

## SV Democrats Virtual Gen. Mtg. Minutes 07/22/24

**Attendees:** 34 **Board Members:** Hadley, McDevitt, Brown, Taylor, Suarez

1. **Beth** – Welcomed board members & elected officials
  - a. **Westerbeke event:** Sept. 18, 4-6pm. To volunteer contact Beth
  - b. Sonoma Valley Postcard Action now has more than 200 writers. Let Beth know if want to be added to the list - [bethh@sonic.net](mailto:bethh@sonic.net)
  - c. **Volunteer opportunities:** Sonoma Co. Democratic Party  
<https://sonomademocrats.org/volunteer/>
2. **Financial report** - as of 7/8/24 - Checking \$2953 (\$1000 Scholarship check pending). Sav: \$451
3. **Martin Bennett Unite Here** - thanked members who supported the unionization of Sonoma Fairmont Mission Inn. Need volunteers to canvas with UNITE HERE for the Democratic ticket in Reno Sep. 9th - Nov. 5th Contact Marty: [mbennett@vom.com](mailto:mbennett@vom.com)
4. **Oakmont Dems** - An alliance has been formed which includes: Oakmont Democrats, Oakmont Progressives, The Persisters, Sister District and Stand for Justice. Events: July 27 - Sister District fundraiser for Karen Gresham for Arizona Assemble. Aug. 30 - fundraiser for Adam Gray for Congress. [oakmontdemocraticalliance@gmail.com](mailto:oakmontdemocraticalliance@gmail.com)
5. **Sonoma County Democratic Party BBQ** - Sun. Aug. 25, 3 PM, Sally Tomatoes, Rohnert Park, <https://sonomademocrats.org/2024-blue-wave-bbq-bluau/>

**6. Christopher Cabaldon** - Democratic candidate for State Senate District Addressed many issues of importance to our membership including: affordable housing, fire evacuation, SDC, exit of Insurance companies from CA, water utilization, and development of a new “city” by tech billionaires in Solano County. Q&A Responses:

Effort to develop new city in Solano County has been dropped. Recognized ongoing conflict between need for housing and supply of water, resources.

Insurance - All areas of CA are subject to some risk, either fire, flooding or earthquakes. He believes the solution may mean increased insurance rates should apply to all Californians since 85% of the population live in some high risk area. He pointed out that the insurance companies are very profitable and make a lot of money selling car insurance. One solution may be to require insurance companies to cover fire insurance if they want to offer car insurance.

Climate Bond: Result of PGE fine. Not clear how to access these funds locally. Should be used for “Home Hardening

Jack Ding asked how one of our local Homeless groups (SOS) can access State funds for the homeless. It appears that the funding from Prop 1 is under control of the Governor

Iris Lombard pointed out that Insurance rate tables adjusted for Climate have been available since 199

Beth asked about the possibility of Single Payer HC for CA. He acknowledged that our HC system is focused on profit. He supports the legislation that was passed to obtain waivers for federal dollars. He feels that the implementation of such a system would be costly and because of our present budget the Governor does not support the transition at this time.

A motion to endorse Cabaldon for State senator was moved, seconded, and passed. Vote:Y:16 N:0 AB:0

**Other Business:** No

### **Next Meetings:**

Board: August 5, 2024 9:30 am

General Meeting: August 26, 2024 6:30 pm

Minutes: Mary McDevitt