

**Progressive Democrats of Benicia (PDB)
Membership Meeting**

February 13, 2017

Committee attendees: Jack Kolk, June Mejia, Maggie Kolk, Craig Snider, Phyllis Dubois, Steve Young, Pat Toth Smith

Meeting called to order: 7:13 pm

Craig Snider, in the absence of Ralph Dennis, called the meeting to order.

Quorum – met.

Membership: 51 paid members

Treasurer's Report: \$840.

Meeting Minutes: Minutes for the months of 9/17, 10/17 and 11/17 were approved by the membership.

Esteemed attendees: Mayor Elizabeth Patterson, Steve Young, Vice Mayor of Benicia.

Announcements:

- ▶ Swing Left Fund raiser March 4
- ▶ Workshop on air monitoring on March 5 at the Veteran's Hall – Meeting will take place in every city
- ▶ February 23 is meet your local officials' day in the Commanding Officers quarters residence – 5-7:30pm.
- ▶ City of Benicia City Council – second reading of the cannabis licensing will take place at the meeting on Tuesday at 7:00pm
- ▶ Mayor Patterson-Benicia has no air monitor. One of the highest asthma areas in Solano county. We need air monitors and not wait for 20 years.
- ▶ Priority based budgeting – City Manager hired consultant. First hearing on 2/27 at 6:00 at City Hall. Check the newsletter from the City Manager online

Fact Sheets on Dotty Nygard were available for all attendees.

Speaker Dotty Nygard, District 10 – Modesto, Tracy, Manteca, Patterson, Turlock - was introduced by Phyllis Dubois. Dotty spoke passionately about health care. Supports free college system and universal child care. Biggest burden for college graduates is debt of \$1.7 trillion. Strong supporter of unions (Dotty is a union member). Described letter from Sutter Health describing cuts to nurses salary and benefits. Member of central labor council. Advocates for \$15/hour minimum wage. Has the endorsement of CA Nurses' Association. Ban fracking. Endorsed by Ro Khanna and others. Views herself as the more progressive candidate in the field.

In District 10 for 25 years. ER nurse. Running against Jeff Denham, Republican District 10.

Adjourn: 8:22pm

Next Meeting: March 13 – Dona Benicia Room, Benicia Library – Delaine Eastin will speak on March 13.

Submitted by: Maggie Kolk 02/13/18