# San Francisco Democratic County Central Committee

455 Golden Gate Avenue San Francisco, California Milton Marks Auditorium Wednesday, April 24, 2013 7:00 p.m.

## **Regular Meeting Agenda**

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### 1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Chair: Mary Jung. Members: Kat Anderson, John Avalos, David Campos, David Chiu, Malia Cohen, Petra DeJesus, Matt Dorsey, Bevan Dufty, Zoe Dunning, Kelly Dwyer, Bill Fazio, Tom Hsieh, Leslie Katz, Hene Kelly, Meagan Levitan, Rafael Mandelman, Eric Mar, Trevor McNeil, Carole Migden, Leah Pimentel, Alix Rosenthal, Arlo Hale Smith, and Scott Wiener. Ex-Officio Members: U.S. Senator Dianne Feinstein; U.S. House Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi; U.S. Rep. Jackie Speier; Attorney General Kamala Harris; State Senator Leland Yee; State Senator Mark Leno; Assemblymember Tom Ammiano; Assemblymember Phil Ting.

### 2. Public Comment

The DCCC will take public comment on all items on the agenda and, in addition, other matters germane to party business but not on the agenda.

- **3. Approval of Meeting Agenda** (Discussion and possible action) Discussion and possible action regarding the approval of this agenda.
- **4. Approval of Meeting Minutes** (Discussion and possible action) Discussion and possible action to approve the minutes of the DCCC's Regular Meeting of Wednesday, March 27, 2013. (Minutes attached).

- **5. Reports** (Discussion and possible action)

  DCCC member reports, including discussion and possible action, to offer updates on work assignments and discuss ongoing objectives.
  - a) **Chair** (Jung). Report from California Democratic Party convention; other DCCC activities and forthcoming priorities.
  - b) **Voter Registration** (McNeil). Report on voter registration efforts.
  - c) **Club Chartering** (Pimentel). Update on club chartering; club attendance by DCCC members; recap and scheduling of Presidents' Cabinet meetings.
  - d) **Communications** (Dorsey). Report on scheduling of subcommittee meeting to begin work to update the Policy and Procedures Manual; website.
  - e) **Finance** (Dunning). Report on fundraising activities and progress toward strategic goals.
  - f) **Treasurer** (Hsieh). Report on the current budget and finances of the party.
  - g) **Executive Director** (Hergenraeder). Update on DCCC activities and priorities.
- 6. Endorsement: 8 Washington Height and Bulk District Classification Referendum on November 5, 2013 Ballot (Chiu, Avalos, Campos, Pimental) (Discussion and possible action) Possible action to support or oppose referendum on 8 Washington Height and Bulk District Classification along Drumm Street, which qualified by petition signature on August 1, 2012 for the November 5, 2013 San Francisco ballot (Ordinance 104-12 attached).
- 7. Bylaws Reforms: (Discussion and possible action)
  - a) Allowing participation by immigrants (Chiu/Smith). Proposed amendment to the bylaws (Smith) to implement recommendations of the resolution adopted by the DCCC on March 27, 2013: "Supporting comprehensive immigration reform and encouraging the participation of immigrants in the San Francisco Democratic Party" (Chiu).

- b) **Notice for agendas** (Dorsey). Proposed amendment to the bylaws (Dorsey) governing noticing requirement for agendas, which would:
  - i. Reduce the noticing requirement for agendas from the existing 10-days to 72-hours; and
  - ii. Remove an existing provision allowing for a two-thirds vote of the DCCC to place un-noticed items on the agenda.
- c) Audio recording of meetings (Dorsey). Proposed addition to the bylaws to harmonize with provisions of state and local law providing that public boards and commissions shall audio or video record each regular and special meeting.
- **8.** New Business (Discussion and possible action)

Note that the DCCC is unable to discuss or take action on items not on this agenda when those discussions pertain to matters within the jurisdiction of the San Francisco Board of Supervisors. The limited exception is to discuss and take action in deciding whether to calendar such items for a future meeting.

# 9. Adjournment

Note: the Issues Committee will not meet on April 24, 2013.

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## San Francisco Democratic County Central Committee

455 Golden Gate Avenue San Francisco, California Milton Marks Auditorium Wednesday, March 27, 2013 7:00 p.m.

### **Minutes of Regular Meeting**

Note: A majority of the members of the San Francisco Board of Supervisors, and of one or more Board committees, are members of the San Francisco Democratic County Central Committee (SFDCCC). The law is not clear as to whether the open meeting requirements of state and local law apply to SFDCCC meetings attended by these Board members. Out of abundance of caution, the Board members and the SFDCCC have agreed to comply with these open meeting laws.

### 1. Call to Order and Roll Call 7:11 p.m.

#### Present:

Members: Kat Anderson, David Chiu, Petra DeJesus, Bevan Dufty, Zoe Dunning, Kelly Dwyer, Mary Jung, Hene Kelly, Rafael Mandelman, Trevor McNeil, Leah Pimentel, Alix Rosenthal, Arlo Hale Smith, Scott Wiener

Ex Officio Members: U.S. Senator Dianne Feinstein (proxy George Broder); Congresswoman Jackie Speier (proxy Brian Perkins); Attorney General Kamala Harris (proxy Matthew Rothschild); State Senator Mark Leno (proxy Keith Baraka); Assemblymember Phil Ting (proxy Walt Donner

Represented by Proxy: Matt Dorsey (proxy Joshua Abeyta)

Absent excused: Malia Cohen, Bill Fazio, Tom Hsieh, Meagan Levitan, Carol Migden

Absent: John Avalos, Eric Mar, Nancy Pelosi, Leland Yee

Post-roll call arrivals: David Campos (7:35 pm); Leslie Katz (7:25 pm), Tom Ammiano (proxy Kim-Shree Maufas 7:13 pm)

#### 2. Public Comment

Susan Pfeifer, Vice President of Westside Democratic Club, thanked Mary Jung, Trevor McNeil and Meagan Levitan for appearing at Westside Democratic

Club monthly meeting to demystify the DCCC. Provided update on Organizing for Action (OFA).

### 3. Approval of Meeting Agenda

M/S/C (Brian Perkins/David Chiu) Approved by acclamation.

### 4. Approval of Minutes

M/S/C (Hene Kelly/Arlo Hale Smith) Approved by acclamation.

Member Dufty was excused form the meeting at 7:20 pm.

### 5. Reports

a) **Chair:** Jung reported fundraiser was very successful. DCCC members were amazing and thanked everyone for their participation. We set the groundwork for future events. Raised \$167,000. We can keep our Executive Director (ED) for a year without a problem. Donations are still trickling in.

Convention is coming up. All members should attend. Let Mary or Executive Director know if you cannot attend – the earlier the better. A proxy has to be arranged. Proxies cannot just show up without proper CDP notification. ED will call you about this. Please check in with her.

The new delegate meet and greet is now on Saturday, April 6, from 10 am to noon at the Hatchery located at 645 Second Street. Hene Kelly is running opposed for Region 6 Director, so she needs a large SF contingent there. Please RSVP for this event.

- b) Voter Registration McNeil said new citizen operations were lovely yesterday. If there are clubs doing voter reg activities, please letMcNeil know because the bounty program is back up. There are workshops about registration which will be offered at the convention. Please check those out. Be aware that there is on-line registration. It is changing the nature of voter reg.
- c) **Club Chartering** Leah Pimentel reported there was a well-attended Presidents Cabinet meeting earlier tonight. About 13 leaders participated. Explained the chartering process.

- d) Communications Joshua Abeyta (Matt Dorsey's proxy)stated newly adopted bylaws are now posted on the website. Note the noticing requirements for agendas and when Democratic clubs endorse non-Democrats, and about recording meetings. Dorsey is able to work on policies and procedures manual if the committee wants to activate. Proxy George Broder asks that such a manual maintain that no funds will be used to attack fellow Democrats. There was a request for subcommittee volunteers to work on updating the Policy and Procedures Manual.
- e) Finance Zoe Dunning confirmed close to \$170,000 was raised March 8. Net is from \$130,000 to \$140,000. We had 420 guests. Fund- and friendraising was phenomenal. Leader Pelosi and the Mayor fired up the crowd. We had 100% participation from the DCCC members whether giving or getting the money. Thank you for that.

Member Leslie Katz arrived at 7:28 pm.

- f) **Treasurer** There was no report.
- g) Executive Director Ally Hergenraeder announced the DCCC is moving offices this weekend and asked for a volunteer to help drive the U-Haul. Kim-Shree Maufas volunteered to help at 1 p.m. Students from SFSU Democrats are helping. The phone number is the same. You can also text her at this number: (415) 626-1161. There are boxes full of office supplies. If anyone would like to pick up supplies for schools, please arrange a time. There is also artwork from Debra Walker that needs to be picked up.

Fundraiser thanks yous went out. Campus organizing will resume after the move. FDR Democratic Club will do voter registration at all Sunday Streets. Working on a template for new business cards for members to take to the convention.

6. **Resolution: Prop 13** (Rafael Mandelman/Alix Rosenthal) Proposed resolution expressing the San Francisco Democratic Party's support for closing a Proposition 13 loophole, and requiring commercial properties to be reassessed annually; and communicating this position to Democratic elected officials and delegates at the California Democratic Party Convention.

Discussion: A number of county committees are submitting resolutions like this. Want to close the loophole that commercial property rarely gets reassessed. Assemblymember Phil Ting popularized this activity and want to thank him. Assemblymember Tom Ammiano also has legislation related to this. According to member Kelly, Ammiano uses her family as an example in touting his legislation.

Katz suggested this be submitted to the Resolutions Committee to accept it as a late resolution. We should modify it and submit it as soon as possible. Change it to "California Democratic Party." She will make changes and turn it in.

Smith stated he has a problem with the way it is worded. A lot of small business owners will sell out or go bankrupt if they did not have the protection of Prop. 13 – particularly minority owners will have a problem with this. This should not be proposed with no floor. Need to focus on properties of \$2 million and more or something like that.

McNeil remarked that he trusted Assemblymember Ting to have thought that through.

Jung asked Smith if he would like to change the resolution to reflect what he said?

Kelly opined it would have to be changed completely. Suggested "Resolve that SF DCCC supports requiring commercial properties to be re-assessed when they are sold."

Scott Wiener remarked he thought the resolution was vague enough now and would be surprised if the CDP had not already gone on record to support this statewide.

Mandelman agreed with Wiener's assessment.

Wiener suggested adding the word "larger" to read "larger commercial properties to be assessed annually."

Perkins said it should say fixing the change of ownership loophole.

Wiener stated the fundamental objection is that a large building like the Bank of America building has any protection at all.

Rosenthal added this is not a loophole at all. This is more about eliminating commercial properties. We will add "larger" in the first RESOLVE.

Mandelman asked to call the question.

M/S/C (Rosenthal/Mandelman) to amend the resolution with "larger." This passed by acclamation. Senator Feinstein's proxy abstained.

M/S/C (Rosenthal/Mandelman) to pass the resolution as amended passed by acclamation with the exception that Senator Feinstein abstained.

7. **Resolution: Trans Month of Action 2013** (Matt Dorsey/Rafael Mandelman) Proposed resolution expressing the San Francisco Democratic Party's support for the "National Trans Month of Action 2013: Trans Healthcare Access," to expand awareness about the importance of access to basic medicallynecessary healthcare for transgender people; and to urge allies in labor to pledge to bargain for trans-inclusive healthcare benefits in the future.

Discussion: 19% of transgender are denied care based on their identity. 50% of trans delay preventive care. Want these issues to be focus of labor unions around contracts, etc.

M/S/C (Kelly/McNeil) passed by acclamation with the exception that Senator Feinstein abstained.

The following added their names to be sponsors of the resolution: Petra DeJesus, Leslie Katz, Assemblymember Tom Ammiano, Kelly Dwyer, Hene Kelly, Zoe Dunning, Leah Pimentel, David Campos and David Chiu.

8. **Resolution:** Participation by Immigrants (David Chiu) Proposed resolution expressing the San Francisco Democratic Party's support for comprehensive immigration reform; committing to meaningful engagement by noncitizens, including assisting with voter registration and participating in other DCCC activities; and stating the DCCC's intention to amend its bylaws to allow noncitizens who intend to become Democrats to serve as DCCC proxies.

Discussion: Chiu stated he wanted the Party to be on the record about comprehensive immigration reform. We are the party for immigrants. Part of this resolution is forward-looking. Republicans are focusing on this issue. In our current bylaws, designees for elected officials and ex officio members do not need to be citizens.

Member Wiener left at 7:47 pm.

Campos said this is a great resolution and want to raise the issue. In the Latino community, there are those who are eligible to become a citizen but cannot afford to pay the fees to become a citizen. Fees amount to thousands of dollars. E.G., Dream Act students cannot afford to pay the fees. What might the party be able to do about this? Most probably want to become Democrats. Citizen application is about \$800.

Smith responded that Chiu has raised an issue that goes to the core of the Democratic Party. As long as people declare their intent, they should be allowed to vote. This will beat Republicans to the punch. This is a step in the right direction, but it goes way beyond our committee.

Chiu is considering proposing something at the state level. This issue hopefully will be taken off the table in the next few months. In the meantime, we have to keep pushing.

M/S/C (Kelly/Smith) to amend the resolution as follows: Add "who is not a citizen or otherwise ineligible to vote" in second to last line. This passed by acclamation with the exception of Senator Dianne Feinstein, who abstained.

M/S/C (Chiu/Kelly) to pass the resolution as amended passed by acclamation with the exception that Senator Feinstein and Congresswoman Jackie Speier, who abstained.

The following added their names to be sponsors of the resolution: Petra DeJesus, David Campos, Trevor McNeil, and Kelly Dwyer.

### 9. New Business

Perkins announced an April 8 open house at Congresswoman Speier's new space.

Kelly announced the April 11 COPE fundraiser for the SF Labor Council and encouraged all members to attend and support labor.

# 10. Adjournment

M/S/C (Chiu/McNeil) Adjourned at 8:04 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Kat Anderson Recording Secretary Democratic County Central Committee

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[Zoning Map Amendment - 8 Washington Street Project]

Ordinance: 1) amending the City and County of San Francisco Zoning Map Sheet HT01 to change the height and bulk district classification of two areas along the Drumm Street frontage of the property located at Assessor's Block No. 0201, Lot No. 012 (8 Washington Street), from 84-E to 92-E in one area and to 136-E in another area; and 2) making environmental findings, Planning Code Section 302 findings, and findings of consistency with the General Plan and the Priority Policies of Planning Code Section 101.1.

Note:

FILE NO. 120271

Additions are single-underline italics Times New Roman; deletions are strikethrough italies Times New Roman. Board amendment additions are double underlined. Board amendment deletions are strikethrough normal.

Be it ordained by the People of the City and County of San Francisco:

Section 1. Findings. The Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco hereby finds and determines that:

- (a) On August 9, 2011, Neil Sekhri, acting on behalf of San Francisco Waterfront Partners II, LLC ("Project Sponsor"), filed an application to amend Sheet HT01 of the Zoning Map of the City and County of San Francisco to change the height and bulk classification of two areas of the western portion (along the Drumm Street frontage) of the property located at Assessor's Block 0201, Lot 012 (8 Washington Street) from 84-E to 92-E in one area measuring 88 feet by 86 feet, and to 136-E in another irregular, roughly rectangular area measuring 15,370 square feet ("Proposed Zoning Map Amendment").
- (b) The Proposed Zoning Map Amendment is part of a project proposed by the Project Sponsor to demolish an existing surface parking lot and health club, and construct a new

health club, residential buildings ranging from four to twelve stories in height containing 145 dwelling units, ground-floor retail uses totaling approximately 20,000 square feet, and 400 off-street parking spaces ("Proposed Project").

- (c) On March 22, 2012, at a duly noticed public hearing, by Motion No. 18560, the Planning Commission certified the Final Environmental Impact Report ("FEIR") for the Proposed Project, including the Zoning Map Amendment. The Planning Commission certified that the FEIR for the Proposed Project reflects the independent judgment and analysis of the City and County of San Francisco, is adequate, accurate and objective, contains no significant revisions to the Draft EIR, and that the content of the FEIR and the procedures through which it was prepared, publicized and reviewed comply with the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") (California Public Resources Code section 21000 et seq.), the State CEQA Guidelines (California Code of Regulations Title 14 sections 15000 et seq.) and Chapter 31 of the San Francisco Administrative Code ("Chapter 31"). A copy of the FEIR is on file with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors in File No. 120271.
- (d) On March 22, 2012, the Planning Commission adopted Motion No. 18561 adopting CEQA Findings with respect to the approval of the Proposed Project, including the Proposed Zoning Map Amendment. This Board of Supervisors hereby affirms and adopts said findings based on the reasons set forth therein, and incorporates such reasons by reference.
- (e) On March 22, 2012 the Planning Commission adopted Resolution No. 18566, approving and recommended adoption by the Board of Supervisors of the Proposed Zoning Map Amendment.
- (f) The letter from the Planning Department transmitting the Proposed Zoning Map Amendment to the Board of Supervisors, the Final EIR, the CEQA Findings adopted by the Planning Commission with respect to the approval of the Proposed Project (including a

statement of overriding considerations and a mitigation monitoring and reporting program) are on file with the Clerk of the Board in File No. 120271. These and any and all other documents referenced in this Ordinance have been made available to, and have been reviewed by, the Board of Supervisors, and may be found in either the files of the City Planning Department, as the custodian of records, at 1650 Mission Street in San Francisco, or in File No. 120271 with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors at 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, San Francisco, and are incorporated herein by reference.

- (g) The Board of Supervisors has reviewed and considered the Final EIR, the environmental documents on file referred to herein, and the CEQA Findings adopted by the Planning Commission in support of the approval of the Proposed Project, including the statement of overriding considerations and a mitigation monitoring and reporting program. The Board of Supervisors has adopted the Planning Commission's CEQA Findings as its own and hereby incorporates them by reference as though fully set forth herein. The Board has reviewed and considered the information in the memorandum from Paul Maltzer of the Planning Department dated June 12, 2012, that considers the effect of reducing the amount of commercial parking and concludes that such reduction would not result in any additional environmental effects beyond those analyzed in the Final EIR for the reasons stated in the memorandum, which is incorporated into this resolution by this reference.
- (h) Pursuant to Planning Code Section 302, this Board of Supervisors finds that this Zoning Map Amendment will serve the public necessity, convenience and welfare for the reasons set forth in Planning Commission Motion No. 18567 (approving the Conditional Use Authorization and Planned Unit Development for the Project), and incorporates such reasons by reference herein.

(i) Pursuant to Planning Code Section 101.1, this Board of Supervisors finds that the Proposed Zoning Map Amendment is consistent with the General Plan, as amended, and with the Priority Policies of Planning Code Section 101.1 (b), and hereby adopts the findings of the Planning Commission, as set forth in Planning Commission Motion Nos. 18565 and 18567, and incorporates said findings by reference herein.

Section 2. Pursuant to Sections 106 and 302(c) of the Planning Code, the following change in height and bulk district classification, duly approved and recommended to the Board of Supervisors by Resolution of the Planning Commission, is hereby adopted as an amendment to Zoning Map Sheet HT01 of the City and County of San Francisco:

Description of Property	Height and Bulk Districts to be Superseded	Height and Bulk Districts to Be Approved
Assessor's Block 0201 Lot 021	84-E	92-E and 136-E

Section 3. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall become effective 30 days from the date of passage.

Section 4. This section is uncodified. In enacting this Ordinance, the Board intends to amend only those words, phrases, paragraphs, subsections, sections, articles, numbers, punctuation, charts, diagrams, or any other constituent part of the Planning Code that are explicitly shown in this legislation as additions, deletions, Board amendment additions, and

1	Board amendment deletions in accordance with the "Note" that appears under the official		
2	title of the legislation.		
3	APPROVED AS TO FORM:		
4	APPROVED AS TO FORM: DENNIS J. HERRERA, City Attorney		
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## PROPOSED CHANGES TO SFDCCC BY-LAWS (Smith/Chiu)

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### **CURRENT LANGUAGE**

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## Article IV, Section 6. PROXIES

Members of the SFDCCC, other than Ex-Officio Members, may vote by proxy not more than five times during any term of office unless the Chair permits further proxies for good cause. Ex-Officio Members of the SFDCCC may vote at any meeting of the SFDCCC through designees. Proxies for Members and appointments of designees by Ex-Officio Members shall be signed by the person making such proxy or appointment and shall be filed with the Chairperson or Recording Secretary prior to any voting by or through such proxy or designee. A proxy shall be valid only for a single meeting. No Member, designee or any individual may hold more than one proxy at any meeting.

- Any registered Democrat resident in San Francisco shall be eligible to hold a proxy for an elected member, provided that person is resident of the same Assembly District as the member whose proxy he/she holds.
- Any elected Member of the SFDCC shall be eligible to hold a proxy for any other elected Member regardless of which Assembly District the Member is resident in.

### PROPOSED CHANGES

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• Any registered Democrat resident in of San Francisco shall be eligible to hold a proxy for an elected member, provided that person is resident of the same Assembly District as the member whose proxy he/she holds, and is otherwise qualified to serve on the SFDCCC pursuant to Article II, Section 2 of these By-Laws.

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## PROPOSED CHANGES TO SFDCCC BY-LAWS (Dorsey)

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**Noticing requirement for agendas.** The proposed change regarding noticing requirement for agendas would:

- Reduce the noticing requirement for agendas to be posted from the existing 10days to 72-hours, and
- Remove an existing provision allowing for a 2/3 vote of the SFDCCC to place unnoticed items on the agenda.

#### **CURRENT LANGUAGE**

a. The agenda for all regular meetings shall be determined by the Chairperson of the SFDCCC or his/her designee if the Chair is unavailable. The agenda shall, at a minimum, list the date, time, and location of the meeting, as well as any business to be voted upon. The agenda shall be sent to each member of the SFDCCC at that member's address as set forth in his or her Declaration of Candidacy unless another such address is specified by a member in writing to the Secretary. The agenda shall be placed in the mail to each member no less than ten (10) days prior to the scheduled meeting. Unless otherwise specified in these By-Laws, any item of business before the SFDCCC shall be passed by a majority of the members present and voting.

In the event that an agenda is not timely sent, it must be approved by no less than a majority of the members present and voting at the scheduled meeting. Any items of the agenda not approved by a majority of the members present and voting shall not be discussed and will be deemed to have never been before the SFDCCC.

b. If the Chair is unwilling to place an item on the agenda, a voting member of the SFDCCC may send written notice of such business to every member of the SFDCCC by placing said notice in the mail to each member of the SFDCCC no fewer than ten (10) days prior to the regularly scheduled meeting. At said meeting, a vote by no less than a majority of the members voting and present will place the item on the agenda. Failure to receive a majority of the votes of the members present and voting will result in the matter being deemed to have never been before the SFDCCC and said matter shall neither be voted upon nor discussed. Failure to provide ten (10) days written notice to all of the members of the SFDCCC shall also result in the matter being deemed to have never been before the SFDCCC and said matter shall neither be voted upon nor discussed.

c. Only business that has been specifically listed in the properly noticed AGENDA will be deemed to be before the SFDCCC (except as specified in Article IV, Section 4(b) above).

If the need for an item of business arises after the deadline for noticing a meeting of the

SFDCCC, and real harm would occur if said item was not voted on at that meeting, a detailed, written explanation of the business including the specific language to be voted upon shall be provided to each member no later than the start of the actual meeting. Said item may be voted on if no less than two-thirds (2/3) of the members present and voting vote to place the matter on the agenda.

#### PROPOSED CHANGES

b. Except as provided for in Subsection 3(c) of this Article, the agenda for all regular meetings, and the notice and agenda for all special meetings, shall be provided at least 72 hours in advance by email to each member of the SFDCCC; by email to designated contacts of all chartered Democratic clubs in San Francisco; and by email to all members of the public and media outlets having requested in writing such agendas and notices. At least 72 hours before a regular meeting, agendas and notices shall also be posted on the SFDCCC's web site at http://www.sfdemocrats.org; at the San Francisco Main Library, Government Information Center; and at the offices of the San Francisco Democratic Party. Notices shall also be mailed at least 72 hours in advance to persons having requested delivery via U.S. Postal Service.

c. A voting member of the SFDCCC may request an item be placed on the agenda, subject to consent of the Chairperson, by providing written notice at least 96 hours prior to a regular or special meeting. A voting member of the SFDCCC may, under the "new business" portion of a regular or special meeting, place an item on the agenda for the immediate following meeting subject to approval by a vote of no less than a majority of those members present and voting. The SFDCCC may discuss and/or take action only on those items that are on the agenda.

**Audio or video recordings of meetings.** The proposed change is an addition to the SFDCCC bylaws to harmonize with provisions of state and local law providing that public boards and commissions shall audio or video record each regular and special meeting.

#### PROPOSED ADDITION

#### Section 12. RECORDING MEETINGS

The SFDCCC shall cause to be created an audio or video recording of its regular and special meetings, and shall make copies of such recordings available to members of the public on request. Members of the public and news media may audio-record, video-record and broadcast so long as the activity does not constitute a disruption of the SFDCCC's proceeding.