



May 12, 2020 (Virtual) Pac Meeting

Draft Agenda:

1. Club updates
  - a. **Kaylah Williams** nomination as Co-chair
  - b. Event updates
  - c. City Hall legislative updates
2. Charter Amendment presentations
3. Panel discussion with **Gwen Craig, Cleve Jones, Tom Ammiano, Lenore Chinn and Tab Buckner.**

Minutes:

1. **Kaylah Williams** was nominated to be co-president, will be voted on at next General membership meeting
2. Pac will be hosting special events. May 26- 6-8pm we'll be hosting a phone bank.
3. Panel on Workers rights Will be June 2nd

Local updates on legislation!

1. Mayor **Breed** has not taken action to house homeless in hotel rooms
2. Supervisor **Fewer** put out an emergency ordinance that allows homeless to sleep on rec and park land, in lieu of the mayors decision not to house homeless in hotels.
3. There'll be a pac meeting in the future dedicated specifically to homelessness. Ideas of who should be on the panel:
  - a. Having homeless people on the panel is important
  - b. **Jennifer Friedenbach**
  - c. **Jeremy Jeffries**
4. Data shows 83,000 San Franciscans have filed for unemployment
5. It's important to remember undocumented people arent able to obtain benefits
6. **Maxine Doogan**- Sex Workers are able to apply for the family relief act if they dont qualify for other benefits and if they are supporting dependents.
7. LGBT people are disproportionately affected by housing and jobs

8. No data is included about lgbt transmission of the Coronavirus or of congregate residential facilities.
9. ½ of all covid related deaths in the US are happening at nursing homes to both residents and staff
10. **Arianna Nasiri** from the Vote 16 campaign and Chair of Civic Engagement for the San Francisco Youth Commission would like our club's endorsement for upcoming legislation to lower the voting age to 16..
  - a. An effort to lower the voting age lost in 2016 by 2.6%
  - b. Press conference recently happened
  - c. They hope to get our support again!
11. "Commissions for all" Charter Amendment presented by **Sarah Souza**
  - a. On May 5th **Shamann Walton** put forth a charter amendment to allow all San Franciscans to serve as city commissioners
  - b. The board supported the charter amendment unanimously
  - c. Allows non-citizens to serve
  - d. includes inclusive language to include lgbt.
  - e. Shall we early endorse this ballot measure?
  - f. Commissions for all- *a motion to support the efforts of putting it on the November ballot was made.*
  - g. *Motion passes unanimously\**
12. *A motion was made to support the "last chance alliance" to support no fossil fuels in new development.*  
*Motion was passed without objection\**

### **Cleve Jones**

1. 98% of Unite here local 2's hotel workers have been laid off.
2. Comparing and contrasting Covid-19 with AIDs pandemic
  - a. Both happened under idiot Republican administration
  - b. Othering and racializing the pandemic is a real problem.
  - c. Importance of testing is similar to aids crisis
  - d. At a Milk Club meeting during the AIDs epidemic, an epidemiologist gave a presentation to the club about the first cases and where they were coming from. A map showed the neighborhoods on city precincts map.
  - e. The Milk Club was very involved with the early efforts to combat the disease
  - f. LGBT Neighborhoods have been under threat due to gentrification in recent years, but the power and vitality of lgbt neighborhoods makes us stronger and is better for us.
  - g. Access to healthcare is extremely important. The preexisting problems with our healthcare system have added to the problem.
  - h.

### Panel Discussion with **Gwen Craig, Tom Amiano, Lenore Chinn and Tab Buckner**

1. Tom Amiano discusses Parallels of the hiv and covid crisis are very real.

2. 17% in lgbt population are unemployed compared to 13% in general population
3. Gwen Craig- The Milk Club and San Francisco led the way in leadership during the HIV crisis. San Francisco led the way in funding to help people.
4. Gwen discusses how difficult it was to get funding
5. Bill Krause was a Milk club member and worked for Phil Burton and was very involved in the effort to fund to find a cure.
6. The club put up information on safe sex that wasn't provided by the federal government.
7. Covid is being attached to a particular community to form bigotry.
8. The communications and transparency today was not around back during the Aids crisis.
9. **Tab Buckner** speaks about the importance of neighborhoods and the lgbt community was helpful back during the aids crisis and mentions the importance of having access to correct information.
10. The Milk club distributed information about the disease and urged people to get tested.
11. The Milk club formed a coalition to help put more money into healthcare. Mayor Frank Jordan cut funding to healthcare.
12. **Lenore Chin** state that most people didn't survive who got it early.
13. The Milk Club did a blood drive. Donors got credit and paid less in their own medical bill.
14. So many grassroots organization came out of the movement in combating aids. Lesbians had a very low rate of HIV/Aids and were very active in educating and providing services particularly for blood transfusions. The role Lesbians played was phenomenal.
15. Doctor Lorraine Day, insisted the blood drives in the Castro be shut down. Gay blood wasn't good.
16. The Aids crisis brought lesbians and gay men together.
17. **Paul Melbostadt**- Difi had gay commissioners like Tom Horn. The T room theatre was targeted by DiFi's office, but didn't get closed because they were compliant with rules. A trip down memory lane...
18. It's important to check in on elderly and vulnerable people.
19. Both pandemics exposed other societal problems.
20. We should be looking at charter reform in San Francisco, to limit the power of the mayor. **-Ammiano**
21. We should also think about incarcerated peoples and the racial disparity.
22. 90% of people who tested positive for Covid-19 can't shelter in place.
23. Each community, state or local level around the world is responding very differently with very different results.

*Meeting Adjourned*