



Democrats of Greater Riverside

P.O. Box 213, Riverside, CA 92502

MINUTES

General Membership Meeting

Thursday, 01/20/2022

7:00pm online via Zoom

✓ Freya Foley, President	⊖ Vacant, Communications Chair
✓ Sheila Kay Riley, Vice President	✓ Meryl Miller, Policy & Research Chair
✓ Lisa Andres, Secretary	✓ Melba Winsell, Elections Chair
✓ Marilyn Odello, Treasurer	✓ Lisa Andres, Rules/Compliance Chair
✓ Sheila Riley, Membership Chair	⊖ Vacant, Finance/Fundraising Chair
✓ Abel Chavez, Audit Chair [Non-Voting Chair]	

President Foley called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

- I. Pledge of Allegiance – Ms. Riley
- II. Ms. Foley welcomed the audience and gave opening remarks regarding her desire to see positive campaigning methods and behavior during the 2022 midterm elections.
- III. Meeting Program
 - a. Guest Speaker – Introductions by Ms. Riley
 - i. State Senate News with The Honorable Senator Richard D. Roth, CA SD-31 (Northwest Riverside County) discussed pending legislation, economic impacts of the pandemic, and other socio-economic and political issues affecting the Inland Empire and, more specifically, the Greater Riverside Area.
 - b. Preparation for CDP 2022 Pre-Endorsement Conference to be held 2/12/22 – Ms. Winsell
 - i. Democratic candidates in contested partisan races spoke about their campaigns to obtain club endorsement for DGR reps to cast corresponding votes at Pre-Endorsement Conference.
 1. Mark Takano (incumbent), CD-41, discussed House legislation and his qualifications for requesting DGR endorsement and anticipating reelection in 2022.

- 2 Will Rodriguez-Kennedy, CADEM Executive Board representing Mike Shafer (incumbent) for Board of Equalization District 4, discussed Mr. Shafer’s qualifications for requesting DGR endorsement and hopeful for reelection.in 2022.
 - 3 David Dodson, Candidate for Board of Equalization District 4, discussed his qualifications for requesting DGR endorsement and hopeful for election in 2022.
 - 4 Sabrina Cervantes (incumbent), AD-58, discussed an independent commission to draw Riverside County supervisorial districts. Additionally, she discussed her qualifications for requesting DGR endorsement and anticipated reelection in 2022.
 - 5 Will Rollins, Candidate for CD-31 (race not qualified for DGR endorsement), gave details about his background and plans for the office once he wins his election in 2022.
- ii Endorsement Voting
- 1 CD-41 - Mark Takano
 - a 19 Ayes/0 Noes/0 Abstentions
 - 2 AD-58 - Sabrina Cervantes
 - a 18 Ayes/0 Noes/0 Abstentions
 - 3 BOE District 4 –
 - a 9 votes – **David Dodson***
 - b 8 votes – Mike Shafer
- *Winner of endorsement

IV. Determination of Quorum

- a. Membership Chair confirmed quorum.

V. Approval of Agenda

- a. Motion to approve by Ms. Riley, Second by Ms. Miller
- b. Agenda approved as amended unanimously

VI. Approval of Minutes

- a. General Membership Meeting of 11/17/2021
 - i Motion to approve by Ms. Riley, Second by Ms. Winsell

- ii Executive Board Minutes for 11/17/2021 approved unanimously
- VII. President's Report – Ms. Foley
 - a. President Foley introduced the CDP Code of Conduct to be adopted by DGR immediately.
 - i Same as recommended by RCDP.
 - ii Related to not only behavior but Democratic values
 - b. Fundraising and finance chair positions remain vacant
- VIII. Vice President's Report – Ms. Riley – No report
- IX. Treasurer's Report – Ms. Odello
 - a. Discussed monthly expenditures and final balance.
- X. Committee Reports
 - a. Committee Reports were distributed in writing before the meeting.
 - b. Membership Committee – Ms. Riley
 - i 107 Current Members, 2 Associates
 - ii Renewal period starts now until March expiration
 - c. Finance/Fundraising Committee – Vacant
 - i Trivia Night fundraiser: All Things February Jeopardy
 - 1 2/19/2022 6:00pm via Zoom, \$20
 - d. Communications Committee – Vacant – No report
 - e. Elections Committee – Ms. Winsell
 - i Discussion of Redistricting of CD/SD/AD and BOE Districts postponed until February General Membership Meeting
 - f. Policy and Research Committee – Ms. Miller
 - i Discussion of proposed support for resolution written by Dr. Keri Then, D.B.A., M.S., AD-61, entitled "Extended Time for Americans with Disabilities to Speak During California Government Meetings"
 - 1 Motion to support resolution by Ms. Miller, Second by Ms. Riley.
 - 2 Approved unanimously

- ii "Let's Brag A Bit" with Meryl – positive Democratic Party achievements
 - 1 Discussed talking points from Biden's infrastructure bill.
- g. Rules and Compliance Committee – Ms. Andres – No Report
- h. Audit Committee – Mr. Chavez – No Report
- XI. Old Business
 - a. Realignment of General Membership Meeting days with Bylaw requirements.
 - i General Membership Meetings will resume their historic timing of the third Thursday of every month at 7:00pm
 - 1 Meetings will still be held online via Zoom for the foreseeable future.
- XII. New Business – No agenda items
- XIII. Announcements – No Items
- XIV. Next Meetings:
 - a. General Membership: Thursday, February 17, 2022, 7:00pm online via Zoom
 - b. Executive Board: Tuesday, February 1, 2022, 6:00pm online via Zoom
- XV. Adjournment (*8:51 p.m.*)

Ms. Riley made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Ms. Winsell. The motion passed without opposition.

Respectfully submitted,
Democrats of Greater Riverside

Lisa Andres, Secretary
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