

Meeting Minutes  
Saturday, July 11, 2020  
Zoom Meeting- BYO/BAGEL

The meeting was called to order by President Georgine Tomasi at 10:37 pm.

Enough members were present to establish a quorum.

Vanessa Valenzuela led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Rick Bova moved, and Don Greene seconded, to approve the June Meeting Minutes. The minutes were approved.

**Changes/Additions to July Agenda**

- Rick Bova made a motion to state that the EDC will not do endorsements in races that are not within Escondido, such as Oceanside mayor and San Marcos City Council. Heidi Paul seconded. After discussion the vote was called. Motion defeated: 5 yes, 55 no.
- Clarke Daily made a motion to split the Friendly Incumbent Endorsement (FIE) slate and vote individually. Olga Diaz seconded the motion. It was pointed out that our by-laws state that we must vote individually if requested by a member, so a vote on this motion was not necessary.

**E-Board Vacancy- Secretary**

- Nominations were taken for the vacant position of Secretary. Gloria Conejo nominated Justin Domicillo; Olga Diaz seconded. Christine Jackson nominated John Williams; Susi Hansen seconded.
- Each candidate addressed the members for one minute.
- Vote was called. Results: Justin Domicillo: 46, John Williams: 27.

**EDC Contribution to Kate Schwartz's Campaign**

- The Executive Board proposed that the EDC donate \$1,000 to Kate Schwarz's campaign for CA Assembly District 75.
- Alan Geraci moved to donate \$1,000 to Kate Schwarz's campaign. Olga Diaz seconded.
- Vote was called. Results: Yes: 59; No: 0.

### **Reports: Executive Board Members**

- Linda Wilkinson-VP Membership: Currently there are 191 paid members; this includes 30 new members this month.
- Shelley Spisak-VP Communications: No report.
- Susi Hanson-VP Fundraising: Looking forward to starting up in-person fundraisers again when the pandemic allows.
- Christine Jackson-VP Political Action: Announced July 19 calling party for Ammar Campa-Najjar, 1-4 pm on Zoom.
- Vanessa Valenzuela-Treasurer: Reviewed last month's expenses and income and current balances.
- Georgine Tomasi-President: Explained the endorsement voting process.

John Williams moved to extend the meeting by 30 minutes, Justin Domicillo seconded. Matt Corrales amended to 45 minutes; Kevin Stevenson seconded. Vote: Motion passed.

### **Friendly Incumbent Endorsement Votes**

- Each candidate spoke for 1 minute, followed by a Q&A session.
- Results:
  - Nina Deerfield, Palomar College Board District 2. Olga Diaz moved, Don Greene seconded, for the EDC to endorse Nina Deerfield. Vote results: Yes: 60, No: 0.
  - Jeff Griffith, Palomar College Board District 6. Olga Diaz moved to postpone the vote for Palomar College Board District 6 until the August meeting, as she is considering a run for that seat. Clarke Daily seconded the motion. Vote results to postpone to August: Yes: 49; No: 12.
  - Joe Muga, Escondido Union High School Board District 3 and Doug Paulson, Escondido Union High School Board District 1. Motion by Blaise Jackson to vote to endorse both Doug and Paul at the same time; seconded by Olga Diaz. Vote results: Yes: 56; No: 5.

### **Uncontested Races – Palomar Health Board District 2 and San Marcos City Council District 3**

- Each candidate spoke for 1 minute, followed by a Q&A session.
- Don Greene moved to vote for Terry and Alan at the same time; Clarke Daily seconded. Discussion: wouldn't save voting time, proceeded with individual votes.
- Results:
  - Terry Corrales, Palomar Health Board District 2: Yes: 60; No: 0.
  - Alan Geraci, San Marcos City Council District 3: DL Shearer moved to endorse by acclamation. Rick Bova objected. Regular vote was taken: Yes: 62; No: 1.

### **Uncontested Races - Escondido City Council Districts 2 and 4**

- Candidates spoke for 1 minute followed by Q&A.
- Vote on Vanessa Valenzuela, District 2: Yes: 60; No: 2

Blaise Jackson moved and John Williams seconded a motion to add another 20 minutes to the meeting. Only called for No votes: 8. Motion passed.

- Vote on Andres Yanez, District 4: Yes: 64; No: 0.

### **Vallecitos Water Board Division 5**

- Each candidate spoke for 1 minute, followed by Q&A.
- Results:
  - Tiffany Boyd-Hodgson: 35 votes, 62.50%
  - Matt Corrales: 21 votes, 37.50%
  - Endorsement goes to Tiffany-Boyd-Hodgson

### **Escondido City Council District 3**

- Candidates spoke for 1 minute followed by Q&A.
- Results
  - Dara Czerwonka: 25 votes, 36.76%
  - Don Greene: 42 votes, 61.76%
  - No endorsement: 1 vote, 1.47%
  - Endorsement goes to Don Greene

Blaise Jackson moved to table the remaining endorsements to the next meeting August 8. Christine Jackson seconded. Discussion regarding how this would put some EDC endorsement votes after the North Area Caucus endorsement votes. Blaise withdrew the motion and there were no objections.

### **Oceanside Mayor**

- Each candidate spoke for 1 minute, followed by Q&A. (Larry Kornit speaking for Ruben Majors)
- Round one results:
  - Howard: 28 votes, 54.90%
  - Majors: 4 votes, 7.84%
  - Sanchez: 19 votes, 37.25%
- As no candidate reached 60% the candidate with the least votes was dropped and a second round of voting was done.
- Round two results:
  - Howard: 33 votes, 60.0%
  - Sanchez: 20 votes, 36.36%
  - No endorsement: 2 votes, 3.64%
  - Endorsement goes to Rob Howard.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:30 pm.

Next Meeting August 8, 2020

Respectfully submitted by Shelley Spisak.