CDP Veterans Caucus

General Membership Meeting Minutes

Convention, March 4, 2022

1. Exec Board call to order: Ron Cohen, Chair, at 5:00 PM.

2. Pledge of Allegiance: CA Dem Party Chair, Rusty Hicks.

3. Quorum call: Antonio Chapa, Recording Secretary: Quorum not met at this time. Quorum introduced

4. Approval of March 4, 2022, Agenda: No vote taken due to no quorum.

5. Programs: Basil Kimbrew, Vice Chair/ Diana Love, Policy & Legislation Chair/ Lizet Angulo, Treasurer.

6. Soldiers Prayer: Tai Sunnanon

TAPs: recording

Veteran of the Year – Karin Brennan, presented by Diana Love.

Veteran Organization of the Year – North Chapter Veterans Dem Club of San Diego County (Robert Knecht), presented by Diana Love.

Special Award Certificate Presentation – Congresswoman Lucille Roybal-Allard, presented by Antonio Chapa

Assemblymember Evan Low and Chair of CA LGBT Legislative Caucus provided remarks.

7. Barbara Lee, U.S. Congresswoman.

8. Committee/Office Reports:

A. Corresponding Secretary/Communications: Website; Angela Scott/Lizet Angulo. Veterans Caucus website is up <https://www.cdpvets.org> and continue to enjoy our newsletter.

B. Treasurer: Lizet Angulo. As of January 31st, we have $8835.55, deposits $300, payment per capita $60.00, and current balance $9075.55. Our current membership is 206 members.

9. New Business

A. Two Year Plan/Listening Tour Update – Tai Sunnanon. After CA Dem Convention, Veterans Caucus will begin it’s listening tour, gather data, and report back.

B. Legislation/Resolutions/Bills Update – Diana Love/ Jon Rines.

- Senate Bill 607, Business and Professions.

- Assembly Bill 411, Redevelopment: City of Santa Cruz: bond proceeds: affordable housing.

- Assembly Joint Resolution 10.

- House Resolution 1182, Veteran Deportation Prevention and Reform Act

10. Program Chair – Basil/ Diana/Lizet.

1. Guest Speakers:

- Assemblymember Jackie Irwin, former Chair of Military and Veterans Affairs Committee. Veterans Service Officers for Counties of CA. Veterans Housing Program

Videos:

* Proposition – Patient Fairness Act; Charles Johnson.
* Mike Levin, Congressmember, Subcommittee Chair – Military Affairs. Remarks: PACT Act to Support Veterans – exposure to toxic hazards. Renaming of San Diego VA in honor of Army Captain Jennifer Moreno.

Speakers: Two minutes each.

* Christine Pelosi, DNC, Veterans and Military Families Counsel.
* Andrea Rosenthal, Candidate for AD 39.
* Barbara Lee, Congressmember.
* Karen Bass, Congressmember and Candidate for City of Los Angeles Mayor.
* Hilda L. Solis, Los Angeles County Supervisor – First District.
* Toni Atkins, State Senate – President pro Tempore.
* Eleni Kounalakis, Lieutenant Governor.
* Dr. Shirley Weber, Secretary of State
* Bob Archuleta, State Senator, and Chair for Military & Veterans Affairs.
* Rob Bonta, CA Attorney General.
* Betty Yee, State Controller.
* Ricardo Lara, CA Insurance Commissioner.
* Cheryl Tuner, Candidate for State Senate District 28.
* Henry Bouchot, Candidate for State Senate District 30.
* Jay Chen, Candidate for Congressional District 45.
* Pilar Schiavo, Candidate for Assembly District 40.
* Marc Levine, Assemblymember District 10, and Candidate for Insurance Commissioner
* Alex Rocco on behalf of Tribal Chairman Jeff Grubbe, Coalition for Responsible Gaming.
* Shawn Doubar on behalf of Malia Cohen, CA Board of Equalization, and Candidate for State Controller.
* Ron Galprein, City of Los Angeles Controller, and Candidate for State Controller.
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11. Announcements. Angela Wilkinson, Sister of Retired Navy Veteran, asking for rental assistance for her brother.

12. Meeting Adjourned at 7:10pm.

13. Next General membership meeting – TBD.