

San Francisco Democratic County Central Committee

455 Golden Gate Avenue
San Francisco, California
Milton Marks Auditorium
Wednesday, March 27, 2013
7:00 p.m.

Regular Meeting Agenda

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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, Zoe Dunning, Kelly Dwyer, 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 Tom Ammiano; Assemblymember Phil Ting.

2. Public Comment

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.

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

Discussion and possible action regarding the approval of this agenda.

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

Discussion and possible action to approve the minutes of the DCCC's Regular Meeting of Wednesday, February 27, 2013. (Minutes attached)

5. **Reports** (Discussion and possible action)
SF DCCC member reports, including discussion and possible action, to offer updates on work assignments and discuss ongoing objectives.
 - a) **Chair** (Jung) recap and thank-yous for March 8 fundraiser; report on upcoming California Democratic Party convention; other DCCC activities and forthcoming priorities.
 - b) **Voter Registration** (McNeil) report on voter registration efforts.
 - c) **Club Chartering** (Pimentel) update on club chartering; club attendance by DCCC members; recap of Presidents' Cabinet meeting.
 - d) **Communications** (Dorsey/Proxy) report on posting of newly-adopted bylaws on website; identifying remaining bylaw issues to be considered for possible final approval at April 24, 2013 DCCC meeting; request for subcommittee volunteers to work on updating the Policy and Procedures Manual.
 - e) **Finance** (Dunning) report on fundraising activities, including March 8 fundraiser; report and presentation of Planning Retreat Outcomes, reflecting strategic goals established at the Feb. 2 DCCC retreat.
 - f) **Treasurer** (Hsieh/Proxy) report on the current budget and finances of the party; including March 8 fundraiser.
 - g) **Executive Director** (Hergenraeder) update on new office location; progress on DCCC strategic goals; update on other DCCC activities and priorities.
6. **Resolution: Prop 13** (Mandelman/Rosenthal) (Discussion and possible action)
Proposed resolution expressing the San Francisco Democratic Party's support for closing a Prop 13 loophole, and requiring commercial properties to be reassessed annually; and communicating this position to Democratic elected officials and delegates at the California Democratic Party Convention.
7. **Resolution: Trans Month of Action 2013** (Dorsey/Mandelman) (Discussion and possible action)
Proposed resolution expressing the San Francisco Democratic Party's support for the "National Trans Month of Action 2013: Trans Healthcare Access," to expand awareness about the importance of access to basic medically-necessary healthcare for transgender people; and to

urge allies in labor to pledge to bargain for trans-inclusive healthcare benefits in the future.

8. Resolution: Participation by Immigrants (Chiu) (Discussion and possible action) Proposed resolution expressing the San Francisco Democratic Party's support for comprehensive immigration reform; committing to meaningful engagement by noncitizens, including assisting with voter registration and participating in other DCCC activities; and stating the DCCC's intention to amend its bylaws to allow noncitizens who intend to become Democrats to serve as DCCC proxies.

9. New Business (Discussion and possible action)

Note that 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.

10. Adjournment

Note: the Issues Committee will not meet on March 27, 2013.

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Minutes of Regular Meeting

Note: A majority of the members of the San Francisco Board of Supervisors, and of one or more Board committees, are 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 at 7:04 pm

Present:

Members: Kat Anderson, David Campos, Petra DeJesus, Matt Dorsey, Zoe Dunning, Kelly Dwyer, Tom Hsieh, Mary Jung, Hene Kelly, Carole Migden, Leah Pimentel, Alix Rosenthal, Scott Wiener

Ex Officio Members: U.S. Senator Dianne Feinstein (proxy George Broder); Attorney General Kamala Harris (proxy Matthew Rothschild); State Senator Leland Yee (proxy John Rizzo); State Senator Mark Leno (proxy Keith Baraka); Assemblymember Phil Ting (proxy Jason Wong); Assemblymember Tom Ammiano (proxy Kim-Shree Maufas)

Represented by Proxy:

Absent excused: U.S. House Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi, U.S. Rep. Jackie Speier

Absent: Bevan Dufty, Bill Fazio, Eric Mar

Post-roll call arrivals: Malia Cohen (7:07); David Chiu (7:08); Trevor McNeil (7:17); Meagan Levitan (7:32); Arlo Hale Smith (7:34); Rafael Mandelman (7:35); Leslie Katz (7:36); John Avalos (7:43)

2. Public Comment

Daraka Larimore-Hall is on Santa Barbara Democratic County Central Committee. Running for California Democratic Party Secretary. Asks for our support. www.Darakaforsecretary.com

Carolyn Fowler is running for Secretary as well. She is bootcamp chair for Women's Caucus. Is endorsed by Christine Pelosi. Managing elections and running

communications are the two roles of the Secretary. She has experience in both.
www.carolynfowler.com

Hilary Crosby is supporting Daraka for Secretary. She is controller of the CA Democratic Party.

Emilie Gatfield in support of Daraka.

Susan Pfeifer gave update on OFA 4.0, now called Organizing for Action. They want to form chapters. She is now VP of Westside Democratic Club.

Tom Temprano in support of charter of Harvey Milk LGBT Democratic Club

Fred Ross, Jr. thanked Board of Supervisors for honoring Fred Ross, Sr. Thank you for considering the award for his father.

Brian Leubitz re: Regional Meeting before convention on March 12 in Burlingame at 7 pm. Please attend. He will send emails to everybody.

Public comment closed at 7:22 pm.

3. Approval of Meeting Agenda

M/S/C (Rosenthal; Rothschild) Agenda approved with the following change: to add the Fred Ross, Sr. resolution. It is Item 10. Item 11 is now New Business.

4. Approval of Meeting Minutes

M/S/C (Rosenthal/Cohen) Minutes approved.

5. Reports

SF DCCC Member Reports, including discussion and possible action, to offer updates on work assignments and discuss ongoing objectives.

- a) **Chair** (Mary Jung) The California Democratic convention is April 12-14, 2013. Reminders were sent to everyone. Book your hotel now to get the convention hotel so you will be near the convention. A special reception will occur on April 4th with Leno and Ting. Time: 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm. On back of Save the Date flyer is a list of all the delegates we know about. What is missing from this list: Feinstein, Harris, Pelosi, and Speier appointments.

Dunning and Hsieh had painted a dire picture of our finances at the last meeting. We still need help to make event a success. Thank you to those who are putting tables together for the March 8 fundraiser. We need to aim for 100% participation from every member here.

Event is co-hosted by Mayor Ed Lee. Willie Brown is MC. Nancy Pelosi is our special guest.

- b) **Voter Registration** (Trevor McNeil) A few new citizens' activities. If anyone here has flexibility, you should help with this. It is such a wonderful activity. Targeting precincts in SF with a low amount of people that vote.
- c) **Club Chartering** (Leah Pimentel) Harvey Milk club submitted all its documents for re-chartering.

M/S/C (Rosenthal/Dorsey) to approve charter of Harvey Milk LGBT Democratic Club.

Feinstein abstained.

Pimentel circulated a sign up sheet to join sub-committee for club chartering outreach.

Guest from audience noticed that no longer are the clubs on the website linkable. Dorsey took note.

Nancy Crowley was elected President of Westside Democratic Club.

DCCC member Weiner left at 7:34 pm.

- d) **Communications** (Matt Dorsey) Middle of next month – see newly re-written bylaws. See lead time on noticing. That will be resolved. How to word the audio recording piece will be decided.
Kelly had a question about the by-laws and she raised issue of election of officers. Smith said currently it says officers are in place until following election of members. Kelly sees need for by-laws change if want election in two years.
- e) **Treasurer** (Tom Hsieh) See balance sheet he passed out. Last month we had a negative working capital of \$16,000. Because of hard work of many of you, we now have \$22,000 in positive capital. As of January 31, 2013, we have \$3,200 in State account and \$541 in Federal account. We are getting stronger by the day. With the leadership of our chair, we have a tremendous event set for March 8th. Encourage all of you to make your calls and write your checks. Looking for 100% participation from all DCCC members. This event is for all of us. Helps us keep our great Executive Director and pay the rent. We received an in-kind donation from the Hatchery – Chris Gruwell is giving us free rent, saving us \$12,000 per year. 645 Harrison at 2nd. Office manager is Susan Pelosi. Thank you for your support on all efforts toward March 8. This event will be sold out shortly.

Jung: Hergenraeder has been persistent on following up on all leads.

- f) **Finance** (Zoe Dunning) Commitments for the March 8th event include: \$150 per ticket. \$1500 per table. We have \$50,000 in hand for the breakfast.

We had a retreat at the Laborers' Local. It went well. Thank you to those who turned out. We discussed what we thought was going well; what needs improvement; we did break-outs and discussed club outreach, DCCC engagement and finance and fundraising.

She will draft a strategic plan based on this.

Re-energize the Presidents' Club; creating sub-committees; having two big events per year, etc.

Hsieh commented that he struggled with giving up 5 hours on a Saturday, but is glad he did and commended Dunning on a well-run meeting. When we polled all the members – registration came up as number one; endorsements came second and at the bottom were resolutions. I know we spend a lot of time on resolutions, but to a member, that was the bottom of the priorities. Registration is absolutely a core mission.

Kelly commented that registration is the lifeblood and then educating and getting out the vote.

DeJesus commented that it was well-done and well-organized.

Dorsey commended Dunning for a job well-done.

Anderson commented about connecting with our chartered clubs.

Jung found the history on the DCCC fascinating. Thank you to Smith. There is a book there.

Rosenthal – how 'bout a page on the website?

Rosenthal is hosting a phone bank at her law firm the following day for the fundraiser.

g) **Executive Director** (Ally Hergenraeder) Please sign up for phone banking.

Discussed 4 areas of focus: 1) Fundraising;

2) DCCC engagement;

3) Voter Registration; and

4) Education.

We have leadership for all these committees except DCCC member engagement.

Kelly volunteered.

Thanked all those making calls to fundraise (get list from Ally).

We hope to have two extra months of DCCC's baseline costs.

Voter Reg holding steady with 67% of Democratic signups.

Club communication: we are doing more outreach. Working to coordinate with first time voters.

Pimental and Jung have visited clubs, which is appreciated. We'd like to invite the Presidents to come to the next meeting.

CCSF now has a chartered club with 15 members. We registered 20 people on campus. SFSU president is here tonight. USF – we are looking for a president.

Hastings – we have a president and membership.

6. **Resolution: Gun Violence** (Rosenthal)

DCCC member Migden left at 7:58 pm.

She is outraged and appalled at the lack of regulation of guns and ammunition. Was glad about Senator Feinstein's resolution. She was pleased to see that Ting is working

on 2 pieces. One is genius that requires liability insurance for owning a gun plus tax incentives for gun buy-backs.

Leno is working with Steinberg on legislation about threats to public safety.

Law Center to Prevent Gun Violence leader urges people to give positive feedback to your supportive legislators. Kelly seconded this sentiment. Note that "our legislators" are taking the lead on this.

Richard Hansen spoke about the East Bay Express article "Guns Death and Money." Liability insurance is discussed.

Susan Pfeifer spoke about Senator Yee introducing a ban on sale of violent video games. It was struck down, but our leaders were ahead of the curve. She called Feinstein's office to give positive feedback about her gun control legislation and was told this was valuable.

Broder says that the Senator appreciates all the work done on this resolution. Kudos to Rosenthal.

Broder gave background on senior Senator's decision to abstain from most motions: On any resolution that calls upon federal action calls for him to abstain so that the Senator is free to act as needed. Not that there is not full appreciation for this. The Senator will abstain on this.

Cohen co-sponsored legislation with the Mayor re: ordinance that strengthens controls on the selling of hollow-point bullets. Requires that a vendor that sells more than 500 rounds notify the SFPD. These two ordinances have been adopted by an Assemblymember.

Rizzo noted that our legislators are getting death threats. One who threatened Yee was arrested and bombs were found in his house.

Katz commented that specific wording is needed on resolutions. This cries out for support at convention. Can't reference specific legislation in the resolution. (Rosenthal agreed to put in proper format for submission to convention.)

Avalos stated that he will support Cohen's legislation. BOS will vote to divest from gun manufacturers. He will introduce legislation that removes incentive for police officers to join the NRA.

Smith will support this because it supports moderate gun control regulation. Otherwise would be a violation of 2nd amendment such as hand-gun control.

March 12 is the deadline for submitting a resolution. Kelly asked if there was a way we can pass it now to make it conform. Rosenthal can amend. Katz will work with Rosenthal

M/S/C (Katz/Rosenthal) to take resolution as is and move to call upon Rosenthal to come up with a version to be submitted to State convention that will comport with their requirements. Feinstein abstained and voiced appreciation for the resolution and the support that the resolution expressed.

Hilary Crosby, from the floor, stated there will be over 50 resolutions. The resolutions committee will smooth things out. What is important is that our counties show their support for limiting gun violence.

7. **Resolution: DISCLOSE Act** (Associate member Eisen/Kelly, McNeil, Dorsey)
Eisen: We will make sure the top 3 funders of political ads will be displayed prominently.

M/S/C (Hsieh/Levitan) Feinstein abstained.

8. **Resolution: District 4 Supervisorial Appointment** (Rosenthal, Dwyer, Pimentel)
Rosenthal expressed congratulations to Mayor Lee for his appointment of Katy Tang to replace Carmen Chu on the BOS. She thanked BOS members with children for championing the needs of families. She put this resolution together because she noticed that there are no mothers in the top 18 elected positions of city government. She noticed that friends with children were leaving political life; families are leaving SF in droves.

This was not intended to offend fathers and non-mothers. She has noticed many things: middle class women of her generation are led to believe that women can have it all. That is not true. It seems that for straight couples, mothering seems to be a full-time job; fathering a part-time job. Women are not attaining positions of power because they are dropping out of the leadership track. She contends that society needs to change. Employers need to support change; support for families needs to change. We need subsidized universal childcare, extended parental leave, flexible work hours and telecommuting policies. Society needs to expect that fathers will change, too.

She was hoping the Mayor might help. A mother on the BOS could serve as an inspiration to other mothers struggling with their own work-life balance. More importantly, a mother on the board would bring her experience to city government. To write the laws that will help working families. To change society to make it easier for women to have fulfilling careers and home lives.

Rosenthal did not intend to offend the Asian community. Nor was she advocating for any particular person.

Rosenthal withdrew the resolution from consideration and is glad for the conversation this resolution sparked.

Hsieh commented that Rosenthal raised a level of seriousness and complexity. He was 100% on board with the resolution until he got to the last paragraph. He hoped it would contain understanding of Asian American issues and their contribution to our community. After over 100 years, we had our first Asian American mayor and only 25 years ago was there an Asian American on the board of supervisors (his father) and that was because Mayor Feinstein appointed him. Population of D4 is over 50% Asian American. He hopes that as people advocate for the needs of their own community, take into consideration that we have district elections now. As an Asian American community elected to this body for 12 years, it has taken 164 years for us to get here.

Pimentel and Dwyer spoke in support of the resolution. Dwyer is a mother and a resident of District 4.

Katz pointed out that we have had a number of women on the BOS who were mothers.

Anderson commented, "None of us questions the need for someone to advocate for him- or herself." It is difficult to mainstream back into the workplace after taking time off to raise children. Women need help to get off the Mommy track and back on track. There are many talented mothers with great skills who want a chance to serve. If a mother feels she must advocate for herself, then we should support her in that endeavor.

DeJesus pointed out that she appreciates constructive criticism.

9. Resolution: Social Security (Kelly)

Disagrees that Social Security should be discussed as a part of the deficit discussion.

Katz offered that it be submitted to State's Resolution Committee.

Smith will vote no because it is fiscally irresponsible. The system cannot be maintained at the same level of benefits as when the system was first set up. Will need to cut benefits, or have a means test, or raise age eligibility.

Kelly said that anything over \$113,000 is not taxed for social security. "Scrap the cap."

M/S/C (Kelly/McNeil) Feinstein and Anderson abstained. Smith voted against.

10. Resolution: Proclamation that requests President to award Medal of Freedom posthumously to organizer Fred Ross, Sr. (Katz, Kelly, Ammiano, Cohen, Harris, DeJesus, Avalos, Dorsey)

Broder noted that according to Fred Ross, Jr., his father's last campaign was to work on Feinstein's behalf regarding the recall election. Both CA senators are signing the same letter to go to the President.

M/S/C (Kelly/Cohen) Unanimous.

11. New Business

There was no new business.

12. Adjournment

M/S/C (Rosenthal/Anderson) Adjourned at 8:51 pm.

*Respectfully submitted by Kat Anderson
Recording Secretary
Democratic County Central Committee*

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Resolution in Support of Closing the Prop 13 Loophole

WHEREAS, Proposition 13 is fundamentally unfair and allows commercial property owners to avoid paying an appropriate rate of property taxes and has shifted the tax burden to working families; and

WHEREAS, loss of revenue from commercial property taxes has led to an increase in regressive taxes and fees that hurt the most vulnerable Californians; and

WHEREAS closing the commercial property tax loophole would generate desperately needed revenue for education and public safety;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the San Francisco Democratic County Central Committee supports requiring commercial properties to be reassessed annually; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the San Francisco Democratic County Central Committee will communicate this position to Democratic elected officials and delegates to the California Democratic Party Convention.

Submitted by Rafael Mandelman
Co-Sponsored by: Alix Rosenthal

Support for the National Trans Month of Action 2013: Trans Healthcare Access

WHEREAS, the United States has made important progress in recent years to secure the civil rights of transgender people, with approximately one-half of all Americans today living in a municipality, county, or state with some manner of legal protections; and with many of the nation's leading hospitals and medical systems expressly prohibiting discrimination based on gender identity and gender expression; and

WHEREAS, despite this commendable progress, a survey by the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force and National Center for Transgender Equality found in 2011 that: nineteen percent (19%) of transgender people are denied care on the basis of their identity; twenty-eight percent (28%) of transgender people postpone medical care for fear of discrimination; forty-one percent (41%) of transgender people have attempted suicide; and fifty percent (50%) of transgender people delay preventive care; and

WHEREAS, the implementation of President Obama's Affordable Care Act offers an important and unprecedented opportunity to increase awareness for, and ultimately eliminate, the barriers that transgender and gender non-conforming individuals face in accessing appropriate, affordable healthcare;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the San Francisco Democratic Party joins with community, labor, and LGBT leaders and organizations—including Assemblymember Tom Ammiano; the Center for American Progress; the Harvey Milk LGBT Democratic Club; the National Center for Transgender Equality; Pride at Work; San Francisco Trans March; the Service Employees International Union (SEIU) Lavender Caucus; the Transgender Law Center; TransGender San Francisco, and others—in expressing its support for the “National Trans Month of Action 2013: Trans Healthcare Access,” to expand awareness about the importance of access to basic medically-necessary healthcare for transgender people; and

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the San Francisco Democratic Party urges its allies in labor unions, labor councils and state federations to engage with LGBT community leaders on this important issue, and pledge to bargain for trans-inclusive healthcare benefits in the future.

Submitted by: Matt Dorsey and Rafael Mandelman

SUPPORTING COMPREHENSIVE IMMIGRATION REFORM & ENCOURAGING THE PARTICIPATION OF IMMIGRANTS IN THE SAN FRANCISCO DEMOCRATIC PARTY

WHEREAS, the Democratic Party has always stood up for immigrants and the inclusivity of non-citizens in a vision of a diverse, pluralistic society, a set of values that assisted the re-election of President Barack Obama in 2012 and is based on the fact that America was founded and built by immigrants who have made enormous contributions and pay taxes;

WHEREAS, in a city where 40 percent of our residents were born outside of the United States, many San Francisco non-citizens have not been able to become citizens due to enormous immigration caseload backlogs as well as the failure of Congress to pass much-needed comprehensive immigration reform, which includes a heroic generation of Dream Act students whose simple desire to receive a college education has been repeatedly thwarted;

WHEREAS, encouraging the participation of non-citizens in Democratic Party activities will send the appropriate message of Democratic welcome to immigrant communities for the future day when an immigrant becomes a citizen eligible to vote and to register for a political party, particularly in the context of the 150 year history of immigrant voting in the US and Supreme Court precedent allowing for such civic participation,

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED, that the San Francisco Democratic Party supports comprehensive immigration reform, and welcomes and commits to meaningfully engage non-citizen San Franciscans in as many of its party activities as are legally permissible, including assisting voter registration efforts, serving on DCCC committees and participating in DCCC meetings, and

FURTHERMORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED, that as is already permitted for associate and ex officio members, the San Francisco Democratic Party will amend its bylaws to allow its elected members to have a proxy who is not a citizen, as long as that person declares his or her intention to register as a Democrat upon becoming eligible to register as a voter.

Introduced by David Chiu.