



MINUTES

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Thursday, 04/22/2022

7:00pm via Zoom

DGR EXECUTIVE BOARD			
✓	Freya Foley, President	✓	Jay Pflugh (acting), Communications Chair
✓	Sheila Kay Riley, Vice President	⊖	Vacant, Policy & Research Chair
✓	Lisa Andres, Secretary	✓	Melba Winsell, Elections Chair
✓	Marilyn Odello, Treasurer	⊖	Lisa Andres, Rules & Compliance Chair
⊖	Sheila Kay Riley, Membership Chair	⊖	Vacant, Finance & Fundraising Chair
✓	Abel Chavez, Audit Chair (NVM)		

President Foley welcomed all and called the meeting to order at 7:06pm

- I. Pledge of Allegiance – Ms. Riley
- II. Determination of Quorum – Ms. Riley confirms.
- III. Approval of Agenda
 - a. Ms. Winsell moves, Ms. Odello seconds; unanimous.
- IV. Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes (3/17/2022)
 - a. Ms. Riley moves, Ms. Winsell seconds; unanimous.
- V. DGR Speaker Program
 - a. Patricia Lock Dawson, Mayor, City of Riverside
 - i. Mayor Lock Dawson described civic activities
 - 1. Campaign of Civility – Libraries
 - 2. Mayor’s Bipartisan Forum
 - a. Started to address homelessness and has expanded.
 - b. Legislative advocacy
 - i. Governor Newsom’s Care Court
 - ii. Senator Eggman’s (D-Stockton) Bill Package
 - 3. How DGR Can Help
 - a. Call legislators to support Care Court
 - b. Email the legislature to support Sen. Eggman’s bill package

- c. Share the information about the work the Mayor's Office is doing with your friends on social media
 - d. Support causes which encourage dialogue and strive to bring people together despite differences.
 - b. Fauzia Rizvi, Director, District 5, Western Municipal Water District Board and CDP-endorsed Candidate for Assembly District 63
 - i. Director Rizvi described her immigration from Pakistan and realizing the American Dream by utilizing her education and background as an engineer to become an entrepreneur and small business owner.
 - ii. She described fighting anti-Muslim stereotypes about women and began accomplishing leadership positions at her mosque and running for Corona City Council.
 - iii. During the pandemic, she gave back to her community by organizing a group that sewed 20,000 masks for front line workers and senior citizens in Corona
 - iv. Director Rizvi also organized food drives and now has one of the largest food banks in the Corona area, and now from last fall to this March, they have administered 15,000 COVID tests.
 - v. Director Rizvi hopes that the voters of AD 63 will support her candidacy since she's proven that she can win elections and she can dispel stereotypes by virtue of her accomplishments.
 - vi. .

VI. Officer Reports

- a. President's Report – Ms. Foley
 - i. Speakers for May Membership Meeting Preview
 - 1. Ms. Winsell is coordinating this effort
 - 2. Speakers will be for the non-partisan, countywide judiciary seats and one board of education seat
 - a. One candidate for District Attorney, 4 candidates for Superior Court Judge, and one candidate for Riverside County Board of Education
 - 3. The June Primary is the ONLY election these candidates will face. There is no November run-off for them.

4. This is the first time judicial candidates have asked for our support.
5. This will be advisory in nature only, not an endorsing meeting
 - ii. Discussion of Midterm Democratic Coalition Formation (*carryover*)
- b. Vice President's Report – Ms. Riley (*no report*)
- c. Secretary's Report – Ms. Andres (*no report*)
- d. Treasurer's Report – Ms. Odello
 - i. Written report submitted
 - ii. Quarterly Budget Review discussed
- VII. CADEM News – Ms. Andres, CADEM Eboard AD 63
 - i. Gave Save the Date for Summer Eboard in L.A. July 8-10
- VIII. RCDP News – Ms. Riley, RCDP Endorsement Coordinator
 - i. Delivered RCDP report
- IX. Committee Reports – written reports submitted; time allowed for discussion
 - i. Membership Committee Chair – Ms. Riley
 1. Delivered Membership Report
 - ii. Finance & Fundraising Committee Chair – Vacant
 - iii. Communication Committee Chair – Mr. Pflugh (acting), Ms. Andres
 1. Mr. Pflugh discussed website modifications
 - a. Addition of invisible captcha
 - b. Completion of platform purchase
 2. Ms. Andres discussed email and social media communications
 - a. Newsletter content to include events from sister organizations where applicable.
 - b. Discussion of appropriate passthroughs of Candidate events
 - c. Acquisition of Mobilize account (club version as “Trusted Host”)
 - iv. Elections Committee Chair – Ms. Winsell
 1. Discussed our current candidates
 2. Discussed prioritizing candidate recruitment when filing windows open.
 3. Discussed GOTV strategies
 - v. Policy & Research Committee Chair – Vacant
 1. Discussion of filling vacancy

- vi. Rules & Compliance Committee Chair – Ms. Andres
 - 1. Discussed potential changes to Standing Rules and Bylaws
 - 2. Nominations for Vacancies
- vii. Audit Committee Chair – Mr. Chavez
 - 1. Discussed Q1 2022 Audit due in May

X. Unfinished Business

- a. Inventory of DGR Materials
 - i. Ms. Riley and Ms. Foley provided an update
- b. DGR T-Shirts – Ms. Riley
- c. Review of “What are we doing” plan in development

XI. New Business

XII. Announcements/Candidate Statements

- a. Workshop on SB9 and AB68 for ADUs by city, looking for input from residents
- b. Riverside Pride Awards
- c. UCR Women’s Leadership Conference with Clarissa Cervantes 5/21

XIII. Next Meetings

- a. Next Eboard Meeting: 6:00pm, Tuesday, May 3, 2022, via Zoom
- b. Next General Membership Meeting: 7:00pm, Thursday, May 19, 2022, via Zoom

XIV. Adjournment: 8:47pm

- a. Ms. Riley moves, Ms. Winsell seconds; unanimous

Respectfully Submitted,



Lisa Andres
DGR Secretary

5/14/2022

LISA ANDRES - REPORTS FOR DGR MAY MEMBERSHIP MEETING 5/19/2020

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Completed typical duties such as preparation of minutes and agendas for regular and executive board meetings. Sent notice as required plus additional reminders to members and our mailing list, including an agenda and floor packet to the paid membership list. Sent "Thank you" notes to the prior month's guest speakers.

Special E-Board Meeting

- i. Prepared agenda and gave notice for Special Eboard meeting on 5/20/2022 to comply with 7-day notice requirements per bylaws
- ii. Prepared and sent first notice for proposed bylaws changes to be first heard by the membership at the May meeting with the second reading and voting to occur at the June meeting.

RULES AND COMPLIANCE COMMITTEE

Prepared document to change DGR Bylaws regarding endorsement of candidates who've received a "no consensus" result from a state or county central committee endorsing vote. Also proposed a change to strike out any specific email addresses in the bylaws documents as those could change frequently enough to leave the bylaws regularly out of date. The Secretary sent out an email to the paid membership list to notify of the proposed changes. The proposed bylaws changes must be presented to the Club membership at two consecutive meetings, with the election taking place at the second meeting.

CADEM REPORT

- Summer Executive Board Meeting at J.W. Marriot DTLA- July 8-10
- Join the CADEM Voter Protection Team for Hotline Operators and Poll Monitor Volunteers from 5/24-6/7.

<https://fs3.formsite.com/CADEM2011/6vddd53dmz/index.html>

DEMOCRATS OF GREATER RIVERSIDE		APRIL 2022
BEGINNING BALANCE		
	Checking acct balance BEGINNING 3/31/22	\$5,917.19
REVENUE		
	TOTAL REVENUE	386.74
EXPENSES		
	TOTAL EXPENSES	282.87
ENDING BALANCE		
	Checking acct balance ENDING 4/30/22	6,021.06
IN-KIND GOODS OR SERVICES		
	In-kind service or goods received	



Marilyn Odello Treasurer 5/1/2022

DGR MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT
For May 19, 2022 DGR Monthly Membership Meeting
Data Effective 5:00 pm, Tuesday, May 10, 2022

2021 Members				
	Regular Members (At this time in 2021 we had 88 members so we are at 76%)			99
	Associate Members			4
		3 have moved out of the area		
2022 Work				
	Current Regular Members			67
	Current Associate Members	1		
	Joined 10/1/2021 – 12/31/2021	4		
	Joined since 1/1/2022			
		Just joined on their own	10	
		Responded to 2/12/2022 e-mail or Snail Mail	29	
		Associate Member joined in response to 2/20/2022 e-mail	1	
		Joined in Response to 3/17/2022 letter	20	
		Former Members e-mail out sent 3/24/2022	1	
		Referred by Freya and joined in response to 3/18/2022 email	1	
		Attended 2021 & 2022 DGR Meetings and joined in	1	

		response to 3/20/2022 email		
More 2022 Work	<u>Recent Outreach</u>	2021 Members who have yet to renew despite being sent email on 2/12/2022 and postal mail follow up on 3/17/2022	Plans based on 4/5/2022 E-Board Discussion:	
		Really former members ¹	53 emails sent on 3/24/2022 & 1 has joined (shown above) Plans based on 4/5/2022 E-Board Discussion:	

¹ 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2019 Former Members: 62 names of which 53 have e-mail addresses and 9 who have no email address

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> When anything goes out electronically there will be a link to join now.
		Referred by Freya	<p>Sent via email on 3/18/2022 to 7 people; 1 has joined as of publication date. Plans based on 4/5/2022 E-Board Discussion: Send via postal mail to the 6 remaining folks.</p>
		Attended 2021 & 2022 DGR Meetings per Registered via Zoom & Attended & SKR could find in PDI	<p>Sent via email on 3/20/2022 to 18 people; 1 has joined as of publication date. Plans based on 4/5/2022 E-Board Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Will follow up via postal mail to the remaining 17. Lisa will send out something to all in Mail Chimp list what we've had at our 2022 meeting thus far; join now! When anything goes out electronically there will be a link to join now.
<u>Next Steps after above is completed</u>	Folks who have liked our DGR Facebook Page and/or Group Lisa will see if she will be able to post a link on the FB page: to the DGR Join. Those who respond and are registered Democrats and live in Riverside County – can be a full member; if they are registered Democrats and live in CA but not registered in Riverside County, they can be an Associate Member.		
	Always after every meeting: Continue to follow up to folks who attend our meetings who are not already DGR members. Those who respond and are registered Democrats and live in Riverside County – can be a full member; if they are registered Democrats and live in CA but not registered in Riverside County, they can be an Associate Member.		
	Area Elected Democrats		
	Folks who receive our DGR Mail Chimp Blasts		
	Steps include:	All of the above will first be send join DGR request via e-mail and then approximately 20 days later via postal mail if this is the direction of the DGR e-board	
	Before sending: Via PDI, verification that they live in Riverside County are currently registered as Democrats		

DGR June Primary 2022 Democratic Voter Guide

Federal

You must vote for both terms:

U.S. Senate (Special) - Alex Padilla

U.S. Senate (Regular) - Alex Padilla

US House of Representatives:

CD 33 Pete Aguilar

CD 35 Norma Torres

CD 39 Mark Takano

CD 41 (Will Rollins)*

CD 48 Stephen Houlihan

Statewide Offices

Governor - Gavin Newsom

Lieutenant Governor - Eleni Kounalakis

Secretary of State - Dr. Shirley Weber

Attorney General - Rob Bonta

Treasurer - Fiona Ma

Controller - Malia Cohen

Supt. of Public Instruction - Tony Thurmond

Insurance Commissioner - Ricardo Lara

Board of Equalization District 4 - Mike

Schaefer

(name)* Candidate is NOT endorsed or No
consensus by CDP/RCDP

Riverside County- Western Districts

SD 32 (Brian Nash)*

AD 36 Eduardo Garcia

AD 47 Christy Holstege

AD 58 Sabrina Cervantes

AD 60 Corey Jackson

AD 63 Fauzia Rizvi

AD 71 (no Dem)

Riverside County (Nonpartisan)

Judge of the Superior Court:

Office 4- Richard B. Swanson

Office 11- Laura Garcia

Office 26- Eric Isaac

Office 28- Francisco Navarro

Superintendent of Schools (none)

Board of Education Trustee Area 2- Eric
Mooney

Supervisorial District 2 (none)

Supervisorial District 4 (none)

Supervisorial District 5 (none)

Assessor-County Clerk-Recorder (none)

Auditor-Controller- (none)

District Attorney- Burke Strunsky

Sheriff-Coroner-Public Administrator (None)

Treasurer-Tax Collector (none)

Communications Report

Joseph "Jay" Pflugh

Democrats of Greater Riverside's website has been "live" for a month-plus, as of the writing of this report. In this time, DGR has secured 8 electronic membership applications, as well as 4 contact form submissions. The most notable contact submission was from Ray Yu, the current President of Riverside Pride, seeking future collaborations between the two groups. It is with great pride I share this, because it shows that DGR is spreading their net farther and sharing events, groups, and knowledge with everyone who is, was, or may be in the future a DGR member.

DGR also completed work on granting access to position-specific email addresses for their officers. These email addresses will allow for the current group of officers to communicate directly and professionally with speakers, members, and others, while also having an eye out for future persons who may hold those positions. The email addresses for the various officer positions are as follows:

- President: president@democratsofgreaterriverside.com
- Vice President: vicepresident@democratsofgreaterriverside.com
- Secretary: secretary@democratsofgreaterriverside.com
- Treasurer: treasurer@democratsofgreaterriverside.com
- Elections: elections@democratsofgreaterriverside.com
- Communications: communications@democratsofgreaterriverside.com
- Membership: membership@democratsofgreaterriverside.com
- Rules & Compliance: rules@democratsofgreaterriverside.com
- Auditor: auditor@democratsofgreaterriverside.com

An email address for the positions of Policy & Research and Finance & Fundraising will be created when those positions are filled, with those email addresses shared in a future report.

Lisa Andres – Email and Social Media Outreach

1. Social Media Campaigns
 - a. Promoted Membership Meeting
 - b. Shared general interest, Democratic, and voting news
 - c. Shared RCDP Rally promos
2. April Newsletter created and distributed
3. Created "Here's What You've Missed" video for sharing via email and social media
4. MailChimp Email Campaigns
 - a. Meeting notices
 - b. Bylaws changes
 - c. Voters' Guide