

MCDC Board Meeting Agenda
October 13, 2024,
2:00pm – 4:00pm

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- 1) **Call to Order** at pm
- 2) **Agenda Review**
 - a) Changes to the agenda:
- 3) **Carolina Villaseca – President**
 - a) We need a Secretary. Responsibilities are work with the President to put together the Executive Board agenda, the General Meeting Agenda and mail out the General Meeting Agenda to the membership and supporters and vote on Executive Board motions.
 - b) We will also be needing several more members to help us to be the most awesome productive club in Contra Costa County.
- 4) **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, November 2nd, 11:30 a.m. If interested in joining, email Bill Nusbaum at billnusbaum13@gmail.com.
 - c) Go through Measures where there isn't a clear direction for voting.
- 5) **Ian Cohen – Vice President**
 - a) November - Working on Rep Mark DeSaulnier.
 - b) December -Accomplishment party!
 - c) 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 *September 30th*: **116 members.**
New: Joyce Banks, Audrey Ellis, Mort Morgenstern
Renewing:
- 7) **Voter Outreach: Linda Smith**
 - a) 13,000 postcards!!!!
 - i) Postcards for Anita Roberts running for Brentwood City Council District 1. We need helpers!!!
 - ii) Farmer's Market – Help staff our booth on Saturdays from 9 am to 12 noon at the corner of 1st and Oak in front of Bank of America. Email marshCreekDems@gmail.com to volunteer. (weather-permitting)
- 8) **Webmaster – Joe Ely**
 - a) Let everyone know the measures and slate of candidates are up on our website. It's a fantastic tool!

9) Social Justice – Ray Cole, Chair

- There are two potential committee members taking on homelessness and economic development. For **Economic Development** we have had one meeting and a series of emails with initial thoughts around:
 - Which area do we address, Brentwood? Antioch? Oakley? or a broader geography?
 - What are the entities that are currently involved?
 - City Council (and within that are there committees within the council focused on economic development?)
 - County board of supervisors
 - Planning commission
 - Non governmental groups working on development
- Are there certain kinds of economic development we support and others we oppose?
- What kind of development benefits what people? i.e. do we want high income workers, middle class, working class, etc.? this may be key if we are looking at social justice impacts.
- Where are the gaps? Which area needs development? are there specific disadvantaged groups that certain types of development will benefit?
- What is the general process for economic development? who generally proposes something and what approvals does a project need to go through? this may be complex and vary by the location, size and type of business.
- The potential committee member has not committed to formally joining the committee and what he will initially focus on. Expect to hear from him within the week.

- For **Homelessness**, Karen Harrington has begun work on identifying the 'current state' of homeless services and is working to list the organizations and contacts for further information gathering.
- Ultimately, we would like to understand what the gaps are and what potential improvements can be made at the city and country level.
- My personal focus are is now low-level property crimes, things like shoplifting, package theft etc. This area was selected because it is an issue that we are being attacked on by Republicans and because this kind of crime impacts virtually all of us. I am framing it up as a Lean/Six Sigma project (that is my background and it is a good methodology for process improvement). It is important to understand the current state and the initial effort will be around understanding what is happening locally with police, the courts, and other pieces of the criminal justice system. Attached is the preliminary project charter and flow chart of what I think is the high-level process, all subject to change as the project proceeds.
- All three of the areas the committee is working on, homelessness, economic development and property crimes, are broad and will need additional committee members to fully explore and develop recommendations. Please contact me if you would like to join the committee to work in any of these areas (or on other social justice issues you have a passion for). ph. 209-481-8624, email raycole6s@outlook.com.

a) We will be working on the California Propositions as soon as the text is available.

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

- a) Submitted information to Rep. Mark DeSaulnier and Rep. John Garamendi to endorse local candidates. DeSaulnier has refused. Waiting on Garamendi.
- b) Convinced DPCCC to give candidates 1,000 names/mailers each instead of 500.
- c) Convinced DPCCC to do texting locally with pictures. The campaigns will be Antioch and Brentwood/Oakley.
- d) We had a “kickoff/photo “ at the Farmers Market on Saturday October 12th at 10:00am

12) Swing Left – Doug McClelland

- a) 14,000 Letters!!!!
- b) Will be canvassing every Saturday and Sunday
- c) Meeting at Safeway Plaza in Discovery Bay 94514 between Starbucks and McDonald’s
 - i) Report time 9:30am and 1:00pm

13) Treasurer’s Report– Thuy DaoJensen, Treasurer

**Marsh Creek Dems Treasurer's Financial Statement
September 4 - October 1, 2024**

Date	Description of INCOME	Amount
	BALANCE as of September 4, 2024:	\$5,402.70
16-Sep-2024	SQUARE deposit of (1) membership dues	\$19.12
17-Sep-2024	CASH deposit	\$20.00
	Total INCOME	\$5,441.82

Check #	Description of EXPENSES	Amount
1116	MC Dems member ENDORSED candidate	\$200.00
1117	MC Dems member ENDORSED candidate	\$200.00
1118	MC Dems member ENDORSED candidate	\$200.00
1119	MC Dems member ENDORSED candidate	\$200.00
1120	MC Dems member ENDORSED candidate	\$200.00
1121	MC Dems member ENDORSED candidate	\$75.00
1122	MC Dems member ENDORSED candidate	\$75.00
1123	MC Dems member ENDORSED candidate	\$75.00
1124	Postage stamps (10)	\$7.30
1125	Zoom capacity to 500	\$50.00
	Total EXPENSES	\$1,282.30

14) **For the Good of the Order (comments/suggestions)**

a) **Marsh Creek Dems Meeting dates:** Nov 17, Dec 15th

15) **Adjournment** _____ **PM**