

**Harvey Milk Democratic Club
PAC Meeting
April 11, 2017
At Galleria De La Raza
Meeting Called to order at: 7:07pm**

1st Agenda Item: Sanctuary City and Decriminalization Panel

Speakers include Roma Guy, Kelley Cutler, Father Richard, Dominick Taylor.

Dominick Taylor (Roots & Rebound), talked about the barriers that call or lead to recidivism. There is needed local and state level work around sanctuary status.

The calls to action are to join with "All of Us or None" and to build community with these folks. And to support SP54: California as a sanctuary state; SB6: Due Process for All (which we already have in SF); and SB29: A ban on any state local or state government from entering into private contracts with private systems involved with deporting people. There is also a need to continue conversations regarding jobs because a leading cause in recidivism is not having one.

Father Smith developed a protocol if ICE enters the church.

The calls to action are to build relationships with the communities that we are already concerned with. It is a real gift to hang out with the people who you are fighting for, opposed to just doing strategy all the time. To know someone's story is to create another powerful story. We need more heart in this.

Kelley Cutler (Coalition on Homelessness) talked about a citation for eating pizza at a bus stop. Facebook called for some witty organizing. Prop Q implementation will not go through because it does not make sense. It was more of a political ploy than anything else.

The calls to action include work on the budget process, opposing the chop shop legislation, and a discussion around safe sleep legislation.

Roma Guy (Taxpayers for Public Safety) says that within the next six weeks we will need public comment for legislation. Bail reform is needed at the state level. We should fight to stop TAY

youth from entering jails. Whenever someone is running for office, ask what are they going to do to diminish the number of people in jail.

We need to know the difference between criminalization and immigrant issues. One says that every issue should be dealt with with proper tools and not rely on prison as a fix for all issues.

How is criminal justice governed? We have to reframe how we hold our legislators (we as their voters) accountable. SF has the most anti-homeless laws in all of California, according to a UC Berkeley study.

Father Smith: The new administration claims that they are only going after the bad hombres, but what does that mean? The bullies that are doing the micro work have broaden their definition. "Crimimmigration" is an overlap between criminal law and immigration law. Over the years, as the criminal laws have ramped up, so have the immigration laws. We need to reframe the criminal justice system with this in mind.

Fear and stigma will always outweigh the incredibly expensive system that is in place right now which doesn't work and cost taxpayers a lot more. When you tell your story, you make a social advancement.

2nd Agenda Item: Training for Public Comment

Speaker: Katy Birnbaum. Your stories and experience works very well during comments.

S.U.N.: **Self** (Who you are); **Us** (How you are connected to the Us; the issue at hand); **Now** (What would you like to see now for the issue at hand).

Exercise: How could you make a story that has nothing to do with you YOURS? So I am involved with both criminalization.

William Juarez: Good afternoon XYZ. My name is William Juarez, and I just wanted to advocate for the building of a navigation center in the OMI because I have lived a pretty fortunate life where even after I went to jail and having both my parents go through the immigration court...

3rd Agenda Item: Syria

Tom Gallagher from the Bernal Heights Democratic Club spoke on prohibiting the expansion of US troops and military contractors into Syria. 30 House co-sponsors: 29 Dem. and 1 Rep.

1st Motion: Katy Birnbaum makes a motions that the PAC recommend that the general membership support a resolution to urge our SF representatives and US Senators to sign on to HR 1473. Seconded by Jordan Davis.

Vote passes unanimously.

2nd Motion: Jordan Davis motions to support the “All People’s Climate Movement” march.

Vote passes unanimously.

3rd Motion: Jordan Davis motions to support gender-neutral bathrooms at the Anza Library and gender-neutral bathrooms in all bathrooms in city-owned buildings, generally.

Vote passes unanimously.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:09pm.