



MCDC General Meeting Agenda
August 11, 2024, 2:00 – 4:00pm

Zoom Link:

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Password: Orange

- 1) **Call to Order** at ____ pm
- 2) **Agenda Review**
 - a) Changes to the agenda:
 - b) Approve the Agenda. Motion____ Second____
- 3) **Approve Minutes of the July 2nd Executive Board Meeting**
 - a) Approve Minutes: Motion ____ Second ____
- 4) **Carolina Villaseca – President**
 - a) I reached out to Loki Mulholland “Dying to Vote” documentary. Wtg on confirmation.
- 5) **Ian Cohen – Vice President**
 - a) September: Loki Documentary, “Dying to Vote” (tentative?)
 - b) October Antonio Martinez Contra Costa County Water Board
 - c) November Mark DeSaulnier. Confirming availability with Shanelle Scales-Preston
 - d) December - Accomplishment party!
 - e) If you have a person who would like to come and speak (speaker aligns with democratic values and the goals of the club) to our club, please contact Ian Cohen at (510) 650-6444 or via email: ianscohen@hotmail.com
- 6) **Membership – Elinor Bell, Co-Chair**
 - a) Membership stats: Membership total as of **August 3rd: 102! 3 new and 1 renewal.**
- 7) **Voter Outreach: Linda Smith**

a) Postcard/Letter Writing for Swing States starting NOW

- i) **6,000** postcards and letters!!!!
- ii) Postcards for Nevada and Georgia and Letter Writing for November Elections in the Swing States of Arizona, Georgia, Michigan, Nevada, North Carolina, Wisconsin, and Pennsylvania has begun. Letters are due October 1, 2024.
- iii) Postcard/Letter Writing Parties will be held on the following Wednesdays Aug 14th , and 28th.
- iv) Contact Linda at lismithtech@gmail.com for an appointment to make a postcard sample or to pick up letters.
- v) Farmer's Market – Help staff our booth on Saturdays from 8 am to 11 at the corner of 1st and Oak in front of Bank of America. Email marshCreekDems@gmail.com to volunteer. (weather-permitting)
- vi) Linda purchased a life size cut out of Kamala Harris with board approval. It will be used for various events.

8) **Webmaster – Joe Ely**

I plan to change the Brentwood tab to become an Our Communities page where I will place information that was requested at the last meeting. It will look more or less like this:

ANTIOCH - <https://www.antiochca.gov/>

Meeting info

- All Department Agendas - <https://www.antiochca.gov/government/agendas-and-minutes/>
- **Antioch City Council** - <https://www.antiochca.gov/government/agendas-and-minutes/city-council/>
- **Antioch School Board** - <https://go.boarddocs.com/ca/ausd/Board.nsf/Public#>

BETHEL ISLAND - <https://www.city-data.com/city/Bethel-Island-California.html>

BRENTWOOD - <https://www.brentwoodca.gov/> -

Meeting info

- All Department Agendas/Links <https://www.brentwoodca.gov/government/meeting-information>
- **City Council** - <https://brentwoodca-gov.zoom.us/j/76013970037>
- **Brentwood School Board** - <https://www.brentwood.k12.ca.us/o/busd/page/board-of-education>
- **Liberty High School Board** - <https://www.luhsd.net/site/Default.aspx?PageType=1&SiteID=1&ChannelID=32&DirectoryType=6>

BYRON - <https://www.city-data.com/city/Byron-California.html>

DISCOVERY BAY - <https://todb.ca.gov/>

KNIGHTSEN - <https://www.city-data.com/city/Knightesen-California.html>

OAKLEY - <https://www.ci.oakley.ca.us/>

Meeting info

- All Department Agendas/Links <https://www.ci.oakley.ca.us/agendas-minutes-videos-archive/>
- **Oakley School Board** - <https://oakleyunionesdca.sites.thrillshare.com/page/board-of-trustees>

I can add a link to the Brentwood page to point to a new page containing the existing Brentwood information, after it gets updated.

I would also like to add a box on the home page that will have information for Mark DeSaulnier's Gun Violence Prevention Town Hall.

9) **Social Justice – Ray Cole, Chair**

- a) The next focus area(s) for the Social Justice Committee will depend somewhat on additional members and there are two who have expressed an interest. I am leaning toward the following for at least one area:
 - i) Proposition 1 implementation, this impacts homelessness, mental health, addiction and will have local effects
 - ii) Criminal Justice, specifically property crimes. These are the kinds of things that we are likely to encounter and the subject of at least two propositions on this fall's ballot.
 - iii) Diana Becton CCC DA, Ellen McDonnell CCC Defender, Chief of Police Tim Hebert, Tamisa Torres-Walker, Project Safe Return
 - iv) Please let us know if you'd like to help research! **Contact RayCole6s@outlook.com.**

10) **Issues and Legislation – Bill Nusbaum, Chair**

- a) Meetings are held via Zoom on the ***first Saturday of the month at 11:30 am.***
- b) The next meeting is **Saturday, August 10th, 11:30 a.m.** If interested in joining, email Bill Nusbaum at billnusbaum13@gmail.com.
- c) We will look at the propositions that show up on the ballot with Don Smith, do the necessary analysis to include who supports, who is against, and who benefits financially from the propositions.
- d) The Board Approved the **Crime, Immigration and What Voting Republican Gets You** papers for distribution to the membership and publishing on the website.
- e) Carolina Villaseca to add an introduction to the Authoritarian paper.
- f) Here is another version of the Project 2025 with a new intro tying it directly to Trump. I think it makes it more powerful! (Attached)

11) DPCCC District 3 Update – Carolina Villaseca, DPCCC District 3 Director

- a) Explain the Forum, the voting and the 3 endorsements.

12) Carolina Villaseca, Chair of Publications and Social Media Committee

- a) Please visit our Facebook page to see updates, candidate information, and news!

13) Swing Left – Doug McClelland

- a) **3000+ letters completed**, the good news is there is sudden new interest. Will definitely break 5,000 maybe 6,000 letters. We have several people doing 1000 letters. (Do the math for the time and the stamp expense commitment.)
- b) Monthly letter meetings are still on going. Meetings in the Trilogy Neighborhood planned for **August 8th 10-Noon, September 12th 10-Noon, and October 9th, 2 PM to 7** (with happy hour/BBQ planned after final letters are written.)
- c) I have assisted forming a new Placer County Dems club in Roseville and have purchased the Placer County voting roles to find people to join. They had their first meeting last Saturday with 11 members, and I presented our Issue's Committee report on Project 2025. They were all impressed with the report (not mine, the Issues Committee Report), and I have several people interested in writing letters. They will be meeting monthly.
- d) My demo of how to donate to our crowdfunding site obviously never happened, but the good news is we are up to close to \$4,000 donated. I can demo it next month. As per Board approval, we have asked Act Blue (and they agreed) to add Sen. Tester (D-MT) and Rep Mary Peltola (D-AK) to our recommended list.
- e) We have dropped CA-3, 13 and 10 from the list in favor of the candidates only recommended/approved by Act Blue.
- f) We will be having canvassing opportunities upcoming for the rest of the election cycle every weekend in either Lathrop (flippable CA-13) Disco Bay and Brentwood (CA-10, Josh Harder), and Reno/Sparks.

14) Treasurer's Report– Thuy DaoJensen, Treasurer

Marsh Creek Dems Treasurer's Financial Statement

July 10 - August 6, 2024

Date	Description of INCOME	Amount
	BALANCE as of July 10, 2024:	\$5,151.50

9-Jul-2024	SQUARE deposit	\$19.12
12-Jul-2024	SQUARE deposit	\$19.12
18-Jul-2024	SQUARE deposit	\$19.12
18-Jul-2024	CHECK deposit of (1) membership dues	\$20.00
22-Jul-2024	SQUARE deposit	\$19.12
	Total INCOME	\$5,247.98

Check #	Description of EXPENSES	Amount
	Total EXPENSES	\$0.00

BALANCE as of August 6, 2024: \$5,247.98

15) For the Good of the Order (comments/suggestions)

- a) Closing the meeting in his honor of **George Kutner**, former member of our club.
- b) Sunday 8/25 @ 6:00pm Meet and Greet for Susana Meyer at the Cohen residence. 1781 Castellina Dr.
- c) **Community Meeting dates:** August 11, 2024 (2nd Sunday due to Quilt Show rented), Sep 15, 2024, October 13, 2024 (2nd Sunday due to full facility rented), Nov 17, Dec 15th

16) Adjournment __ PM