

EASTLAKE-BONITA DEMOCRATIC CLUB

Minutes June 20, 2007

Attendance: 16+

Where: Bonita Library, 4375 Bonita Road, Bonita, 91902

1. Social time with "Did You Know?"
2. Pledge – 7:00
3. Mike
4. GO Team and Democratic Unity Coalition South reports with Claudia Satriano

GO Team SOUTH COUNTY KICKOFF PARTY, Bonita Library, June 24, 3:00

Three training events scheduled:

Weds, June 27, 2007, 6:30

Coronado Library, Winn Rm

Mon, July 16, 2007, 6:30

Chula Vista Library, Confer. Rm

Sat, July 21, 2007, 1:00

Chula Vista Library, Confer. Rm

DUCS held its election at the General Meeting on June 10. Next E-board meeting will be June 25. The True Blue Bash will be planned, standing committees will be set up, and chairs appointed.

5. Judy Hess gave a brief update on PDA.

6. Feature Presentation – "NCLB" with Norberto Salazar and guest speakers Sam Lucero, CTA and Rudy Ramirez, City Councilman, Chula Vista. A general description of NCLB was provided along with a resolution from the California Teacher's Association which would like the California Democratic Party to endorse. Sam spoke on the union's goals and Rudy gave an update on the Chula Vista City Council relative to education issues in the community. An open discussion followed with good participation by a majority of the members.

7. Announcements:

Larry Sherrill – Stand Down 2007, July 13, 14, 15 – An Outreach to Homeless Veterans and their Families needs volunteers, especially security volunteers. Security call 619-393-2012, Other volunteers call 619-393-2011, Info/Donations call 619-497-0142.

Russell Coronado – He gave update on petition to change the policy so that elected board members must come from specific geographical areas, rather than at large. He said it was progressing through the system and could be on the ballot.

Mike Thaller – Monitor the Media...He requested assistance monitoring the news outlets in San Diego County – radio, papers, etc. Find and save articles or note radio broadcast on the

Democratic Party or issues that are important to Democrats. Mike is evaluating the coverage Democrats get in the local media. Contact Mike with all information

Mike Thaller discussed options for our next meeting: Originally the True Blue Bash was going to held in lieu of our July meeting, but the Bash will be held later in the summer instead.* The membership chose between having a picnic, no meeting or a movie. Claudia showed a trailer for War Made Easy and they voted to see the movie. Movie night will be Sunday, July 22.

8. Motions Passed:

1. A motion was made and seconded to support CTA's resolution entitled "Resolution to Erase, Rewrite and Reauthorize 'No Child Left Behind'" (attached as page 3). The Eastlake-Bonita members in attendance voted to pass the motion.
2. Judy Hess made a motion to support CTA's resolution by contacting Bob Filner and Susan Davis and asking them to sponsor legislation to support the goals defined in the CTA resolution. The motion passed.
3. A motion was made by Mike Thaller to add an Amendment to the Bylaws that defined the procedure and basis for removing a member from the Eastlake-Bonita Democratic Club. The motion was passed.

Any member whose actions are judged by a majority of the Executive Board to be prejudicial or detrimental to the Club may be expelled from the Club, upon recommendation of the Executive Board, by a two-thirds vote of those active members present and voting at a General meeting of the Club.

4. Claudia Satriano presented a resolution from Marcy Winograd of the LA Chapter of PDA (attached as page 4) entitled "Resolution to Support Parole & Sentencing Reform to Address Overcrowded Prisons". A motion was made, seconded and the membership voted in favor of endorsing the resolution.

10. Meeting was adjourned.

Future meetings:

Sunday, July 22 – Community Movie Night, Bonita Library – "War Made Easy", 5:00 pm

Wednesday, August 22 – Fairness Doctrine

*Sunday, August 26, 2007 - True Blue Bash at the Bonita Library, 12:30 – 4:00.

Respectively submitted,
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**RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT PAROLE & SENTENCING REFORM
TO ADDRESS OVERCROWDED PRISONS**

Dear Delegates & Club Presidents:

I would like to submit the prison resolution below at both the E-board in July and at the LACDP next month. It's not the military industrial complex, but the military prison industrial complex. What's so disturbing is that our legislative leadership made this deal to build 53,000 new prison and jail beds without a single public hearing. We need to make this public and to demand a " trailer" to the bill, to pressure the legislative leadership to adopt prison reform initiatives first. Please read the res below and vote as soon as you can. I would like to submit this tomorrow night, if possible, as I leave on vacation for three weeks. I worked on this with leaders of the National Lawyers Guild prison project. Thanks, Marcy Winograd (winogradcoach@aol.com)
P.S. Feel free to circulate.

**RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT PAROLE & SENTENCING
REFORM TO ADDRESS OVERCROWDED PRISONS**

WHEREAS Governor Schwarzenegger and California legislators decided to build 53,000 new prison and jail beds at a 25-year cost of \$15-billion dollars in construction and debt service funds;

WHEREAS this legislative decision was made without a single public hearing in a state that, according to the California Legislative Analyst, currently incarcerates 240,000 inmates in prisons and jails, almost 70% of whom are people of color, 29% African American, even though African Americans constitute only 6% of the Adult population;

WHEREAS the current plan to build new prison and jail beds ignores the Governor's Independent Review Panel and the Little Hoover Commission recommendations for parole and sentencing reform that would immediately and drastically reduce California's prison population and address the problem of overcrowding in a state that, according to the California Legislative Analyst, spends \$43,000 each year to incarcerate but only \$8,000 to educate a student in our public schools;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the California Democratic Party supports implementation of the state's Independent Review Panel and the Little Hoover Commission's parole and sentencing reforms: releasing selected non-violent offenders without parole; moving parolees off parole automatically after 12 clean months; providing community alternatives, not prison, for technical violations of parole; creating a sentencing commission that would recommend changes to penalties.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the California Democratic Party, recognizing the drastic increase of incarceration, from 59,000 inmates in state prison in 1986 to 173,000 in 2006, despite no similar increase in the incidence of violent crime; and recognizing a disproportionate percentage of minorities is behind bars, supports implementation of these reforms to address overcrowding in prisons and jails before any new funds are appropriated for construction of additional prisons or jails in California.