

**Approved Minutes
of
Imperial Beach Democratic Club
August 4, 2022**

1. The meeting was held via Zoom with Paula Hall acting as Chair. Marti Emerald stepped aside for this 1 meeting because she is being considered for endorsement as a candidate . The meeting was called to order by Paula H at 6:08 p.m.
2. The Pledge of Allegiance was lead by Paula H.
3. Sandy B moved to approve the Agenda, duly seconded, and there being no objections, the Agenda was approved.

4. Marti E moved to approve the Minutes of the meeting of July 7, 2022, duly seconded. Following discussion the item of the approval of the Minutes of 5/5/22 was tabled. With that change the Minutes of the meeting of July 7, 2022 were approved.

5. A. Paula H proceeded to introduce the first candidate, Marti Emerald for Sweetwater Union High School District Board of Trustees, but interrupted the start of that presentation to discuss the voting procedure for endorsements. She noted that 2 people listed on a list of vetted members were to be eliminated because they did not qualify as being vetted: namely, Justin Anderson and Susan Lynn Fischer. Both individuals indicated their understanding and approval of their being eliminated from voting.

Jessica H moved, duly seconded, that the candidate presentations be suspended to permit Paula H to provide further details regarding the endorsement process, and receiving no objections, the motion was adopted.

Paula H discussed the endorsement procedure: that the candidates will be permitted to make a 3 minute presentation to the meeting; 3 questions will be taken from attendees in order of their show of hand or call in and the candidate to respond will be given 1 minute to do so. Following the Q&A, the candidate at issue will be removed to a “waiting room” to the exclusion of the remaining attendees, and then a vote by poll will be taken. One of 3 possible votes is permitted for candidates when there is more than 1 candidate (i.e. District 80 California Assembly): a vote for either candidate or no endorsement.

Michelle K moved to approve the endorsement process, duly seconded, and receiving no objections, the motion to approve the process was adopted.

B. 1) Marti E proceeded with her presentation and her request to the Club for endorsement for her candidacy for the District 5, Southwest High School Board. Her presentation was followed by a 3 question Q & A. Anna W moved, duly seconded, that Marti Emerald be endorsed by acclimation. No objections were received and Marti Emerald was endorsed by unanimous vote.

2). Jen Crumley, candidate for District 1, Imperial Beach City Council made her presentation which was followed by a 4 question Q&A. An additional question was permitted out of order to accommodate a question via phone. Anna W moved, duly seconded, that Jen

Crumley be endorsed by acclimation. No objections were received, and Jen Crumley was endorsed by unanimous vote.

3. Chris Jonsmyr, Field Representative for David Alvarez, presented the 3 minute address on behalf of David Alvarez who was unable to attend. David Alvarez is a candidate for State Assembly District 80.

4. Georgette Gomez, candidate for State Assembly District 80 presented her 3 minute address.

Both candidates, or their representative, were given 3 questions and an opportunity for a 1 minute response.

Following the Q&A, the candidates and unvetted members and guests were moved to a “waiting room” apart from the remaining voting members.

A poll of vetted members was taken. The results of the poll were; 6 votes for Alvarez and 6 for Gomez and 0 no endorsement. Additionally, by phone in/

text vote, Alvarez received 2 additional votes for a total of 8 and Gomez received 1 additional vote for a total of 7. Neither candidate reached the necessary 60% threshold to receive endorsement.

Ed S moved, duly seconded, to deem both candidates qualified, and the motion passed, by vote, unanimously (beyond the required 50% +1).

6. New business: Michelle K urged the Club to consider the Southwest College candidates, and if at all possible, consider a Special Meeting prior to the August 27 process by the South Bay Caucus. Paula H indicated that it would be necessary to have that considered by the EBoard. Michelle also urged the Club members to consider a favorable vote for California Proposition 1 (constitutional amendment re abortion), as well as Propositions #26 through 31, inclusive.

Paloma A, candidate for Mayor of Imperial Beach, expressed her thanks to Paula H for handling the meeting in place of Marti E.

7. Announcements:

Nadia Kean-Ayub, President of the Eastlake-Bonita DC, extended an invitation to members of IBDC to their mid-year BBQ. Paula H requested that details be provided and they would be sent to the Club membership.

Marti E offered her thanks to Paula H for chairing the meeting on her behalf and for her support, and that of the entire club, for her candidacy. Marti E also urged the EBoard to consider plans for upcoming meetings to include Proposition items and issues before the voters in November.

Anna W expressed her appreciation to all for the support she has received, adding that she can always use help. She emphasized the need to win the District 3,

Imperial Beach City Council race, and that she is facing 2 GOP candidates, 1 of which is endorsed by the GOP party.

Anna W announced that Nora Vargas, as County Vice Chair is holding a post *Roe v Wade* program, August 20, 9 - noon.

Josie H announced that the IB City Council voted to put the issue of increased TOT to the voters in November at their meeting Wednesday, August 3.

Michelle Krug urged support for 2 candidates for Southwestern College

Trustees-

Don Dumas, District 5

Mae Case, District 4

8. The meeting was adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

Minutes prepared by:

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Win Heiskala, Secretary

Approved: Oct. 6/22

