

# San Francisco Democratic County Central Committee

455 Golden Gate Avenue  
San Francisco, California  
Milton Marks Auditorium  
Wednesday, May 22, 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.

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### 1. Call to Order and Roll Call at 7:07 pm

Present:

Members: Kat Anderson, John Avalos, David Chiu, Malia Cohen, Matt Dorsey, Bevan Dufty, Zoe Dunning, Kelly Dwyer, Bill Fazio, Tom Hsieh, Mary Jung, Hene Kelly, Meagan Levitan, Rafael Mandelman, Trevor McNeil, Leah Pimentel, Alix Rosenthal, Arlo Hale Smith, Scott Wiener

Ex Officio Members: U.S. Senator Dianne Feinstein (proxy George Broder); Attorney General Kamala Harris (proxy Matthew Rothschild); State Senator Leland Yee (proxy Hene Kelly, John Rizzo); State Senator Mark Leno (proxy Keith Baraka); Assemblymember Tom Ammiano (Esther Marks); Assemblymember Phil Ting (proxy Jason Wong)

Represented by Proxy: David Campos (John Avalos), Petra DeJesus (Eileen Hansen), Leslie Katz (Zoe Dunning), Carole Migden (Chris Gembinski)

Absent excused: Eric Mar

Absent: U.S. House Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi, U.S. Rep. Jackie Speier

Post-roll call arrivals: Avalos (7:11 pm), Dwyer (7:35 pm), (Levitan 7:26 pm), Phil Ting proxy (7:16 pm)

### 2. Public Comment

Carrell McCarthy – No Wall on the Waterfront; don't raise heights.

Marian Wallace – same. Against more luxury housing in SF.

Jim Chappell – Re: 8 Washington. He supports a continuance to August.

Louise Renne – No Wall on the Waterfront; this is about the fate of the northeast waterfront. There’s a twin project waiting in the wings at 75 Howard.

Bill Hannan – Pres. of Golden Gateway Tenants Association. Opposes 8 Washington project. Leads to further middle class flight.

Ray Hehman – Golden Gateway Commons II. Same as above.

Irene and Al Glassgold – same as above. Opposed to height zone increase ordinance. Opens door to high-rise condominiums. Shows disadvantages of spot development. Seawall lot 351 is impacted.

Marianna Maxwell – same.

Eric Nath – This is not a Democratic or Republican issue. The issue here is height. If we spot-zone this area, you and I will walk along the waterfront with tears in our eyes.

He is giving same presentation to the Republicans.

Lee Radner - No Wall on the Waterfront. Why weren’t the supervisors told of the SFPUC report? Threats to sewer. Strong smell to this!

Bill Benkavitch – No on 8. Friends of Golden Gateway (FOGG). Over 50,000 square feet will be wiped out.

Alec Bash – Supports 8 Washington. Has seen good and bad projects in his 30 years of planning with the city. This is a good project. Sets no precedent. There are no other projects that meet these parameters.

Tim Colen – Housing Action Coalition. This project would fund \$11 million for deeply affordable housing.

Peter Hartman – resident of SF for 40 years. Supports project. Give those blocks back to the people of SF.

Charles Dutkin – No on 8.

Bob Hogan – No on 8. Do we need housing? Yes – south of market. The waterfront is iconic and saves tourism.

Andrew Resignato – No on 8. Does not blame developers. They have a right to maximize profits. But people have a right to speak out. And they have.

Brad Paul (given 1 minute from Merle Goldstone) – No on 8. Imagine the building going up 70 feet. That is the reality. Nobody likes the parking lot. An alternative study was done for the site.

Joan Holden- No on 8.

Denise D’Anne – spoke in support of the drones resolution. There are innocent victims.

Howard Wong – No on 8. Is a resident of Northbeach and an architect. Normally you build to comply with codes. Waterfront builders always move to push the envelope.

Michael Theriault – SF Building Trades. Born and raised here. This project has been through hundreds of hearings. Give yourselves ‘til August to decide.

Michael McKenna – IBEW Local 6. The asset will be protected. If you want to keep the middleclass in the city, fix the schools!

Manuel Flores – Carpenters Local 22. Support the continuance.

Danny Campbell – Sheet Metal Workers Local 104. Support the continuance.

Bob Iversen – FOGG. No on 8.

Nan McGuire – FOGG. Has lived in North Beach for 32 years. This project was preceded by a different developer and it was defeated.

Danny Price (Ironworkers) – gave his time to Tim Colen. Please vote for continuance.  
Tim Colen – what Mr. Paul is saying that if the Port donates the land and gets some money, we can convert a car parking lot to a bicycle parking lot.

Charley Lavery – Operating Engineers. Supports a continuance.

Susan Pfeifer – here to congratulate Jonathan Lyens for being appointed to the DCCC. She will be doing voter registration in Bayview on June 9<sup>th</sup> at Sunday Streets.

Frederick Dice – here to support the Golden Gateway Tennis Club. 2,000 people use it.

Lorraine Sorensen – No Wall on the Waterfront. Born and raised in SF. Cannot afford to own a home here. Green wall could be plexiglass.

Jon Golinger – runs campaign for No Wall on the Waterfront. If someone tries to change the rules, there is a reason. Developer wants to raise the height limits. 294 days ago, this measure was approved for the ballot. You don't really need more information.

Chair Mary Jung thanked everyone for attending, stating the DCCC strives to have an open and fair process, where everyone can be heard. She thanked Alix Rosenthal, Issues Vice Chair, for running an open and smooth Issues Committee meeting.

Jung noted the disorder at the last meeting and reported that training on Robert's Rules of Orders will be held at one of the summer meetings. Until that time, she asked that members be respectful of each other and raise their hands when they wish to speak and to please wait to be recognized. She also asked that members not interrupt each other and suggested that if you have a point of order, please raise your hand.

Jung stated that as a body, we should not allow those with the loudest voices to dominate the meeting. As proven last year, we can work well together. She assured the members that she will make sure that everyone gets a turn to speak and be heard. She deferred any questions to parliamentarian Arlo Hale Smith. She suggested that if a member has a point that has already been addressed, the member can save time by associating with the comments of a previous member.

Public comment closed at 7:51 pm.

### **3. Approval of Meeting Agenda**

M/S/C (Smith/Meagan Levitan)

Smith proposed approving the agenda, but postponing consideration of Item 6 to the August endorsement meeting.

David Chiu stated consideration needed to be severed. There was some discussion on this with Smith and Rafael Mandelman. Wiener suggested the question be divided – that he moves to continue Item 6, and that approval of the agenda be separate.

Moved to divide (Chiu/Hene Kelly)

Smith stated he did not object to dividing the question.

Jung stated the first vote would be to add Leah Pimentel's resolution, the second vote would be to vote to continue Item 6 to the August endorsement meeting, and the third vote would be to approve the agenda, as amended. She asked Pimentel to explain her resolution.

Pimentel replied her resolution supports AB 217. Tom Hsieh asked if this was time sensitive. Pimentel replied in the affirmative, stating the bill is in the Appropriations Committee and might be decided by the end of the month.

Vote on adding resolution to support AB217: Ayes have it; no abstentions. Resolution will be heard after Social Security Resolution, item 9.

Regarding the second vote, on continuing Item 6 to a future meeting, Chiu objected. He stated the DCCC usually holds an endorsement vote within 1 or 2 months of qualification. This referendum was certified almost a year ago. Everything has been said. He asked the members to oppose this motion.

Motion to continue vote to August endorsement meeting failed – 14-14, 1 abstention  
Yes to continue item: Kat Anderson, Malia Cohen, Bevan Dufty, Zoe Dunning, Bill Fazio, Tom Hsieh, Mary Jung, Leslie Katz, Meagan Levitan, Arlo Hale Smith, Scott Wiener, Dianne Feinstein, Kamala Harris, Phil Ting  
No on continuing item: John Avalos, David Campos, David Chiu, Petra DeJesus, Matt Dorsey, Kelly Dwyer, Hene Kelly, Rafael Mandelman, Carole Migden, Leah Pimentel, Alix Rosenthal, Leland Yee, Mark Leno, Tom Ammiano  
Abstain: Trevor McNeil  
Jung: do we accept the agenda as amended?

M/S/C (Rosenthal/Matt Dorsey)

Regarding approving the agenda as amended, this passed by acclamation.

#### **4. Approval of Meeting Minutes**

M/S/C (Rosenthal/Bevan Dufty) Rosenthal asked for clarification on the Executive Director's last name and asked that her name be consistent throughout the minutes. The Executive Director confirmed her preference for Ally Medina (not Hergenraeder). The minutes were approved by acclamation.

#### **5. Reports**

- a) **Chair** – Jung explained that when Kelly became CDP Regional Director in Region 6, she received an Executive Board seat which meant her DCCC Executive Board seat became available to another member, and also an Associate Member seat was

available. At the last meeting, we asked people to step forward if they were interested in either seat. For the Executive Board. Leslie Katz was approved by the DCCC Officers, appreciating her years of service to the CDP and her seniority and understanding of the Executive Board meetings. For the Associate Member position, there was only one name that kept coming up: Jonathan Lyens, the President of the FDR Democratic Club. The Executive Board also supported his appointment. Jung made a motion to ratify these two appointments.

M/S/C (Jung/Rothschild) Motion approved by acclamation.

Mr. Lyens thanked Kelly, Wiener, Carole Migden, and Chiu for their support and asked the members to join them on the next Sunday Streets. [www.fdrdemclub.com](http://www.fdrdemclub.com).

- b) **Voter Registration** – Trevor McNeil stated about 800 new registrants were received for the month, totaling about 2,600 for the year to date. He reporting he has been coordinating with clubs and Sunday Street efforts. The bounty program is very successful and available funds will certainly be exhausted.
- c) **Club Chartering**– Leah Pimentel reported there was one club interested in chartering, but their documents were not received on time. She also said she was planning on holding another treasurer training session.
- d) **Communications** – Matt Dorsey reported revisions to policy and procedures manual are in the works.
- e) **Finance**– Zoe Dunning announced a fundraiser will be held at Jane Morrison’s house for the Sue Bierman internship program on September 15<sup>th</sup>. She asked people to let her know if they are interested in working on this.
- f) **Treasurer**– Tom Hsieh reported the handout shows just over \$80,000 in the DCCC bank accounts. DCCC are caught up on all payables and there is discussion about another event in the fall.
- g) **Executive Director**– Ally Medina announced voter registration in going fantastically and we are building up our ambassador training for the summer. She is still looking for students. She asked the members to support Clipper Cards for the ambassadors. She announced the next Sunday Streets is June 9<sup>th</sup> in the BayView.

George Broder asked for more seating for the members at the DCCC meetings.

**6. Endorsement: 8 Washington Height and Bulk District Classification Referendum on November 5, 2013 Ballot (Chiu, Avalos, Campos, Pimentel)**

M/S/C (Chiu/Pimentel)

Chiu asks for a no vote on the 8 Washington project. Wiener had a point of information on the referendum: If you support the project vote “yes.” If you do not, vote “no.”

Kelly stated that if this was a project for affordable housing, she would vote yes.

No support for project passes – 15 No, 4 Yes, 7 No Endorsement, 3 Abstain

No: John Avalos, David Campos, David Chiu, Petra DeJesus, Matt Dorsey, Kelly Dwyer, Bill Fazio, Hene Kelly, Rafael Mandelman, Trevor McNeil, Carole Migden, Leah Pimentel, Alix Rosenthal, Leland Yee, Tom Ammiano

Yes: Kat Anderson, Malia Cohen, Bevan Dufty, Scott Wiener

No Endorsement: Zoe Dunning, Tom Hsieh, Mary Jung, Lesie Katz, Meagan Levitan, Arlo Hale Smith, Kamala Harris

Abstain: Dianne Feinstein, Mark Leno, Phil Ting

7. **Resolution: Drones** (Kelly/Dunning/Denise D'Anne/Harvey Milk LGBT Democratic Club)

M/S/C (Rosenthal/Kelly)

Kelly urged a yes vote. Dunning remarked she last had some reservations, but had a great meeting with Sue Englander from Harvey Milk LGBT Democratic Club and Kelly. Smith thanked Dunning for modifying it, but noted it criticized the President for going after those who will attack the US; therefore, he would not support the resolution.

John Rizzo stated that State Senator Leland Yee supports this. The NY Times reported today that use of drones is decreasing.

Ayes have it. One no (Smith). Feinstein and Harris abstained.

8. **Resolution: Opposing Cuts to Social Security, Medicare and Medicaid** (Kelly)  
M/S/C (Rosenthal/Kelly) Issues Committee recommends to approve this.

Smith will oppose this. We must avoid fiscally irresponsible decisions. The social security system was designed for people dying at 61.

Kelly applauded that people are living longer. Social security helps children if their parents die, helps the disabled. If we lifted the cap, it would help this make sense. Social security is 1%.

Lyens from FDR club spoke from floor. The FDR club has not taken a position on this. Remember the social compact of the New Deal. Any Democrat should prioritize anyone on the bottom of our capitalistic system.

Ayes have it. Levitan, Hsieh, Jung, Feinstein abstain. Smith no.

9. **Resolution for AB 217** (Pimentel)  
**M/S/C (Pimental/Chiu)**

Ayes have it. Feinstein abstains.

10. **Bylaws Reform: Notice for agendas** (Dorsey)

Proposed amendment to the bylaws governing noticing requirement for agendas, which would:

- Preserve existing provisions for a 10-day noticing requirement for agendas and agenda items for SFDCCC meetings; and
- Add a late item provision allowing for a two-thirds vote of the SFDCCC to place previously un-noticed items on the agenda, provided public notice is effected no less than 72-hours prior to the meeting.

Ayes have it.

**11. New Business**

Dunning reminded everyone that Pride is upon us next month. Alice B. Toklas LGBT Democratic Club is holding June 30 Pride Breakfast at Yank Sing Restaurant at 8:15 am. Please sponsor this event. Contact Dunning or any other Alice member. Congressman Mark Takano is the keynote speaker.

McNeil thanked the Recording Secretary and Chair for the last two meetings. He also thanked Dorsey and his committee for the work on the bylaws.

**12. Adjournment:**

M/S/C (Esther Marks/Anderson) Adjourn in memory of Toni Kaplanis and Harvey Milk.

Adjourned at 8:50 pm.

*Respectfully submitted by Kat Anderson  
Recording Secretary  
Democratic County Central Committee*

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