



## COCONUT CREEK DEMOCRATIC CLUB MINUTES

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Date	Tuesday, Aug 14, 2018
Time	7:30 pm
Location	Coconut Creek Community Center, Auditorium

### **Meeting start**

- President Gayle called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm. He then welcomed everyone in attendance.
- Broward Vice Mayor Mark Bogen led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- A video showing [Star Swain](#) singing the national anthem at the 2016 Democratic National Convention was shown.

### **Introductions**

President Gayle introduced elected officials, their representatives, and candidates to members. They included Becky Tooley (Commissioner, Coconut Creek), Mark Bogen (Broward Vice Mayor), Joshua Rydell (Mayor, Coconut Creek), Rep. Kristin Jacobs (FL State House 96), Nora Rupert (Chair, Broward School Board), Mikkie Belvedere (Commissioner, Coconut Creek), Willowstine Lawson (US Senator Bill Nelson's Office), Jayne Chapman (Congressman Ted Deutch's Office), Jessica Celona (Senator Kevin Rader's Office), and Renata Castro (Candidate, Margate District 3).

He then explained to the attendees that the Town Hall was a joint meeting with the Margate and Wynmoor Clubs. Both August Mangeney (President, Margate Democratic Club), and Vivian Jones (President, Wynmoor Democratic Club) were invited to the front of the room.

Gayle continued introductions by acknowledging the Club's board members. They were Fiorella Lavena, (Vice President), Saima Farooqui (Vice President and candidate for FL State House 96), Jane Julian, Bob Julian, James Lansing (Treasurer), Sajan Kurian, Tom Page, and Jack Shifrel.

## **News and Announcements**

- President Gayle made the following announcements:
  - The Club will be participating in the annual North Broward Labor Day Picnic on Mon, Sept 3, 2018 from 1 – 4 pm. The picnic will be at the [Pompano Beach Community Park](#). Click [HERE](#) for more information.
  - The Club has procured the rights to show the documentary [RBG](#) in Coconut Creek. The film focuses on the life and career of US Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg. Information on the dates and locations for showing the film will be available soon.
  - He then showed a video of Stephen Colbert’s nightly [monologue](#).

## **Club Reports**

- None.

## **Old Business**

- None.

## **New Business**

- None

## **Guest Speakers**

- President Gayle introduced Mayor Josh Rydell. Mayor Rydell then gave a rousing introduction of Representative Ted Deutch (FL 22).
- Rep Deutch spoke for 20 minutes on various topics including the actions of President Trump, Congressional inaction, his role on the United States House of Representatives’ Committee on Ethics (where he is the ranking member), and his thoughts on national issues. He then answered questions from members.

## **Meeting Adjournment**

- The meeting adjourned at 9:02 pm.