

**South Lake Tahoe Democratic Club  
Agenda – February 15, 2018--FINAL  
Lake Tahoe Pizza Company - 6pm**

1. Introduction, sign-in, and ascertain quorum.

Meeting began at 6:10p, reminder on sign-ins, achieved quorum.

Pat Harris is speaker this evening, running as Democrat for US Senate (Mr. Harris arrived with brief introduction).

2. Reading and approval of minutes from January meeting.

Motion to approve January meeting minutes: Frank Riley

Second: Albert Chandler

No discussion; Motion approved.

3. Chairperson's Report: Sue Chandler

*Cal Dem Convention* - This is our state convention, probably the most important event of the year besides the election, itself. Susan is Super Delegate as a proxy for Bob Derlet. Jodi has a proxy, as does Mike Patterson and John Friedrich; all of who are attending the convention in San Diego next week. Please contact any of the above, or send a message to laketahoedems@gmail, with any issues you would like addressed at the Convention.

*CDC=California Democratic Council* – This is an accumulation of all the Democratic Clubs in Calif (500+). They will also be meeting at the Convention. Go to cadem.org for more info. Keynote speaker: Tom Streyer who has also funded the EDCDCC office in El Dorado Hills and has been circulating a petition from the needtoimpeach website.

*EDCDCC Update* - A number of SLTDC officers and members meet monthly with the EDCDCC to stay informed and have a voice for the Lake Tahoe area. Meetings are generally the second Saturday of each month, after April they will go back to the third Tuesday of each month.

*Sierra Forward* - Primary purpose is to replace District 4 US Representative Tom McClintock. We will be working with them as they begin a robust voter registration program in March---don't want to start too soon as people, this early, forget to vote come Nov. Voter Registration will begin mid-March through mid-May. Please see sign-up sheet and get involved!

*Endorsed Candidates* - Still awaiting endorsement of candidates for many California State and Federal positions. Again, we don't want to be premature and still want to assist in getting information, regarding all candidates, out to the membership. (A flyer was provided each table with the number of contests occurring throughout the State and is at the bottom of these minutes.)

4. Treasurer's Report: Jodi Dayberry reporting economic status of the Club.

Current balance=\$947.99. Under the soon-to-be-approved Bylaws, we're standing up a new Finance Committee with volunteers including: Elfriede Henniger-Smith and Brenda Knox. The Treasurer, by virtue of our Bylaws, is a standing member. Would like at least one more volunteer. Last year's budget included hosting the candidate forum among a number of other community and member activities. Will look to Finance Committee to review our 2018 budget. We'll also be looking at fundraising, as our membership grows, to cover program expenses as we move our critical message forward.

5. Membership records: Nancy Gibson, Secretary

Jan 18 – 3 new members  
Feb 3 – 2 new members  
Feb 13 – 3 new members

6. Committee Reports and reports from collaborating groups.

*Climate Change Network:* Nick Exline presented a number of activities underway including – Climate Change movie screening, Climate Change March, LTUSD sustainability improvements and more! Dates, times, and venues to be determined.

Question: Will we have an Earth Day booth at Earth Day activities (probably located at Bijou Park)? Sue is willing and would love help. See her.

7. Old Business:

*Bylaws:* Sue and Nancy provided a summary of recent edits to the Bylaws that addressed mandatory clauses required for our filing, as a nonprofit, with the State of California (which is also commensurate with the Federal filing). Highlights include—Addition of Finance Committee (noted above); addressing disposition of property; insuring no officer can personally benefit from Club funding; adding signatory authority to Secretary, as a back up to Treasurer, for all banking business; and a dissolution clause.

Motion to approve Bylaws with updated edits: Barbara Riley.

Second: Ed Smith

No discussion; Motion passed.

*Community Liaison Position:* This position is an officer in our Bylaws and is necessary to continue our emphasis on collaborating with other entities in the community. Sue asked for volunteers; no takers. Will defer to next meeting and canvass for folks in the meantime.

8. New Business:

*Voter registration schedule:* Sierra Forward is very active and awaiting results from the Convention. They have developed literature that speaks to the incumbent's failure to address the needs of our area. Please sign up on the roster (as previously mentioned).

*Voter Registration at LTCC:* Cost may be prohibitive unless we find College Club or Professor sponsorship. Bob Cliff, member, is a member of the LTCC Foundation and will help us get our foot in the door.

## 9. Program:

*Overview of Primary ballot:* See handout provided at each table (as previously mentioned (These are copied at the end of these minutes.)). We'll understand more about it after the Convention.

*Statewide Superintendent of Public Schools:* Jodi acknowledged candidate Tony Thurmond, a former social worker, who is running (flyers were also provided). Hope to wrap the endorsement up by June. The competing candidate is Marshall Tuck, CEO of Green.Charter who appears to challenge teacher tenure which creates lots of problems with continuity among teaching staff. Looking for friendly people with skill and know-how. Check websites for more information on candidates and platforms. With the latest shooting tragedy in Florida, we need to really look at how to build a broader social safety net for kids, like the perpetrator, so no one falls through the cracks.

Candidate information will be provided to all those working on voter registration.

*Program Committee:* Mary Lekan addressed how ballot initiatives can be difficult to interpret so we can have a role in helping work through the language and, perhaps, have proponents/opponents speak to our Club. Please let Mary know if there is a particular initiative you would like us to explore.

We cannot endorse any candidate, according to our Charter with EDCDCC, until after the convention. That said, as a 501(c)(4) nonprofit, our primary purpose is as a social advocacy club whose purpose is to advance the views of the Democratic party while collaborating with other area organizations to promote the environmental and social sustainability of our communities; and, to engage and participate in community services and activities to be inclusive of all who share our values and goals. (This language is directly from our Bylaws.)

***Presentation: - Pat Harris, Candidate for US Senate:*** Is touring California in the remodeled bus. Key statements--

- Believes the Democratic party has lost its backbone. We used to fight for what we believed in.
- Has evolved to a left-version of the Republican party...with focus on Wall Street just like the other guys.
- We need fighters. Yes, we need compromise but that can't always be the case: Re, lack of push on Merrill Garland nomination. We shouldn't have let that go to the wayside.
- Serious problem with corporate \$ in politics. People don't have a voice if they're not a CEO of Exxon (example). We can't be seen as voting based on the highest donation given.
- I will not accept corporate contributions. I consider myself a liberal progressive and corporate money leaves the majority of voters' voices behind.
- Am a fighter having worked, as an attorney, in the courts. Ex: Abuse of children with the Catholic Church. Wells Fargo, Bank of America, Ken Starr. I will stand up for our citizens.
- "We don't need rabble rousers in the Senate." (Quote from Senator Feinstein.) I disagree as does Elizabeth Warren and Bernie Sanders. I will be that rabble rouser and make things happen.
- How am I gonna win? I'm going everywhere in California to meet people, talk to people...outside of Los Angeles and San Francisco...to see what is on people's minds. Demographics (polls, analysis) work to a point...sitting behind a computer to run a campaign. I

can't do that. I'm traveling and outworking everyone to get the viewpoints of the voters. I'm outraising most everyone and will do so, definitively, in next quarter (with the exception of current Senator Feinstein who has her own millions to contribute).

Q: Where do you get your political background? A: If you look at how the Senate was formed, it was not intended to be run by politicians but, rather, be run by regular folks. I've also worked on the Hill and understand how the legislative process works (how to pass a bill).

Q: Feinstein is popular. Why would you want to oppose her? A: I admire Sen Feinstein but I can respect her without necessarily agreeing with her positions. Unlike the Senator, I support:

- Single payer healthcare
- Reduced Defense budget
- Legalization of marijuana
- Criminal justice reform
- Not taking corporate donations.

Q: How do you feel about Trump? A: What is most disturbing...what he's doing to the environment that will have the greatest detrimental effect for the longest time. That's what history will show. He's also ruined the Office of the Presidency. He's moved the nuts of the Republican Party into the White House and the larger Party is dissolving...people are leaving and they may be the sounder, more rational voices.

Check website (<https://patharrisforsenate.com/>) for moving the Party forward...not backward. 100% renewable by 2050. Focus on building employment opportunities. We need to be the Party of small business. The Democrats have allowed the Republicans to co-opt the idea of support to small business. Education needs to be lifted up, along with labor (member comment). Computer coding is an example of essential work that needs to be encouraged for higher education.

Grew up in small town in Arkansas; son of a school teacher. Wrote a best-selling book, in part, because of a great English teacher. Gun control—Do we need constitutional amendment or some other legislation? We need to ban assault weapons. Most law enforcement people want to see these weapons banned. Need their momentum to help. There are laws on the book that could help with enforcement but that needs to happen with funding and conviction.

Education & Labor – Secretary of (mis)Education (DeVoss) needs to go (member comment). Need to turn the conversation around regarding how well public schools are doing compared to Charter schools. Studies are showing charters are NOT out-performing public education. Cut defense dept budget to fund education and medical research. We can solve critical problems; yet, we don't invest...in curing Alzheimer's among other maladies. What are we fighting for if we aren't supporting and investing in these critical areas of need for the American people? (or words to that effect...Winston Churchill).

11. Adjourned at 7:22pm.

**Document provided at meeting to explain primary election as it is shaping up....**

Voters in [California](#) will have a **Primary Election on June 5, 2018** and a general election on [November 6, 2018](#).

Candidate Filing Deadline	Primary Election	General Election
March 9, 2018	June 5, 2018	November 6, 2018

**Important Dates:**

Register to Vote: Register on-line or postmark by May 21, 2018. Must arrive by May 29  
Personally delivered ballots must be delivered by the close of the polls or postmarked by June 5th and received by June 8th.

**On the Ballot on June 5<sup>th</sup> Primary:**

**State Assembly District 5:**

Frank Bigelow (R) - Incumbent  
Jamez Bufford (D)  
Carla Neal (D) endorsed by Cal Dems  
Henry Seufert ®

**CD4**

Tom McClintock (R) - Incumbent  
Regina Bateson (D)  
Roza Calderon (D)  
Jessica Morse (D)  
3 others are listed on the FEC.gov website but they have no money

**Senate:**

25 declared candidates but only 9 have registered money with the FEC  
7 Dems, 1 Ind, 1 Republican  
Finstein (\$9,000,000), DeLeon (\$360,000), Harris (\$57,000),  
Hartson (\$164,000), lead in the money

**Governor:**

73 declared candidates.

**Lieutenant Governor:**

28 declared candidates

**Secretary of State**

9 declared candidates

**Controiller:**

3 declared candidates

**Treasurer:**

6 declared candidates

**Attorney General:**

11 declared candidates

**Insurance Commissioner**

8 declared candidates

**BOE (Board of Equalization) District 1**

4 declared candidates

**Superintendent of Public Instruction**

13 declared candidates

**Ballot Initiatives:**

As of today there are 5 ballot initiatives but this number will grow.

**Proposition 68**

SB 5 (Chapter 852, Statutes of 2017), De León.

[California Drought, Water, Parks, Climate, Coastal Protection, and Outdoor Access For All Act of 2018. \(PDF\)](#)

**Proposition 69**

ACA 5 (Resolution Chapter 30, statutes of 2017), Frazier.

[Motor vehicle fees and taxes: restriction on expenditures: appropriations limit.\(PDF\)](#)

**Proposition 70**

ACA 1 (Resolution Chapter 105, statutes of 2017), Mayes.

[Greenhouse Gas Reduction Reserve Fund. \(PDF\)](#)

**Proposition 71**

ACA 17 (Resolution Chapter 190, Statutes of 2017), Mullin.

[Ballot measures: effective date \(PDF\)](#)

**Proposition 72**

SCA 9 (Resolution Chapter 1, Statutes of 2018), Glazer.

[Property tax: new construction exclusion: rain water capture system. \(PDF\)](#)