



IBDC General Meeting Minutes
Thursday, February 1, 2024 @ 6:00 pm via Zoom

Members in attendance:

Alfred Guapo
Anna Webb
Anne Pilgrim
Antonio Martinez
Ben Swearingin
Bryan Brillhart
Carol Tennebaum
Eileen Hanson
Elsie Sleeter
Ernie Galindo
Felicia House
Jen Crumley
John Crumley
Johnny Swanson
Josie Hamada
Liba de la Mora
Malia Holleron
Marcus Boyd
Marcus Guerra
Marti Emerald
Mary Doyle
Matthew Leyba-Gonzalez
Michelle Krug
Paula Hall
Rosie Montano
Sandy Brillhart
Sara Ochoa
Scott Stutzman
Tom Csanadi

Guests:

Alexis Avina
Jodi Cleassatle
Scott Zank
Sarah Song
Seth Smith

1. Meeting was called to order at 6:05 PM by Anna.
2. The Pledge of Allegiance was conducted by Anna.
3. Motion to approve the agenda was made by Antonio, and seconded by Sandy. The vote was unanimously approved.
4. Motion to approve the January 2024 minutes (as distributed) was made by Sandy, and seconded by Mary Doyle. The vote was unanimously approved.
5. Elected Official/Candidate Reports:
 - A. Dr. Alexis Avina: She is running for Chula Vista Elementary School Board Seat 4. She introduced herself and provided key points of her campaign platforms and her endorsements.
 - B. Jodi Cleattle: She is running for San Diego Superior Court Judge Seat 41, and she stated that she is the only Democrat running in the race. She announced her endorsements, which included the San Diego County Democratic Party.
 - C. Sarah Song: She is running for San Diego County Office of Education.
 - D. Korryn Shepard: She is running for San Diego Superior Court Judge Seat 43. She emphasized that she is the only Democrat running in the race against a conservative Republican. She announced her endorsements, which included the San Diego County Democratic Party.
 - E. Regional Director 22 Michelle Krug: She provided information on how individuals can apply to be delegates to President Biden and attend the Democratic National Convention in Chicago this year. She stated that registration is at cadem.org. She also gave information on how people can volunteer to help those impacted by the recent local floods.
 - F. Seth Smith: He is running for Lemon Grove City Council and provided an update on his campaign.
 - G. Councilmember Matthew Leyba-Gonzalez: He announced that he is running for re-election for Imperial Beach City Council.
 - H. Central Committee Candidate Johnny Swanson: He is running for Central Committee for the San Diego County Democratic Party. He also announced the importance of getting involved in volunteering to help the families impacted by flooding.
 - I. Central Committee Candidate Jen Crumly: She is running for Central Committee for the San Diego Democratic Party.
 - J. Rosie Montano: She gave an update on the devastation of the recent flooding.
 - K. Central Committee Candidate Felicia House: She is running for Central Committee for the San Diego County Democratic Party. She also provided an update on the work Mayor Paloma Aguire is doing in DC.
6. Resolution on “Calling on President Biden to Issue a State of Emergency for the Tijuana River Transboundary Pollution” Discussion: Antonio made the motion to approve the

resolution, pending forthcoming amendments made by the IBDC E-Board. Sandy seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

- A. Sandy, as the author of the resolution, provided a synopsis of the resolution.
- B. Anna read the resolution.
- C. Michelle reconfirmed that the resolution is less than 400 words, in correspondence with policy of the San Diego County Democratic Party.
- D. Scott Stutzman, Josie, Ben, and Carol recommended adding language to the resolution since it was less than 400 words.
- E. Vice Chair Sara Ochoa stated that the San Diego County Democratic Party E-Board also approved a similar resolution.

7. Officer briefings/updates/reports:

- A. President Anna Webb gave an update on Pat's work with the Imperial Beach GOTV Team. She also encouraged people to volunteer and to donate to the families impacted by the flooding. She also stated she will be sending an email with information on volunteer locations
- B. Member Felicia House emphasized people not to donate used socks and underwear.
- C. Vice President of Outreach Marti Emerald encouraged people to reach out to the Red Cross, so they can help out the flooding. She also gave an update on her registration drive at the Sweetwater School District.
- D. Vice Chair Ochoa provided information on upcoming canvassing events for local endorsed Democrats.
- E. Member Johnny Swanson encouraged everyone to donate diapers.

8. Announcements:

- A. Josie stated that she received a mailer and had questions on its origin. She also encouraged people to attend the Imperial Beach City Council Meeting, as she claimed that bus drivers are "being attacked."
- B. Sandy provided clarification on the mailer that was sent out regarding the landfill.
- C. Malia stated that over 500 students were registered to vote at the Sweetwater School District.
- D. Johnny commented that IBDC should meet in person at a "fun place."
- E. Elsie stated that the Imperial Beach library was not being utilized, even though it could have been used for tonight's meeting.
- F. Marcus Guerra commented that the anti-bus movement's origin is from right-wing conservatives in Imperial Beach.
- G. Anna stated that she will be announcing Councilmember Matthew Leyba-Gonzalez's re-election endorsement for the agenda of the March 2024 meeting.

9. Meeting adjourned at 8:04 PM.