



## April 21, 2020 Virtual General Membership Meeting Minutes

### Draft Agenda

7:00 - 7:05pm: Buffer for late log-ins

7:05 - 7:15pm: Welcome Remarks - Kevin Bard (10m)

7:15pm - 7:30pm: PAC Report - Edward Wright (15m)

7:30pm: Policy Updates - Aaron Peskin regarding Covid-19 era legislation (15m)

7:45pm: Policy Updates - Gordon Mar regarding covid-19 era legislation (15m)

8:00pm: Discussion - Joe Eskenazi regarding local politics and Corona Virus (30m) -

Facilitated by Kevin Bard

8:30pm: New Business (15m)

8:45pm: Closeout - Kevin Bard

### Meeting Minutes:

#### Intro from Kevin

1. Despite the Virus; participation remains strong for the club. The Eblast reminding people to renew membership that **Kevin Bard** setup was very successful.

#### Update from Pac Chair:

1. **Edward Wright** updates the GM regarding the pac meeting which was a recap of the March 3rd Primary.
  - a. Mentions the app created by **Adam Miller** allowing viewers to see the election results by precinct from the Mar
  - b. We heard from **Jane Kim** and **Shanti Singh** regarding **Bernie Sanders** campaign
  - c. We heard from **David Campos** regarding the DCCC seats

- d. We heard from representatives from the Judicial candidates campaigns
- e. Jackie Fielder**
- f. Ballots measures D and E
- g. General success for progressives and the roll the club
- h. Heard from representatives of the Save Lyon-Martin Clinic campaign.
- i. We voted as a pac to endorse the effort to save the motion
- j. We voted as a pac to endorse a letter from the Climate emergency coalition to support legislation to ban the use of natural gas in new building construction.
  - i. *The General Membership voted to endorse a letter in support of the Save "Lyon Martin campaign" (as recommended by the Pac).*
  - ii. *The General Membership voted to endorse legislation banning the use of Natural gas in new building developments" (as recommended by the pac).*
- k. A question was asked about the agenda for the next PAC meeting
- l. Several webinars are in the works.
- m. **Hope Williams** is working on a webinar about Queer leadership of the past, focusing on past lgbt leaders
- n. Christopher Christenson brings up legislation put forth by the BOS about recall-rehire (which ensures businesses rehire former employees laid off because of the crisis rather than new staff).

**2. Jesse Oliver and Shannon Amitin** share updates about the Castro Cultural District

- a. Mostly admistrive work is currently beging done
- b. Another election for remaining 5 seats will happen once in can happen in the future
- c. The LGBT center is the main sponsor

**3. Connie Chan introduces herself.**

- a. She's running for District 1 supervisor
- b. Former legislative aid to Aaron Peskin
- c. Focusing on wage worker protection, working to unionize
- d. Was Asked about Richmond specific issues regarding covid-19
- e. Dictrict 1 is 65% tenants

**4. Aaron Peskin update on CoronaVirus**

- a. Progressive colleagues on the board have done amazing work
- b. The issue of transparency and vulnerability were similar to the situation during the aids crisis.
- c. The low income and communities of colour have been disproportionately affected.
- d. The lesson of the AIDs are very relevant to this one.

- e. We need neighborhood specific responses.
- f. Supervisors **Fewer** and **Preston** have done a lot of work to protect tenants.
- g. How much power does the mayor have to use emergency money?
- h. Mayor has additional powers during the emergency
- i. The board unanimously passed an emergency ordinance requiring the mayor to acquire 8,250 rooms to house homeless peoples.
- j. The board unanimously passed a resolution requiring full transparency of funding allocation by the mayors' office during this crisis.
- k. The state legislature has also passed legislation to require transparency for governors use of money
- l. How can ActUp be utilized during this time?
- m. Thinks the Milk Club should work more closely with other like-minded organizations.
- n. It's our job to hold billionaires accountable during this time...

#### 4. Gordon Mar update

- a. We've really built up progressive support on the westside!
- b. Has passed a number of pieces of legislation supporting workers rights
- c. Low wage workers have been heavily impacted during the crisis
- d. Cosponsored resolution supporting implementation of assembly bill 5, to enforce at-face and gig-worker rights, assuring that they are able to be properly classified as employees so they can receive paid sick leave, and benefits etc.
- e. Uber and Lyft want to overturn assembly bill 5, which was passed at the end of 2019.
- f. The Community Higher Education Fund is a ballot measure being put forth for the November ballot. If passed, it'll put a tax on stock compensation income to provide revenue. It would be the biggest revenue measure ever bringing in \$600 million. The Revenue will provide substantial funding to K-12 as well as higher education opportunities that are currently underfunded by the state government.
- g. The supervisor was asked about the \$300 million for Our city our home and what's happening with that and the legal challenge. The city can't use the revenue, although it'd been collected. The lawsuit still needs to be resolved, which could take years
- h. The first decision was in our favour, but was appealed.
- i. If the decision takes several years, the funding will be for each year.
- j. Was asked about what is being done for essential workers.
- k. Hotel staffing has become a big issue for hotels that are now staffing the homeless population.

- l. It's going to be a very challenging year and next few years for the cities budget and budget priorities. The city will need to find new ways to bring in revenue.
- m. A question was asked about the corruption charges against Mayor **London Breed** and **Mohammed Nuru**.
- n. **Myrna Melgar** brings up the idea of the city-acquisition of hotels and apartments that have gone vacant during this time. During an economic downturn it's cheaper to buy..
- o. Westside affordable housing strategy/small site acquisition needs to be accelerated during this time.
- p. resolution- right to return ordinance is being worked on.
- q. Working on a new budget-set aside for city college
- r. Mentions bringing back the role of Public Advocate; an elected watchdog/oversight position that would address the issues of corruption in city government, on behalf of the public
- s. **Nomvula O'meara** brings up the issue of workers rights. How are we providing services and supporting undocumented essential workers?

**5. Adlah Christi was nominated by Kevin Bard to Events seat #1**

*Nomination accepted by the membership. We'll vote on her nomination at the next GM meeting.*

**6. Kevin Ortiz speaks about the impact of the virus and the newly formed Latinx Young Democratic Club**

- a. Latino communities are being disproportionately harmed by the virus.
- b. Introduces several members of the new club
- c. *A motion was made to support the chartering of the LatinX Young Democratic Club.*
- d. *Motion passed*
- e. Would like **Sarah Souza** to be reappointed to DCCC, to give voice to DACA community
- f. A proposal was made to support **Sarah Souzas** reappointment to the board when a seat opens up.
- g. A motion was made to support it; but no vote due to possible complications

7. **Amy Farah Weiss** has brought up her proposal for small site acquisitions for SOS villages with her organization St. Francis homelessness challenge.

- a. Will be talked about at the next pac meeting.

***Meeting is adjourned.***