

January General Meeting

January 19, 2018

Irvine Water District in Irvine, CA

Executive Board Attendees:

Jessica Riegert

Josh Galiley

Dave Oakley

Heaven Ramirez

Byron Lopez

Cem Surmeli

August Carleton

Garrett Larsen

Official start time: 7:23 PM

Overview of the last year: Celebrating first year anniversary as a chapter and recalling major demonstrations/events we have held in the past year:

- Mimi Walters/Dana Rohrabacher events/sit-ins
- May Day rally
- Laguna Beach protest against America First! (2,500 people in attendance)
- Fundraising events for Isaiah House, Socialist Feminist bowl-a-thon and garage sale for reproductive rights and childcare
- Santa Ana direct action and fighting against city ordinances that displace the homeless.
- Milo Yippyappy (I'm not Googling this fucker's name to properly spell his last name) protest/tabling event at Cal State Fullerton
- DSA Convention in Chicago
- Socialists being Social/Reading Groups

Women's March: March to happen on 1-20-18 in Downtown Santa Ana at Flower and Civic Center 9AM-1PM

Community Outreach/Wage Justice Clinic: Santa Ana Riverbed Trail—1-22-18 county will displace everyone in the city away from the Riverbed. Working with attorneys and looking for volunteers to help relocate to the surrounding cities. Forming demonstration to oppose county's efforts to displace people. More information to come as this issue develops via Facebook and Slack channel.

Overview of the wage justice clinic: Monthly meetings at Isaiah House and clinics that can work with people one on one. Tentative first clinic in March, still working on the logistics.

Brake Light Clinic: Overview of the brake light clinic—mutual aid and anti-police action. Tentative date for first clinic on 2-24-18 at Methodist Church of Anaheim, waiting for official word on the location and date. Zine is currently being put together and seeking contributions for illustrations/anecdotes that are against police. Weekly stand up meetings will be happening in the Slack channel on Wednesdays 7-7:30 PM

Electoral Politics: Endorsing candidates in 2018, discussions will be occurring for the next couple of months with a focus on local politics. A list is being put together for a list of priorities of what to endorse. Working on a rough draft of DSA OC platform.

Canvassing: President of the Seal Beach Democratic Club extending resources to DSA OC. On 2-3-18 1PM-3PM there will be canvassing training. Will hopefully lead to us having our own trainings. Announcements will be made on Facebook and Slack

Gayle McLaughlin: Mayor of Richmond, helped form RPA (Richmond Progressive Alliance), which accomplished the following:

- Took back power from corporate interest
- Reduced Crime
- Sued Chevron for environmental reasons

McLaughlin sat on city council and was Mayor of Richmond and now is running for Lieutenant Governor. Wants to take the idea of RPA and spread this ideal throughout the state of California. Campaign is invested in grassroots support. McLaughlin is a reformer and dedicated public servant.

Brea Protest Ordinance: City of Brea is currently trying to pass a protest ordinance that would require citizens to send in an application to protest in the city, along with an application fee and any other fees, such as paying police to patrol the protest. Applications will be sent to police department for approval. Infringes on First Amendment rights. Brea currently in talks with ACLU and other groups to come up with a compromise for said ordinance. Ordinance will be voted on during next city council meeting on 2-6-18. Will create event on Facebook as it gets closer to the event.

Bank Divestment: Overview of bank divestment. If we can put pressure county and cities to divest from banks Treasurer decides to use public bank/credit union—concentrated effort to change their mind, go to city councils. Can also do it as a state effort.

Grievance Policy: Currently in talks with DSA Long Beach, San Diego and LA to form an ad hoc committee for when grievances are reported. Two grievance officers from each chapter will be part of the ad hoc committee and make decisions on a case by case basis for each grievance filed. Grievance officers will sit on ad hoc committee for six months before new set of officers have been chosen. OC chapter currently working on grievance policy and will be choosing officers. Third party training will be provided for officers. Currently accepting individuals interested in being officers. Men are welcome to volunteer/nominate themselves,

however the committee will mainly be made up of non-male officers. Tentative date for completed grievance policy will be end of March.

Reading Groups: Overview of reading groups and how it provides Socialist education. Topics can be discussed more in depth. Reading groups for the next month and half:

- January—Sewer Socialism in Tustin at Bardot Bars on 1-27-18
- February-
 - Saturday 10th: Mexican Anarchism--Location TBD
 - Sunday 25th: Me Too movement--Location TBD

Announcements:

- LSC (Libertarian Socialist Caucus) local. Another meeting on Slack on 1-28-18
- Must be dues paying member to be part of LSC
- Anarchist book fair in March in Anaheim, possible tabling opportunity
- Opportunity to table local punk shows
- Organizing for May Day rally for this coming year

Break out into committees:

- Community
- Electoral
- Outreach committee

Endorsements:

-SB562

-California Single Payer Healthcare Bill/California Medicare for all bill. Was introduced in 2017, held up in Assembly because Speaker Rendon refused to let it go through the committee.

-Voting to endorse SB562—official position of DSA OC is that we support the bill.

-Passing by acclamation—unanimous vote

-Repeal Costa-Hawkins

- Prevents cities to prevent rent control, passed in 1995.
- Repealing will give cities the ability to do rent control
- Legislative bill or ballot box to repeal Costa-Hawkins

-Passing by acclamation—unanimous vote

-Resolution committee—repealing prop 13, ask committee to review this.

-Recommend to political committee to repeal Prop 13.

-Gayle McLaughlin

- Open Socialist/anti Capitalist
- Corporate free campaign
- Seeking endorsement

-Multiple Cali DSA chapters have already endorsed

-Unanimously endorse Gayle McLaughlin for Lt. Governor

-Membership Outreach Committee: February and March: meeting with all 200 members and how to help members organize, understand hurdles that prevents them from organizing. Executive Committee to form structure for the committee.

-Passed unanimously

-Using chapter funds to buy pizza/refreshments brought up by Treasurer:

-Passed unanimously

Reminders for upcoming events:

- Women's March
- Reading Group
- Wage Justice Clinic
- Community outreach meeting
- Electoral Politics Meeting
- Social event — tentative 2-3-18
- LSC Caucus Slack meeting on 28th
- Brake light initiative

Meeting ends: 9:00 PM