



**General Meeting Agenda**  
**November 20, 2022, 2:00 – 4:00 pm**  
Any Questions: MarshCreekDems@gmail.com

- I Call to Order and Introductions** (New members, Dignitaries) (3 minutes)
- A. This month’s meeting is being held both at our regular Brentwood Community Center meeting room and on Zoom for the convenience of those unable to attend in person. **Masking is optional at this meeting.** Our next meeting will take place on December 18, when normal business will be suspended for our annual holiday party. All Zoom Attendees will be muted. **Zoom link:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6304996072?pwd=ZGVhcDZYVVUrQWFMRVd1MEZ5anNMdz09>  
Password: Orange
  - B. If joining via Zoom, please rename your Zoom to your first and last name.
  - C. At the end of their presentations, our speaker will take a few questions. (Use Chat or click Reactions and Raise Hand if on Zoom.)
- II Minutes of October Meeting** (3 minutes)
- A. Motion to Adopt Minutes: Motion \_\_\_\_\_ 2<sup>nd</sup> \_\_\_\_\_
- III Agenda Review** (3 minutes)
- A. Any changes to the agenda:
  - B. Motion to Adopt Agenda: Motion \_\_\_\_\_ 2<sup>nd</sup> \_\_\_\_\_
- IV Shannon Skinner – President** (5 minutes)
- A. General update.
  - B. Preparation for election of 2023 MCDC officers and call for candidates.
  - C. Holiday party – Volunteers are welcome!
- V Special Guest Speaker:** (2:15) We are honored and excited to be joined, in person, by retiring U.S. Congressman Jerry McNerney, who has served California’s 9<sup>th</sup> Congressional District since 2007. He will speak on his new nonprofit, his view of the midterm results, and/or his thoughts on the January 6 hearings.
- VI Yolanda Mendrek – Vice President** (3 minutes)
- A. Update on Future Presentations:
    - 1. December: Holiday party. (We decided not to have a silent auction.)
    - 2. January: Colin Coffey, Ward 7 Director, East Bay Regional Park District.
    - 3. (Proposed for February) Speaker on January 6 committee reports.
    - 4. (Proposed) Speaker on women’s choice issues and impact of *Dobbs* decision in other states.
    - 5. (Proposed) Update on important issues in our public schools, including lack of depth in courses on civics.
    - 6. (Proposed) Speaker(s) from Delta Community Services, Hijas del Campo, local food bank and/or others involved in serving the most economically vulnerable members of our community. (Could be a panel discussion?)
    - 7. Suggestions from members?
  - B. **Today’s Additional Speaker:** Our second speaker today will be Tamisha Torres-Walker, Antioch City Council Member, who will speak to us on local gun control issues.

**VII Membership – Linda Smith and Doug McClelland (3 minutes)**

**A. November Membership – 106 Members!**

1. Ways to join — Credit card at <https://www.marshcreekdems.org/all-products> or Venmo MarshCreekDems (3416) or Check sent to Thuy DaoJensen/MCDC, P.O. Box 521, Brentwood, CA 94513
- B. Renewing Members become Members in Good Standing and may vote as soon as dues are paid.
- C. New members become Members in Good Standing and may vote 30 days after their dues are paid.
- D. Don't forget: You must be a Member in Good Standing to run for MCDC office or to vote in the upcoming MCDC election of officers.

**VIII Voter Outreach – Linda Smith (5 minutes)**

- A. Update on Farmers' Market –We will be taking a break until next year! Thanks very much to everyone who helped this year.
- B. Postcard/Letter Writing –
  1. Linda's final letter writing gathering in advance of the general election was held on October 26<sup>th</sup>. We are continuing to write GOTV letters to Georgia voters in advance of Raphael Warnock's runoff election against Herschel Walker.
  2. MCDC wrote 10,498 letters and postcards in addition to those sent by Doug's Swing Left team, with the goal of increasing participation of historically underrepresented communities and Democratic leaning voters in midterm elections, focusing on swing states.

**IX Swing Left Director – Doug McClelland (10-15 minutes)**

- A. Swing Left recap of election efforts

**X Issues and Legislation Committee – Bill Nusbaum (5 minutes)**

- A. Meetings are on the first Saturday of the month at 11:30 am; however, we will be taking a two-month break, so the next meeting will be on February 4.
- B. Issues the Committee is currently working on include (1) the sorry state of our public healthcare system and what can be done to improve it, and (2) the impact of climate change on the availability and quality of water in California, for both personal and agricultural use.
- C. We are also continuing our study of how we can help to enhance the teaching of civics in our public schools.

**XI Communications – Carolina Villaseca (3 minutes)**

- A. We are continually posting important items on Facebook regarding news and calls to action. Send any call to action to Carolina at [marshcreekdems@gmail.com](mailto:marshcreekdems@gmail.com). **Check our Facebook page often for our frequent updates, and post your comments and “likes” whenever you can!**

**XII Election and Precinct Update – Carolina Villaseca (3 minutes)**

- A. Our focus is on ensuring that the candidates we helped elect build their support bases so they can achieve their goals in office. In addition, we are working to help Jacob at Los Medanos College get politically inclined youth engaged, and we are working with Ian in his engagement with the Youth Commission.
- B. Carolina has been contacted by three potential 2024 candidates, and she is helping them become more familiar with the offices they plan to run for and put their preliminary plans in place.

**XIII Treasurer’s Report – Thuy DaoJensen (5 minutes)**

**Marsh Creek Dems Treasurer's  
Financial Statement  
November 7 - December 4, 2022**

Date	Description of INCOME	Amount
	<b>BALANCE as of November 7, 2022:</b>	<b>\$ 2,509.25</b>
10-Nov-2022		
	<b>Total INCOME</b>	<b>\$ 2,509.25</b>

Check #	Description of EXPENSES	Amount
	<b>Total EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$ -</b>

**BALANCE as of December 4, 2022:    \$ 2,509.25**

**XIV Secretary’s Report – Connie Harden**

- A. The minutes of the October meeting are available on the MCDC website.
- B. Book recommendation: *And There Was Light: Abraham Lincoln and the American Struggle*, by Pulitzer Prize winning author Jon Meacham (Random House, 2022).

**XV For the Good of the Order (comments/suggestions) (3 minutes)**

- A. Donations are needed by Hijas del Campo (Daughters of the Field), which was established to raise awareness of the plight of local farmworkers. MCDC member Marivel Mendoza-Matheu is a founding member of the organization. Donations may be made through Amazon at [https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/30GZ9RH7U58OM?ref=wl\\_share](https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/30GZ9RH7U58OM?ref=wl_share), which includes a wish-list of items the farm workers in our community need. In addition, donations of men’s, women’s and children’s winter coats are being collected by Carolina. Please contact Carolina at (216) 570-1270 for her address and to make drop off arrangements.
- B. Zoom chats take place at 10 am on the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of each month.
- C. Report by Elected Officials in attendance.

**XVI Adjournment**