



July 14, 2020 Pac Meeting

Draft Agenda:

1. Renaming a City College Building after Harry Britt
2. Ballot Measure Preview!
 - Commissions for All
 - Vote 16
 - CEO Tax & DPW ballot measures: Presented by Matt Haney
 - Transfer tax & Social-housing Dean Preston Ballot
3. Overview of Endorsement process
4. New Business

Meeting Minutes:

1. Renaming of a CCSF building after Harry Britt
 - a. CCSF Trustees Temprano and Randolph are trying to get a building at City College named after Harry Britt.
 - b. It is possibly going to be the Multi-Use building
 - c. A resolution will be voted on at the July 30th College board meeting to do this
 - d. A resolution will also be made at the DCCC.
 - e. There will be a plaque commemorating him, his life and his legacy.
 - f. Brad Chapin, among others, will have input into its creation.
2. Update from Gabriel Medina for "Commissions for all Campaign", which will allow all San Franciscans to be able to serve on commissions.
 - a. Existing law doesn't not allow for all San Franciscans to serve on commission
 - b. It will expand access to all SF residents regardless of immigrant status.
 - c. Could potentially allow for 16 and 17 years olds to serve on commissions
 - d. Includes, races, gender, gender identity, disability level etc
 - e. White men and women are overrepresented on the commissions.

- f. All 11 BOS support, along with Phil Ting, David Chiu and Norman Yee support this legislation.
3. Sarah Cheung with Vote 16 Campaign, presents the Vote 16 Campaign (which will allow 16 & 17 year olds in municipal elections).
 - a. Was prop F back in November 2016
 - b. Was unanimously voted to be put on the ballot.
 - c. Power California, SF Rising are among the supporters
 - d. Over 30 news organizations/media outlets also support the legislation
4. Update from Defund SFPD by Kaylah Williams
 - a. The city charter currently sets a 1,971 officer minimum for the city.
 - b. The ballot measure which is sponsored by Supervisors Hillary Ronen and Norman Yee, gets rid of the minimum staffing requirement from the city charter
 - c. The Afro-Soc caucus of DSA Organized 7-8 hours of public comment at the Rules and Full Board Meetings this past week.
5. Kevin Bard mentions that the ballot measure arguments are due before we do our endorsements. This means, if we want to have the clubs name on ballot argument books, we need to endorse early.
6. Two Ballot measures are presented by Matt Haney:
 - a. CEO tax (overpaid executive tax), taxing CEOs who earn more than 100 times more than their average worker a 0.1% surcharge.
 - i. CEO's pay has gotten up 1000% in the last 30 years
 - ii. These companies are going to have to pay more!
 - iii. \$80-140 million \$ is expected to be raised from this measure per year.
 - iv. Less austerity! tax the rich!
 - b. DPW ballot measure; it'll break up the Department of Public Works.
 - i. DPW is a corrupt department that lacks oversight
 - ii. DPW causes corruption in other departments as well
 - iii. The department doesn't have an oversight commission
 - iv. The ballot measure will split of DPW
 - v. The ballot measure will create a department of clean streets and sanitation, and also include the creation of it's own oversight commission.
7. Dean Preston Ballot Measures
 - a. Double transfer tax on transactions for property that is over \$10 million.
 - i. Currently the transfer tax is 3%, so it'd go up to 5.5 or 6%.
 - ii. A lot of real estate speculators are waiting to pounce and buy up property
 - iii. At minimum it will raise \$100+ million a year.
 - iv. If a non-profit buys it, they don't have to pay the tax!

- v. It's an incentive to change buying behaviour
 - vi. Half of the money from the tax will go to a fund to help people pay back-rent.
 - vii. The landlord will get a grant for a fund to get some money back if they agree to not charge the rest to their tenants.
 - viii. Half will go to raise funds for more social housing!
- b. A ballot measure to allow San Francisco to be able to build Municipal public housing.
- i. Article 34 in the state constitution states that we have to go to the voters in order to build public housing. It's a 50's era racist policy that has not been overturned in our state legislature.
 - ii. Supervisor Prestons ballot measure will exempt San Francisco from Article 34, because it will be a locally funded housing source funded by the transfer tax ballot measure. It will allow for the building of up to 10,000 units of public housing.
8. Legislation from Supervisor Gordon Mar- getting Public Advocate on the ballot.
- a. Legislation will establish the office of Public Advocate; an elected position.
 - b. It was on the ballot in 2016 and didn't pass. Some changes were made.
 - c. It's a elected oversight position, with 4 year terms
 - d. Got rid of the requirement that Public Advocates had to be a practicing public defender for 10 years (a requirement in the 2016 version of the measure).
 - e. Position would have the power to hold public hearings
 - f. Would have power to introduce policy changes
 - g. There would be 3 deputy public advocates included in the budget.
9. Overview of the endorsement process
- a. A lot of endorsements to consider
 - b. Starts with PAC recommendation
 - c. Then goes to general membership
 - d. We have already submitted questionnaires to candidates
 - e. Deadline for completing questionnaires is July 23rd.
 - f. On July 25, and 26 we will be conducting interviews for ballot measures campaigns. Recorded interviews will be shared from there.
 - g. Then in August we'll talk about each race and candidate on August 18th for final membership vote.
10. Motions
- a. *A motion was made to support the renaming of a CCSF building after Harry Britt.*
 - i. *Motion passes.*

- b. *A motion was made to: Allow the following ballot measures to use the name of the Milk Club as a supporter in the official November 2020 voter pamphlet: Commissions for All, Vote16, ending the mandatory minimum police staffing level, splitting and reforming Dept. of Public Works, a Tax on Businesses With Disproportionate Executive Pay, a Real Property Transfer Tax Rate Increase on Transfers of Properties for at Least \$10 Million, and the Public Advocate.*
 - i. *Motion passes*
- c. *A motion was made to: Strongly encourage the entire Board of Supervisors to vote in support of placing the Public Advocate and Dept. of Public Works charter reform efforts on the November 2020 ballot.*
 - i. *Motion passes*

11. New Business

- a. Christopher Christenson mentions that SEIU 2121 is organizing a Black lives matter rally at 11 in San Francisco and Oakland SEIU 1021.
 - i. *A motion was made to support the strike by SEIU for BLM.*
 - ii. *Motion passes*
- b. Christenson also mentions “A San Francisco Budget for all”, it’s a petition to tell the Mayor not to cut funding for city workers from IFPTE 21 & SEIU 1021
 - i. *“A motion was made to support the petition telling the mayor to not make cuts to public workers.*
 - ii. *Motion passes.*

12. New Business: Jokanva Beckles Wants our endorsement

- a. Is running for AC transit Board, district 21, and would like to be on the endorsement agenda for the club.
- b. A discussion ensued about the process of doing East Bay endorsement .
 - i. Kevin Bard talks about the complex logistics around the endorsement. As to whether or not we’d have an open endorsement for her seat or a closed endorsement.
 - ii. Seamus McGeever that the club shouldn’t overexert its capacity by endorsing in races outside of San Francisco, especially considering that it’s a big election year on the Board of supervisors and there will be a large number of ballot measures.
 - iii. Tab Buckner mentions that the club has a history of endorsing Queer Progressive candidates in east bay races.
- c. *A motion was made that anyone who reaches out to the club by a certain date can be open to confederation for endorsement.*
 - i. *motion was rescinded*

- d. *A new motion was made to only endorse in Alameda Races if contacted by a certain time tomorrow.*
 - i. *motion was rescinded*
 - e. It was generally agreed that we'll need to revisit this discussion at the General Membership meeting next week.
13. New Business; inquiry about a nominated board candidate and board member removal process.
- a. An inquiry was made about an unspecified candidate who was nominated (there've been two.
 - b. A related? Inquiry was made about the removal of a board member process.
 - i. President Bard explained the removal process.

A motion was made to adjourn!