

Progressive Democrats of Benicia  
June 18, 2018 Membership Meeting  
Dona Benicia Room, @ Benicia Library

**Committee Attendees:** Maggie Kolk, Jack Kolk, Pat Toth-Smith, Craig Snider, Phyllis DeBois, Steve Young, Roger Straw, Kathy Kerridge, Kari Birdseye

**Meeting Called to Order:** by Maggie Kolk, at 7 p.m.

**Quorum met**

**Treasurer's Report:** total of \$1,265.65. Kathy Kerridge reported that dues are past due and can be paid with cash or check. She will send email reminders.

**Meeting Minutes** of April 10, 2018 & May 8, 2018 were approved.

**Acknowledgements of:** Monica Brown, Stephen Hallett, and Steve Young. Kari Birdseye and Christina Strawbridge were introduced as candidates for city council.

**Business: Benicia Industrial Safety Ordinance** ~ Constance Beutel presented a short video about the 5.5.17 Valero incident. Andres Soto and Mayor Patterson spoke about the ISO and encouraged people to attend the City Council meeting 6/19/18 when the ISO would be presented. Andres Soto introduced the 6/19/18 presenters: Pat Toth-Smith, Kathy Kerridge, Carrie Rehak, and Terry Mollica.  
**Motion:** Stephen Hallett moved and an attendee seconded that a letter supporting the ISO be presented to Benicia City Council, 6/19/18. Vice Mayor Young abstained. No objections.

**Orcem Project, Vallejo** ~ Jay Gunkelman; a Vallejo resident, environmental advocate, and independent expert on clean air; presented his thoughts on the Orcem project. In addition to health and environmental concerns, he spoke about the Bay Area Trail interruption and the shadow government that has been working to bring the Orcem factory to Vallejo.

Motion: Roger Straw moved and Constance Buetel seconded that a letter be sent to the Benicia City Council asking the council to oppose the Orcem project; and a second letter be sent to the Vallejo City Council asking the council to deny or recirculate the FEIR. Vice Mayor Young abstained. No objections.

**Announcements:** Kathy Kerridge encouraged people to attend the Air Watch: Bay Area workshop, 6/23/18, in Richmond. For more information: [keb346@drexel.edu](mailto:keb346@drexel.edu) or [kkerridge@sbcglobal.net](mailto:kkerridge@sbcglobal.net).

Constance Buetel passed on Delaine Eastin's thanks and said Delaine has no regrets and is still making the rounds speaking out.

Andres Soto said Phillips 66 wants to expand crude shipments to Rodeo with patched permits. Soto also noted that Eric Zell, a lobbyist, works for Orcem and Phillips 66.

Mark Van Norman said the assembly members vote in August on SB 100, a bill that states California will be powered by 100% 'clean' energy by 2045.

Constance Buetel moved and Monica Brown seconded that the meeting be adjourned.

**Submitted by:** Phyllis DeBois, July 1, 2018