

34th District Democrats Forum Committee Notes
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These are informal notes, not official minutes, which will be prepared by the Secretary of the Committee, Margaret Ceis

1. Attending: Margaret Ceis, Walter Sive, Justin Anderson, Steve Karbowski, Beth Greiser, Richard Bartlett, Brian Earl, Bill Schrier, Tanya Aguilar, Lucy Gaskill-Gaddis, Les Harris
2. Postcards informing PCOs of the Forum. Brian Earl produced them and mailed 166 to PCO's - dropped in the mail today.
3. Walter Sive's idea: straw poll of those who attend the Forum. PCOs have a duty to represent the residents of their precincts. Non-binding vote (obviously). Who votes? Anyone who comes. Doing anything more complicated involves credentialing etc. Paper ballot. Secret ballot. Would attract members and others to attend. Walter will print ballots and bring to the forum. Richard Bartlett will serve on a tally committee. Walter will also bring this to the E-Board for discussion and information tomorrow.
4. Candidate questionnaire was sent to candidates last week. As of last night, only one questionnaire had been returned.
5. Phone bank: Steve Karbowski passed out a script for calling and distributed lists of phone numbers to those on the forum committee who had agreed to call PCOs in advance.
6. Night of the Forum:
 - Set-up 6:00 PM. Beth Greiser, Judy-Juan-Tanya Aguilar and Richard Bartlett will arrive early to help.
 - Richard will provide wireless microphones. And a clock with sweep second hand for candidates to know when their time is up.
 - Elaine Russell will serve as timekeeper.
 - Richard will video tape the forum. Who else might cover it? TV-W?
 - We will ask those who attend to make donations.
 - Judy and Juan Aguilar, Bill Schrier will serve as greeters.
 - Tanya Aguilar will open the meeting, greet those who are attending, and introduce Lucy.
 - Agenda - Lucy G-G passed out a draft agenda / program which we reviewed. Richard will have the revised version printed and copies for distribution at the forum.
 - The committee reviewed potential questions for use at the forum. These will not be publicized prior to the event. Lucy will be do some revisions based on the discussion.
 - Questions from the audience - the audience can write questions on cards, which Beth, Brian and Bill will collect and sort.