

Elected Mayors Should Retain Their Right to Make Appointments
DEMCCO Resolution adopted on 12/1/2012

WHEREAS, Oceanside's Mayor Jim Wood won his re-election by over 20 percentage points over his closest opponent in the November 6th, 2012 election and won with more than a 54% majority vote;

WHEREAS, under California law, such mayors have the power of appointment; and

WHEREAS, the Oceanside City Council, in an undemocratic maneuver designed to further anti-environmental policies at San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG), has begun the process for a new ordinance to remove the Oceanside Mayor's power of appointment on regional boards;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Democratic Club of Carlsbad and Oceanside supports the principle that elected mayors should have the power of appointments in all cases, including in charter cities;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Democratic Club of Carlsbad and Oceanside will communicate this position to the San Diego County Democratic Party Central Committee, SANDAG, Attorney General Kamala Harris, and the City of Oceanside, with a copy to local newspapers.