

**Lambda Democratic Club**  
**Minutes of the November General Meeting**  
**November 17, 2017 at the LGBTQ Center**

**Call to order:** 7:09 p.m.

**Attendance**

- Quorum – 12 members present
  - Board – Christian, Cory, Herlinda, Marisol and Ryan
  - Excused Absence – Tonya, Jannay
  - Special guest – Assembly member Patrick O’Donnell

**Highlights**

- **TOUGH ELECTION RESULTS BUT GOOD CALIFORNIA OUTCOMES.** Patrick O’ Donnell presented on progressive values and legislation being championed by CA electeds, including a teen suicide-prevention bill. Although the party experienced a major upset in the White House race, as well as numerous setbacks in state legislatures and governorships, CA Democrats made progress picking up seats in Sacramento. Now, with a 2/3 majority, and a democratic judiciary, it is possible to serve as a model for fighting back and protecting our most vulnerable communities. LAMBDA endorsed candidates who won their races included Janice Hahn (LA County Supervisor) and Al Muratsuchi (CA State Assembly).
- **TIME TO STEP UP, EDUCATE AND ORGANIZE.** Members further discussed the importance of mobilizing communities on issues that best illustrate our values and the advances the interests of our progressive base. Since there is no safety behind the blue wall, it is critical to develop a deep understanding of various issues and build broad bases of support, including with allies. Some brainstormed were particularly important for Trans and Gender Non-Conforming individuals, immigrants, those experiencing homelessness and community members in need of supportive transitional & senior housing.
- **REVISIT MISSION & PURPOSE.** LAMBDA’s reach already extends beyond Long Beach. Formally expanding the club’s mission by adjusting its chartering documents and name was discussed at length. Orange County LGBT candidates were supported in the last election cycle and the club is very active in LA County and broader CA Democratic Party politics, all critical to fully supporting Long Beach LGBTQ community members and allies. Filing documents will be required in the new year and further discussion with membership will be necessary.
- **MEMBERSHIP DRIVE.** Verification of membership is critical to successful submission of charter documents with the LA County Democratic Party. The December
- **MOTION.** Approve \$500 disbursement for the Holiday Party.
  - Maker: Cory; Seconded by Christian
  - Vote: Approved
- **UPCOMING EVENTS:**
  - 11/18 – Mayor Garcia’s Rally in Support of Muslims
  - 11/20 – Trans Day of Remembrance
  - 12/8 – Drag to Give, fundraiser/celebration, hosted by the B Room, proceeds to LGBTQ Center
  - 12/15 – Lambda Holiday Party

**Adjourned:** 8:04 p.m.