

*Ward 5 Democrats Meeting*  
*August 30<sup>th</sup>, 2020*

- Call to order at 11:11am
- Quorum: 15 members present (Chairman Fletcher, Vice Chairs Emily Lucio and Jatarious Frazier, Hazel Thomas, Anthony Roberson, Tim Thomas, Adrian Jordon, Jennifer Blemur, John Lucio, Loren Coleman, Khadijah Williams, Ruth Pagani and Juan Torres via phone, Rip Preston, Bob King)
- General Introductions
  - Discussing mission, vision, and goals
  - Chairman Fletcher: formulate better camaraderie, buckle down and work together
  - Recapping last years work: streamlining newsletters
  - Sending of supplies to seniors through Bob King, also Ward 5 local businesses involved
  - Virtual candidates forum, endorsing certain candidates, Pandemic Motorcade with focus on safety
  - Primary Day Membership Drive; listening to residents so platform speaks to them
  - Emily: continuing work we've done; approving values, mission, and vision statement. How much PPE has been purchased and how we need to get out the masks
  - Jatarious: transitioning to GOTV efforts
- Emily: sharing mission, vision, and values statement; going through to examine wording
  - Bob King: inserting "knowledge" into value statement
  - John Lucio: looking at opportunities, collaboration across wards
- Discussing values statement
  - Hazel: insert 'knowledge and information'
  - Loren: clarifying roles with relationship to Democrat State Committee
  - Tim Thomas: May be an issue of reaching out to precinct captains
- Discussing mission statement
  - Hazel: include state committee affiliation in mission
- Unanimous consent for mission statement with Hazel's change
  - Discussion over "when necessary" clause, John offering explanation
- Going back to committee with statement, will regroup
  
- Moving Into Strategic Goals for 2020-21
  - Emily: creating objectives under each strategic goal, creating timeline for initiatives
- Discussion over Strategic Goals and community engagements
  - Loren: Engaging seniors and first time voters using different characteristics, having separate goals and objectives
  - Emily: Strategic goals align with mission and values; help develop objectives using strategic goals
  - Chairman Fletcher: Two weeks timeline for updating objectives

- John Lucio: collaborate with Ward 5 local businesses
- Chairman Fletcher: Prioritizing fundraising moving forward
- Bob King: Having ballot boxes in place by end of September; working with DCBOE
- Khadijah: education efforts aimed at Ward 5, strategic partnerships with Democratic organizations; Ward 5 Back to School Supply Drive and how Ward 5 Dems can be involved as well on September 11<sup>th</sup>; working with Ward 7 organizations for back to school drive
- Suggestions for Awards Gala
  - Hazel Thomas recommended Bob King be recognized for his work on the Seniors Committee
- Criminal Justice Committee: talking to Ward 5 residents and how they perceive these issues
  - Jennifer: what was the intention behind Criminal Justice Committee?
  - John Lucio: leading a forum on police reform, focused on Defunding the Police
- Moving Forward
  - First General Body Meeting: **Monday, September 28<sup>th</sup>**
  - Potential Virtual Holiday Party as well
  - GOTV activities, November 3<sup>rd</sup> Motorcade
  - Discuss phone banking
  - Meet and Greet with Robert White
  - Using Independent candidates' as an educational opportunity
  - Spreading the word about the Independent Candidates Forum
  - Getting Democrats elected up and down the ticket
  - Police Forum TBD for date and time
  - Newsletter in first week of September
- **The Next Meeting will be held on September 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm.**
- Adjourned at 2:40pm