

**Harvey Milk Democratic Club
June General Membership Meeting
Women's Building
3543 18th St #8, San Francisco, CA 94110
Audre Lorde Room
June 20, 2017**

Meeting called to order at 7:12 pm.

Brief introductions for new members and an announcement that a person on the board will be in charge of monitoring motions and letters of support from the Club.

1st Agenda Item: No Monster in the Mission. Speakers include Marilyn Duran with Poder and Andy Blue with Plaza 16.

They want a recommendation for the Monster in the Mission to be rejected by City Hall. It is a proposed project by developer Maximillion. (We endorsed the "No Monster in the Mission" in the past.) The community has been pushing back against the damage that will be brought by the planned development. This project will be up for a committee vote in the fall. (No date just yet.)

Instead of the Monster, why not have the Marvel in the mission? We want to develop a Marvel that will help our small community. Affordable housing.

Ask for Harvey Milk: A letter tonight from every individual in the room as well as a letter from the organization sent to the Planning Commission in the fall.

1st Motion: To reaffirm our opposition to the Maximus Project at 16th & Mission and to urge ALL members of the SF Board of Supervisors to oppose it as well.

Motion passes.

2nd Agenda Item: Pride Weekend

Both presidents will speak at the Dyke March and Pride. On Sunday, the Club will march with the Resistance contingent.

Speaker: Michelle Meow says resistance is a key message but not the theme this year. The theme this year for Pride is Diversity. There will be 260 contingents, the majority being community groups.

Joe Rodriguez commented that Pride is fearful of losing sponsors. Every year, Pride has a different way of organizing their parade. Sue Englander made a statement regarding protesting: you can have fun and resist at the same time. San Francisco Pride is not just a parade anymore; it is now a resistance.

3rd Agenda Item: Anna Heredia on Pride logistics for Sunday.

We are meeting behind the Hyatt at Justice Herman Plaza on Steuart & Market. We ask that everyone be there at 9 am and to be ready to start marching at 10 am. The Club is also co-hosting the Resistance after party at noon at the STUD.

4th Agenda Item: Endorsing Jovanka Beckles (City Council Member in Richmond) for AD #15.

Speakers include Kim Alvarenga and Kevin Bard. Beckles had a staff member come because she was at work.

5th Agenda Item: Petra De Jesus confirmed as Police Commissioner.

Petra De Jesus gave us a token of gratitude for all our work. We exchanged the token of gratitude for all the work she has done for the community.

6th Agenda Item: Peter Gallotta on last month's CDP Convention.

The party has not been strong on housing issues; however, SF delegates moved the party to the left on the issue. On the state party chair race, Kimberley Ellis lost to Eric Bauman. The

issue now is whether the election was valid. (Proxy votes are allowed). The Ellis campaign asked for a recount and review. Some inconsistencies were found. A Compliance Review Commission was created to review the election, but some say we need an outside independent audit.

Peter Gallotta asked the Club to support a resolution asking for an independent audit. All 5 members of the internal commission have endorsed Bauman. Talk about bias. Member William Walker commented that ADA violations alone should have nullified the election.

2nd Motion: A motion by Jordan Davis to support an independent audit of the recent California Democratic Party Chair election, as well as a resolution that will be heard at an upcoming SF DCCC meeting to increase accessibility to all CDP meetings. No letter needed, just a document that the Club support both measures.

Motion passes, with 1 abstention.

7th Agenda Item: New Business

Pre-Pride at the Pilsner Inn with 48 Hills.

An invitation from Club member Christina Olague to an overview of the SF LGBT Politics on Saturday at The Main Library from 12:30 - 2:30 pm. It is sponsored by the Berniecrats and SF Vision. Co-president Kim Alvarenga will be on the panel.

Kevin Bard: The Club will be submitting its membership numbers to the CDP soon, so please renew your membership before July 1st.

Katy Birnbaum on Mario Woods Day. The Club signed onto the Justice for Mario Woods Coalition and they need support and volunteers. They also want the BOS to recognize July 22nd as Mario Woods Day. This is a good opportunity to show up for our black communities. More information will be posted on Facebook Page.

Peter Gallotta organized 180 people to make burritos for homeless people.

Sue spoke on the 40th Anniversary of the Resistance.

8th Agenda Item: PAC report by Katy Birnbaum.

We had an awesome potluck. Jordan wants to push back against Sheehy's legislation that bans glass bottles and containers from the park and a \$1000 for littering. Typical broken windows bullshit. Dolores Park has a history for harassing the underprivileged.

3rd Motion: Jordan asks that the Club supports sending the letter to Sheehy and all the other supervisors to oppose these proposals. Kevin motions and Mia Satya seconds.

Motion passes unanimously.

A legal loophole called Owner Move-In Evictions (OMIs) is evicting people like crazy. There is a lot of fraud with this. Housing advocates have draft legislation that helps, and the SF Tenants Union and other housing advocates want to sue developers. The SF Tenants Union wrote a letter, and the PAC signed onto it and recommended that Club sign on and send it to the BOS affirming our support the Kim/Peskin legislation.

4th Motion: For the Club to support the PAC and to sign onto the SFTU letter.

Motion passes unanimously.

9th Agenda Item: Working on signs for the Pride Parade and march.

Meeting is adjourned at 8:40 pm.