

March 2018 General Meeting

Friday, March 16 2018

Irvine Water District in Irvine, CA

Executive Board Attendees:

Josh Galiley

Jessica Riegert

Heaven Ramirez

Garrett Larsen

August Carleton

Byron Lopez

Start: 7:17PM

YDSA: Los Alamitos chair has been organizing for the student walk outs. Had students meet every day to create logos, t-shirts, flyers, community outreach. Organized a rally in front of the school. Incredibly conservative school, community members asked for it to be shut down but school pushed back. 17 desks at three different locations to represent the 17 victims of Parkland shooting. Reminder of what violence in schools does. Pictures of victims. Peaceful protest and next steps: met with Alan Lowenthal and superintendent no longer showing support for YDSA, figuring out how to work in the future. Pre-registered people to vote.

Democratic Convention in California: Progressive caucus meeting. SB562 giant presence/Medicare 4 All. Talk is one step for a party slow to act. Repeal of Costa Hawkins and repeal Prop 13. Lieutenant

Governor's position was not endorsed. Gayle McLaughlin may have a good chance of winning, beneficial.

Community Outreach: Homelessness initiatives, brake lights clinic. Will be April 28th with Orange County Immigrant Youth. Volunteer for brake lights clinic. Partner with Catholic Worker to help with a weekly service in Santa Ana Civic Center to help serve the homeless. Wage justice clinic on pause for the time being. Community Outreach meeting happening on 3/17 at taqueria in Santa Ana for future projects to work on.

Costa-Hawkins Repeal: Law passed in 1995 that puts restrictions on rent control in cities across California. Movement to put this on the ballot to be voted on in November. No groups in Orange County organizing to get on the ballot right now.

March For Our Lives: In Santa Ana on March 24 against gun violence and letting NRA pass whatever laws it wants. Input from membership. Point brought up to mention the disarming of the police. Vote: Unanimous to do March For Lives.

May Day Rally: In Downtown Santa Ana on May 1. Looking for volunteers to do arts and crafts/art pieces. Fundraising for \$200 to design flyers to pay for printing/costs/snacks/water for before/during/after the rally. Looking for \$80 to help. Looking for volunteers for security.

Great American Write In: March 24th 9:30-1:30 to buffer between the March For Our Lives. Provide information for the organization at Del Heights Center.

LSC: Next meeting at April 1st 2:30-4 to overview the bylaws.

Reading Group: On Lucy Parsons at Taqueria de And a at Santa Ana. Moving the reading group, date TBD.

Letter Writing: March 25th at Chapman for former Black Panthers at 2PM.

Electoral Politics: canvassing/campaigning for candidates who we want to throw support towards. Putting together educational material about state and local races. Next meeting on Friday April 6th 6:30PM. Will send out a reminder for the mailing list.

Membership groups.

Review of Electoral Politics platform. Email going out to provide suggestions and tweaks to the platform.

Nominating members to fill seats for Executive Committee. Can nominate yourself or someone else.

End: 9:15PM