



San Diego County Democrats for Environmental Action  
**Minutes for January 27, 2016 Meeting**  
La Jolla Village Square Community Room  
8657 Villa La Jolla Dr.  
San Diego, CA 92037

**Minute Taker** – Cara Furio, Secretary

**Meeting called to order by President Tommy Hough at 7:00 pm**

**Present**

- Tommy Hough, president
- Brian Elliot, first vice president
- Fred Rogers, second vice president
- Brett Fisher, treasurer
- Cara Furio, secretary
- Lori Kern, events and fundraising

**Members and Guests in Attendance**

- 53 (over the course of several hours)

**Approval of Jan. 27, 2016 Agenda**

- Tommy called for motion to approve agenda
- Dave Peiser made motion to approve agenda, seconded – agenda approved

**Remarks from Candidates and Elected Officials**

- Tommy introduced Col. Douglas Applegate, USMC (ret.), who is running against Rep. Darrell Issa in CA-49. An attorney, Col. Applegate spoke for a few minutes. No other candidates were in attendance until later in the meeting.

**Remarks from Club President**

- Brief description of the evening's San Diego City Attorney candidate forum by club president Tommy Hough, who also spoke about the success of the previous

week's Carlsbad Measure A forum, the need to vote no on Measure A and the impending California Coastal Commission fight.

### **Political Committee**

- a) Fred Rogers, political committee chair and second vice president, called for a motion to endorse San Diego City Council D-1 candidate Barbara Bry:
  - o Kathleen Connell made a motion, seconded – and the club unanimously voted to endorse Barbara Bry for D-1
- b) Fred called for a motion for the club to take a NO position on Carlsbad Measure A:
  - o Richard Ram made a motion, seconded – club voted unanimously to support the NO to Measure A position
- c) Fred made the club aware as to the upcoming endorsement schedule:
  - o San Diego City Council D-5 at February 24, 2016 meeting
  - o City of Chula Vista races at March 23, 2016 meeting
  - o Discussions of revisiting the D-9 endorsement at March meeting
- d) Fred asked the club to consider a resolution of support for Dr. Charles Lester, executive director of the California Coastal Commission:
  - o Kathleen Connell made a motion, seconded – discussion, unanimous vote to support Dr. Lester with club resolution

### **Notice of Bylaw Revision for Feb. Meeting**

#### **Programs and Outreach**

- First vice president Brian Elliott addressed the club and shared ideas regarding future programs and outreach, incl. a potential spring hike.

### **Presentation by John Hartley from the Clean Elections Campaign**

#### **San Diego City Attorney Candidate Forum and Endorsement**

- With club president Tommy Hough serving as moderator, candidates Gil Cabrera, Mara Elliott, Rafael Castellanos and Bryan Pease addressed the club and answered questions in a forum setting.
- After the candidates' closing statements a discussion was held, followed by a club vote by ballot.
- The club voted in favor of endorsing Rafael Castellanos for San Diego City Attorney.

#### **Approval of Political Action Committee Report**

- During vote counting for city attorney race, second vice president Fred Rogers made a motion to approve the political action committee report – seconded, with

the report approved by vote.

### **Upcoming Meeting Details and Announcements**

- Next club meeting is Wednesday, Feb. 24 at 6:30 pm at the La Jolla Village Square Community Room, 8657 Villa La Jolla Dr. Special guest Cory Briggs will give a presentation on the Citizens' Plan for San Diego. The club will also vote on club officer seats for 2016-17.

### **Adjournment**