

Notes from DCCC Meeting 8/14/13

1. Call to Order and Roll Call at 7:03 p.m.

Present: David Chiu, Petra DeJesus, Matt Dorsey, Bevan Dufty (arrived 7:25), Zoe Dunning, Kelly Dwyer, Bill Fazio, Tom Hsieh, Mary Jung, Leslie Katz (arrived 7:51), Hene Kelly, Rafael Mandelman, Trevor McNeil, Leah Pimentel, Alix Rosenthal, Arlo Hale Smith, U.S. Senator Dianne Feinstein (proxy George Broder), Attorney General Kamala Harris (proxy Matthew Rothschild), State Senator Mark Leno (proxy Keith Baraka), Assemblyman Tom Ammiano (proxy Kim-Shree Maufas), Assemblyman Phil Ting (proxy Walt Donner).

Excused, with Proxy: Kat Anderson (proxy Zoe Dunning), John Avalos (proxy Matt Dorsey), David Campos (proxy Petra DeJesus), Meagan Levitan (proxy Mary Jung), Eric Mar (proxy Peter Lauterborn), Carole Migden (Rafael Mandelman), Scott Wiener (proxy Raymond Gary McCoy).

Excused, no Proxy: Malia Cohen, Congresswoman Jackie Speier

Absent: Congresswoman Nancy Pelosi, State Senator Leland Yee

2. Approval of Meeting Agenda

Chair Mary Jung stated she was going to include a report from the CDP Region 6 Director under her report since it was inadvertently omitted from the agenda.

Moved by Alix Rosenthal to accept the agenda; seconded by Trevor McNeil.
Approved by acclamation.

3. Approval of Meeting Minutes

Moved by Hene Kelly to accept minutes; seconded by Kim-Shree Maufas. Approved by acclamation.

4. Public comment

William Benkavitch, SF Resident - No on Prop B

Louise Renne - No on Prop B

Jo Elias-Jackson - No on Prop A, it is premature

Brenda Barros – City employee, SEIU 1021 Member – Many members are against Prop A.

Charles Dutkin - No on Prop B

Marian Wallace - No on Prop B

Lee Radner - No on Prop B

Paul Webber - No on Prop B

Bob Iwerson, FOGG - No on Prop B
Alec Bash - Yes on Prop B

5. Presentation by Emerge California

Noz (name?) reported Emerge is recruiting for the Emerge Class of 2014 and provided information on two upcoming events and encouraged DCCC participation - September 23 at Sierra Club at 6:15pm and Men's event on September 26 honoring male donors and supporters.

6. Reports

- a. Chair.** Mary reported only one bid for the slate card program.

Moved by Arlo Hale Smith to approve a contract with the only bidder for the slate card, Winning Directors; seconded by Tom Hsieh.

Discussion about why there was only one bid, and what the process was for soliciting bids. Discussion about the price of cards, which seems commensurate with what we usually pay. Rafael Mandelman suggested that the bid be reopened. The Chair replied that would be unfair to Winning Directions since this is now a public process and everyone knows what the low bid was. Hsieh called the question. The motion passed. Mandelman voted 'no'. Assemblyman Phil Ting's proxy abstained.

Region 6 Director Hene Kelly reported that there's a lot of training on what the CDP can offer the local parties, including setting up phone banks. Wants our members to sign up for DEM 2014, to contribute to the state party on a regular basis. Announced it is social security's anniversary today.

Jung noted the former Chair of the DCCC, Aaron Peskin, was in the audience and welcomed him.

- b. Endorsements.** Alix Rosenthal reported that the endorsement meeting on Saturday went very smoothly, with four unopposed incumbents, and three ballot measures, one of which had significant opposition. We will be considering our endorsements tonight.
- c. Voter Registration.** Trevor McNeil reported that the fellowship program is a success, 3500 registrations from this summer. Beginning to run out of money on the bounty program.
- d. Club Chartering.** Leah Pimentel reported that the next treasurer training will be just before the October DCCC meeting.

- e. **Finance.** Zoe Dunning reported that we'll be nailing down the next fundraiser date very soon. She will send out details when they become solidified.
- f. **Treasurer.** Tom Hsieh reported Party is in good financial position with just over \$75,000 in cash on hand, which represents 6 months of expenses.
- g. **Executive Director.** Ally Medina reported the Fellowship Program is going well. Hosted their own phone banks while Ally was on vacation. Attended rallies and protests with Hene Kelly and they are doing some event planning. Throwing a party for the volunteers and fellows at the new office and invited DCCC members to attend.

7. Endorsements

a-b-c-d. Candidates

Alix Rosenthal moved to endorse all four incumbents (Assessor-Recorder, City Attorney, Treasurer, District 4 Supervisor), seconded by Arlo Hale Smith. All four incumbents were endorsed by the DCCC unanimously, except for the following exceptions: Carole Migden is on record as voting no endorsement on Jose Cisneros and Katy Tang. George Broder (Feinstein proxy) noted that any vote for an endorsement here in the central committee cannot be considered an endorsement by the voting official.

e. Qualified Ballot Measures

Proposition A – Charter Amendment: Retiree Health Care Trust Fund

The DCCC voted YES on Proposition A with 21 yes, 4 no endorsement, 1 abstention.

Yes: Anderson, Avalos, Campos, Chiu, DeJesus, Dorsey, Dufty, Dunning, Dwyer, Fazio, Hsieh, Jung, Levitan, McNeil, Pimentel, Rosenthal, Wiener, Feinstein, Harris, Leno, Ting

No Endorsement: Kelly, Mandelman, Smith, Ammiano

Abstain: Migden

Proposition B – Ordinance: Washington Parks, Public Access and Housing Initiative

David Chiu spoke against Proposition B, and commented that the measure did not undergo the same level of scrutiny by the City Attorney that measures usually get. He opposes planning at the ballot box. Petra DeJesus suggested that it is important for the body to remain consistent, since we voted yes on Proposition C. Kim-Shree

Maufas commented that housing for families is more important than these type of condominiums.

The DCCC voted NO on Proposition B with 14 no, 6 yes, 2 no endorsements, and 5 abstentions.

No: Avalos, Campos, Chiu, DeJesus, Dorsey, Dwyer, Fazio, Kelly, Mandelman, McNeil, Migden, Pimentel, Rosenthal, Ammiano

Yes: Anderson, Dufty, Dunning, Jung, Katz, Wiener

No Endorsement: Levitan, Smith

Abstain: Hsieh, Feinstein, Harris, Leno, Ting

Proposition D – Declaration of Policy: Prescription Drug Purchasing

David Chiu spoke in favor of the measure, noting that it was supported by the entire Board of Supervisors. Matt Dorsey spoke in favor of the measure and noted that the debate itself can change the negotiations over prescription drug prices.

Proposition D is endorsed by acclamation.

Matthew Rothschild moved that we endorse by acclamation, by seconded by Katz. Feinstein abstained.

f) New Business

The Chair announced there would not be another DCCC meeting in August. There was no other new business.

g) Adjournment

Alix Rosenthal handed the specific record of the votes to the Chair at the end of the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:01pm