

San Francisco Democratic County Central Committee

455 Golden Gate Avenue
San Francisco, California
Milton Marks Auditorium
Wednesday, January 28, 2015
7:00 p.m.

72-hour Notice and Regular Meeting Agenda

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

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Chair: Mary Jung. Members: Kat Anderson, David Campos, Malia Cohen, Petra DeJesus, Matt Dorsey, Bevan Dufty, Zoe Dunning, Kelly Dwyer, Bill Fazio, Tom Hsieh, Hene Kelly, Meagan Levitan, Rafael Mandelman, Eric Mar, Trevor McNeil, Carole Migden, Leah Pimentel, Rebecca Prozan, 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; Board of Equalization Member Fiona Ma; State Senator Mark Leno; 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 Regular Meeting of October 22, 2014 (minutes attached).

4. 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.

5. Reports (Discussion and possible action)

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

- a) **Chair** (Jung). Actions: ratification of appointment of members to Democratic State Central Committee and Executive Board members; ratification of DCCC appointments to current vacancies in AD 17; appointment of a bylaws subcommittee to reform and clarify Conflict of Interest provisions; and distribution of the 2015 DCCC meeting calendar, which has already been posted.
 - b) **Voter Registration** (McNeil). Report on voter registration efforts and plans for 2015.
 - c) **Club Chartering** (Pimentel). Report on: process for club chartering in 2015; informing chartered clubs about 2015 pre-convention participation requirements and California Democratic Party deadlines.
 - d) **Finance** (Dunning). Report on plans and activities for the S.F. Democratic Party's annual "Spring Breakfast" major fundraiser.
 - e) **Treasurer** (Hsieh). Report on the current budget and finances of the party.
 - f) **Executive Director** (Medina). Report on upcoming internship program and other matters.
 - g) **CDP Region 6 Update** (Kelly). Report on activities of the California Democratic Party.
6. **Resolution: Honoring the S.F. Bay Guardian and urging access to its archives** (Rosenthal) (Discussion and possible action) Resolution to honor the *San Francisco Bay Guardian*, which ceased publication in October 2014, and to urge access to its archives.
 7. **Resolution: Demanding payment of taxes by Airbnb and other short-term rental hosting platforms** (Leno, Campos, Levitan) (Discussion and possible action) Resolution demanding that Airbnb and other short-term rental hosting platforms immediately pay past due taxes owed to the city, and urging enforcement referral if necessary.
 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

10. Post-meeting social event

DCCC members and attendees are invited to the South Beach District 6 Democratic Club's 2015 Kick-off Meeting and Social Event, which begins at the same time as the DCCC meeting. The event is at SB40 (aka Carmen's) Pier 40, at Embarcadero and Townsend, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Note: The Issues Committee will not meet on January 28, 2015.

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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Cell Phones, Pagers and Similar Sound-Producing Electronic Devices

The ringing of and use of cell phones, pagers and similar sound-producing electronic devices are prohibited at this meeting. Please be advised that the Chair may order the removal from the meeting room of any person(s) responsible for the ringing or use of a cell phone, pager, or other similar sound-producing electronic devices.

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Wednesday, October 22, 2014
7:00 p.m.

Meeting Minutes

1. Call to Order and Roll Call at 7:05 pm

Chair: Mary Jung. Members: Kat Anderson, John Avalos (7:10 pm), Matt Dorsey, Bevan Dufty, Zoe Dunning (7:13 pm), Kelly Dwyer (7:12 pm), Eric Mar, Rebecca Prozan, Alix Rosenthal, and Scott Wiener (7:19 pm).

Ex-Officio Members: Attorney General Kamala Harris (Matthew Rothschild); State Senator Mark Leno (Keith Baraka); Assemblymember Tom Ammiano (Kim-Shree Maufas); Assemblymember Phil Ting (Jason Wong); Board of Equalization Member-elect Fiona Ma (James Bryant).

Represented by proxy: David Campos (proxy Tom Temprano), David Chiu (proxy Eric Mar), Tom Hsieh (proxy Mary Jung), Hene Kelly (proxy Kelly Dwyer), Rafael Mandelman (proxy Joshua Abeyta), Leah Pimentel (proxy Rebecca Prozan).

Absent excused: Malia Cohen, Bill Fazio, Meagan Levitan, Trevor McNeil, Carole Migden, U.S. Senator Dianne Feinstein; U.S. House Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi; U.S. Rep. Jackie Speier.

Absent: Petra DeJesus, Arlo Hale Smith.

2. Approval of Meeting Agenda

M/S/C/U (Rosenthal/Kim Shree Maufus) Approved.

3. Approval of Meeting Minutes

M/S/C/U (Anderson/Rosenthal)

The minutes of the DCCC's Regular Meeting of August 13, 2014 were approved by acclamation. (The July and September meetings were cancelled.)

4. Public Comment

Susan Pfeifer: registered 91 people at the new citizen swearing in this morning, in time to vote in the Nov. 4 election.

Keep the Senate Blue campaign is going strong. Help call this weekend to call Colorado. Check out www.keepthesenateblue.org.

Phil Ting – Sat, Nov 14 kickoff re: Obamacare open enrollment.

Dr. Espanola Jackson: spoke in support of James Fang for BART board. She is from Bayview-Hunter's Point.

Richard Ow: spoke in support of James Fang.

Closed at 7:17 pm.

5. Reports

DCCC member reports:

- a) **Chair** (Jung). Report on DCCC activities and priorities, including update on the slate card for the November 4, 2014 election.

All the mail went out to the broad universe and the Chinese and Spanish-language cards went out. Special cards were sent out as well. Nicole Derse (50+1) can answer any questions.

The week after Election Day is the CADEM executive board meeting. Will change by-laws on AD delegate selection, including an increase of delegates from 12 to 14 in each AD. If an elected official who doesn't represent SF and appoints you, you will not be able to vote in pre-convention elections, but you will have full floor rights. Eric Bauman thinks this is a win-win; lose-lose, so the committee must have done a good job.

- b) **CDP Region 6 Update** (Kelly). No report due to absence of Kelly.
- c) **Voter Registration** (McNeil). No report due to absence of McNeil.
- d) **Club Chartering** (Pimentel). Jung reported as Pimentel was absent.

The clubs that engaged in streamlined endorsement process still have not done their phone-banking.

- e) **Finance** (Dunning). No report.
- f) **Treasurer** (Hsieh). No report due to absence of Hsieh.
- g) **Executive Director** (Medina). The bounty program is officially closed for this year. We earned \$4000 purely from volunteer efforts. The CDP does not allow hiring bounty hunters anymore.)

Joined up with Democracy in Action and worked in Sacramento on GOTV for Ami Bera.

Looking for suggestions for Election Day plan.

We have registered about 600 people in volunteer efforts.

Have hired former intern Naeemah Charles as an assistant.

6. **Resolution: Fang campaign's use of S.F. Democratic Party's name** (Dorsey, Rosenthal, Kelly, Wiener, Mar, Chiu, Dwyer, Prozan) Resolution criticizing Republican James Fang for misrepresenting the San Francisco Democratic Party's position in a BART Board race to attack a Democratic candidate, and to call upon the Fang campaign to refrain from further unauthorized uses of the party's name and SFDCCC members' names.

Member Dorsey spoke. This resolution is not about re-litigating who we should have endorsed. This is about the email that went out by the Fang campaign (attached to the resolution). The email contains implications, using our party name as a brand; that Democrats are not about certain things, like affordable housing.

Member Rosenthal associates herself with Member Dorsey's statements. We must call out candidates that use our name inappropriately.

Member Dwyer commented that she was irate about her name being listed on the email. She did not give her consent for her name to be listed on this. She guesses her husband must be a carpet-bagger from Europe, too.

Motion to approve (Rosenthal/Dwyer).

Proxy Kim-Shree Maufas commented that her name was also listed. She called the campaign directly and told them how she felt and it was taken care of.

Member Avalos spoke that he plans to vote to support this.

Member Wiener commented that Member Dorsey eloquently described the situation. Looking at the check-boxes, can you imagine if someone came from Spain or China and ran for office, how we would celebrate that? The strategy is to add affordable housing at BART stations; not remove it.

Chair Jung commented about a Nick Josefowitz mailer where he compared James Fang to a murderer.

James Bryant (proxy for Fiona Ma) commented that everyone understands there is no fairness in love, war and politics. If there is no endorsement, "let the lion lie." This committee should stay out of the mud.

Member Anderson commented that she appreciates those who heed the call to public service and it is best to keep to positive campaigning.

Roll call vote -

Yes – Avalos, Chiu, Dorsey, Dunning, Dwyer, Kelly, Mar, Prozan, Rosenthal, Wiener

No – Campos, Dufty, Hsieh, Mandelman, Pimentel, Harris, Ma, Ammiano

Abstain – Anderson, Jung, Ting

The resolution passed – 10 Yes, 8 No, 3 Abstain.

7. New Business

None.

8. Adjournment (Dunning/Rosenthal) 7:40 pm

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

Five members of the Board of Supervisors serve on the San Francisco County Democratic Party Central Committee ("DCCC"). They 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 October 2015

The following DCCC meetings are scheduled through October 15 as follows:

Meeting Dates: Generally, the 4th Wednesday of Each Month
Jan. 28, 2015; Feb. 25, 2015; March 25, 2015; April 22, 2015; May 27, 2015;
June 24, 2015; July 22, 2015; Oct. 28, 2015
Time: 7:00 p.m.
Place: State Building, Milton Marks Auditorium
455 Golden Gate Avenue
San Francisco, CA 94102

Two Meetings will be held at a special date and time:

Meeting Date: Aug. 12, 2015 Sept. 16, 2015
Time: 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.

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

Resolution of the San Francisco Democratic Party

Honoring the San Francisco Bay Guardian for its 48 Years of Printing the News and Raising Hell

WHEREAS, when Bruce B. Brugmann and Jean Dibble started the Bay Guardian in October 1966, San Francisco was already at the epicenter of social movements and technological innovation. Along with its counterparts in New York, Boston and Chicago, the Bay Guardian helped create the model for alternative newsweeklies that eventually proliferated in every major US city, expanding the political and cultural dialogue nationwide.

WHEREAS, before its parent company, San Francisco Media Company, closed the Bay Guardian's doors in October 2014, the paper served as an important progressive voice of the San Francisco political world, advocating for many of the issues and values that have animated San Francisco for almost five decades. Its political endorsements were immensely influential on the outcome of elections in the Bay Area, and helped galvanize local political movements. The Guardian's dogged pursuit of transparency in government helped lead to the passage and implementation of the San Francisco Sunshine Ordinance, which the paper's editorial staff was directly involved in writing. And the newspaper's entertainment coverage and "Best of the Bay" awards helped weave the cultural fabric of San Francisco, playing a critical role in the nightlife industry and the small business community of the region.

WHEREAS, the back issues of the Bay Guardian serve as an important record of the political issues and entertainment history of San Francisco of the past 48 years, and their preservation is imperative for generations to come.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the San Francisco Democratic Party hereby urges San Francisco Media Company to remain true to the Bay Guardian's legacy of transparency by securing a permanent home for the paper's archives, in a medium that is accessible, searchable, and free of charge.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the San Francisco Democratic Party hereby honors the Bay Guardian, its founders and former staff for their countless contributions to San Francisco's cultural history and political dialogue since 1966.

Sponsor: Alix Rosenthal

Co-Sponsors: Matt Dorsey

**RESOLUTION SEEKING IMMEDIATE PAYMENT OF MORE THAN \$25 MILLION IN PAST DUE HOTEL TAXES
FROM AIRBNB AND OTHER SHORT-TERM RESIDENTIAL RENTALS**

Sponsored by DCCC Members State Senator Mark Leno, Supervisor David Campos and Meagan Levitan

WHEREAS San Francisco is facing a severe shortage of housing that is exacerbated by short-term residential rentals to tourists, through platforms such as Airbnb, a multi-national corporation valued at more than \$13 billion which carries more than 5,000 San Francisco listings, two-thirds of which as reported by the San Francisco Chronicle on June 14, 2014 are for entire units, not shared dwellings; and

WHEREAS the San Francisco City Treasurer, over the objections of Airbnb and the Mayor, determined in April of 2012 that short-term residential rentals to tourists were liable for the same transient occupancy tax collected and remitted by hotels which funds are used to support numerous arts organizations and defray the costs of public services and amenities; and

WHEREAS, while Airbnb agreed to begin collecting and remitting transient occupancy taxes in October of 2014, the City appears to have made no discernible effort to collect back taxes from short-term residential rentals since his ruling that taxes were owed in April 2012, which taxes due from Airbnb alone are estimated to exceed \$25 million and which could potentially pay for:

- 125 new ambulances or
- 200 new police officers or
- 31 hybrid Muni busses or
- 50 units of affordable housing or
- Annual salaries for 250 nurses or public school teachers or
- 3.8 million home-delivered meals for seniors or
- Permanent housing for homeless families;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Democratic County Central Committee of San Francisco demands the immediate payment of all past due taxes owed to the City by Airbnb and other so-called "hosting platforms," and that if necessary, this matter be referred to the City Attorney to bring suit to collect all back taxes owed from short-term residential rentals to the City and County of San Francisco.