



November 17th, 2020 General Membership Meeting

Draft Agenda:

- 1) ADEMs elections update. (Hene Kelly, Frances Hsieh)
- 2) Election results analysis, with a particular focus on local and state results with David Campos, Jane Kim, Joe Eskenazi and Chris Arvin. (Edward Wright)
- 3) Community Outreach efforts, including an open conversation on engaging in community service projects during off-election cycles. (Joe Adkins)
- 4) Discussion on 2021 E-Board elections. (Kevin Bard, Kaylah Williams)
- 5) Discussion for our Annual Harvey Milk Vigil for 11/27, which will be held online this year. (Kevin Bard, Kaylah Williams)
- 6) New Business.

Minutes:

Update from Edward Wright

1. Presentation from Edward
 - a. We did 13 mobilizations this cycle
 - b. We had over 20,000 voter guides
 - c. 34,987 mail program targeted D5 and D1 most heavily
 - i. D5 has high name id
 - ii. D1 was most competitive so that's why we wanted to focus
2. Presentation from Chris Arvin
 - a. Shows election map electionmapsf.com
 - b. The site shows precinct maps
 - c. You can look at different races
 - d. You can see ranked choice and final round results
 - e. It also shows you correlation maps looking at home ownership tenancy and income, as well as age and race
 - f. There's even a map for our milk club endorsements and where in the city voters aligned with us.
3. Hene Kelly Adem update
 - a. Hene believes that AD17 is the most progressive assembly district in the entire state. But we didnt do well in 2017...

- b. The next election will be virtual and will be the largest
 - c. We need to really turn out progressives
 - d. The application to run closes December 15th 2020.
 - e. Adem.cadem.org site will show you how to run and what to do
 - f. \$30 candidate fee
 - g. 14 delegates for each district
 - h. You have to attend regional meetings, you vote for party endorsements and platforms
 - i. There are slates; some are progressive some are not
 - j. How you register to vote is important
 - i. You apply with the party; the party will check you're registered and which district you're registered in.
 - ii. Then you'll be mailed your ballot, and then you mail it back.
 - iii. Phone voting will be allowed for people without an address
 - iv. The application is simple to fill out.
 - v. Deadline to register to vote is January 11, 2021.
 - vi. People were bussed in to vote. The progressive slate lost by only 35 votes
 - vii. Due date for returning ballots will be sometime in mid to late January.
 - viii. What will the ballot processing be like. Everything will be remote, so there'll be no in-person meeting. The virtual meeting will be an opportunity for candidates to speak. You can also do a video and a statement. There will be no day-of voting.
4. David Campos: local election results
- a. We had tremendous success in the March DCCC primary
 - b. The millions of dollars spent against progressives was horrific, but we prevailed in most races
 - c. "Neighbors for a better san francisco" super pac targeted progressives and attacked our candidates
 - d. The Democratic party sent out mass texts calling out the the attacks
 - e. The Democratic party also put out several mailers countering the republican back IE pacs, 2 pieces in districts 1, 5 and 7. The democratic party really emphasized a rank choice strategy.
 - f. In district 11, the DCCC had its hands tied because of the John #1, Ashah #2 endorsement
 - g. College board endorsements; 3 out of our 4 won.
 - h. DCCC endorsed School board candidates all won.
 - i. Campos also talks about upcoming efforts for Jon Ossoff and Raphael Warnock in Georgia
5. Joe Ashkenazi presentation
- a. Points out that that wealthy people really put a lot of money into defeating prgresssive candidates
 - b. The altered voting patterns made this election more unpredictable.
 - c. The pandemic didn't actually change much.
 - d. Was surprised by prop I, which did really well.
 - e. John Avalos pushed Asha to the left and made Ashah a more pro-labour supervisor

6. Jane Kim presents on state results
 - a. We didn't do well state-wide
 - b. Affirmative action ballot measure may have been too much for many voters
 - c. San Diego county flipped their city council from Republicans to democrats
 - d. San diego city council has a democratic super majority and gay man of colour as mayor
 - e. She expects a leftward trend if we continue to organize and specifically doorknock.
 - f. Bernie did well here in March
7. Community service opportunities- Joe Adkins
 - a. Speaks about volunteer and community service efforts.
 - b. Back in the day the club printed safesex leaflets
 - c. Women members of the club focused on a blood drive called "give our boys blood" during the aids crisis.
 - d. Now that we don't have a major election we need to refocus on the community.
 - e. Thoughts on what we could do?
 - f. How often we could have community-service related events
 - g. Joe will be compiling all the responses and present at the next meeting.
8. Upcoming board elections
 - a. The Milk Club board elections for 2021 is coming up.
 - b. We really want to bring in new people
 - c. The next general membership the nomination process will open up
9. Harvey Milks memorial
 - a. We'll be doing a memorial commemorating Milk Moscone assassination
 - b. Any ideas on who to have speak would be helpful
10. New business
 - a. Jesse Stout brings up Norman Yees legislation to ban indoor smoking with a \$1000/day fine. We should come out in opposition.
 - b. Kevin Bard makes a motion to oppose the legislation proposed by Norman Yee.
 - i. Discussion ensues
 - ii. Concerns around the \$1000 fine for smoking were voiced
 - iii. Also concerns around the detrimental effects of second-hand smoking
 - iv. There's a proposed amendment to exempt marijuana
 - v. Concerns were expressed that the legislation could lead to evictions
11. Jordan David brings up the 30right coalition
 - a. 201185- would establish 30% of income going to rent for the formerly homeless
 - b. Kevin makes a motion "*support Ordinance 201185 which would require all new supportive housing that comes online and all current supportive housing to charge tenants no more than 30% of their income towards rent*".
 - c. *Motion passes unanimously*
12. Adem vote
 - a. A motion was made to Hold an endorsement vote for "*ADEM candidates running in AD 17 and AD 19 at our December General Membership Meeting*".
 - b. *Motion passes unanimously*
13. Georgia Senate races

- a. Brad Chapin suggests holding an up or down vote on endorsement Raphael Warnock and Jon Ossoff at our next GM meeting
 - b. Brad makes a motion to *“Hold an endorsement vote for Jon Ossoff and Raphael Warnock for the U.S. Senate in Georgia at our December General Membership Meeting.”*
 - c. Vote was unanimous
14. Julian La Rosa
- a. The state assembly is working on legislation AB310 to establish a public bank, and Federal public bank act, a federal motion pushed by AOC and Rashida Tlaib.
 - i. A motion was made to support to *“Officially support AB 310 (The California State Public Bank Act) and the Federal Public Banking Act, sponsored by Reps. Rashida Tlaib and Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez.”*
 - ii. A vote was made by acclamation unanimously
15. Christopher Christenson make a motion to adjourn
- a. Motion passes