

Imperial Beach Democratic Club – January 7, 2021 Meeting Minutes

- A. Meeting called to order at 6:05 p.m. by President Anna Web
- B. Pledge of Allegiance recited
- C. Approval of Agenda – Motion Michelle Krug 2nd Rick Bates; motion passed.
- D. Approval of December 3, 2020 Meeting Minutes- Motion Paula Hall 2nd Felicia House; motion passed.
- E. President Webb called for speakers:
 - a. Rick Bates announced he is running for A-Dem (AD 78) and is part of a progressive unity slate.
 - b. Scott Stutzman spoke about the attack on our nation’s capital yesterday and the need to have a separate meeting to debrief on what occurred, and how do we rebuild, as our President-elect Joseph Biden’s campaign states “Build Back Better”. How do we rebuild what it means to be an American?
 - c. Matthew Leyba-Gonzalez announced that on February 9, 2021 from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. he along with our city manager Andy Hall will be leading a community clean up in District 4.
 - d. Michelle Krug gave remarks related to the Carlsbad City Council and the effort to hold business accountable to follow the comprehensive health directives related to our County’s purple tier COVID-19 status and how it relates to overcoming the divisive atmosphere in our nation.
- F. Presentation by Dr. Ramon Hernandez (member) on our community’s COVID-19 status. Ramon pointed out that Imperial Beach and all our residents need to continue to be vigilant in following the guidance Imperial Beach as 65.72 cases per 100,000 which is very high. The positivity case rate is at 10% which is quite high compared to where health officials would prefer it to be which is 3% or lower. Good news is vaccine roll-out of Moderna and Pfizer vaccines. Even with a vaccine Dr. Hernandez stressed “we cannot be lax, continue to wear a mask, keep physically distant.
- G. Mayor Serge Dedina gave remarks:
 - a. He has made a commitment to move the City forward and has met with Mayor Mary Salas (Chula Vista) and Mayor Alejandra Sotelo-Solis (National City) and County Supervisor Nora Vargas related to an equitable vaccine distribution.
 - b. Vaccine – he is working to bring distribution to Imperial Beach
 - c. He emphasized the need to support our city’s small business
 - d. City is working on physical infrastructure
 - i. 13th street project
 - ii. Focus on Palm Ave.
 - iii. Paving alleys
- H. Vice President Rick Bates gave a presentation on ADEM elections along with Michelle Krug. This is the election of delegates to the California Democratic Party. Delegates are the grassroots of the representation. The last day to request a ballot is January 11, 2021.
- I. President Anna Webb then went through a list of the various club committees (ref: agenda) and expressed a desire to fill the vacant secretary position as soon as possible.
- J. Meeting adjourned at 8:43 p.m.