

AD 58 CAUCUS REPORT
BY: Sheila Kay Riley, AD 58 Caucus Chair
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- Highlights from the May 8, 2023 RCDP Membership Meeting:
 - Joy Silver, RCDP Chair, covered a lot of information.
 - She thanked the great number of folks who attended the meeting and this shows how involved area Democrats are.
 - Chair Silver went over the five points of her RCDP Chair election campaign.
 - The strategic plan is almost complete as are the final S.W.O.T.s.
 - The next steps will include working on short-term and longer-term plans.
 - The RCDP has engaged a Digital Fundraiser which will be issue oriented.
 - Chair Silver has invited clubs to join the RCDP as Associate Members and to have a stronger voice within the RCDP.
 - There will be a meeting for all of the Committee Chairs on Saturday, May 13th in Hemet.
 - The Data Analysis Team Chair, Margaret Back reported a lot of information that will be very helpful.
 - They have been meeting for about 4 months.
 - Margaret showed one example of their work. It was about 2022 Democrat registered voters who did and didn't vote in 2022. The number for Riverside County is about 200,000. We have a lot of work to do. The data is broken down by cities and it shows the 10 top cities with Dem voter turn-out problems. For example, in Riverside in the 2022 election, there were 47,000 non-voting Democrats. The committee soon will be looking at this data precinct by precinct.
 - We will be working to expand the voter base and this will be done utilizing the data analysis team's work.
 - We will target the down-ballot races and this will also help elect the Democrats in the up-ballot races.
 - We must determine the best way to reach these non-voting Democrats in order to win our elections.
 - The Bosworth Event will be held on June 4th, 2023 from 3:00 – 5:00 pm at the Desert Willows Golf Resort. Tickets will be \$55/per person if purchased by April 30th and \$65/per person if purchased later than April 30th. This is the first RCDP Fundraiser for 2023!

- Margaret Back also presented the work the External Relations Committee is doing.
 - They have identified about 85 like-minded groups and their leaders' contact information has been identified.
 - They are now going to be posted into Mail Chimp in order to invite them to RCDP meetings, etc.
 - Working together, we will be more successful in electing Democrats.
- The RCDP Resolutions Committee submitted 1 resolution to the RCDP Membership which was adopted by the RCDP Membership. It is to support SEIU 1000 in their campaign for a fair contract.
- Sheila provided a brief report on the Endorsement Coordinator Work.
 - There are 6 elections in Riverside County in 2023; 3 are in August and are "landowner based" water district elections and there are 3 elections that will be held in November, 2023 – water board & community services district.
- Work is being done to update the RCDP bylaws and the team hopes to have the first reading of the proposed changes at the June, 2023 RCDP Monthly Membership meeting.
- The vacancies in AD 71 have been completed. Steve Schwartz is the new RCDP AD 71 Caucus Chair.
 - Steve reported that they have been meeting to fight the folks who are attacking the school boards.
- A proposal was submitted to the RCDP Membership to provide contact access for candidates. The discussion and voting were led by RCDP Vice-Chair Agi Kessler.
 - Following lots of discussion and voting, the conclusion was that the RCDP will proceed; there will be the opportunity for RCDP Members to "opt out," and the maximum information to be included will be members' names, members' emails, and members' telephone numbers.
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 - There is nothing new to report since the April report.
- Club Engagement Committee/Council of Clubs
 - The Committee now has two co-chairs as Sheila is directing the majority of her RCDP time towards all of the RCDP Endorsement Coordinator work for both the 2023 and 2024 elections.
 - The co-chairs are Freya Foley and Suellen Chodash.

- At the request of Chair Silver, a request has been sent to all the club presidents to see what they can do best to help elect Democrats and several options were provided.
- The committee continues its work to develop a manual/handbook which will provide lots of information that will help the club presidents lead their clubs.
- CADEM
 - The 2023 CADEM Organizing Convention is at LA Live in Los Angeles. Officers, including Regional Directors, will be elected at this time.
 - The Convention is May 26, 2023 – May 28, 2023.
 - Clubs have been sent the necessary documents from their Regional Directors re: the Pre-Endorsement Conference.
 - The Pre-Endorsing Conferences will be held October 21st or 22nd. They are local and voting may be done in-person or by mail.
 - The CADEM Nominating Convention will be held November 17 – 19 in Sacramento.

Sheila Kay Riley

2023 RCDP AD 58 Caucus Chair

2023 RCDP Endorsement Coordinator

Rules and Compliance Chair Report

DGR May 2023 Meeting

5/17/2023

With regard to our club rechartering, in order to move DGR past provisionally status, the bylaws have been fully amended and revised per the requirements and advice of the Riverside County Democratic Party's Vice-Chair, Agi Kessler. Some of the changes are due to alterations adopted by the California Democratic Party which allow non-citizens the right to participate in the ADEM, Club, and pre-endorsement processes, among other fundamental changes to that trickle down from state to our chartering County body. Some changes were made by recommendation of the RCDP Vice-Chair as those which may have been overlooked in the past and needed to be rectified while we were in the process of an overhaul. These included the removal of standing rules and similar which were in fact matters of situational working policy or clerical/administrative procedure but not that which needed to be codified as part of organizational bylaws and would be better served as part of a club procedural handbook instead. This, indeed, is something we may consider creating alongside the job descriptions which are written more explicitly than that which is in the bylaws and could create a consistent administrative operating guide for future club executive boards to have some consistency of practice.

It is easier to present the amended bylaws to you in a PDF format, fully revised, for review. Comparison to the existing bylaws can be made easily by reviewing the existing bylaws on our website, <https://www.democratsofgreaterriverside.com>. A Word version (with change tracking enabled in red) of the revised bylaws can be made available on a limited basis to DGR members in good standing upon request. Suggested edits will be accepted and distributed to the membership up to the date of the DGR Executive Board Meeting on Tuesday, June 6 to allow the Executive Board to review and decide if their incorporation is appropriate. A final reading and vote of the revised bylaws will take place at the June Meeting, which currently is planned to be a hybrid meeting, on Wednesday, June 21, 2023, at 7:00pm.

In Democratic Solidarity,

Lisa Andres

Rules and Compliance Chair