

Democrats of Napa Valley Club Meeting - January 19, 2026, 5:30 - 7 pm

The Democrats of Napa Valley Club held a regular membership meeting to elect officers of the Club for the next year and to hear from two of the candidates for U. S. Congress from district CA-04. 100 people attended the meeting on Zoom. The agenda included introductory remarks, adoption of the agenda, a treasurer's report, and announcements about upcoming meetings and events, such as the endorsement meeting on February 16th when we will vote to endorse for U. S. Congress CA-04 and CA Governor. It was explained that in order to vote for the endorsements, one must be a member "in good standing" meaning that one's dues are paid up and have attended at least one meeting in the last 2 years.

Democrats Reelect Officers, Plan Protests

Terry Beck was re-elected as president, Paul Curtis as vice president, Ryan Barilla as secretary, and Kelly Hurst as treasurer. The club announced several upcoming protests and events, including a walkout tomorrow, January 20th, at Veterans Park in Napa from 2-3 pm, Friday night rallies from 4-5 pm at 3rd St and Soscol, Legal Observer Trainings and a Rock the Congress event on April 11. Members were encouraged to call their senators and representatives to oppose increased funding for ICE.

Eric Jones, Candidate for U. S. Congress - CA-04

Eric Jones, a candidate for Congress, discussed his background in healthcare and business, emphasizing his experience in fighting against corporate influence and Donald Trump's policies. He criticized moderate Democrats for compromising with Republicans, arguing for a more aggressive stance against Trump's agenda. Eric highlighted his fundraising success and commitment to progressive issues, including healthcare reform, tax reform, and immigration. He addressed concerns about his lack of political experience and promised to focus on coalition building and effective legislation if elected.

Mike Thompson - Candidate for Re-election to U. S. Congress - CA-04

Congressman Mike Thompson addressed the group, discussing his work in Congress, including his opposition to the president's actions in Venezuela and his stance against ICE funding. He highlighted his committee work on the Ways and Means Committee, including efforts to increase corporate taxes and his support for climate change legislation. Thompson also emphasized his commitment to healthcare, veterans' services, and housing, and addressed concerns about campaign funding, noting that most of his contributions come from local sources. He expressed his desire to continue fighting for democracy and against the Trump administration's policies if re-elected. Mike Thompson

discussed his efforts to combat voter suppression and his support for campaign finance reform, universal healthcare, and gun legislation. He addressed concerns about Trump's actions and emphasized the importance of continued resistance and public awareness. Thompson also clarified his stance on campaign funding, noting his support for reform and his use of PAC contributions within legal limits.

Membership Renewal and Meeting Updates

The end of the meeting focused on the importance of renewing memberships to vote in endorsements, with Terry Beck explaining how to renew through the website. The next meeting will be on February 16, 2026 at 5:30 pm on Zoom. The agenda will be to hear from as many of the 11 Democratic candidates for CA governor as possible and an endorsement vote for CA Governor and U. S. Congress, CA-04. The meeting was adjourned at 7:04 pm