

# San Francisco Democratic County Central Committee

Wednesday, January 23, 2019

6:30pm

Tenderloin Community Elementary School

627 Turk Street

San Francisco, CA

## 10 Day Meeting Agenda

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### 1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Call to Order by Chair, David Campos. Roll Call of Members: Alysabeth Alexander, Angela Alioto, Keith Baraka, Tami Bryant, David Campos, Jen Chan, Petra DeJesus, Bevan Dufty, Sandra Lee Fewer, Peter Gallotta, Kelly Groth, Pratima Gupta, Frances Hsieh, Tom Hsieh, Mary Jung, Jane Kim, Leah LaCroix, Meagan Levitan, Jen Low, Honey Mahogany, Rafael Mandelman, Sophie Maxwell, Rachel Norton. Ex-Officio Members: U.S. Senator Dianne Feinstein; Speaker of the House of Representatives Nancy Pelosi; U.S. House Representative Jackie Speier; Lieutenant Governor Eleni Kounalakis, State Treasurer Fiona Ma; Board of Equalization Member Malia Cohen, State Senator Scott Wiener; Assemblymember Phil Ting and Assemblymember David Chiu.

### 2. Approval of Meeting Agenda (Discussion and possible action)

Discussion and possible action regarding the approval of this agenda.

### 3. Approval of Meeting Minutes (Discussion and possible action)

Approval of the minutes of the DCCC's meeting of October 24, 2018 (minutes attached).

### 4. General Public Comment (2 minutes per speaker)

The DCCC will take public comment on all items on the agenda and, in addition, other matters germane to party business but not on the agenda.

### 5. Reports (Discussion and possible action) (25 minutes)

DCCC member reports, including discussion and possible actions, to offer updates on work assignments and discuss ongoing objectives.

#### a) Chair (Campos)

Welcoming New Member Kounalakis

Appointment in AD17

#### b) Finance (DeJesus)

#### c) Voter Registration (Baraka)

#### d) Club Chartering (Gupta)

#### e) Outreach (LaCroix)

#### f) Treasurer (Alexander)

#### g) Partnerships (Maxwell)

#### h) Committees

Internship (Gupta)

#### i) Executive Director (Mehis)

#### j) CDP Region 6 Update (Kelly)

**6. Ratifying Appointed Delegates to the California Democratic Party (Campos) (Discussion and possible action) (5 minutes)**

**7. Update and Presentation from Sister District (Maxwell) (Discussion) (15 minutes)**

**8. New Business (Discussion and possible action)**

The DCCC is unable to discuss or take action on items not on this agenda when those discussions pertain to matters within the jurisdiction of the San Francisco Board of Supervisors. The limited exception is to discuss and take action in deciding whether to calendar such items for a future meeting.

## **9. Adjournment**

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# San Francisco Democratic County Central Committee

Wednesday, October 24, 2018

6:30pm

RED to BLUE SF Volunteer HQ

2390 Market Street

San Francisco, CA

## DRAFT Meeting Minutes

A recording of the meeting can be found online at:

[https://www.facebook.com/pg/SFDemocrats/videos/?ref=page\\_internal](https://www.facebook.com/pg/SFDemocrats/videos/?ref=page_internal)

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### 1. Call to Order and Roll Call

*Meeting called to order at 6:41 pm by Chair Campos*

Thanked volunteers for volunteering for the Democratic Party by volunteering at the Red to Blue

Roll Call by Recording Secretary F. Hsieh

*Members present:* Alysabeth Alexander, Angela Alioto, Keith Baraka, David Campos, Jen Chan, Petra DeJesus (proxy: David Campos), Sandra Lee Fewer, Peter Gallotta, Kelly Groth, Pratima Gupta, Frances Hsieh, Tom Hsieh, Jane Kim, Leah LaCroix, Meagan Levitan, Jen Low, Honey Mahogany, Rafael Mandelman, Sophie Maxwell.

*Ex-Officio Members present:* U.S. Senator Dianne Feinstein (proxy: Kathleen Dowling McDonough); U.S. House Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi (proxy: Dan Bernal); U.S. House Representative Jackie Speier (proxy: Brian Perkins); Board of Equalization Member Fiona Ma (proxy: Noah Starr); Assemblymember David Chiu (proxy: Katie Mackenzie).

*Members absent/excused:* Malia Cohen, Bevan Dufty, Mary Jung, Rachel Norton.

26 members present, 4 members absent, 1 members excused

### 2. Approval of Meeting Agenda

Chair Campos requested to move up item 5a, approval of appointment for vacancy in Assembly District 17.

*Motion to approve as amended:* Member Maxwell; *Second:* Member Speier

*Vote Count:* Approved by Acclamation

### 3. Approval of Meeting Minutes

*Motion to approve:* Member Mahogany; *Second:* Member Gupta

*Vote Count:* Approved by Acclamation

### 4. General Public Comment

*Public Comment began at 6:45 pm*

*Alan Wong* speaking in support of appointment of Tami Bryant, was a supporter against an unfair SFUSD administration, social justice, spoke in support of item 8 since efforts of Local 2 has made a difference in his life, father is a union cook; *Kim Shree-Maufas* spoke in support of Tami Bryant worked with her in the fight for justice and for kids, amazing asset to body; *Shawn Haines* spoke in support of Tami Bryant as a candidate advocating for raising people; *Christine Pelosi* made a pitch for people to take a shift in the last 13 days before election day and too help publicize redtoblue.org, Congresswoman Pelosi will be on Stephen Colbert on Tuesday and will hold get out the vote rally on Saturday at noon, 100 hours before first election; *Hene Kelly* spoke in support of Tami Bryant and experience with her daughter, Maritza; *Kevin Ortiz* (Latino Democratic Club) spoke on behalf of Tami Bryant as long time member and community fighter, pitch to come to Democratic Party GOTV on Tuesday, 8:00 am - 8:00 pm

*Public Comment ended at 6:54 pm*

## **5. Reports**

### **a) Chair** (Campos)

Appointment in AD17 - Chair Campos announced that Mayor London Breed submitted resignation and thanked her for her service; Chair Campos explained process and that Mayor Breed recommended Tami Bryant, resident of District 5, who has a history fighting for social justice, commitment to democratic values, track record in labor.

*Motion to approve:* Chair Campos ; *Second:* Member Wiener

*Vote Count:* Approved by Acclamation

*Chair Campos* swore in Tami Bryant, Member Bryant thanked members for their vote of support, those who spoke in support, and committed to volunteering and supporting democrats.

*Chair Campos* gave details about slate card program and distributed copies of pieces, 3 slate cards in English, Chinese, and Spanish, as well as district specific mailings, will be sending out 14 individual pieces including slate cards in this election, thanked slate card committee and Executive Director Mehis's work to coordinate program; *Member Alioto* complimented District 2 card, Moms not Bombs; *Chair Campos* gave update on BART mailer delay due to conflict of interest for consultant and piece will be designed by subcontractor; *Chair Campos* updated group that Senate Pro Tem Atkins reached out to SF DCCC for help to raise funds for 4-5 key State Senate races for a supermajority statewide; *Member Gupta* asked for names of races and candidates; *Chair Campos* will forward names and verified this participation was cleared by counsel; *Member T. Hsieh* requested electronic copies (pdf) of the mailers to all SF DCCC members

**b) Finance** (DeJesus) - through proxy, appealed to members to participate in phone banks and events at Red to Blue and support outreach events that Member LaCroix has put together.

**c) Voter Registration** (Baraka) - SF has the highest percentage of registered Democrats by 4/10 of a %, if you missed voter registration deadline, there is conditional registration.

**d) Club Chartering** (Gupta) - thanked clubs that have come to Red to Blue, next Leadership Circle in new year will be announced soon.

**e) Outreach** (LaCroix) - please sign up for at least one day in the next 13 days, *Member LaCroix* can make any outreach day happen, Thursday morning at Cole and Carl, Friday

evening at Church and Market, thanked people who have come out, if you care about democrats in this City, State, or Country, we need to show up for our party and our endorsed candidates, thanked Members Gallotta and F. Hsieh for consistently turning out for outreach events.

**f) Treasurer** (Alexander) - reviewed financial statements - total Federal Cash on hand: \$20,512.42; State Cash: \$148,524.98

**g) Partnerships** (Maxwell) - was in Manteca last Saturday and will go next Saturday, over 100 volunteers, thanks for those who have participated.

**h) Committees Communications** (Gallotta) - gave background and update on website redesign process, introduce Adam Grey of General Assembly to give presentation; *Adam Grey* reviewed feedback about need for redesign, findings and results, reviewed samples and proposed design ideas and recommendations; *Member Gallotta* also invited everyone to attend Election Night Watch Party at 8:30 pm at Oasis and SF DCCC Holiday Party at Manny's at 16th and Valencia on December 4th.

**i) Executive Director** (Mehis)

**j) CDP Region 6 Update** (Kelly) - Next Region 6 meeting on Tuesday, October in San Mateo; Convention: May 31 - June 2, 2019 in San Francisco; ADEM elections AD 17 on Saturday, January 12th co-conveners: Kevin Bard and Frances Hsieh, AD19 on Sunday January 13th convened by Hene Kelly

## **6. Update and Presentation from the No on Proposition 6 Campaign** (Campos)

*Seth Miller* of No on Proposition 6 campaign spoke reviewed 2017 gas tax, 6500 projects across the state and funding at stake, Josh Newman paid the price, the funds are an investment in our future, safety is key component to keep front of mind as we phone bank, close race need help to turn out the vote.

## **7. Discussion of Latest Developments Regarding Josephine Zhao's Candidacy for Board of Education** (Campos)

*Chair Campos* wanted to create space for conversation and opportunity for update on situation with candidate, unclear whether she has actually dropped out, wanted opportunity to discuss, state party is very interested in education, there will be a BOE slate card; *Member Mahogany* spoke about perspective from transgender community, sense of betrayal, wants party to recognize danger of taint of this candidate on Democratic Party; *Member Gallotta* shared concerns around this candidate and issue of name still on ballot, what kind of information are we providing to public about this candidate, public being misled with misinformation, what is our role to correct that and address it in addition to mailer, role to play as a body that educates voters, suggested information on slate card mailer; *Member Alexander* stated that due to Title X changes at federal level, there should be an education effort, suggested authorizing Chair to take steps to educate public; *Member T. Hsieh* cautioned committee about actions, there was a lot of pressure applied to withdraw endorsements, recalls previous negative attack on a candidate on district race, cannot remove her name legally, negative campaign, if she resumes campaign she should be held accountable, but not be proactive; *Member Chan* said Chinese community should not be seeing ads in support of her, our obligation to educate our members

in multiple languages that if someone has dropped out, they should no longer be campaigning; *Member Low* as a member from Chinese community, we feel conflicted about community needing representation in education matters, but integrity in candidates is important, not talking about attack ad, sharing her own information, education is important, should disseminate information in Chinese and English press, website, and close account, should educate about dropping out, need to have hard conversations and empower from an authentic place to reach out to communities of color and create relationships outside of elections, let's do this after November and help bring people together, can she be a leader of change; *Member Baraka* stated it's important to speak against rhetoric and hate, some of the candidate's statements are inappropriate, candidate should stick to her word, not be duplicitous, only serves to divide us; *Member Fewer* as representative for the Chinese community, SFDCCC has endorsed and promoted a Chinese candidate who can be a voice, Zhao is dividing our communities, send out accurate information, people are campaigning for her, spoke about rhetoric of dangers of all gender restrooms, Democratic party has to stand for our values, want BOE members that stand up for our most marginalized communities, not an issue to send out the truth and correct the record and support our endorsed Chinese candidate; *Chair Campos* stated current SFDCCC policy to not put out hit pieces, have an obligation to provide objective information and inform voters, candidate has not made a public statement that she has withdrawn and will not serve, at this time, with the level of community fear and hate on federal level, we need to make a positive, clarifying statement; *Member Mahogany* clarified that she apologized, but then it came out that in a different venue that she was just appeasing the community and reverse self; *Member T. Hsieh* reiterated that this action will give her a lift in Chinese declined to state voters, be careful what you are going to do; *Member Alioto* felt democrats should not go against democrats, in last 4 days, as discrimination lawyer has experience federal action has caused hysteria, this is dangerous for an educator, vocabulary is dangerous and bigoted, don't make her a martyr or give her more publicity; *Member Gupta* suggested that Chair Campos directly reach out to candidate to clarify her stance and can forward her response to the group; *Member Wiener* suggested that website posting is better than mail, Senator Wiener has reached out and she has reassured him that she is not running and will not accept position if she wins, should not give up on her and her voters, Zhao has stated she has closed account and returned funds; *Member Gallotta* has heard concerns that this is happening in real time, if candidate will not publically correct record, then the party should, motion to provide a point of information at the Chair's discretion in a clear way the facts.

*Motion to approve:* Member Gallotta; *Second:* Member Baraka  
*Vote Count:* Approved by Acclamation

## **8. Resolution Declaring Solidarity with the Union Strike of Marriott Workers and Respect for the Picket Line and Boycott (Alexander, Gallotta)**

This strike is happening in seven time zones, spoke about company's record profits \$23 billion and UNITE HERE strike demands, spoke of experience of workers losing health care and unpredictable scheduling, and request for protection against automation, also called out sexual harassment concerns on the job, resolution calls for solidarity and respect of boycott.

*Amendment(s):* All members requested to be added as co-sponsors

*Motion to approve (as amended):* Member Gallotta; *Second:* Member Wiener

*Vote Count:* Approved by Acclamation

## **9. New Business**

*Chair Campos* asked for ideas to support transgender community; *Member Mahogany* spoke about November 3rd action;

## **10. Adjournment**

*Meeting adjourned at 8:12 pm for Members to make calls to Red Districts!*