



Auburn Area Democratic Club

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

AADC General Membership Meeting – Thurs., April 2, 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
Fundraising: (Vacant)

Absent: Gail Bartlow (Voter Registration Co-chair)

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 March 5, 2026 General Membership Meeting minutes. Seconded. Minutes were approved by a show of hands.

IV. Officer Updates

- President- Cindy Engen President Engen reported that the No Kings demonstration last Saturday was ruined by an incident with a pellet gun shooting at the crowd. The concern is that copycats will repeat it in the future. A meeting has been organized for this Friday, April 3, 2026 at 10:30 am at the AADC offices with representatives from the Sheriff's office and Supervisor Cindy Gustavson.
- Vice President- Don Ferguson No report.
- Controller – Judy Gomez
 - Controller Gomez reported that the \$26 for 26 fundraiser has reached the goal of raising \$6,000.
- Secretary- Joan Jernegan No report.

V. Committee Reports

- **Membership Committee** - Chairs Floyd and McKenzie reported that the membership of AADC remains the same at 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. refreshments and a raffle will be conducted. Joining as a new member in April will include membership through July 2027.
- Renewal dues for existing members are due in July. The standard dues are \$25. Thanks to Emily Gaber, you can now renew on line.
 - **Community Events Committee-** (Chair Vacant)

Dorian Seamster reported on Public Schools Strong. They need volunteers to

attend the School Board meetings. Local groups may take responsibility for individual schools. Dorian attended the Placer High School recent meeting, which was attended by 20 people. The Board is more conservative than we would like. The Board is elected by District. We need competent people on the School Board. Vacancies are expected soon.

- **Voter Registration Committee-** Leslie Moonshine & Gail Bartlow (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. The current survey on the war in Iran reflected that the majority of the students were Very Concerned.

Sierra College Earth Day is April 23, 2026.

Earth Day coming with Hip Hop Congress at School Preserve Park on 4/25.

Chair Moonshine reported that the AADC will be participating in the Downtown Tuesday Nights Roseville with Placer Women Democrats. AADC's three nights to staff the table are June 23, 30 and July 14, 2026.

- **Fundraising (Vacant)**
- Controller Gomez reported that a new chair is needed to volunteer to do fundraising events, such as a picnic in August.
- **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, writing and social media are desired.

We now have business cards for members to pass out to interested members of the public with information on AADC. A What's Happening Newsletter is emailed to members, so upcoming events should be reported.

- **Scholarship Chair (Ad Hoc)** Chair Joan Jernegan – Twelve applications were submitted by seniors from PUSD. The committee has selected two winners and notified the schools. Their names will be kept secret until the Certificates are presented on May 11 and 14th. Letters of regret will be mailed after the ceremonies to the applicants who were not selected.

VII. Old Business - None at this time

VIII. New Business - None at this time

IX. Speakers

President Engen introduced Giselle Garcia, Programs Director of NorCal Resist.

She spoke about NorCal Resist as a political organizing, mutual aid organization with programs led by volunteers. They have only four staff, but hundreds of volunteers.

They run brake light clinics, to prevent pretextual traffic stops. Food donation bins are distributed to 400 people weekly. They have an accompaniment program. They train volunteers to accompany people to court hearings and provide a sense of support, building connections between long time residents and new arrivals. They have Migra Watch (ICE) online training for 25 counties, with 24/7 phone number to report if ICE is present. Someone will be sent to confirm. If ICE is present, they will stay, document, get the detainee's name and A number. The hotline phone is (916) 382-0256. They accept donations at NorCalResist.org. No ICE has been reported at the Sacramento airport. ICE is not conducting sweeping raids in California, but targeted individuals only.

X Member Announcements

Neva Parker announced that she is running for California Assembly, District 5, and has been endorsed by both California State Democrats and AADC. She is having canvassing and post carding (she will provide postcards and add addresses and postage later).

President Engen announced that Judge Leon Dixson, Democrat, will speak at the AADC May meeting. Judge Dixson is endorsed by every judge in Placer County, plus 55 other judges in California. He is running for reelection to the bench against David Bass, Republican.

Chris Bennet Announced Field Training on Saturday.

XI. Adjournment: Without objection the meeting was adjourned at 7:33 p.m.