

DEMOCRATS OF NAPA VALLEY
General Meeting
February 25, 2019
5:30 – 7:30 p.m.
Napa Public Library
580 Coombs Street, Napa, CA

MEETING MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTORY REMARKS

Call to order at 5:34 p.m.

II. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion by Kim Richard to adopt the Agenda; Motion seconded by Chris Benz; Motion carried.

III. APPROVE MINUTES OF LAST MEETING (January 21, 2018)

Motion by Buck Connolly to accept DONV General Meeting Minutes of 01/21/2019; Motion seconded by Kim Richard; Motion carried.

IV. TREASURER'S REPORT - Kelly Hurst: January 2019 (see attached)

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Next DONV ExCom Meeting March 4, 5:30 p.m. – 145 Gasser Drive, Suite A, Napa, CA 94559
- Next General Meeting: Monday, March 18, 5:30 p.m., Napa Women's Club, 218 Franklin Street. **Topic: How Climate is Fueling CA Wildfires.**
- Volunteer to Help Napa Valley Immigrants on their Path to Citizenship.
To sign-up go to: <https://napavalleydems.org/take-action-events/>
- Volunteer with the Democrats of Napa Valley for the 2020 Census.
To sign up, email: napavalleydems1.org
- Apply for a Census 2020 Job - <https://2020census.gov>

VI. California Census 2020: What's at stake for Napa County & CA?

Speakers:

- Patricia Vazquez-Topete, One of the Associate Program Managers for the California Complete Count Office – Census 2020; assisted by Carlos Beltran, describes her office, which operates under the Government Operations Agency for the State of California, and their mission: "We also receive recommendation and advice from the California Complete Count Committee, members of which are Governor appointees."

"This committee is composed of 25 members from across the state who bring their recommendations to our office." Information about their activities is available on the Complete Count website .

The Complete Count Mission: "For California to receive its fair share of Federal Resources and Congressional representation by making sure that all of California are counted in the 2020 Census."

The California Census is a Federal program run by the U.S. Census Bureau; and the actual Census Date is April 1, 2020. However, PIN #s will start being mailed out to identified residents with addresses as soon as March 16 through 23 [2020]; this will be by mailed postcards throughout the state.

After Census Date April 1, the Census Bureau will be doing a non-response follow-up from April to late July. This information and more can be found on the U.S. Census Bureau website.

Census 2020 is the first Federal and State digital census effort both on the state and national level. This presents a number of new challenges, but the state office is taking the opportunity to leverage contacts throughout the state.

Must help individuals who do not have access, or the skills, to work with the internet and broadband technology. This means working with libraries, for example, such as the Napa Library to make sure these less experienced people can get on line. Volunteers, such as those who will be signing up with Johanna O'Kelley will be able to successfully assist technologically challenged individuals fill out the respective census materials.

Another challenge is the citizenship question. It is undetermined as yet whether the citizenship question will be included on the survey, and likely this won't be known until about June 19.

The U.S. Census Bureau will not be funding as robust an outreach program as previous census years, nor hiring as many people to assist in the research.

There are over 200 different first language speakers in California, beyond Spanish, Chinese, Japanese and Tagalog. There is a need for ideas and mechanisms to reach these other language speakers.

Adding to his difficulty, the U.S. Census Bureau will NOT be hiring U.S. Residents. Only U.S. Citizens are being made eligible for employment. This eliminates anyone who might well have the necessary language skills and educational background to effectively communicate with those with limited language skills because they don't have

The state census bureau is exploring avenues by which skilled residents might be hired to effect assistance in these circumstances whereas the U.S. government has elected not to do so.

What's at stake with the 2020 Census?

According to Patricia Vazquez-Topete all about power and money. An under-count in the 1990 census resulted in the loss of a Representative Seat in the House, and more than two billion dollars of Federal funding.

The Census determines redistricting across the state and the number of representatives to the House the state is entitled to. Going along with the redistricting Federal funding the district is entitled to. The more people in California, the more representatives there will be to represent California in Washington.

It is believed that in 1990, California lost a congressional seat due to an under-count. An accurate count in 2020 is hoped to increase the number of seats available. And because of that 1990 under-count, California received more than two billion dollars LESS than it would have been entitled to with a confirmed accurate count.

The census data is used to distribute in California some 700 billion dollars annually. 2020 Census funding in California will be focused on outreach to outlying, hard to count communities and rural areas.

The state census bureau is encouraging communities to form a complete Count Committee to oversee outreach efforts. Complete Count Committees do not have to be a part of local government to sign up Census 101 worksheets for student's parents.

Local complete count outreach committees can be invaluable by reaching out to isolated or afraid community members who may be living somewhat off the grid. The state census bureaus encourage and support the development of an ethnic complete count committee.

The state census bureau is also developing a program for faith-based outreach, gaining the trust of various and diverse religious practitioners. Connections with pastors, ministers and priests can be invaluable in doing counts. Same thing with a school-based interaction and curriculum, by working with school district administrators, to distribute to teachers as a part of their teaching materials helping students of all ethnic backgrounds.

Children (students) can overcome language and trust issues of their parents and other adults by taking correct information home that they have obtained at school.

Patricia Vazquez-Topete pointed out that the California office only has 12 census. Workers. It will be difficult for these 12 outreach personnel to respond to all 58 California counties personally, so their plan is to teach interested people to be outreach arms locally. There are, she said, numerous tools available to aid such efforts including the PowerPoint presentation shown this day.

Patricia Vazquez-Topete introduced Carlos Beltran, a new California Census hire, who will serve as Napa's Regional Program Manager.

She wrapped up her presentation with a discussion of strategies to get students and youth involved; developing trust relationships with hard to count households and/or populations. Then Q&A.

April 1, 2020, is the official designated Census Day!

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Following Patricia Vazquez-Topete's update on the census 2020 program status, Napa County Supervisor Ryan Gregory spoke

- Supervisor Ryan Gregory, Napa County, related Napa County preparations for the 2020 Census. There are three reasons Census accuracy matters to Napa County.

The first thing is, it's the smallest county of the nine counties that touch San Francisco Bay:

Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, Napa, San Francisco, San Mateo, Santa Clara, Solano, Sonoma

"We're the little guy. We're small but mighty ... but when we are under-counted, that's a big deal to a small county ... because with MTC and ABAG we're fighting for money to improve roads, so we've got to make sure we count everybody.

"The second thing is, funds are allocated to the county based on census population. We estimated that right now Napa County has about 140,000 people. We estimate for every person NOT counted, we will lose about \$20,000 over the next ten years. Loss of these funds can directly affect public services.

"The last is ... there so many, but today, the last is the census data is used to identify disadvantaged such as the elderly, those of below average income, or above average unemployment, and/or disadvantaged minority populations ... and so on. In Napa County, we have one ... Lake Berryessa Estate which belongs to the disadvantaged community category. Because of that we've had access to grants, low and no interest loans that we access to only because the Putah Creek Berryessa population is designated as a disadvantaged community."

That area is used for water storage and distribution and it has been critical that we be able to pull that off AND keep the rates low AND keep that community as viable as possible.

If the count is made correctly, perhaps we will discover additional disadvantaged communities that will help us in the next ten years.

A 2012 immigrant study found that of 32,000 +/- immigrants in Napa County, roughly one third were "unauthorized." Because populations can be worried about 11 thousand being unauthorized and keep secret unauthorized residents, that number could be much larger than eleven thousand.

Now that's just one group, a group that could represent ten percent of our population.

These are all people who are going to need governmental services ... and we're going to provide them ... but in many instances we're not going to get the revenue.

Gregory explained some more about local preparations and needs, including the beginning of a "complete count committee."

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Speakers:

- Introduction: Conchita Marusich, a member of the DONV Executive Committee, helped recruit ----Resolution coauthor Rigo Vazquez to explain the Resolution. A discussion re: a Resolution abolishing the United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE). The main coauthor of the Resolution, Rigo Vazquez, explained that ICE is redundant to the existing Border Patrol who catch the of attempts to enter the country by undocumented means.

--Also cited were alleged unconstitutional actions such as holding prisoners for long periods of time without abiding by Constitution rights guaranteed to all, separating parents from their children with no plan for reuniting them.

--Following explanations and question and answers, a motion was made to vote on the ICE Resolution.

Seconded, the motion was carried.

--Eligible membership voted on the ICE Resolution.

Resolution approved 20-4

VII. ADJOURNMENT TO NEXT GENERAL MEETING

Motion to Adjourn was seconded and carried

Monday, March 18, 5:30 p.m., Napa Women's Club, 218 Franklin Street

Democrats of Napa Valley January 2019

Democrats of Napa Valley January 2019 Financials

	Year-End 2018 1/1/18 - 12/31/18	January 2019 1/1/19- 1/31/19
Income		
Deposit Refund	\$300	\$0
Lobbyist Training	\$680	\$0
Memberships	\$7,200.12	\$260.00
Raffle	\$139	\$0
Election Night Party	\$6,515	\$0
Total Income	\$14,834.12	\$260.00
 Expenses		
Adjustment	\$488	\$0
Canvassing supplies	\$385.57	\$0
Election Night Party	\$5,190	\$0
Endorsements	\$356.06	\$0
Fee's & Charges	\$541.37	\$6.18
Gifts/Donations	\$323	\$0
Meeting Expense	\$3,443.27	\$50
Office Supplies	\$699.29	\$0
Parade Registration	\$50	\$0
Register to Vote signs	\$368.49	\$0
Sponsorship	\$100	\$0
Square Fee	\$1.94	\$0
Text Training	\$23.16	\$0
USPS	\$140	\$0
Website	\$346.19	\$0
Wine for Election Night	\$224	\$0
Total Expenses \$	\$12,681	\$56
Net/Difference	\$2,153.51	\$203.82
Checking		\$7,134.65
Savings		\$3,017.64
Total Balance		\$10,152.29