

MCDC General Meeting Agenda
September 15, 2024, 2:00 – 4:00 pm
35 Oak St. 2nd Floor or

Zoom Link:

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- 1) **Call to Order** at pm
- 2) **Agenda Review**
 - a) Changes to the agenda:
- 3) **Approve Minutes of the August 18th General Meeting**
 - a) Approve Minutes: Motion _ _ Second _____ Passed by Acclimation _____
- 4) **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 awarded monies to all the endorsed candidates who were members in good standing for at least 30 days.

Fname	Lname	Amount
Sue	Higgins	\$200
Jovita	Mendoza	\$200
Angela	Lowrey	\$200
Susannah	Meyer	\$200
Dominique	King	\$200
Anita	Roberts	\$200
Oleksii	Chuiko	\$75
Addison	Peterson	\$75
Olga	Smith	\$75
		\$1,425

- 5) **Ian Cohen – Vice President**
 - a) September: Loki Documentary, “Dying to Vote”, John Garamendi
 - b) October – Presentation of the Propositions, Meet the candidates
 - c) November is currently open.
 - 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 *September 13, 2024*: **113**. 8 new, 3 renewals.
New: Debbie Anthony, Dee Brown, Mary Clausen, Antonio Hernandez, Janice Kahlil, Tony Kahlil, Addison Peterson, Devin Williams
Renewing: Lisa Ambrosini, Kathleen Bohmsack, Tamisha Torres-Walker

7) **Voter Outreach: Linda Smith**

- a) Postcard/Letter Writing for Swing States starting NOW
 - i) 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.
 - ii) Postcard/Letter Writing Parties will be held on the following Wednesdays Aug 14, and 28th.
 - iii) Postcards for Anita Roberts running for Brentwood City Council District 1.
 - iv) Contact Linda at lsmithtech@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 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) Updating the website with endorsed candidates and will update with State measures when ready.

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.

10) Issues and Legislation – Bill Nusbaum, Chair

- Meetings are held via Zoom on the first Saturday of the month at 11:30 am.
- The next meeting is Saturday, September 7th, 11:30 a.m. If interested in joining, email Bill Nusbaum at billnusbaum13@gmail.com.
- We will be working on the California Propositions as soon as the text is available.

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

- We hosted the most attended and successful candidate forums
 - 100 people attended Brentwood, 60 attended Antioch City Council, 35 Antioch School Board the same night as the school board meeting where the Superintendent’s contract was terminated, 22 attended Oakley City Council and Ironhouse Sanitary, 20 attended Contra Costa County College Board.
 - Our slate of candidates went unchallenged at the Endorsement Committee Meeting and the General Meeting

Antioch City Council

Mayor

Lamar Hernandez Thorpe	
For	No
32	Endorsement
89%	4
	89%

District 2

Dominique King	Louis Rocha
36	12

75%	25%
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District 3

Addison Peterson	Antwon Webster	Don Freitas
24 57%	8 19%	10 24%

Treasurer

Jorge Rojas	
For 30 86%	No Endorsement 5 14%

Antioch School Board

District 3

Dee Brown	
For 27 96%	No Endorsement 1 4%

District 4

Olga Smith	
For 24 96%	No Endorsement 1 4%

Brentwood City Council

Mayor

Susannah Meyer	Gerald Johnson	No Endorsement
59	19	1
75%	24%	1%

District 1

Jovita Mendoza	Brian Oftedal	No Endorsement
65	13	1
82%	16%	1%

District 3

Anita Robers	
For 54 96%	No Endorsement 2 4%

Community College Ward 5

Fernando Sandoval	Debra Vinson
13 76%	4 24%

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

- a) Endorsed candidates, please feel post whatever information you would like constituents and members to know. Be aware that the page is public.

- b) Any issues you have with people commenting on our Facebook page or the DPCCC Discussion page, please let me know and let me handle it.

13) Swing Left – Doug McClelland

- a) Doug will call in with a report.
- b) I want to repeat what I said when I first spoke to the club, about five years ago, harkening back to the telegram sent by CINCPAC (Commander in Chief, Pacific Fleet) out after the Pearl Harbor attack on December 7, 1941:

THIS IS NO DRILL.

14) Treasurer’s Report– Thuy DaoJensen, Treasurer

**Marsh Creek Dems Treasurer's Financial Statement
August 7 - September 3, 2024**

Date	Description of INCOME	Amount
	BALANCE as of August 7, 2024:	\$5,247.98
12-Aug-2024	SQUARE deposit	\$19.12
12-Aug-2024	CHECK deposit Memberhsip Dues (2)	\$40.00
19-Aug-2024	SQUARE deposit	\$57.36
28-Aug-2024	SQUARE deposit	\$19.12
30-Aug-2024	SQUARE deposit	\$19.12
	Total INCOME	\$5,402.70

Check #	Description of EXPENSES	Amount
	Total EXPENSES	\$0.00

BALANCE as of September 3, 2024: \$5,402.70

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

- a) **Community Meeting dates:** October 13, 2024 (2nd Sunday due to full facility rented), Nov 17, Dec 15th

16) Adjournment _____ PM