



HARVEY MILK
LGBT DEMOCRATIC CLUB

Home of San Francisco's Queer Progressive Left



Political Action Committee
MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, January 14, 2014
7:00 – 9:00pm
LGBT Center (1800 Market)

I. Meeting commences with call to order by PAC Chair Alex Walker at 7:08pm.

II. PAC Calendar & Upcoming Endorsements

- a. Upcoming Qualifying Meetings for June Endorsement
 - i. February 11th -- PAC Meeting
 - ii. March 11th -- PAC Meeting
 - iii. March 15th -- Candidate Interview Day
- b. Voting Eligibility
 - i. Good standing members can vote in PAC endorsements
 - ii. New members have until January 21st to be in good standing to vote on endorsements at GM meeting in March

III. Announcements & Updates

- a. **Castro Tenants Convention, 1/11**
 - i. Over 200 people attended
 - ii. Some of the asks/ideas raised
 - 1. Increase percentage eligibility for affordable housing in multi-family units
 - 2. Close loopholes on Ellis
 - 3. Interest in street theater
 - 4. Working w/ local and state legislators
 - 5. Rapid response networks being developed
 - iii. Large citywide tenants convention on Saturday, Feb 8th 12–4pm at SEIU HQ on Rhode Island St.
 - iv. Richmond Tenants Convention on Saturday, January 18th
- b. **Memorial to Bill Kraus**
 - i. Dedication of plaque at Corona Heights park on Saturday, Jan 11th
 - ii. 15–20 people attended, many former presidents of Milk
 - iii. Bill was a past president of the Milk Club
 - iv. Testament to his work and leadership that 28 years later we are still recognizing Bill
 - v. Photos from the dedication will be updated to Facebook and the Milk website
 - vi. PAC members expressed desire to do more to connect Milk's past with its present



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c. Victim Compensation Fund Update (Maxine Doogan)

- i. Fight to remove Victim's Compensation Fund policy of discrimination against sex workers was successful
- ii. Milk Club's support was critical in helping to overturn this discriminatory policy
- iii. More info and great press is available here -->
- iv. Upcoming Event
 1. "Sex Workers Unite: From Stonewall to Slut Walk" reading by Melinda Shadivert on Sun, Jan 26th from 3-5pm at Alchemy (1060 Folsom between 6th & 7th)
- v. Legal challenge against 647(b)
 1. Need to raise money to help fund the litigation to decriminalize prostitution
 2. Go Fund Me site --> [Litigate to Emancipate!](#)

IV. PAC Priority Issues Brainstorm

- a. Top Priorities
 - i. David Campos for Assembly
 - ii. Housing, Displacement, Economic Forces
 - iii. Local Supervisor Races
 - iv. Ballot Initiatives
- b. Group Brainstorm
 - i. Greater education on local issues; more panel discussions
 - ii. Hearing from elected officials more frequently
 - iii. Partnering with other democratic clubs and organizations where we can build relationships and power on issues
 - iv. Panel discussion on federal regulation of marriages
 - v. Outreach --> being out in the community at least once a month
 - vi. Engagement with Congressional leaders
 - vii. Vicki Marlane renaming of Turk Street
 - viii. Police presence at events
 - ix. Warrior stadium project
 - x. Invited seated Commissioners for updates

V. New Business

- a. FISA Improvement Act (Tracy Rosenberg, Media Alliance)
 - i. Democratic communications non-profit org
 - ii. Senior Democratic Senator Feinstein is taking a leadership role in protecting and defending what has been going on at the NSA and is putting forward a fake bill that legalizes bulk data collection and legalizes things that have already happen.
 - iii. Letter developed in opposition to FISA Improvement Act



1. Read the letter: <https://shameonfeinstein.org/>
2. Co-sponsors -- Bill of Rights Defense Committee, Ethics in Tech, SF Greens are about to sign on.
3. Request for Milk Club support

A motion to support the Shame on Feinstein letter in opposition to the FISA Improvement Act was unanimously approved by PAC members and will be put forth to the General Membership for a vote at next Tuesday's meeting.

VI. Adjournment