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Arizona Democratic Party Regular Meeting of the ADP State Committee Saturday, September 22, 2018 Nogales High School, Nogales, Arizona

Chair Felecia Rotellini called the meeting of the ADP State Committee to order at 1:20 pm. Jorge Armenta, Nogales High School senior, led the Pledge of Allegiance, and Maricopa County Recorder Nogales High School alumnus Adrian Fontes welcomed everyone to the school and the meeting. Chair Rotellini then recognized elected officials and candidates as well as Nogales High School (NHS) students who had been helping with the meeting.

SPECIAL GUESTS

Congressman Raul Grijalva welcomed everyone to the Borderlands, noting that the area is a true melting pot of diverse people and cultures that should be held up as example not something negative. He said that Republicans are lying about Democrats wanting open borders and that that we need to be talking about immigration solutions that include state-of-the-art technology for the border to ensure security and economic progress as well as comprehensive immigration reform that includes a path to residency and citizenship for those willing to come forward and go through arduous process. He said Democrats should be talking about this in addition to plans to build infrastructure and education. We need to preserve and protect our democracy, our environment, our lands, waters, air, and our public education system. The election is critical, and every vote will be of great consequence.

Chair Rotellini then acknowledged more elected officials and candidates. Candidate for governor David Garcia thanked every volunteer who is helping candidates and talked about how the Democratic party has always been willing to take tough stances and be the voice for those who had had little or no voice. He discussed critical issues facing Arizona, including public education, health care, and the environment, and that Arizona needs a governor who will look out for the 99% of the state the current governor ignores. Candidate for Corporation Commission Kiana Sears noted that the current commission has let down the people of the state in terms of utilities and water infrastructure, while candidate for Mine Inspector Bill Pierce talked about lack of mine inspectors that have resulted in growing safety violations and uncollected fines around the state.

STATE CHAIR REPORT

Chair Rotellini has been to 10 of 15 counties and will visit the other five as soon as possible. She talked about having a diverse slate of candidates who represent Democratic values and principles and that in addition to seeing a blue wave, we are seeing a pink wave with Democratic women running up and down the ballot. She noted that “It’s the diversity of our perspective and view of the world that makes us collaborators.”

Chair Rotellini asked Santa Cruz County Chair Mary Darling to join her at the podium and thanked her and the Santa Cruz Democrats for hosting and Mary for serving as Chair of the County Chairs. Mary asked for a moment of silence of memory of former Mohave County Chair Mary Luna, who had passed

away suddenly. She also thanked the members of the State Committee for making the very long trip to Nogales and said that one reason she wanted people to come was to help them to understand what goes on in the borderlands. ; intro Michele Manos to intro speakers (helped organize).

Todd Landfried, campaign manager for Congressional candidate Dr. David Brill (CD-4), showed two ads for Dr. Brill that featured the siblings of Paul Gosar. The relationship started when Dr. Brill discussed his opposition to separating immigrant families and the Gosar family responded. Opposing their brother has been difficult for the Gosar siblings but was done out of love of country.

After an opening video, Deputy Field Director Sierra Yamanaka (and past Young Democrats of Arizona president) gave the Coordinated Campaign report. She discussed how field is organized by regions and talked about the boots on the ground efforts with volunteers carrying literature for all Democratic candidates to get Democrats elected everywhere in the state.

BORDERLANDS PRESENTATION

Michele Manos (LD 2) helped organize the presentations and introduced the speakers. The Borderlands encompass Congressional Districts 2 and 3; Legislative Districts 2, 4, and 14; Yuma, Pima, Santa Cruz, and Cochise counties; and the United States, Mexico, and Tohono O'odham nations.

Alex LaPierre of Border Community Alliance addressed the history and culture of the region and peoples and the marginalization of the populations who founded the area; Dan Millis of Sierra Club Borderlands talked about the environmental and societal problems created by walls used as border barriers; Gabriella Cazares-Kelly of Indivisible Tohono discussed tribal lands on the border and the 22 distinct tribal nations in Arizona; Billy Peard of ACLU of Arizona talked about civil rights issues in the region; and Guillermo Valencia of Greater Nogales/Santa Cruz Port Authority discussed how Nogales is the gateway between Mexico and Arizona (and much of the U.S.) and there has been investment in modernizing infrastructure and point of entry technology.

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE REPORT

On behalf of the Credentials Committee, Anna Lopez, NHS senior, reported that for the September 22 meeting, 167 State Committee members were present in person and 154 by proxy, for a total of 321 (of 527) members or 61% of the total membership, indicating a quorum had been met for purposes of voting.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Rick McGuire presented the treasurer's report encompassing the second quarter of the 2018 calendar year as well as current figures for third quarter, including digital fundraising for the past three years.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Secretary Anne Greenberg asked if there were any changes to the minutes from the May 19, 2018, State Committee meeting. Doug Ballard (Coconino) moved and Jay Kittrich (LD 25) seconded to approve; the minutes were approved unanimously by voice vote as presented.

BYLAWS COMMITTEE REPORT

Bylaws Committee Chair Michele Manos acknowledged previous chair Doug Ballard and his many years of service to the committee. She noted that a conflict of interest policy had been approved by the

Executive Board July 28 and would be posted on the party web site. She also said there was interest in codifying the party's neutrality stances and that the committee would be tackling a review and revision of the bylaws. Members were encouraged to send items they felt needed changing to secretary@azdem.org.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

Resolutions Committee Chair Pat Burns noted that there were two resolutions and the committee was recommending passage of both:

- Resolution in Defense of Asylum Seekers and Their Families
- Resolution for Latino Culturally Competent Spanish Translated Media

Approval of the resolutions was moved by Doug Ballard (Coconino) and seconded by Richard Wall (LD 25); the motion passed unanimously on voice vote.

OFFICER REPORTS

Affirmative Action Moderator Damian Preciado broke down the demographic outreach on PCs and said that about one-third of spots had been filled. He also provided an update on educational programs he and Educational Coordinator Janie Hydrick had been working on including an online voter registration class as well as five different upcoming PC training programs.

Secretary Greenberg, who is chairing the Hall of Fame Nomination Committee, reminded members that nominations were due September 24 and urged everyone to nominate deserving Democrats.

Chair Rotellini said that Election Protection activities were critical and that the party would train people interested in protecting voters and their rights.

COUNTY AND CAUCUS REPORTS

Young Democrats of Arizona: Kalie Pawlik talked about the newly elected YDA officers as well as a fundraiser in Flagstaff.

Latino Caucus: Patty Contreras noted that the Reunite Families rally was scheduled for October 27 in Phoenix and discussed mobilization efforts by the caucus.

Rural Caucus: Susan Breen noted that the caucus discussed and voted on positions on the propositions on the November ballot, saying that such discussions with voters help bridge the divide between areas and Democratic candidates.

Veterans Caucus: Jana Granillo said that the funds raised by the caucus will be given to veterans causes and candidates.

Disability Caucus: Celeste Pettijohn talked about the group's GOTV efforts,

Labor Caucus: Ted Prezelski discussed voter registration and mobilization programs from the ACLU as well as RedforEd efforts statewide.

LGBTQ Caucus: Ray Bradford said that in the last year and a half, the caucus had represented the ADP in two Pride parades in Phoenix and other parades around state and that the caucus raised ~\$20,000 to protect the community from bad policies and politicians and advocate on behalf of LGBTQ community including launching a GOTV program "Q the Vote AZ" to engage LGBTQ and allies.

Environmental Caucus: Rebecca Hinton urged people to tell everyone to vote yes on 127.

NEW BUSINESS

Chair Rotellini thanked staff for their work in putting on a successful meeting, especially given several last-minute changes. She urged everyone to support the Santa Cruz County dinner that evening.

Mike Wilson of the Tohono O’odham nation said that he took great offense at the European claiming of naming of Arizona, noting that “this is Tohono O’odham land and when someone else names it, they claim it. But only Tohono O’odham can claim it.” He said he wanted to correct the historical record because “if we indigenous people don’t speak out, then we are erased from history.”

ADJOURNMENT

Thereafter, a motion to adjourn the meeting was moved by Allison Porter (LD 18) and seconded by Jim Larson (LD 20) . The motion carried, and the meeting was adjourned at 3:58 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Anne Greenberg
ADP Secretary, 2017-2018

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