



**IBDC General Meeting Minutes**  
**Thursday, October 3, 2024 @ 6:00 pm at Millport and Via Zoom**

**Voting Members in attendance:**

Anna Wbb (via zoom)  
Anne Pilgrim  
Antonio Martinez  
Ben Swearingin  
Bryan Brillhart  
Elsie Sleeter  
Felicia House  
Jay Novak  
Josie Hamada (via phone)  
Marti Emerald (via zoom)  
Paloma Aguirre  
Pat Flowers  
Sandy Brillhart  
Tom Csanadi (via zoom)  
Win Heiskala (via zoom)

1. Meeting was called to order at 6:07 PM by Paloma.
2. The Pledge of Allegiance was conducted by Paloma.
3. Motion to approve the agenda was made by Sandy, and seconded by Antonio. The vote was unanimously approved.
4. Motion to approve the September 2024 minutes was made by Pat, and seconded by Bryan. The vote was unanimously approved.
5. Update on the Pollution Crisis:
  - A. Mayor Paloma gave an update. She stated that every assembly member in California, as well as the San Diego City Council, voted to request the federal government and President Biden to approve a state of emergency.
  - B. She stated that hydrogen sulfide was found in large amounts in the Tijuana River Valley. The County of San Diego, however, declared that the air was safe, which has created public confusion.
  - C. She also gave a synopsis of the health consequences of hydrogen sulfide, which scientists have found in the Tijuana River Valley.
  - D. Lastly, she stated she sent a letter to President Biden.

6. Consideration to Rescind Nora Vargas' IBDC endorsement for Supervisor re-election:
  - A. Vice President Felicia House gave an argument as to the reasoning for rescinding the endorsement. Anna made the motion, and Felicia seconded, to rescind the endorsement. **The vote was approved, with one abstention (Jay Novak).**
  - B. Communication/Correspondence of this vote will be sent out.
  
7. Discussion on Resolution regarding Governor Newsom's Response to the TJ River Crisis:
  - A. Antonio, Felicia, Ben, and Sandy agreed for IBDC's EBoard to draft a resolution.
  - B. Sandy stated that she has a sample draft.
  
8. Action Plan for D2 and D4 GOTV:
  - A. Win is hosting a GOTV meeting on Sunday, October 6th.
  - B. Josie said she would help with phone banking.
  - C. Pat stated that she spoke with Frank, who said he would be sending out lists.
  
9. General Announcement:
  - A. Paloma announced the Healing and Advocacy event in Mendoza Elementary School.
  
10. Meeting adjourned at 8:11 PM.