



## San Diego County Democrats for Environmental Action

### **Minutes for Feb. 15, 2017 Meeting**

Elijah's Restaurant and Deli  
7061 Clairemont Mesa Blvd.  
San Diego, CA 92111

**Minute Taker** – Cara Furio, Secretary

**Meeting called to order by President Tommy Hough at 7 p.m.**

### **Present**

- Tommy Hough, President
- Brian Elliot, First Vice President
- Fred Rogers, Second Vice President
- Brett Fisher, Treasurer
- Cara Furio, Secretary
- Richard Ram, Communications
- Alex Kiwan, Board Member at Large

**Members and Guests in Attendance** – 60

### **Approval of Agenda and Minutes**

- Tommy called for motion to approve Jan. minutes. Fred Rogers motioned to approve, seconded. Club voted to approve minutes.
- Tommy called for motion to approve Feb. meeting agenda. Fred Rogers motioned to approve, seconded. Club voted to approve agenda.

### **Remarks from Candidates and Elected Officials**

- Cori Schumacher, Carlsbad City Council
- Dave Myers, Candidate for San Diego County Sheriff
- Rafael Castellano, San Diego Port Commissioner
- Doug Cates, office of Sen. Toni Atkins

### **Treasurer's Report**

- Treasurer Brett Fisher reported the club has \$5,792.00 in account.

## **Political Committee**

Fred Rogers, V.P. for Political Action and Second Vice President:

- Fred asked for a motion to amend club bylaws, as discussed at our January meeting. Emily Bonner motioned to approve, seconded. Club voted to approve amended bylaws.
- Fred called for a motion to approve two new executive board positions. Laurie motioned to approve, seconded, club approved.
- Fred introduced Sarah Saez, chair of nominating committee.
  - Sarah said the committee voted to nominate second V.P. Fred Rogers to continue in said position. No challenge. Ruth Rollins called for unanimous vote, club voted in favor.
  - Sarah said the committee had nominated Richard Ram to continue in his position as director of communications. No Challenge. Unanimous vote in favor.
- Fred proposed to retain Sarah as nominating committee chair, as the club has two new board positions to fill. Dan Ortiz motioned to keep Sarah as chair for two more months until the positions are filled, seconded. Club voted in favor.
- The League of Women Voters is holding its monthly luncheon Sun., March 23 at Tom Ham's Lighthouse on Harbor Island, with the future of San Diego's beaches as the topic.

## **President's Remarks and Welcome to New Members – Tommy Hough**

- Tijuana River hike put on hold due to stormy weather forecast; moved to Sat., April 8.
- Club hike on Sat., March 4, at El Monte County Park in Lakeside's El Monte Valley.
- Climate Mobilization Rally, Tues., Feb. 21. Contact club member Derek Casady for more information at [casady@san.rr.com](mailto:casady@san.rr.com), or go to <http://climatemobilization.org>.
- Endangered Species Act repeal. Contact legislators. Habitats in jeopardy.
- Tommy shared his reasons for co-founding Enviro. Dems. club, called on Democratic lawmakers to be bold, loud, and make protecting nation's conservation legacy a priority.
- Club member Lauren Bier has volunteered to form club carpools to meetings and events. Contact her at [laurenab@alumni.stanford.edu](mailto:laurenab@alumni.stanford.edu).

## **Guest Speakers**

- Hugh Rothman, San Diego County Democratic Party Go Team Director (GOTV)
- Nathan Fletcher, UCSD political science professor and former assemblymember
- Ricardo Ochoa, labor attorney, on the future of the Quality of Life coalition
  - Fred Rogers called for a motion to draft resolution calling for investigation of SANDAG. Motion was approved, seconded, club voted in favor.

## **Upcoming Events and Announcements**

- Fred Rogers announced a club-sponsored California Democratic Party delegates training session for Sat., March 11.
- Randy Van Vleck, transportation manager with the City Heights Community Development Corporation and acting chair of Bike Walk Chula Vista; and Marcus Bush, National City Planning Commission, spoke in favor of the club resolution to an investigation into SANDAG regarding Measure A.

Meeting adjourned by Tommy Hough at 8:40 p.m. – next club meeting to be held Wed., March 15 at Elijah's.