

# IMPERIAL COUNTY DEMOCRATIC CENTRAL COMMITTEE

## Minutes of the October 11, 2023, Regular Meeting

A regular meeting of the governing body of the Imperial County Democratic Party, the Imperial County Democratic Central Committee (hereinafter referred to as "ICDCC" or "Committee"), was held remotely via Zoom pursuant to Article 4, Section 7 of the Bylaws on Wednesday, October 11, 2023, scheduled to begin at 6:00pm PT.

**1. CALL TO ORDER** Chair Luellen called the meeting to order at 6:05pm PT.

**2. ROLL CALL** Secretary Rodriguez called the roll as follows:

**EX OFFICIO:**

Steve Padilla: Absent  
Eduardo Garcia: Absent  
Raul Ruiz: Absent

**DISTRICT 1:**

Jaysel Mendoza: Present  
Jesus Escobar: Absent  
Roxsanna Pacheco: Present  
Patricia Urena: Present

**DISTRICT 2:**

Yurii Camacho: Present  
Diahna Garcia-Ruiz: Present  
Maria Peinado: Present  
Tomás Oliva: Present  
Jacob Rodriguez: Present

**DISTRICT 3:**

Guillermo Hernandez: Present

**DISTRICT 4:**

Michael Bandiera: Absent  
Cynthia Harvie: Present  
Michael Luellen II: Present  
Daniela Vega: Absent

**DISTRICT 5:**

Sonia Carter: Present  
Bryan Vega: Present

An authorized quorum was present.

**3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA** The Committee reviewed the provisional agenda for the meeting. Patricia Urena made a motion, seconded by Roxsanna Pacheco, to approve the agenda as circulated.

The Committee adopted the motion by unanimous voice vote.

**4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES** The Committee reviewed the draft minutes for the previous meeting on September 14, 2023. Guillermo Hernandez made a motion, seconded by Roxsanna Pacheco, to approve the minutes as circulated.

The Committee adopted the motion by unanimous voice vote.

**5. SPECIAL OFFICER ELECTIONS** The Committee proceeded to the special election of three officers pursuant to Article 3, Section 2(a) of the Bylaws as follows:

**a) Election of the Vice Chair:** Maria Peinado nominated Diahna Garcia-Ruiz for the office of Vice Chair. There being only one candidate for this contest, nominations were closed.

Pursuant to Article 3, Section 3 of the Bylaws, the Committee elected Diahna Garcia-Ruiz, of District 2, as Vice Chair by acclamation.

Per Article 3, Section 2(b) of the Bylaws, Vice Chair Garcia-Ruiz assumed office immediately and gave brief remarks.

**b) Election of a Co-Treasurer:** The duties of the position were discussed. No nominations were made.

Yurii Camacho made a motion, which was seconded by Jacob Rodriguez, to table this special election for another meeting to be determined.

The Committee adopted the motion by unanimous voice vote.

## 6. INFORMATION ITEMS

**a) Committee expansion and March 2024 Central Committee election:** Chair Luellen reported on the upcoming expansion and elections for the Central Committee, including the new district apportionment provided by the Registrar of Voters, as follows:

District 1: 6 Seats  
District 2: 5 Seats  
District 3: 4 Seats  
District 4: 4 Seats  
District 5: 4 Seats

**b) Submission of bylaws to CADEM Rules Committee:** Secretary Rodriguez reported that the bylaws as amended at the September 14, 2023, regular meeting were duly transmitted to the County Bylaws Subcommittee of the CADEM Rules Committee for review and approval at the November convention prior to the deadline.

**c) Pride booth on October 14, 2023:** Co-Treasurer Rodriguez notified the Committee that Chair Pacheco designated him as Acting Secretary pursuant to Article 3, Section 4(b) of the Bylaws on September 7, 2023.

**d) CADEM November convention:** Members discussed logistics surrounding the convention and proxies.

**e) Member vacancies and dues:** Information was provided on the necessity of paying dues. Methods of payment (ActBlue) were discussed.

## 7. DISCUSSION/ACTION ON COMMITTEES

The Committee discussed the desirability and feasibility of creating new committees and/or task forces in the near future.

No action was taken at this meeting.

## 8. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Members were permitted to make brief announcements on any subject matter not otherwise on the agenda.

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

Guillermo Hernandez made a motion, which was seconded by Patricia Urena, to adjourn and hold the next regular meeting on November 15, 2023, at 6:00pm PT via Zoom.

The motion to adjourn was carried unanimously with a voice vote.

The Chair declared the Central Committee adjourned at 6:51pm PT.

**Prepared by:**

**Approved by the Central Committee  
on \_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_/2023:**

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Jacob Rodriguez, Secretary

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Michael J. Luellen II, Chair