



June 16th (Virtual) General Membership Meeting

Draft Agenda:

The Milk Club's June General Meeting will focus on implementing much-needed police reform in SF, immediately. Our agenda includes:

- 1) *Introduction and opening of the online vote for Kaylah Williams for Co-President. (Kevin Bard, Kaylah Williams)*
- 2) *A discussion on the History of Juneteenth. (Kaylah Williams)*
- 3) *Moment of Silence for George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, and Ahmaud Arbery. (Kaylah Williams)*
- 4) *Discussion and Q&A with District Attorney Chesa Boudin. (Kevin Bard, Kaylah Williams)*
- 5) *Discussion and Q&A with Police Commissioner Petra DeJesus. (Kevin Bard, Kaylah Williams)*
- 6) *Nomination of Raya Steier to E-Board for Events and Fundraising, Seat #1. (Kevin Bard, Raya Steier)*
- 7) *Updates from the Vice Presidents. (Edward Wright, Jackie Thornhill, Reid Coggins)*
- 8) *Online vote check in. (Kevin Bard, Reid Coggins)*
- 9) *New Business. (Membership)*
- 10) *Adjournment.*
- 11) *Vote count and announcement.*

Minutes.

1. Nomination of Kaylah Williams as Copresident.
 - a. The explanation of the voting procedure for the vote.
 - b. The Google document was shared without much difficulty
 - c. We'll conduct our August endorsement votes in a similar manner

2. A Presentation of the history of Juneteenth by Kaylah Williams
 - a. Emancipation Proclamation was issued by Abraham Lincoln.
 - b. Made effective 1 year later
 - c. 13th amendment in 1865
 - d. 3/5ths compromise

- e. Texas was too remote to enforce the ban on slavery. For two whole years after the emancipation proclamation, people are still enslaved in Texas.
- f. On June 19th of 1865, the union general Gordon Granger, federal order number 3 at Ashtonvilla in Galveston Texas; officially announcing that all slaves in Texas are now free.
- g. Also referred to as Jubilation Day
- h. The proclamation basically said that all slaves are now paid employees.
- i. Huge excitement in the Galveston area in celebration of it.
- j. In 1968, Juneteenth began to have a revival.
- k. Rev Ralph Abernathy wanted a resurgence for the Poor people's campaign in DC
- l. Milwaukee and Minneapolis have continuously had huge celebrations.
- m. What can we do?
- n. Spread awareness! Talk to the Karens we know

3. A moment of silence.

4. Police Commissioner Petra Dejesus discusses current situation on police reform

- a. Bias by proxy legislation
- b. Body cameras don't seem to be helping much
- c. The two steps backward right now is fighting the police union
- d. Unions are willing to jump on the police reform bandwagon.
- e. We went 18 months without an officer shooting in SF
- f. Black and brown people are still disproportionately being affected.
- g. We need mental health trained professionals to be doing many of the jobs that police are doing
- h. We don't need officers with guns at traffic stops
- i. Taking money out of politics is important
- j. Gloria Berry thinks the police commission has been a complete failure.
- k. There used to be public comment period for the police commission
- l. Police commission meetings no longer have open hearings.
- m. It has to be done through the legislatures.
- n. How do we change the officer bill of rights?

5. District Attorney Chesa Boudin.

What his office is doing

- a. Organized a group of other elected DA's to take a pledge to never accept contribution or endorsements from Police unions. Asked every one of the 58 counties in California and asked the American BAR to make that a rule.
- b. Urged the SF BOS to sponsor a resolution to prohibit the hiring of police and sheriffs from other counties that have a criminal record or record of misconduct.
- c. For any assaults involving officers, camera footage has to be shown first before prosecuting.

- d. Reform the investigation bureau. Appointed a Bayview native to head this position.
 - e. Implemented a new policy to provide victim compensation to those who've been a victim of police violence.
 - f. Lobbying the victim compensation bureau at the state level.
 - g. Police officers' bill of rights is a big hurdle.
 - h. We cannot rely on sworn testimony from officers.
 - i. Pushing to not prosecute protesters.
 - j. Everytime there's a lawsuit against the police it should be paid by the police department, not the city budget
 - k. Police pay is a union issue.
 - l. How do we organize to overturn the impediments to police reform?
 - m. Police unions are very successful at influencing elections.
 - n. Labour unions are allowed to spend an unlimited amount of \$\$\$ on candidates.
 - o. Isolate and hold elected officials accountable from taking money from police unions. It needs to be stigmatized. Elected officials are held hostage by money from law enforcement.
 - p. The Police will threaten the public.
 - q. They have no right to dictate policy.
 - r. Police departments are associations not unions.
 - s. Elected progressive district attorneys.
 - t. Police department should NOT be involved in public surveillance with the Federal Government.
 - u. Appoint good police commissioners!
 - v. Emily Yee, Catherine Chu, John Crew are some potential candidates that Chesa mentioned.
 - w. The Mayor's appointment secretary. Invite her to a meeting. Kanishka
6. Doordash lawsuit.
- a. Wage theft-
 - b. Doordash were taking tips from their employees.
 - c. Undermines minimum wage laws
 - d. We should make a motion to ask our elected officials to return money that we've endorsed to return the money.

7. Motion: *To demand that elected officials return any contributions they've received from law enforcement organizations, including the POA, Deputy Sheriffs Association, and PORAC; or donate equivalent amounts to social justice/equity nonprofits; and pledge to not accept such contributions going forward.*

- a. **An amendment was made by Gloria Berry to include Bureau of Prisons endorsements.*
- b. *motion: demand that elected officials return any contributions they've received from law enforcement organizations, including the POA, Deputy Sheriffs*

Association, PORAC and Bureau of Prisons; or donate equivalent amounts to social justice/equity nonprofits; and pledge to not accept such contributions going forward

i. Motion passes unanimously

7. Nomination of Raya Steier to Event Fundraising seat #1

1. Raya Steier and

- a. Before the nomination was made, concern was brought up about Adlah Christi's nomination.
- b. It is planned for Raya Steier to be voted on at the next GM meeting.
- c. Raya moved to the US in 2017 and quickly became involved in US politics.
- d. Has been involved in LGBT groups in Asia
- e. Brings immigrants perspective
- f. Worked for the Prison Law Center in Davis
- g. Has worked around issues involving incarceration
- h. etc

8. Pac update from Edward Wright.

- a. Legislative updates:
 - i. Dean Preston's eviction legislation
 - i. Bans evictions due to lack of payment of rent during covid-era indefinitely
 - ii. Doesn't cancel rent, but prohibits evictions
 - iii. Supervisor Catherine Stefani was the only supervisor in dissent
- b. Right to protest safely legislation (self explanatory)
- c. Public health emergency leave extension (at least another 2 months)
- d. New corruption charges....
 - i. 3 people charged including another member of DPW
 - ii. Rolex watch, fancy meals and \$¼ million for a vacation home...
 - iii. FBI was involved in some of the uncovering of these charges
- e. Defund the police
 - i. Chief Scott is open to the idea of the defunding of SFPD
 - ii. Police commission nominees rejected by the board (Nancy Tung)

New business

- a. from Kevin ortiz suggests the full board be allowed to make nominations

Meeting adjourned.