

San Francisco Democratic County Central Committee

455 Golden Gate Avenue
San Francisco, California
Milton Marks Auditorium
Wednesday, August 15, 2012
6:00 p.m.

Special Meeting Agenda

Note: A majority of the members of the San Francisco Board of Supervisors, and of one or more Board committees, currently serve as members of the San Francisco Democratic County Central Committee (SFDCCC). The law is not clear as to whether the open meeting requirements of state and local law apply to SFDCCC meetings attended by these Board members. Out of abundance of caution, the Board members and the SFDCCC have agreed to comply with these open meeting laws.

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Chair: Mary Jung. Members: Kat Anderson, John Avalos, David Campos, David Chiu, Malia Cohen, Petra DeJesus, Matt Dorsey, Bevan Dufty, Kelly Dwyer, Zoe Dunning, Bill Fazio, Tom Hsieh, Leslie Katz, Hene Kelly, Meagan Levitan, Rafael Mandelman, Eric Mar, Trevor McNeil, Carole Migden, Leah Pimentel, Alix Rosenthal, Arlo Hale Smith, and Scott Wiener. Ex-Officio Members: U.S. Senator Dianne Feinstein; U.S. House Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi; U.S. Rep. Jackie Speier; Attorney General Kamala Harris; State Senator Leland Yee; State Senator Mark Leno; Assemblymember Fiona Ma; Assemblymember Tom Ammiano.

2. Public Comment

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

3. Approval of Meeting Agenda (Discussion and possible action)

Discussion and possible action regarding the approval of this agenda, as amended.

4. Approval of Meeting Minutes (Discussion and possible action)

Discussion and possible action regarding the approval of the SFDCCC's Meeting Minutes, as amended, of Wednesday, July 25, 2012 (attached).

5. Reports (Discussion and possible action)

SF DCCC Member Reports, including discussion and possible action, to report on progress on work assignments and discussions with members of the public or public officials concerning the SFDCCC future work.

- a) **Chair** (Jung) report on progress related to executive director applicants; campaign space and coordination for the fall campaign
- b) **Finance** (Dunning) report on progress related to fundraising outreach, plans and other activities

- c) **Voter Registration** (McNeil/Pimentel) report on progress related to voter registration and participation in the California Democratic Party's Chartered Organization Voter Registration "Bounty" Program
 - d) **Club Chartering** (Pimentel) report on status of coordination with chartered Democratic clubs in advance of the fall election, and plans for chartering
 - e) **Communications** (Dorsey) report on status of new website, listservs and agenda changes to fulfill potentially applicable requirements of the Brown Act and S.F. Sunshine Ordinance
 - f) **Treasurer** (Hsieh) report on the current budget and finances of the party, and budgetary needs moving forward
6. **Approve SFDCCC Meeting Schedule Through Jan. 2013** (Discussion and possible action)
 Discussion and possible action regarding approval of the schedule of regular meetings of the SFDCCC. Consistent with established practices reflecting regular meetings on the SFDCCC on the 4th Wednesday of each month, tentatively scheduled meeting dates are the following: Sept. 26, 2012; Oct. 24, 2012; Nov. 28, 2012; and Jan. 23, 2013. The tentative time for all regular meetings is 7:00 p.m., and the tentative location is the Milton Marks Auditorium, California State Building, 455 Golden Gate Ave., in San Francisco. The Issues Committee is tentatively scheduled to meet at 6:30 p.m. on the on the 4th Wednesday of each month, immediately before the regular monthly SFDCCC meeting.
7. **Slate Card RFP Selection (Mandelman)** (Discussion and possible action)
 Report on status of requests for proposal for the San Francisco Democratic Party's slate card program for the fall election, and possible vote on the selection of vendor.
8. **Endorsements (Jung/Rosenthal)** (Discussion and possible action)
 Report on process for questionnaires and interviews for local candidates and ballot measures for the Nov. 6, 2012 Consolidated General Election
- a) **Board of Education.** Discussion and possible action: SFDCCC to vote on its endorsement of candidates for the Board of Education.
 - b) **Community College Board.** Discussion and possible action: SFDCCC to vote on its endorsement of candidates for the Community College Board.
 - c) **BART Board.** Discussion and possible action: SFDCCC to vote on its endorsement of candidates for BART Board in Districts 7 and 9.
 - d) **Board of Supervisors.** Discussion and possible action: SFDCCC to vote on its endorsement of candidates for the Board of Supervisors in Districts 1, 3, 5, 7, 9 and 11.
 - e) **Qualified Local Ballot Measures.** Discussion and possible action: SFDCCC to vote on its endorsement of the following local ballot measures.

- i) **Proposition A:** City College Parcel Tax (District Measure)
- ii) **Proposition B:** Clean and Safe Neighborhood Parks Bond (Bond Measure)
- iii) **Proposition C:** Housing Trust Fund (Charter Amendment)
- iv) **Proposition D:** Consolidating Odd-Year Municipal Elections (Charter Amendment)
- v) **Proposition E:** Gross Receipts Tax (Ordinance)
- vi) **Proposition F:** Water and Environment Plan (Ordinance)
- vii) **Proposition G:** Policy Opposing Corporate Personhood (Declaration of Policy)

9. New Business (Discussion and possible action)

Note that the SFDECC 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.

10. Adjournment

Note: The Issues Committee is not meeting on August 15, 2012.

Agenda Item Information

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Meeting Procedures

Each member of the public will be allotted the same maximum number of minutes to speak as set by the Chair.

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7854; or by email at sotf@sfgov.org. Citizens may obtain a free copy of the Sunshine Ordinance by printing Chapter 67 of the San Francisco Administrative Code on the Internet, at <http://www.sfbos.org/sunshine>

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AMENDED SPECIAL NOTICE REGARDING PARTICIPATION OF MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS IN MEETINGS OF THE SAN FRANCISCO COUNTY DEMOCRATIC CENTRAL COMMITTEE

Six members of the Board of Supervisors serve on the San Francisco County Democratic Party Central Committee ("DCCC"). They constitute a majority of the members of the Board of Supervisors and may constitute a majority of the members of one or more Board Committees.

California law (the Brown Act), the City Charter and the San Francisco Sunshine Ordinance provide that any gathering of a majority of the members of the Board of Supervisors or of a committee of the Board to discuss matters within the Board's subject matter jurisdiction constitutes a meeting of the Board of Supervisors. These laws require that any such meeting be open to the public and noticed and conducted in compliance with the Brown Act and the Sunshine Ordinance.

The DCCC is not a City agency, does not speak for or act on behalf of the City, and cannot transact City business. But the DCCC may discuss matters that could fall within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Board of Supervisors.

No law addresses whether attendance of a majority of the full Board or of its committees at a meeting of the DCCC would fall under the public meeting requirements of the Brown Act, Charter, or Sunshine Ordinance. Out of an abundance of caution, those Board members serving on the DCCC will comply with these open meeting laws.

For information on the date, time and location of DCCC meetings, see the DCCC's website at <http://sfdemocrats.org>. Notices, meeting agendas and minutes will also be posted at the San Francisco Library.

Approved SFDCCC Meetings Scheduled Through January 2013

The next DCCC meeting is as follows:

Meeting Date: Aug. 15, 2012
Time: 6:00 p.m. (note the earlier start time)
Place: State Building, Milton Marks Auditorium
455 Golden Gate Avenue
San Francisco, CA 94102

The following four DCCC meetings are scheduled through Jan. 2013 as follows:

Meeting Dates: Generally, the 4th Wednesday of Each Month
Sept. 26, 2012; Oct. 24, 2012; Nov. 28, 2012; and Jan. 23, 2013.
Time: 7:00 p.m.
Place: State Building, Milton Marks Auditorium
455 Golden Gate Avenue
San Francisco, CA 94102

For information regarding all subsequent meetings see the DCCC's website at <http://sfdemocrats.org>.

San Francisco Democratic County Central Committee

Draft #2 Minutes

Wednesday, July 25, 2012

7 p.m.

State Building – Milton Marks Auditorium
455 Golden Gate Avenue, SF 94103

1. Call to order at 7:11 p.m. by past 2nd Vice Chair Rafael Mandelman

CDP State Party Chairman John Burton administered the Oath of Office at 7:13 p.m.

2. Roll Call by past Recording Secretary Mary Jung, and Pledge of Allegiance

Present: Kat Anderson, John Avalos, David Campos, Malia Cohen, Petra DeJesus, Matt Dorsey, Zoe Dunning, Kelly Dwyer, Bill Fazio, Tom Hsieh, Mary Jung, Leslie Katz, Hene Kelly, Meagan Levitan, Rafael Mandelman, Eric Mar, Trevor McNeil, Carole Migden, Leah Pimentel, Alix Rosenthal, Arlo Hale Smith, Scott Wiener, U.S. Senator Dianne Feinstein (proxy George Broder), Congresswoman Nancy Pelosi (proxy Catherine Dodd), Congresswoman Jackie Speier (proxy Brian Perkins), Attorney General Kamala Harris (proxy London Breed, [alternate Matthew Rothschild](#)), State Senator Leland Yee (proxy John Rizzo), State Senator Mark Leno (proxy Keith Baraka), Assemblywoman Fiona Ma (proxy Jason Wong)

Proxy: David Chiu (proxy Alix Rosenthal), Bevan Dufty (proxy Mary Jung)

Absent: Assemblyman Tom Ammiano

The proxies for Chiu and Dufty presented notarized copies of the Oath of Office taken by the two members.

3. Elections of Temporary Chair and Temporary Recording Secretary

Tom Hsieh nominated Leslie Katz for Temporary Chair. Approved by acclamation.

Mandelman passes the gavel to Katz.

Hsieh nominated Kat Anderson for Temporary Recording Secretary. Approved by acclamation.

4. Adoption of Temporary Rules

Motion made by Arlo Hale Smith to amend by-laws to accept proportionality in the number of Vice Chair seats so that there is at least one Vice Chair per assembly district; seconded by Mandelman.

Matthew Rothschild called the question. Carole Migden moved for acclamation. Approved by acclamation.

5. Approval of Agenda

Mandelman moved to add new resolution regarding City College to the agenda; seconded by Katz. Approved by acclamation.

6. Public Comment

Migden moved to elect the Chair first; seconded by Hsieh.

Scott Wiener and Catherine Dodd respectfully disagreed. Migden withdrew her motion.

Brian Webster, District 6 Democratic Club, announced August 21 fundraiser at Yoshi's to help pay travel expenses for SF delegates going to the Democratic National Convention in North Carolina.

Alex Bash, former President of DemocracyAction, encouraged voter registration and red county work.

Jane Morrison, past SFDCCC Chair, encouraged voter registration and using the CDP bounty program.

Jennifer Longley, President of California Young Democrats, discussed statewide issues – Yes on 30, No on 32.

Migden was excused at 7:30 p.m.

Mike Petrelis, Gays Without Borders, spoke about the tragedy in Colorado and opined the rainbow flag in the Castro should be lowered.

Susan Pfeifer, Obama for America, introduced the delegates to the Democratic National Convention and provided information on Dashboard, an easy-to-use tool for volunteering for Obama.

George Shieman requested a resolution about Ross Mirkarimi.

Public comment closed.

7. Election of Chair ([Attachment A reflects relevant bylaws section](#))

Moved by Wiener, seconded by Meagan Levitan to nominate Jung for Chair. Approved by acclamation.

8. Election of Vice Chairs ([Attachment A reflects relevant bylaws section](#))

Jung thanked the members for their support and suggested a list of members to serve in specific officer positions, representing various activities and duties performed by the Party:

1st Vice Chair – Finance – Zoe Dunning
2nd Vice Chair – Issues & Endorsements – Alix Rosenthal
3rd Vice Chair – Voter Registration – Trevor McNeil
4th Vice Chair – Club Chartering & Development – Leah Pimentel
Corresponding Secretary – Matt Dorsey
Recording Secretary – Kat Anderson
Treasurer – Tom Hsieh

Rothschild moved to approve the list by acclamation.

David Campos asked that consideration be given to Latinos for leadership positions.

Petra DeJesus associated herself with Campos' comments and stated she thought there would be discussion about the officer positions at the meeting.

The vote was taken and the list was approved, with one dissenting vote by DeJesus.

Dodd, Congresswoman Pelosi's proxy, presented a \$5,000 check to the SFDCCC to signify her confidence in the DCCC's new leadership. A challenge was made to the other ex-officios to follow this lead.

Jung acknowledged the concerns of members Campos and DeJesus. She announced monthly Executive Board meetings could be attended in person or by teleconference in the future once regular meetings are scheduled.

9. Election of Recording Secretary

(see above)

10. Election of Treasurer

(see above)

11. Election of Corresponding Secretary

(see above)

12. Chair Committee Appointments

Jung appointed Smith to the position of Parliamentarian.

In regard to positions on the CDP Executive Board, Jung said she would wait until the CDP advises the DCCC on the number of seats allowed for the upcoming term. Member Kelly suggested that CDP executive board appointments might be a place where the SFDCCC could address concerns about diversity raised by members DeJesus and Campos.

Because the DCCC now has six members of the Board of Supervisors on the DCCC (BOS quorum), Jung appointed members David Chiu and Matt Dorsey to a By-laws Committee to amend the by-laws to accommodate the Brown Act, Sunshine Ordinance, and other CCSF needs. She appointed Smith to chair the committee. Member Hene Kelly volunteered to serve on the committee.

Mandelman was appointed to chair the State Card Bidding Subcommittee for the November 2012 election. Jung explained that the Policies & Procedures (4.2) stipulate the DCCC Chair and Treasurer also serve on the committee, and asked for volunteers to serve on it, too. Member Kelly volunteered to serve on the committee.

13. Approval of Minutes of May 23, 2012, DCCC meeting

Moved by ____ to approve the minutes, seconded by _____. Approved by acclamation.

Malia Cohen and Eric Mar were excused at 8 p.m. Mar gave his proxy to Trevor McNeil.

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Smith and Campos engaged in a discussion about the legal argument on how the Brown Act and Sunshine Ordinance applied regarding proxies. There was agreement that the approach should be judicious, should be overly cautious, and err on the side of more disclosure – not less.

14. Resolutions

A. Resolution in support of AB 1648 (Mandelman/Eisen)

Joni Eisen, President of the Potrero Hill Democratic Club, presented on the resolution.

Moved by Smith to approve the resolution; seconded by Leah Pimentel. The motion passed by acclamation, with the following ex-officios abstaining: Feinstein, Speier, Harris, Leno

B. Resolution in support of City College (Mandelman)

Mandelman amended the resolution to delete the following from the last paragraph: including supporting the parcel tax that has been placed on the November 2012 ballot.”

Moved by ___ to approve the resolution as amended; seconded by ____. The motion passed by acclamation with the following ex-officios abstaining: Feinstein, Speier, Leno.

15. New Business

Endorsement Interviews will be held Saturday, August 11, at Laborers Local 261, at 3271 18th Street. Local 261 Business Manager Ramon Hernandez was thanked for loaning the DCCC the space. Alix Rosenthal and Anderson will organize the questionnaires and interviews associated with this meeting.

Endorsement vote will be on Wednesday, August 15, at the State Building.

Resolutions Committee will meet before most regular meetings at 6:15 p.m. provided resolutions were submitted with proper noticing.

DCCC Member Contact List – Jung asked members to make corrections to the draft list and noted the Policies & Procedures (11.5) state that DCCC member contact information can be given to campaigns that request it. Any information what should be kept private should be taken off the list.

Jung invited members, the audience, and other guests to Maestro Restaurant at 555 Golden Gate Avenue at the conclusion of the meeting.

Katz recognized several former Chairs of the DCCC who were also in the audience.

Endorsement meeting notices will be posted on the website.

Dodd asked that the minutes reflect when members leave.

Mandelman stated he has become aware that a number of people have had to appear before the Ethics Commission related to the Mirkarimi case and had to incur unexpected legal fees. He hoped to have a fundraiser to assist them with their fees and asked DCCC members to contact him if they would like to help or contribute. Proxy George Broder sought clarification whether Mandelman was speaking as an individual or DCCC member. Mandelman responded as a member of the DCCC.

16. Adjournment

Katz moved that the meeting be adjourned in memory of the victims of the Aurora, Colorado shooting. The meeting was adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted by
Kat Anderson
Recording Secretary*

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ATTACHMENT A

Matt Dorsey 8/10/12 11:17 AM

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ARTICLE III: OFFICERS

Section 1. ELECTED OFFICERS

The elected officers of this County Committee shall consist of:

- a. A Chairperson;
- b. A First Vice-Chairperson;
- c. A Second Vice-Chairperson;
- d. A Third Vice-Chairperson;
- e. A Fourth Vice-Chairperson;
- f. A Treasurer;
- g. A Recording Secretary;
- h. A Corresponding Secretary.

Election of officers shall occur at the first meeting of the SFDCCC after SFDCCC election results have been certified. Officers shall be elected by a majority of the members of the SFDCCC present and voting. Officer's terms shall be the length of the term of the SFDCCC. Officers may be removed by a majority vote of the SFDCCC members present and voting at any properly noticed SFDCCC meeting where the intent to remove the officer has been properly noticed. Vacancies shall be filled by majority vote of SFDCCC members present and voting at any properly noticed meeting. At least one Vice-Chairperson shall be of the opposite sex from the other Vice-Chairpersons. Each Assembly District shall be represented by at least one Vice-Chairperson. Additional duties of the officers are described in the Policy and Procedures Manual.