

Beach Cities Democrats January 4, 2021 Meeting
Special ADEM Slate Introduction Meeting
Minutes taken by Andrea Valcourt, Secretary

Jessica Accamando called the meeting to order at 6:04. She said that the meeting was to introduce the people running for ADEM, either individually or on a slate, who had answered her invitation to come and speak. They will speak based on the order in which they replied to her. No one objected to having the meeting recorded.

She said the ADEM voting was different this year and gave a link to the ADEM site, which showed the candidates and gave the voting rules. Delegates get to identify the platform, elect officers within the party, etc. She then stated that this process was new to her and had asked the Board to approve the special meeting for introducing these candidates. Everyone is welcome to use the Chat feature or post on Facebook or reach out to delegates after this meeting.

All the candidates are members of the club and everyone gets four minutes. With no questions on the process, she called on Tony Hale, the head of the Building Stronger slate.

Tony said his slate's name is Building Stronger and continued that many of you know me and that I am a long-time progressive democrat and have many endorsements from the Party. I've developed policy to support our progressive values, worked to reduce "big time" people and make it more democratic with grassroots participation. The Slate process gets more people to vote for a candidate for Delegate and E-Board. Because of this, I can get more done and reach out to State officials. Mine is the most diverse slate. Please go to ADEM2021.com for my slate's candidate bios. You can only vote for one E-Board candidate, but seven men and seven women delegate candidates.

Ashley Tull, part of the Building Stronger slate

I've never run before and what makes me qualified is that I'm young, ready to speak my mind and yours. We started by winning the presidency and need more wins to do the work. I've lived in the farmland, had cancer, was homeless, and graduated from UCLA in 2020. I met Jessica and that changed my life. I'm passionate about people and the way they love. I'm on Tony's slate. Check out me on Facebook and Twitter. Contact me anytime. I won't back down or give up.

Alyesa Watenabe, part of the Building Stronger slate

I'm not new to many people, but attended few events with this group. I'm endorsed by Ted Lieu and Al Muratsuchi. I went to South Bay schools and UCSF. I have two kids and am the Director of the Women's Wellness Center at Little Company of Mary. I was a fundraiser for Ted Lieu in 2005 and stayed involved. After 2016, there was a ground swell in fundraising on Gen Blue and South Bay Cares. Many Japanese are facing eviction and I'm with Al Muratsuchi on this. I think climate change is the most important issue. I have a lot to offer and maybe something fresher than long time members.

Tony Salvaggio, part of the Aviators and Sneakers slate.

Thanks for holding this meeting. I've lived in the South Bay 21 years, worked in the aerospace industry, and have twins in the local schools. I worked on the 2004 and 2008 Obama campaigns. I supported and phone banked for the ACA and worked for the homeless collecting clothes. Running for the 2011 ADEM, was a coin toss win; every vote counts. I've volunteered for many causes and read Dan Rathert's book, [What Unites Us](#), which is a call for unity. We have a chance to get unity and install progressive values in our laws.

Susan Goodlerner, part of the Building Stronger slate

I've been a member for several years and am running for re-election. I worked on phone banks for Cristy Smith and Harley Rouda, volunteered in swing states for Biden and for the Georgia senate candidates, and was a Warren delegate and worked on her campaign. We still have more work to do. I'm a retired doctor and on the faculty at Harbor UCLA. The pandemic shows the disparities in the economy and healthcare, etc. I've developed the skills to make the party more responsive to all people and to get Democrats elected at all levels. Please vote for this grassroots progressive slate.

Dina Doll, part of the Aviators and Sneakers slate

I'm a new member and agree with what's been said. I'm a corporate lawyer, have young children, and am an Arab immigrant. When RPB died, I felt that I needed to protect her legacy. There is so much work to do because of the corrupt republicans. I support a woman's right to work and to choose. The more we support women, the better we are. We need to use our tools to stop school shootings and fund schools better. I'm a mediator in the legal system and can use these skills as well as my ability to draft clear documents as a delegate. I'm willing to volunteer to help write documentation. I speak mostly for women and children because there is so much more we can do for women in the criminal system.

Lorri Geittman, part of the Building Stronger slate

Every group knows its history and I'm it, a five time Beach Cities Democrats president. In 1956, I moved here from Illinois as a graduate of the University of Illinois. I worked at the Beach Reporter, was a probation officer for 25 years working with narcotics offenders, volunteered at Torrance Memorial with heart patients, and was an Omni Lore group participant. I'm a County Committee member and worked with the State Party to get more grassroots involvement with Nancy Pelosi as chair, and to grow the party. I worked to elect Ted Lieu and Al Muratsuchi because you can't get anything done without good people.

Elsa Gerard, part of the Aviators and Sneakers slate

I've lived 30 years in Manhattan Beach and am a college counselor. I got involved in politics, when I was 13 growing up in Virginia. Recently worked with Field Team 6 and Next Gen post carding and will work to cure Georgia ballots. Because of my work, I want to represent students and the environment. I support the Tree Musketeers and other environmental groups.

Allan Kirschbaum, part of the Aviators and Sneakers slate

I have daughters and have worked in California, New York, Colorado and Texas. I will work for unity. Unless we control the Senate, we won't go far. We need to have a big enough party for the whole US. I'm for Women's rights and their choice, resolving mass incarceration issues, and getting drug users help. The debt has ballooned without improvements for the people, infrastructure, etc. We need to be united to get consensus and not let the opposition corrupt our efforts.

Kathleen Paralucz, part of the Aviators and Sneakers slate

I'm energized listening to everyone. I'm a 20+ years attorney for Northrup Grumman. I'm a working parent and worked on the Manhattan PTA and as a secretary for the BCHD. Got involved in politics in 2004 with the Kerry/Edwards campaign and more involved at the grassroots level in 2008 for the Obama campaign and was an Obama delegate at the convention and went to the inauguration. I've pledged to get good candidates elected and did phone banking. My main issue is quality education in California and across the US and am running for ADEM to get good policies for education and a clean environment.

Jessica then said she appreciated everyone keeping on time and will post the recording. You must register by January 11 to vote and ballots must be postmarked by January 27 and received by January 30. Please ask everyone you know to get a ballot and vote. Every vote counts.

Our next meeting is January 27 and we will consider endorsements for the Redondo Beach March election. The meeting is adjourned at 7:03.