

IMPERIAL BEACH DEMOCRATIC CLUB
AUGUST 3, 2023 General Meeting
Minutes

1. The General Meeting of the Imperial Beach Democratic Club (IBDC) was held at the Seaside Candy establishment, 155 Palm Avenue, Imperial Beach, and via Zoom.

2. The meeting was called to Order by Anna W at 6:12 p.m.

3. Anna W led the Club in the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. Hearing no opposition, and with 1 abstention, the Agenda was approved as well as approval of the Minutes of the Meetings of 2023 of April 6, June 5 and July 6.

- 5A Mayor Paloma Aguirre discussed updates on the issues of:
 1. The proposed closing of certain services at the Imperial Beach Post Office;
 2. The status of a gun ordinance for Imperial Beach;
 3. The status of the various requests for a federal and state declaration of emergency regarding the cross border pollution of our ocean and the anticipation of a request from The California Coastal Commission.Members were urged to attend, via zoom connection

to be provided, a meeting on August 9 at 9:00 a.m., and provide support for a declaration of emergency.

4. Mayor Aguirre announced a program to be co-chaired by her and SD County Chairperson, Nora Vargas, regarding Fentanyl Awareness, on August 8 at 6:00 p.m. at the Mar Vista Gymnasium. Everyone was urged to attend.

5B. Ed Spriggs, former Councilperson for Imperial Beach, District 3, gave an update of his work with the IBWC, specifically the first meeting on July 12 in Coronado where residents there strongly voiced their concerns about the cross border pollution; the new members of the Commission, presentations made at the meeting. His presentation was followed by a Q&A session.

6. Anna W discussed the EBoard's approval of 3 inter-related By-Laws concerning the per cent of votes necessary for Club endorsements to change from 67% to 60%. The specific sections of the By-laws to be amended are: Article 7, Section 4, Article 11, Section 5 and Article 15, Section 2. Antonio M moved to amend those By-Laws to reflect a change from 67% to 60%, duly seconded, and receiving no opposition, the motion passed and the amendments were approved.

7. Ed Spriggs moved to endorse Nor Vargas for District 1, Supervisor, SD County Board of Supervisors, duly seconded, and receiving no opposition, the motion passed.

8. Presentations:

1. Frank King provided a slide presentation of the work of the GO Team and county wide voting statistics. He urged members to volunteer as Neighborhood Leaders and for a Community Coordinator for the IB area. Frank stressed that the GO Team is a grass roots organization with its main purpose of getting Democrats to vote. Frank noted that initial canvassing will begin in February/24 for the California primary, and again in October 2024 for the November general election. A brief Q&A followed.

2. Brenda Garcia Melan, Research and Policy Analyst, Climate Change Campaign, presented a video of the work of the campaign. Anna W noted that a survey will be circulated to the Club regarding their concerns re climate change, and a Q&A was offered.

3. Johoan Espinoza, provided data, slides and discussion regarding the opioid crisis with an emphasis on fentanyl; some do's and don'ts of taking medications to avoid addiction. He stressed that fentanyl is being taken unknowingly. Mayor Aguirre added her warning re the purchase of medications from Tijuana or other unknown sources that have been found to contain fentanyl in commonly named drugs. Narcan was discussed and provided to members by Johoan, and Mayor Aguirre reminded members that Narcan is available free in IB at the Sheriff's station. A Q&A session followed the presentation.

9. Announcements:

A. Anna W announced that Katie Porter, current US Congressperson and candidate for the US Senate seat currently held by Senator Dianne Feinstein, will be in IB on August 22nd at 6:30. More specifics to follow.

B. Michael Inzunza, a candidate for District 3 of the Chula Vista City Council, introduced himself and his candidacy. He provided some of his background and fundraising status.

10. The meeting was adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

Minutes by Win Heiskala, Secretary

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