

## **Sonoma Valley Dems General Meeting Minutes Jan., 26, 2026** 68 people present

- 1 **Beth:** Moment of silence for Alex Pretti, Rene Good, and long-time club member Lavawn Whiting.
  - a. **Boycotts.** Effective, Spotify will stop running ads for ICE. Loki into adding Verizon. Discussion regarding impeachment of President. Would require 2/3 or 64 votes in Senate.
  - b. **Petition to Congress Leaders:** Military Operation requires Congress review. 250 signatures so far. <https://c.org/JvNSPBzcd4>
  - c. **Dem State Endorsing Convention:** Feb 20-22. Moscone Center <https://cdpconvention.org/>
  - d. **Sonoma County Endorsement Interviews:** March 14, 15. Allows one member per Club. Members of Central Committee can serve unless they are Ex Officio. Let Beth know if interested.
  - e. **Time to renew membership** for 2026: \$30 per year. <https://www.svdems.org/memberships/>
2. **Annual Crab Feed:** Friday, Feb. 27<sup>th</sup> at Graton Resort. Katarina Giudice presented - \$80 per ticket. 50% sold to date. Will have silent auction. Items for our basket needed. [sonomademocrats.org/](https://sonomademocrats.org/)
3. **Terry Winter, Healthcare for All CA:** Polls show that 47% of Republicans would support M4All. Need volunteers to distribute leaflets at State Convention in San Fran. Also plan to ask all candidates to adopt "Patients Over Profits" and not accept any funding from Healthcare Corp and Insurance companies. <https://patientsoverprofits.org/>
4. **Wake Up Sonoma:** Josette Brose-Eichar urged all to check WUS website for their activities. Movie, "Running for the Mountain" is scheduled at the Sebastiani Theater on February 15<sup>th</sup>. Beth noted that our Club has been co-sponsoring events with WUS. <https://www.wakeupsonoma.org/>
5. **Mike Thompson:** Spoke for about 7 min. and then took many questions. A focus of Dems in Congress is "Affordability." Unfortunately they have little power as both House and Senate have Republican majorities. He thinks there will be a government shut down, as the Democrats in the Senate will not pass the ICE budget. Questioned why 6 Dems in House voted for the ICE budget. This was before the second murder by ICE. Concerned about their own reelection and retaliation by Trump and his supporters. Representative Thompson has co-authored bill to impeach Secretary Noem.

Midterms will be crucial. The Congressman will provide Beth with list of House candidates that especially need our support. Carol Taylor noted that CA could change the House with 5 CA districts that were redefined as a result of Prop 50. If the Dems get control of the House, they will impeach Trump, Congressman Thompson is part of the Litigation Taskforce: 500 lawsuits have been filed against Trump. He also serves on the Ways and Means Committee where each member gets 5 minutes to comment on issues. He has used this time to educate about the failures of the Trump administration.

In regard to Isreal he supports a ceasefire and two state solution. It was noted the \$3.3 Billion has been approved for Isreal, but not to be spent on offensive weapons.

It was questioned why Trump's lies are not discussed in the house. Thompson explained that House Rules only relate to punishment if you call someone a liar on the House floor not if you lie. It was also noted that Latinos voted for Trump in the last election. Thompson noted that most are having "buyers remorse".
6. Next Meeting: TBA      Minutes: Mary McDevitt