



**Auburn Area Democratic Club**

Auburn City Hall. The Rose Room  
1225 Lincoln Way  
Auburn, CA, 95603

**AADC General Membership Meeting – Thurs., March 5, 2026**

**Officers Present:**

President: Cindy Engen  
Vice President: Don Ferguson  
Controller: Judy Gomez  
Secretary: Joan Jernegan

**Absent:** None

**Committee Chairs and Chairs Present:**

Membership Co-Chairs: Sandy Floyd and Edlene McKenzie  
Community Events Chair: (Vacant)  
Communications Chair: Susan Roughgarden  
Voter Registration Co-chairs: Leslie Moonshine and Gail Bartlow  
Fundraising: (Vacant)

**Absent:** None

**Guest(s) Present:**

I. **Call to Order**

A quorum being present, President: Cindy Engen called the General Meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

II: **Introduction**

Cindy Engen, President, Welcome

III: **Approval of Minutes**

**MOTION:** Judy Gomez moved to accept the Thurs January 8, 2026 General Membership Meeting minutes. Seconded. Minutes were approved by a show of hands and voice vote.

Judy Gomez moved to accept the Thurs Feb. 5, 2026 General Membership Meeting minutes. Seconded. Minutes were approved by a show of hands and voice vote.

#### **IV. Approval of 2026 Budget**

Former Treasurer Gail Bartlow present the 2026 Budget for AADC. President Engen Moved to approve the budget. It was Seconded, and Approved by voice vote.

#### **V: Officer Updates**

- President- Cindy Engen
- Vice President- Don Ferguson No report.
- Controller – Judy Gomez
  - Controller Gomez reported that due to the complicated legal and political responsibilities of Controller, she was resigning as Chair of the Fundraising Committee, but would remain as Controller.
- Secretary- Joan Jernegan No report.

#### **VI. Committee Reports**

- **Membership Committee-** Chairs Floyd and McKenzie reported that the membership of AADC has increased to a total of 227 members.
- AADC Membership Drive - Chair Floyd reported that the membership drive will be held on Saturday, April 18, 2026 at AADC headquarters from 1 to 4 pm. Snack, swag and a raffle will be conducted. Joining as a new member in April will include membership through July 2027.

- **Community Events Committee-** (Chair Vacant)
- **Voter Registration Committee-** Gail Bartlow, Leslie Moonshine & Sandy Floyd (Co-chairs) The Chairs reported that every other Tuesday and every Wednesday they are at Sierra College. They do surveys to engage the students in political discussions. They have registered 33 students. Of those 15 are Democrats, 14 No Political Preference and 4 Republicans, to date in 2026.
- **Fundraising (Vacant)** President Engen reported that since Controller Gomez is resigning as Chair, a new chair is needed to volunteer to do fundraising events, such as a picnic in September. Also \$26 for 26 has raised over \$4,711 towards our goal of \$6,000. Former Treasurer Bartlow reported that we have 32 volunteers to help cover 11 days at the polls. Proceeds to go to AADC.
- **Communications Committee** Chair Susan Roughgarden  
Chair Roughgarden reported that we need more writers to write letters to the Editor. Volunteers with a background in journalism or writing are desired.  
  
We now have business cards for members to pass out to interested members of the public with information on AADC.  
  
The Celebrity Chef event is coming up soon. It will be Thursday, March 12. Charcuterie cups will be prepared, as they were popular last year. Three to five volunteers are needed to assemble them on Thursday, before the event.
- **Scholarship Chair (Ad Hoc)** Chair Joan Jernegan - No report

**VII. Old Business - None at this time**

**VIII. New Business - None at this time**

**IX. Speakers**

President Engen introduced Andy Hayes from Auburn Interfaith Food closet.

He spoke about the requirements for SNAP (CalFresh) and Medicaid that will have a work requirement for all able-bodied people between 18 and 65 years. He is expecting a big increase in food insecurity.

In response to the question of how can we help, he said (1) volunteer, he can accommodate volunteers for as few or as many hours a month as they can contribute, (2) donate cash or food, (3) advocate for Auburn Interfaith Food Closet (4) the closet accepts fresh produce as well as staples.

Chair Roughgarden introduced Annie Bowler and Carol Koons from Public School Strong. They spoke about monitoring the School Board meetings, either in person or by zoom, as the school board has been taken over by the hard right. They ask for letters to the Board on important issues.

There are three open seats on the Board (out of five) up for election in the fall. Annie works with Julanne Brown on the Candidate Development Committee for Placer Democrats. They assist potential democratic candidates in getting elected to the school board, with a manual, a two-day training session and requested support for good candidates. They want every child to thrive in school.

## **X Member Announcements**

- Jeanette Stringham reported that a protest is planned for Home Depot on Willow Creek Road near Hwy 49, on March 21, 2026 from 11 am-1 pm. Pat Ferguson from Indivisible invited NorCal Resist and Protest of Liberty to join. It has been promoted on MoveOn.

There will be sign making at the AADC headquarters on both March 6<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>, 2026 for No Kings Day, March 28, 2026.

**XI. Adjournment:** Without objection the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.