

CANYON DEMOCRATS CLUB GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

March 16, 2021

Zoom Meeting

YouTube Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-Zl4HXXe5XI>

- A. **CALL TO ORDER: 7:05**
- B. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- C. **ANNOUNCE QUORUM: 72 present (62 on Zoom, 10 on YouTube)**
- D. **WELCOME NEW MEMBERS**—please use the chat function to introduce yourself.
- E. Note items marked with will be approved when the agenda is adopted unless a member requests that the consent item is pulled for consideration later in the meeting.
- F. **ADOPTION OF CONSENT ITEMS**

i. **AGENDA**

- ii. **GENERAL MEETING MINUTES Feb. 2021**
- iii. **New Business if raised from the floor of the meeting**
- iv. **Motion to adjourn**

G. **CHAIR'S REPORT**

● Redistricting—a few basics: Louise gave an overview of the Redistricting process triggered by the census every ten years.

H. Program: Annie Krinsky, programs@canyondems.org

SPEAKER: Dr. David Snow, Distinguished Professor of Sociology at UCI

Dr. Snow gave a summary of his research into the characteristics of unhoused individuals in Orange County. April's speaker will be **Michele Goodwin, UCI Law Professor** who will speak on the legal and political concerns about the government's exercise of authority during a pandemic.

I. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- 1. Community Outreach: Ann Owens, outreach@canyondems.org
 - a. Ann reminded everyone to sign up for the Housing Champions Advocacy 101 workshop on Friday, March 19 at 12 pm.
 - b. Ann asked everyone to write letters urging the Laguna Hill City Council to include plans for very low cost and low cost housing in the Laguna Hill Mall re-development project.
- 2. Field Team: Judy Fike, fielddirector@canyondems.org
 - a. Thanks to everyone who has already volunteered to write and deliver postcards thanking people for voting. More volunteers are needed.
 - b. The field team is piloting a project to make bilingual calls to Hispanic voters. Currently, the team is targeting one precinct in Lake Forest. More bilingual volunteers are needed in order to expand the project.
- 3. Fundraising: Martie Lubetkin, fundraising@canyondems.org
 - a. Martie reminded everyone that the deadline to sign up for the virtual wine tasting on March 20, is Wednesday, March 17 by noon.
 - b. Martie thanked our sustaining donors.
 - c. Swag is available on the Canyon Dems website, for those who want to support the club and buy things.
- 4. Membership: Ann Owens, membership@canyondems.org
 - a. The club currently has 321 members.
- 5. Political Action: Andrea Alexander, action@canyondems.org
 - a. The following members are leading the city-based focus groups:

i. RSM: Patty Ebel

ii. Laguna Hills: Christine Roy

iii. Mission Viejo: Walt Lawson

iv. Lake Forest: Andrea Alexander

v. Unincorporated areas: Gary Kephard

- b. Andee is looking for a high school student (or students) who is/are interested in an internship with the Club. Please put the word out to interested family and friends.

J. OFFICER REPORTS

1. Vice-Chair, Janet Henry: nothing to report
2. Secretary, Cathy Palmer: nothing to report
3. Treasurer, Ken Johnson (report delivered by Louise Adler):
 - a. Club Finances are in good shape:
2/1/21 Balance: \$11,285.65
2/28/21 Balance: \$13,657.10

K. ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm. Members were encouraged to stay and visit virtually after the meeting

The Executive Board made up of the officers and the committee chairs meets on April 6, 2021.

THE NEXT GENERAL MEETING OF THE CLUB IS TUES. APRIL 20, 2021 AT 7:00 PM.

For more information about the Canyon Democrats Club, please visit us on Facebook or at our website:
www.canyondemocrats.org