

1. **Announcements:** Volunteers are needed for our booth at the July 4th event as well as the County Fair on August 9th. Beth urged attendance at the “Moms Club” movie at the Sebastiani Theatre on June 25 at 6 PM. Contact Wake UP Sonoma for tickets for the movie.
2. **Financial Report:** Savings: \$1841, Checking: \$ 2068. Yearly membership is \$30. Go to: <https://www.svdems.org/memberships/>
3. **Marie McCain, Editor of the Sonoma Index Tribune:** the paper has relocated to the Press Democrat offices in Santa Rosa but remains committed to coverage of Sonoma Valley. Members were urged to contact the IT about community issues and events. It was noted that it is not easy to access the issue online.
4. **Endorsement Interviews – Sonoma County Democratic Party.** Will need club volunteers to participate. Interview dates: Aug. 15 and 22nd. Contact bethh@sonic.net
5. **Betty Yee:** She served as CA State Controller from 2015-2023. Prior to that she served as a member of the Board of Equalization from 2004-2015. She has a Bachelor of Arts in Sociology from UC Berkeley, and a Master’s in Public Administration from Golden Gate University. Yee was a candidate for CA Governor, and recently withdrew from the race.

Yee reviewed criticism of the Democratic Party regarding the 2024 election and the lack of standardized messaging from Washington. In CA, after Prop 50 passed there were 62 candidates for CA Governor. Voter anxiety/confusion led to a lack of focus on issues. She noted that the Convention should result in endorsements. She does not support the Top Two or “Jungle Primary.” Wedge’ issues identified included:

- a. influence of donor class,
- b. polling field narrowed and focused on special interests,
- c. candidates backed by millionaires,
- d. role of “Prediction Market”
- e. role of big tech billionaire fund. Main concern possible regulation of AI

She recommended that we focus on the issues (housing, water pollution, air quality, border) and continue as Democratic activists to build trust in the electorate. We have to hold policy makers accountable. She will be focusing on CA District 22 and 48. In the Q&A environmental concerns were discussed. Land Use Policy must consider environmental issues. It was noted that Del Monte has gone out of business and CA needs to look at alternative supply chains. When asked, Yee noted that she does not have any campaign debt and all her funding was raised from individual donors. She was asked about Ranked Choice Voting and she voiced support.

6. Next General meeting: July 27, 6:30 PM Next Board meeting: July 6, 9:30 am

Minutes: Mary McDevitt