



## Official Minutes

Wednesday, June 10, 2009 7:05PM to 8:40PM

Democratic Club of the Santa Clarita Valley  
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Meeting held at the Railroad Cafe  
24307 Railroad Ave, Newhall, CA 91321

Minutes: by Todd Hoover, Recording Secretary

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**PRESENT:** Stephen Winkler, Minerva Williams, Todd Hoover, Kristin Ingram-Worthman, Linda Sutton, Steve Brooks, Barbara Wilson, Rick Drew, Michael Kulka, Michael Cruz, Bill Bailey, Patti Sulpizio, VISITORS: Don Schroeder, Malcolm J. Blue, Hilmar Karlsson, Jose Camackto, Nick Brestoff, Lois Brestoff

- 1) **CALL TO ORDER and QUORUM** was established by Mike Cruz, President at 7:05
- 2) **TREASURY: Jonathan Kraut** could not attend, so **Mike Cruz** reported on Jonathan's behalf that there is currently \$836.00 in the State Account and \$50 in the Education Account.
- 3) **Correspondence Report: Minerva Williams** reports that on the June 27<sup>th</sup> from 3:00pm – 6:00pm that there will be a meeting for healthcare reform at the State Building on Van Nuys. Jo Olson and Don Schroeder will be giving presentations at this meeting. She also indicated that the Sierra Club will host a river rally tomorrow to object to a river permit and ask for a delay so the Sierra Club can go through the 17,000 page proposal. This will be at the Rancho Pico Middle School. She finally added that there was more information on the table about other events if anyone were interested.
- 4) **LACDP Report - Kristin Ingram-Worthman** gave brief summary on the last LA County Central Committee Democratic Party's meeting:
  - The focus of the meeting was the budget & education. **Jackie Goldberg** was the first speaker. She spoke of how dire the situation is. California has the lowest per pupil spending and the lowest counselor & teacher to student ratio. Teachers all over California are being laid off. First and second year teachers being letting go. Increasing class sizes.
  - Duffy, president of the UTLA spoke. He said Ramon Cortinez created this economic crisis by keeping half of the stimulus money for next year. Duffy said that if he had used all of it now layoffs could have been avoided
  - Also Scott member San Gabriel school board. He was the only board member to vote no on the budget cuts. Twenty teachers in San Gabriel Unified were laid off. The class size was increased from 20 to 24. He also emphasized the importance of changing the 2/3 rule.
  - Miguel Santiago, member of LA Community College Board spoke. The community colleges are included in the K12 funding. They have had to shut down summer sessions. They've had to make sixty million dollars in cuts, which is equivalent to shutting down one of the community colleges. He encourages people to talk to legislatures about preserving community college funding.

- There was also an announcement made about registering new citizens.
- 5) Mike Cruz announced that SCV DEMS is working with DAA and DN38 to have Jerry Brown come in September or October. We have also been contacted by Ted Lieu's office. He's a Democrat running for the nomination for Attorney General. He would like to come to our club to talk about his nomination.
  - 6) **Bill Bailey** - They had a condor watching even for the SCV Hiking Club. They raised almost \$100. Just got their 501c3. SCV Hiking Club is also going to do a Piru Creek cleanup. It's on Templin Highway and will take place on June 28 from 8:00am – 12:00pm.
  - 7) **Minerva Williams** introduces Don Schroeder, providing some background.
  - 8) **Don Schroeder** talks about single payer health care and why it is important. He then shows a film about single payer healthcare. The theme of his presentation is why single payer healthcare and why it is so important that we get this passed in California. The film is followed by a question and answer period.
  - 9) **Mike Cruz** mentioned that the club voted month to endorse SB810. Also, the club will be going dark next month (July) and will be meeting towards the end of August. Mike said he will be taking a leave of absence from the club and that Bill Bailey will be taking over as president. Cruz said he was doing this so he could run for Newhall County Water Board and thus needed to step down as president since that might be seen as a conflict of interest. He indicates he needs the time to focus on his campaign for water board. He indicates if he wins that Bill Bailey would then take over as president.
  - 10) **ADJOURNMENT:** Mike Cruz adjourned the meeting at 8:40PM.

Respectfully,

**Todd Hoover,**  
Recording Secretary-Webmaster  
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