

**Harvey Milk Democratic Club
PAC Meeting
February 14, 2017
At Galleria De La Raza
Meeting Called to order.**

Housekeeping Items include a call to renew memberships.

1st Agenda Item: DNC Chair

We should create a space for the electoral rules that we are all bound by. During this election, there is no Democratic president. There is a DNC Chair and Vice Chair during a convention vote for a Chair and a Vice Chair. For San Francisco, we get to send 38 delegates out of over 400, and these delegates get elected by us.

Katy Birnbaum provided a rundown of the electoral process at the DNC, the A-Dem elections, and what the progressive sweep in California means. The DCCC of San Francisco endorsed Keith Ellison for Chair. DNC is a great financial institution that uses money to fund national, state, and some local elections as they see fit.

1st Motion: Peter Gallotta motions for the PAC to support Keith Ellison for DNC Chair.

Seconded by Adele FC.

Yes: 15

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion passes unanimously.

Someone needs to review the list of 38 California Democratic National Convention Members. Who can we call? Kim Alvarenga is the point person to push Laphonza Butler. Gomez Arteaga is the point person to push Maria Elena Durazo. Peter Gallotta is the point person to push Barbra Lee and Evan Low. Adele FC might have contact info for Christine Pelosi.

2nd Motion: Motion by Adam (Mehis?) to write a letter with a resolution attached to support Keith Ellison for DNC Chair. Peter Gallotta seconds the motion.

Yes: 15

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion passes unanimously.

2nd Agenda Item: Gomez Arteaga and Victor Ruiz-Cornejo present CA State Senator Wiener's HIV Modernization/Decriminalization Bill.

This bill is necessary because in the wake of the 80s, there was a rise in reactive HIV laws. None of them require actual transmission, and the last one is intent to infect someone. The Codes include Penal Code 647. Section F.: Solicitation for person; Penal Code 16.21.5: Donating after becoming aware of HIV. These codes are unnecessary because they do not protect people from infections. These changes would require transmission and intent. (There is a Federal Law that stops gay men from donating blood.)

Unanswered Question raised: Does this work retroactively? Does the TAJA Coalition or St. James Infirmary support this initiative ? This bill is constantly evolving, so when will there be a set bill?

3rd Motion: Katy Birnbaum motions to send a letter of support after the Club checks in with other groups to see if they have signed on to this initiative. Jordan offers a friendly amendment that the bill needs to have retroactive relief.

This motion is then tabled.

4th Motion: Katy Birnbaum then motions to table this item for the next general meeting. Jordan second the motion.

Vote passes unanimously.

3rd Agenda Item: Announcements from the PAC Chair Adele FC

Adele discussed the need to rotate meeting facilitation; small group discussions; deeper political analysis; getting clear on commitments and positions as queer progressives; what are deal breakers; living a vision that gets documented; and candidate interviews, questionnaires and positions. Moderates are recruited hard with compelling messages. We need counter-messages.

4th Agenda Item: Affordable Housing Update and Discussion

Three small groups are formed around specific housing issues. Sunny Angulo gives a backdrop on the importance of SROs. There is legislation pending that will protect SROs from becoming short term rentals.

Group #1: Preserving and Creating Affordable Housing

Prioritize family housing, small-site acquisition, and support Supervisor Peskin's legislation for on-site inclusionary housing. Income qualifications: Low Income VS Middle Income.

Group #2: Supporting Housing & Exits from Homelessness

Create zero-income housing, Navigation Centers (They are every cost effective!), private bathrooms, shelter reform (There is a difference between navigation centers and general shelters.), rental subsidies, and creative temporary housing such as micro-housing. Deal-breakers for endorsing candidates at the Milk Club: any homeless criminalization.

Group #3: Tenants Rights

Eviction defense; creating an OMI eviction "permit" system; universal government defense from evictions (If you get evicted, you get a lawyer assigned to you.); vacancy control; and student housing reform. (SF State housing gets away with murder!)

5th Agenda Item: New Business

Kim Alvarenga tells us that District 8 Supervisor Jeff Sheehey will appear at our upcoming general membership meeting.