

CORONADO DEMOCRATIC CLUB GENERAL MEETING  
February 8, 2025  
Winn Room, Coronado Library  
Unapproved minutes

The meeting was opened at 11:02 AM, by Vice President Patti Flores Charter  
A quorum was present.  
Jose F. Cerda led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Poem titled "Black History Month" by Nikki Giovinni read by Jill Rooney

**INTRODUCTION OF HONORED GUESTS** introduced by Patti and each spoke to introduce themselves with brief comments.

Jose F. Cerda – Candidate Board of Equalization District 4

Mal Sandie – Coronado School Board Member

Alexia Palacio-Peters – Coronado School Board Member

**AGENDA** was approved

**Endorsement Vote: County Board of Supervisor District 1**

This vote was noticed on Jan 23rd according to our bylaws. All candidates were noticed at least five days ahead and invited to the meeting.

Patti introduced Paloma Aguirre and Vivian Moreno. Carolina Chavez was not present and did not have a surrogate.

Patti gave context for why the vote matters, and the procedure for the vote. Frank King confirmed that we have a quorum for the vote to happen.

Ms. Aguirre and Ms. Moreno each gave a candidate statement.

Three questions were taken from the floor.

Candidates gave their closing statements. Both candidates focused on needing to unite the party against the republican candidate and once elected working across the aisle to tackle issues such as the Tijuana sewage crisis.

Ms. Moreno left for another endorsement meeting. Patti asked Ms. Aguirre to step out and offered the floor to individuals speaking for the candidates. Laura Wilkinson Sinton, Sandy Kaupp, and Rebecca King spoke on behalf of Aguirre. Hannah Larkin spoke on behalf of Moreno.

Patti asked Ms. Aguirre back in. Votes were collected at 12:03 pm. Frank King and Chuck Charter counted votes.

**JANUARY GENERAL MEETING MINUTES** were approved.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS** – Rebecca King requested members to come to City Council Meetings. Judy read a message from the Club President, Lori Doyle. The statement documented the cancellation of the Blue Wave brunch. She asked members to find a way forward to be “peaceful and purposeful,” noting that the money we would have used would go to fighting for democracy. Speaker from the floor asked for another opportunity to get together. Patti asked for Go Team memberships. Jason Bercovitch shared that Saturday May 17 12:30-3:30 Unity Fiesta for board of supervisor endorsed Candidate. We got seven new members today.

**VOTE RESULTS FOR ENDORSEMENT of COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS DISTRICT 1** read at 12:14pm – Paloma Aguirre received 92% of the vote. 8% voted for Moreno. Aguirre received the endorsement of the club.

**PROGRAM** – Jason Bercovitch, our new South Area Caucus Vice-Chair and District Director for Congressman Scott Peters’ San Diego Office, shared his insights into changing local and statewide political strategies.

**TREASURER'S REPORT** Patti told us that \$19,807 in the checking account. Membership drive is ongoing.

**CLOSING** – Patti emphasized how important the club is now given that action will be required of us all during the Trump administration. Locally, she also announced that the club supports the amendment of the City of Coronado’s code of ethics. Look to support State Bill10: toll road to allow tolls for funding treatment of Tijuana River Valley cross border pollution.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:38 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Shawnee Barton Merriman  
Secretary Pro Tem