolution 2020-05, "Supporting Personal Protective Equipment," before the Committee for consideration. After discussion, the Chair put the question on adopting the resolution before the Central Committee, which passed.

Ms. Atilas moved to rescind the endorsement of Mr. Steve Ly for Elk Grove Mayor. The Chair gave the endorsed candidate, Mr. Ly,, two minutes to speak. The Chair allowed three supporters of rescinding the endorsement and maintaining the endorsement each time to speak. After debate, the Chair allowed the candidate one minute to make a closing statement. The Chair called a roll call vote. The motion to rescind the endorsement in the Elk Grove Mayoral race passed with 30 votes, with 11 votes in opposition.

The Chair put Standing Rule Amendment 2020-02 before the Committee. Mr. Becker moved that the Committee adopt the Standing Rule Amendment on condition that the changes in dues

amounts will only apply dues for the 2021 term of office for Elected and Ex Officio Members as well as for Clubs re-chartering in 2021, which was seconded. After discussion, the Chair put the question on adopting the Standing Rule Amendment before the Committee, which passed.

The Chair put the question of re-chartering all approved clubs before the Committee, which passed unanimously. The following Clubs were re-chartered: American River, Asian & Pacific

Islander, Environmental, Harry S. Truman, Latino, Labor, Natomas, Organize Win Legislate, Town & Country, Justice in Palestine, Stonewall, Wellstone Progressive, Women, and Young Democratic Clubs of Sacramento County.

Mr. Ramos asked for unanimous consent to adopt Resolution 2020-04, which was granted.

The Chair adjourned the Zoom call at twenty-two minutes past eleven o'clock.