

DEMOCRATS OF NAPA VALLEY

General Meeting

August 20, 2018

Napa Women's Club

2018 Franklin Street, Napa, CA

Richard Bruns

Secretary / Recorder

ENDORSEMENT VOTE

AGENDA

I. CALL TO ORDER & INTRODUCTORY REMARKS

Call to order 5.40 p.m. by president Johanna O'Kelley

Remarks included taking up a battle plan concept targeting flippable Republican districts, including parts of Nevada, specifically Reno.

Neighborhood leaders and canvassers will take up initial advocacy in three areas of focus:

- 1) Polling – Questions regarding individuals' main concerns? Engage the voting community with demographic interests, minimal advocacy
- 2) Next time around, Persuasion. Develop advocacy within building a semi-personal trust relationship. We've talked before; have you thought about....

General election literature, and ballot literature is due to be distributed around the first of October.

Ballots are due to be out about OCTOBER 9. .

- 3) Oct. 23Get Out the Vote begins in earnest; one in 4 voted in the last election but there are 20 thousand eligible voters but not registered in Napa county. Register or re-register individuals to vote. DONV continues to have voter registration at Farmer's Market in the new South Napa Center, La Morenita Market, Safeway, Lucky's, Browns Valley Market and Raley's Markets on Saturdays.

DONV is going to target potential flip districts:

District 10 – Josh Harter is challenging Tea Party Republican Jeff Denham.

District 22 – Andrew Janz is challenging Devin Nunes

District 48 – Democrat Harley Rouda is contesting Dana Rohrabacher

District 49 – Darryl Issa retiring; Mike Levin contesting Republican Diane Harkey

Canvassing trips are also being planned for Reno, Nevada

II. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Steve Connelly moved to adopt the agenda

XXXXXX seconded the motion

Motion carried unanimously

III. APPROVAL OF LAST MINUTES

IV. TREASURER'S REPORT

Kelly Hurst reported financial status

V. NEW BUSINESS

President O'Kelley reviewed ballot and voting procedure. Introduced the candidates and/or their surrogates.

Mary Ann Mancuso spoke on behalf of Kevin de Leon for United States Senate. De Leon is running against incumbent Diane Feinstein.

Diane Feinstein's Campaign Mgr. spoke via Skype on behalf of Sen. Diane Feinstein.

Andrew Janz spoke via Skype. He is running for Congress in District 22 against Republican Devin Nunes.

Josh Harder spoke via FaceTime. He is running for Congress in District 10 against Republican Jeff Denham.

Four Democratic candidates for Napa City Council were introduced: Mary Luross, Ricky Hurtado, Liz Alessio, and Peter Mott are vying for two seats in open district balloting.

Other local candidates spoke:

Anna Chouteau for St. Helena City Council; Jeffrey Dodd for Napa Valley College Board of Trustees in College District 2; Incumbent Mary Ann Mancuso for re-election to Napa Valley College Board of Trustees District 3; Cindy Watter for the Napa Valley Unified School District Board.

Conchita Marusich spoke on the local ballot measure for Napa County and each of the 5 cities which would raise the Transient Occupancy Tax (TOT) from 12% to 13%. People will be asked to vote for both the Napa County Measure I and their city Measure (Napa Measure F; Yountville Measure S; St. Helena Measure E; Calistoga Measure D; and American Canyon, Measure H.)

Speaker: Katherine Marrs, Director of Base Mobilization, CADEM, covered all of the CA Democratic Party's efforts to flip key California congressional districts from Red to Blue.

VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next Executive Committee Meeting is Tuesday, Sept. 4, Location is New York Pizza Kitchen. The next DONV General Meeting is Monday, Sept. 17, 2018, 5:30 p.m. at Napa Women's Club.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Steve Connelly moved to adjourn 8:35 p.m. Seconded by (unknown). Motion carried unanimously

Votes counted for endorsements for the November election. Finished about 10:45pm.

See endorsed candidates on <https://napavalleydems.org/candidates-endorsements/>