



DEMOCRATS OF GREATER RIVERSIDE

MINUTES

**Hybrid General Membership Meeting Wednesday,
9/20/2023**

7:00 pm via Zoom/in person at Kalaveras Riverside

✘	Freya Foley, President	✓	Jay Pflugh, Communications Chair
✓	Brock Cavett, Vice President	☪	Brock Cavett, Policy & Research Chair
✓	Lisa Andres, Secretary	✓	Melba Winsell, Elections Chair
✓	Marilyn Odello, Treasurer	☪	Lisa Andres, Rules/Compliance Chair
✓	Martha Burns, Membership Chair	☉	Vacant, Fundraising/Events Chair
✘	Abel Chavez, Audit Chair [Voting Regular Member]		

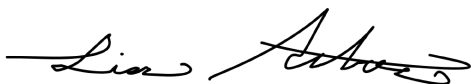
- 1) Welcome and call to order – Presiding Officer Vice-President Cavett 7:05pm
- 2) Pledge of Allegiance
- 3) Determination of a Quorum – Membership Chair Ms. Burns – Confirms 22 voting members in good standing present for this endorsement meeting at call to order.
- 4) Approval of Agenda
- 5) Reading and approval of Minutes from 8/16/2023 meeting – *carryover to October General Membership Meeting*
- 6) Endorsement Procedures – Ms. Winsell, Elections Chair
 - a) Ground rules were given by Ms. Winsell, which all candidates, present and in the room, agreed to accept. Identical questions had been sent to all candidates in advance.
 - b) Candidate Speeches/Q&A
 - i) Assembly District 58 (in speaking order)
 - Ronaldo Fierro
 - Clarissa Cervantes
 - ii) Senate District 31 (in speaking order)
 - Angelo Farooq
 - Sabrina Cervantes
 - c) Endorsement Vote (including discussion debate with speakers up to 3 in favor and 3 against each candidate if necessary).
 - i) Options are either candidate or no endorsement.
 - ii) Decision will inform club representatives for Pre-Endorsement

Conference in October

- iii) Results for Assembly District 58
 - Ronaldo Fierro – 6 votes
 - Clarissa Cervantes – 13 votes
 - No Endorsement – 1 vote
- iv) Results for Senate District 31
 - Angelo Farooq – 8 votes
 - Sabrina Cervantes – 12 votes
 - No Endorsement – 1 vote
- 7) President's Report – Ms. Foley - Absent
- 8) Vice-President's Report – Mr. Cavett
 - a) Representatives for Pre-Endorsement Conference
 - i) Christine Roberts and Dennis Deets are DGR's Representatives
 - b) Formed Nominating Committee
 - i) Finding nominees to fill positions on DGR Board
 - ii) Consists of Chair and Members of Nominating Committee
 - iii) Nominations taken in October and November
 - iv) Election happens in November and Board immediately seated.
 - v) Committee will consist of the following:
 - Charlene McKinley Powell – Chair
 - Christine Roberts – Member
 - Nora Moti – Member
 - Sheila Riley - Member
 - Maribel Nunez – Member (pending acceptance)
 - c) Pride Recap – Discussed success of the DGR Pride Booth at Riverside Pride Festival and thanked DGR Volunteers.
- 9) Secretary's Report – Ms. Andres – No report
- 10) Treasurer's Report – Ms. Odello – presented at meeting.
- 11) AD63/CADEM Report – Ms. Andres (CADEM EBoard) – no report
- 12) AD58/RCDP Report – Ms. Sheila Kay Riley (AD58 Caucus Chair) - absent
- 14) Committee Reports (*sent with final meeting notice to voting members if available in writing prior to meeting*)
 - a) Membership – Ms. Burns – 2 new members joined.
 - b) Fundraising/Events – Vacant
 - c) Communications – Mr. Pflugh – no report
 - d) Elections – Ms. Winsell – no report
 - e) Policy and Research – Mr. Cavett – no report
 - f) Rules/Compliance – M . Andres – no report

- g) Audit – Mr. Chavez
- 15) Unfinished Business
 - a) Required Dues Increase Discussion slated for September.
 - Per DGR Bylaws, should have been addressed by EBoard in September for recommendation to body for vote at the September General Membership meeting.
 - Body must approve delay for EBoard to make recommendation for October meeting.
 - Moved by Ms. Stell, seconded by Ms. Winsell; unanimous.
- 16) New Business - None
- 17) Announcements
 - a) Pass Democrats Club is having a lunch on October 29 with all 3 Senate Candidates at Morongo Casino, tickets are \$100, Young Dem discounts and full table discounts available, see Pass Dems website for tickets.
 - b) La Sierra University School of Business Gala honors Larry and Jillian Garrity on October 26
 - c) UCR/RCCD Intersegmental Student Housing Project was approved by UC Regents on 9/20/2023 and will house RCCD students in Moreno Valley and Norco. 1600 beds with 700 going to RCCD students.
 - d) University Medical School Gala celebrating 10 years.
 - e) Gracie Torres is running for Riverside County Board of Supervisors, she has a background in Public Works, she's a water chemist, she's currently an office holder with Western Municipal Water District.
 - f) RCDP JFK Awards happening December 9 at Agua Caliente Resort
- 18) Agenda Development (Next General Membership Meeting)
 - a) Nominations to Executive Board
 - b) Vote on Dues Increases
- 19) Next Meetings
 - a) EBoard Meeting: Tuesday, 10/03/2023 7:00pm
 - b) General Membership Meeting, 10/18/2023 7:00pm
- 20) Adjournment 8:58pm Moved by Ms. Winsell, seconded by Ms. Stell, unanimous;

Respectfully Submitted,



Lisa Andres
Secretary, Democrats of Greater Riverside