



**Political Action Committee**

**Meeting Minutes**

**Tuesday, February 10, 2015**

**7:00 - 9:00pm**

**LGBT Community Center**

**1800 Market Street, 2nd Floor**

- I. PAC Meeting was called to order by VP Political Affairs (PAC Chair) Mahnani Clay at 7:10pm.
- II. Updates & Announcements
  - a. DCCC Update (Tom Temprano)
    - i. In DCCC meeting last week, a resolution urging the City to move on collecting all back taxes from Airbnb was introduced by Sup. Campos and was unanimously supported. Sup. Campos will continue to push the issue with the Board of Supervisors.
  - b. Creating Change Conference (Laura Thomas, Mahnani Clay, and Roscoe Mapps)
    - i. Four Milk Club board members attended conference in Denver last week.
    - ii. Milk Club organized an LGBT Democratic Club caucus at the conference for first time ever.
      1. 20 people attended caucus meeting, including senior staffer from HUD Sec. Castro's office.
      2. E-list was formed to continue conversation about organizing.
    - iii. Major issues raised at the conference: violence against trans women of color and discrimination in detention facilities, queer African American women leading anti-police brutality movement

iv. Conference to be held in Chicago in 2016.

III. CleanPowerSF Panel (Moderated by Mahnani Clay)

- a. Panelists: Cynthia Crews (SFLAFCo Commissioner), Conor Johnston (Legislative Aide to Board of Sup. President London Breed), Sup. John Avalos (District 11), Jess Dervin-Ackerman (Sierra Club – San Francisco Bay Chapter)
- b. While progress on launching CleanPowerSF has been only intermittent during last decade, supporters of the program believe 2015 is best chance to launch.
  - i. Mayor Lee has recently shown vague support for a clean energy program but needs to publicly support CleanPowerSF specifically.
  - ii. General Manager of the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) has recently shown support for the program but is slow to move.
  - iii. Precedents from Marin and Sonoma Counties demonstrate this type of Community Choice Aggregation Program is workable, cost-effective, and popular.
  - iv. Key issues to resolve: set not-to-exceed rates for the program this year (prior to election); launch program by end of 2015.
- c. Ways Milk Club can support:
  - i. Mobilize public support at PUC meetings
  - ii. Pass resolution urging immediate setting of not-to-exceed rates
  - iii. Recast CleanPowerSF as more than just an environmental issue. It's more broadly a human rights issue, as it is a response to climate change.
  - iv. Possible press conference at some point with strong visual Milk Club presence
  - v. Attend Happy Hour for Home Grown Clean Energy next Thursday, Feb. 19 (6-8pm) at Virgil's

*The PAC voted to recommend that the General Membership, at the next General Membership meeting, pass a resolution and send a letter to the PUC in support of setting not-to-exceed rates for CleanPowerSF immediately and establishing a launch date and/or period as soon as possible, or no later than September 30, 2015, and also encourage members to send individual letters of support to the PUC.*

IV. Meeting was adjourned at 8:49pm.