

# San Pedro Democratic Club

## Minutes

May 29, 2018

Ports O' Call Restaurant

1200 Nagoya Way, San Pedro, CA 90731

1. **Call to Order:** President C. Scoville called the meeting to order at 7:14pm. In attendance: President C. Scoville, 1<sup>st</sup> VP L. Bassett, 2<sup>nd</sup> VP S. Ross (absent), Secretary Diane Picone (absent, L. Bassett substituting), Treasurer T. Butler.
2. **A) Approval of Agenda:** **President Scoville moved to approve the agenda. MSP.** **B) VIP Welcome:** President Scoville welcomed VIPs in the audience. **C) 50/50 Drawing:** Tickets were offered for sale by J. Burger.
3. **Program:**

### A) Endorsements:

- **LA County Sheriff** – Alex Villanueva is the only Democrat in the race.  
**Alex Villanueva endorsed for LA County Sheriff by unanimous consent.**
- **Superior Court Judge**
  - **Office 20** – Wendy Segal is the only Democrat in the race.  
**Wendy Segal endorsed for Office 20 by unanimous consent.**
  - **Office 67** – Lucy Armendariz is the only Democrat in the race.  
**Lucy Armendariz endorsed for Office 67 by unanimous consent.**
  - **Office 71**- Danielle Gibbons is the only Democrat in the race.  
**Danielle Gibbons endorsed for Office 71 by unanimous consent.**
  - **Office 126** – Ken Fuller and Rene Caldwell Gilbertson addressed the Club. Both candidates received over 20% of the vote no the 60% endorsement requirement.  
**The Club has No Consensus, No Recommendation for Office 126.**
  - **Office 146** – Emily Spears. There is a Democrat opponent who was not invited to participate. By-Laws preclude an endorsement.

**B) Affordable Housing Act:** Rene Christian Moya of the Alliance of Californians for Community Empowerment (ACCE) presented on Costa Hawkins and CA's barrier to rent control. The Affordable Housing Act will be on the November ballot and would allow communities to decide for themselves if and how rent control ordinances could be locally enacted.

**The Affordable Housing Act was endorsed by unanimous consent.**

**C) STAND-LA Town Hall June 23:** Eric Romann of the STAND-LA Coalition spoke about a town hall event to gain LA City Council support for an ordinance requiring a 2,500' setback from oil facilities. SP Dems has already signed on to this ordinance. The event will be 6/23, 10am-2pm at Holman United Methodist Church. All were encouraged to attend.

**D) Resign Ref Rodriguez** – Albert Ramirez of Reclaim Our Schools LA spoke on the campaign to get LAUSD School Board Chair Ref Rodriguez to resign. He has been formally charged with misuse of campaign funds by using his charter school staff as donors. V.P. L. Bassett moved to send him a letter asking him to resign due to the appearance of impropriety. R.G. Wong second. Discussion requested language about conduct unbecoming an officer of the Board of Education and cc Austin Beutner and Richard Vladovic.

**Vote 10 ayes, 4 naes. Motion to send a letter for Ref Rodriguez to resign carried.**

**E) GOTV Activities** – L. Bassett led a discussion on what campaigns Club members are working on and how to help.

4. **Old Business:** President Scoville presented the executed letter to the AQMD on the elimination of MHF.

5. **Reports**

**A) President** – President C. Scoville announced Tom Butler would be the Club Representative to LACDP.

**B) 1<sup>st</sup> VP** – VP L. Bassett announced the June meeting would be a presentation on the #SheDoes program for sheltering homeless women, and a review of the June Primary Election results.

**C) 2<sup>nd</sup> VP** – President C. Scoville for VP S. Ross reported there were 4 new members and 4 renewals in April for a total of 84 members in good standing.

**D) Secretary** – President C. Scoville for Secretary D. Picone presented the March meeting minutes for approval. **March meeting minutes approved by unanimous consent.**

**E) Treasurer** – Treasurer T. Butler presented the Treasurer’s Report for April 24- May 17 for approval. **Treasurer’s Report moved by L. Bassett, second by R.G. Wong, approved by**

**unanimous consent.** A \$48 payment is needed for T. Butler to represent the Club to the LA County Committee. **\$48 for LACDP Associate Membership approved by unanimous consent.**

**F) LACDP Update** – VP L. Bassett reported on the May LACDP meeting.

6. **Announcements:** **A)** Turn OC Blue phonebanks with Indivisible San Pedro every Wednesday 5-8pm and Saturday 11am-2pm at Ports O ‘Call Restaurant. **B)** Congresswoman Nanette Barragán campaign phone banks Wednesdays and Fridays 3:30-7:00pm at Ports O ‘Call Restaurant. **C)** Senator Bernie Sanders will be in LA and Anaheim this Saturday, June 2.

7. **50/50 Drawing** - \$118 was collected; \$59 went to the winner, \$59 went to Manny the server.

8. **Adjournment** – the meeting adjourned at 9:15pm.

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