

# San Francisco Democratic County Central Committee

455 Golden Gate Avenue  
San Francisco, California  
Milton Marks Auditorium  
Wednesday, April 22, 2015  
7:00 p.m.

## 72-hour Notice and Regular Meeting Agenda

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### 1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Chair: Mary Jung. Members: Kat Anderson, Joshua Arce, 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, Francis Tsang, 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 Meetings of February 25 and March 25, 2015 (minutes attached).

### 4. Early endorsement for Mayor Lee for the November 2015 election. (Hsieh)

(Discussion and possible action) Discussion and possible action on the early endorsement for the re-election of Mayor Ed Lee.

### 5. Presentation and Q&A with Supervisor Julie Christensen (District 3)

Learn about Supervisor Christensen's current priorities and plans for the future. Question-and-answer period to follow.

**6. General 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.

**7. 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). General update on activities of the San Francisco Democratic Party.

b) **Voter Registration** (McNeil). Report on voter registration efforts for the 2015 election cycle.

c) **Club Chartering** (Pimentel). (Discussion and possible action) Discussion and possible action on the approval of Democratic club charters.

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 party administrative matters, including upcoming internship program and other issues.

g) **CDP Region 6 Update** (Kelly). Report on activities of the California Democratic Party.

**8. Resolution: Honoring Shirley and Richard Hansen.** (McNeil) Discussion and possible action on resolution honoring Shirley and Richard Hansen for their exemplary service to the Democratic Party. (Late item: agenda placement requires approval of no less than two-thirds of members present and voting, per S.F. DCCC Bylaws IV (4)(d).)

**9. Resolution: Medicare Turns 50.** (Kelly) Discussion and possible action on resolution to support the "Medicare Turns 50" national campaign; inform Democrats of National Day of Action on June 30, 2015; and assigning representative to attend Medicare Turns 50 planning sessions. (Late item: agenda placement requires approval of no less than two-thirds of members present and voting, per S.F. DCCC Bylaws IV (4)(d).)

**10. Resolution: Racial Justice Committee’s Plan for Police Reform.** (Dwyer)  
Discussion and possible action on resolution to support Racial Justice Committee’s Plan for Police Reform, which includes training; annual reviews; assignment directives; independent investigations of police shootings; and new regulations for detaining youth and protecting those with mental disabilities. (Late item: agenda placement requires approval of no less than two-thirds of members present and voting, per S.F. DCCC Bylaws IV (4)(d).)

**11. Resolution: SB 364 amending the Ellis Act.** (Kelly) Discussion and possible action on resolution to support SB 364, which would prohibit using the Ellis Act to evict tenants by residential rental property owners of fewer than five years. (Late item: agenda placement requires approval of no less than two-thirds of members present and voting, per S.F. DCCC Bylaws IV (4)(d).)

**12. 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.

**13. Adjournment**

**Note: The Issues Committee will not meet on April 22, 2015.**

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455 Golden Gate Avenue  
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Wednesday, February 25, 2015  
7:00 p.m.

## Regular Meeting Minutes

### 1. Call to Order and Roll Call at 7:04 pm

Chair: Mary Jung. Members: Kat Anderson, Joshua Arce, Malia Cohen (7:09 pm), Petra DeJesus (7:07 pm), Matt Dorsey, Zoe Dunning, Kelly Dwyer, Bill Fazio, Tom Hsieh, Hene Kelly (7:08 pm), Rafael Mandelman, Trevor McNeil, Leah Pimentel (7:15 pm), Rebecca Prozan, Arlo Hale Smith, Francis Tsang, and Scott Wiener (7:51 pm). Ex-Officio Members: U.S. Senator Dianne Feinstein (proxy George Broder); U.S. House Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi (proxy Dan Bernal); Attorney General Kamala Harris (proxy Matthew Rothschild); Board of Equalization Member Fiona Ma (proxy Cally Wong); State Senator Mark Leno (proxy Keith Baraka); Assemblymember Phil Ting (proxy Jason Wong) (7:16 pm); and Assemblymember David Chiu (proxy Jen Kwart).

Absent with proxy: David Campos (Tom Temprano).

Absent excused: Bevan Dufty, Alix Rosenthal; Ex-Officio Member: U.S. Rep. Jackie Speier.

Absent: Meagan Levitan, Eric Mar, Carole Migden, and Alix Rosenthal.

### 2. Approval of Meeting Agenda

(Dorsey/Smith) Approved by acclamation.

### 3. Approval of Meeting Minutes

(Kelly/Hsieh) DCCC's Regular Meeting Minutes of January 28, 2015 approved by acclamation. Broder commented that the Senior Senator did support the amendments to the AirBnB resolution.

### 4. Public Comment

Jim Wachob, president of the Irish American Democratic Club, invited all to annual St. Patrick's Day event on March 12 from 6-9 pm at the Irish Cultural Center.

Christine Pelosi, chair of the Cal Democratic Party Women's Caucus, reported about a meeting last week in DC to pass resolution affirming commitment to veterans and the 50-state strategy. Will hold workshops, the first of which will precede this meeting next month by 90 minutes. The Caucus is doing outreach around progress for women, such as a new effort to end gender bias in Workers Comp. Women can be paid less in Workers Comp than men. This is wrong. See [womenlawyersforworkingwomen.org](http://womenlawyersforworkingwomen.org).

Sue Borg and Diane Worley (members of the California Applicants Attorneys Assoc.) spoke on gender bias in the workers comp system. Women receive lesser benefits for being post-menopausal.

The following people spoke in support of the Sustainable Communities Pledge: Joel Kopple (IBEW electrician), Tony Rodriguez (Sprinkler Fitters), Anthony Urbina (Sheet Metal Workers Local 104), and Michael Theriault (SF Building Trades).

Comments: Because of living wages paid by public entities, workers are able to afford to live in the City and raise their families. SF elected officials are encouraged to press private employers also to pay a living wage. This is about San Francisco values.

Susan Pfeifer (certified enrollment officer with CoveredCA) announced that 474,000 were enrolled by the deadline. 36,000 enrolled on the last weekend. Thanked Assemblymember Ting and State Senator Leno for great enrollment events. There is a new special enrollment period that will happen when folks fill out their tax forms. Penalties could be greater than the \$95 that people think. Watch the website for details.

Public comment closed at 7:28 pm.

##### **5. Presentation and Q&A with Treasurer/Tax Collector José Cisneros.**

Cisneros thanked the body for the second meeting in a row. The office brings in billions of dollars for the City. The new gross receipts tax from 2012 is being implemented. The Office of Financial Empowerment helps low-income families to manage their funds. The BankonSF program helps people open bank accounts and helps to avoid predatory fees. This program is being replicated in 160 other cities across the US. His office also works to stop predatory lenders. There is a moratorium on new check cashing businesses in SF. There is a program to start a college savings plan for every SF child,

starting with \$50 and matching deposits. They have opened 18,000 accounts for SF public school children who are eligible for free lunch programs, enabling savings of over \$1 million to date.

Q & A by members followed. Comments were made about the AirBnB taxation issue. Treasurer Cisneros cannot comment on certain details due to confidentiality. An education campaign is going on about the responsibility to pay taxes and registration processes are getting more active. Treasurer Cisneros was pleased to have this body encourage people to pay their taxes. Member Cohen thanked the treasurer for the work that enables families to benefit from financial literacy programs.

## 6. Reports

a) **Chair** (Jung). None.

b) **Recording Secretary** (Anderson). DCCC member participation and attendance report. Member Anderson brought attention to “attendance totals reports (draft)” for review/comment. The attendance chart covers the period July 2012 to January 2015. Noted are attendance, proxy, excused, or absent as per the bylaws descriptions including proxy limits. If a member sends a proxy, it counts as being present. Asked the Chair for input. The Chair suggested leniency for meetings with changed dates. Member DeJesus asked for clarification of proxy vs. present bylaws. Member Kelly mentioned that the proxy count was needed because after the 10<sup>th</sup> proxy, absences were counted unless members ask to be excused. Member Campos’ proxy Mr. Temprano asked for clarification about a “clean slate” going forward. It was clarified that this system is how the Recording Secretary intends to track attendance from here on out.

c) **Voter Registration** (McNeil). Voter registration efforts are changing. For example, there is an offer for clubs to get access to money by registering people to vote. The DCCC Executive Director will visit the clubs to explain. Email McNeil or Medina if interested. Exploring ideas to honor Richard and Sally Hanson for their mighty voter registration efforts.

d) **Club Chartering** (Pimentel). There is a Presidents meeting in 2 weeks. Will review applications for new clubs.

e) **Finance** (Dunning). We do not yet have a date/location for the S.F. Democratic Party’s annual “Spring Breakfast” major fundraiser. Please

start budgeting for your contributions to the breakfast. Personal contributions are preferred over organizational contributions.

- f) **Treasurer (Hsieh)**. Referred to report Monthly Balance sheet reflecting \$129,000 in the bank. Strong position. Burn rate is about \$5,000 per month. It's expensive to operate this organization, which is one of the biggest and busiest DCCC bodies in the state. See summary of 2014 P&L. Expenses are \$146,000 – a robust program. The other account shows political activities. Contact member Hsieh with questions.
  - g) **Executive Director (Medina)**. The burn rate from now on will be closer to \$8,000 due to voter registration expenses. Full report on new program next month. Registered 112 new voters today on ironing boards. We are helping the College Dems' raise money to travel to the CDP Convention.
  - h) **CDP Region 6 Update (Kelly)**. CADEM convention hotel rooms are sold out. Within 30 minutes, the reservations for Hilton were closed. Sheraton is still open. Book your room now. Select union hotels. Can also do the waitlist for the Hilton. Can run in the Regional Director election. Have to note your interest by April 29. Official notice for registration and hotels has not been released yet.
7. **Resolution: Sustainable Communities Pledge.** (Dunning/Arce, Anderson, Cohen, McNeil, Kelly, Tsang, Mandelman) Resolution in support of the Sustainable Communities Pledge: advocating for good-paying construction jobs for local residents; increasing housing and specifically affordable housing; and requiring environmentally responsible building in partnership with organized labor.

Arce commented that Building Trades have supported SF for over 100 years. Big supporter of living wage and local hire. Values good paying jobs, benefits, health care, affordable housing and environmentally responsible building.

Member McNeil noted his support for the pledge: "We are Democrats. If we don't stand for labor, we don't stand for anything."

Members Kelly and Mandelman noted their proud support for the pledge.

Member Jung entered a letter of support from the Alliance for Jobs and Sustainable Growth.



(McNeil/Rothschild) M/S/C by acclamation.

8. **Resolution: Workplace Equality.** (Pimentel and Dunning/Anderson, Cohen, Kelly, Dwyer) Resolution urging policy makers to make California work better for working women by promoting workplace equality and modernizing worker's compensation laws to correct gender-based discriminatory policies.

Pimentel and Dunning commented about the importance of this and the great work of the Women's Caucus. This is an equity/fairness issue.

(Fazio/Arce) M/S/C to add all DCCC members as co-sponsors. Members Ting, Leno and Feinstein abstained from being added as co-sponsors.

M/S/C with one abstention by member Ting.

## 9. **New Business**

Harris proxy Rothschild circulated flyers in support of Harris for Senate.

Member McNeil suggested that the DCCC send out a letter about its support of the Workplace Equality resolution.

## 10. **Adjournment** at 8:28 pm.

(Kelly/Anderson) M/S/C

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Kat Anderson*

*Recording Secretary*

**DCCC Attendance Report  
2012-2016**

Name	July 2012	Aug 2012	Sept 2012	Oct 2012	Jan 2013	Feb 2013	March 2013	April 2013	May 2013	June 2013	July 2013	Aug 2013
Kat Anderson	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	proxy
Joshua Arce	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
David Campos	P	P	absent	proxy	P	P	P	P	proxy	excused	absent	proxy
Malia Cohen	P	P	P	excused	P	P	excused	P	excused	P	P	excused
Petra DeJesus	P	proxy	absent	P	P	P	P	P	proxy	excused	proxy	P
Matt Dorsey	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	excused	P	P
Beyan Duffly	proxy	P	excused	P	proxy	absent	P	P	P	excused	P	P
Zoe Dunning	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Kelly Dwyer	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Bill Fazio	P	P	excused	excused	excused	absent	excused	P	P	excused	P	P
Tom Hsieh	P	P	P	P	P	P	excused	P	P	excused	P	P
Mary Jung	P	P	P	P	proxy	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Hene Kelly	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Meagan Levitan	P	P	excused	excused	P	P	excused	P	P	excused	P	proxy
Rafael Mandelhan	P	P	proxy	P	P	P	P	excused	P	excused	absent	proxy
Eric Mar	P	P	absent	excused	P	absent	absent	excused	excused	P	excused	P
Trevor McNeil	P	proxy	P	P	P	P	P	excused	P	P	excused	P
Carole Migden	P	P	excused	proxy	excused	P	excused	P	proxy	excused	excused	proxy
Leah Pimentel	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Rebecca Prozan	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Alix Rosenthal	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	excused	P	P
Arlto Hale Smith	P	P	excused	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Francis Tsang	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Scott Wiener	P	proxy	absent	excused	excused	P	P	P	P	excused	P	proxy

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Name											
Kat Anderson	P	P	P	P	proxy	P	P	P	P	P	P
Joshua Arce	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	present
David Campos	P	absent	absent	proxy	proxy	absent	proxy	P	P	proxy	P
Malia Cohen	P	P	P	proxy	P	P	P	P	P	excused	P
Petra DeJesus	excused	excused	absent	excused	proxy	absent	excused	P	P	absent	proxy
Matt Dorsey	P	P	P	P	P	P	proxy	P	P	P	P
Bevan Duffy	excused	absent	P	excused	P	proxy	proxy	P	proxy	P	P
Zoe Dunning	P	P	P	P	P	proxy	P	P	P	P	P
Kelly Dwyer	P	P	P	P	proxy	P	P	P	proxy	P	P
Bill Fazio	P	absent	proxy	P	P	excused	P	P	P	excused	proxy
Tom Hsieh	P	P	P	P	proxy	proxy	P	proxy	proxy	proxy	P
Mary Jung	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Hene Kelly	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	proxy	excused	P
Meagan Levitan	excused	absent	P	excused	P	excused	P	proxy	P	excused	P
Rafael Mandelman	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	proxy	P	proxy	proxy
Eric Mar	P	absent	P	P	P	P	P	absent	proxy	P	P
Trevor McNeil	P	excused	P	excused	P	P	P	P	proxy	excused	P
Carole Migden	excused	excused	excused	P	proxy	absent	excused	proxy	proxy	excused	excused
Leah Pimentel	P	absent	P	P	P	P	proxy	P	P	proxy	P
Rebecca Prozan	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	P	P	P	P	P
Alix Rosenthal	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Arlo Hale Smith	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	absent	P
Francis Tsang	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	P
Scott Wiener	P	P	P	P	P	P	excused	P	P	P	P

P = Present

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Wednesday, March 25, 2015  
7:00 p.m.

## Regular Meeting Minutes

- 1. Call to Order and Roll Call** at 7:08 pm by Vice Chair Alix Rosenthal  
Members: Kat Anderson, Joshua Arce, David Campos, Malia Cohen, Petra DeJesus, Kelly Dwyer (7:18 pm), Tom Hsieh (7:13 pm), Hene Kelly, Rafael Mandelman (7:33 pm), Eric Mar (7:33 pm), Trevor McNeil, Carole Migden, Leah Pimentel, Rebecca Prozan, Alix Rosenthal, Francis Tsang, and Scott Wiener (7:56 pm). Ex-Officio Members: U.S. Senator Dianne Feinstein (proxy George Broder); U.S. Rep. Jackie Speier (proxy Brian Harris); Attorney General Kamala Harris (proxy Matthew Rothschild); Board of Equalization Member Fiona Ma (proxy Cally Wong)(7:30 pm); State Senator Mark Leno (proxy Keith Baraka); Assemblymember Phil Ting (proxy Jason Wong); and Assemblymember David Chiu (proxy Jen Kwart).

Absent with proxy: Mary Jung (Francis Tsang), Matt Dorsey (David Paul Burke), Zoe Dunning (Rebecca Prozan), and Bill Fazio (Leah Pimentel).

Absent excused: Bevan Dufty.

Absent: Meagan Levitan, Arlo Hale Smith. Ex-Officio Member: U.S. House Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi.

- 2. Approval of Meeting Agenda**  
(McNeil/Prozan) Approved by acclamation.
- 3. Approval of Meeting Minutes**  
Deferred to next meeting.
- 4. Public Comment**  
Christine Pelosi, representing the Victory Task Force, discussed how to win elections and improve people's lives.

Dr. Amy Bacharach advocated for immunizations and SB 277, which gives parents a choice. 78% believe all children should be vaccinated. Measles and whooping cough have surged lately.

The following people spoke *in opposition* to SB 277 on the grounds that it removes informed consent and violates human rights by forcing vaccinations:

Ken Bagwell, Darci Kendrick (chiropractor), Kristine Hicks (chiropractor), Dulce Baron (works at a chiropractor office), Kathleen O'Donnell (Coco) of Greater Geary Boulevard Merchants, Adrienne Moore, Cara Cordoni, Daniel Blood, Krissi Lewis (a mother and a pre-school teacher), Rabea Amin (daughter of a medical professor who vaccinated her child), Rani Druda, Nanilea Diamond (seven months pregnant), Julie Duggan, Mark Marthaler (brought a petition signed by hundreds), Angela Ferguson, Andriko Zamdell, Tracey Stone, and Jennifer Woodlief (chiropractor)

Comments included: Dr. William Thompson, a CDC whistle blower, reported increased risk of autism in AA males who got the MMR vaccine before the age of 36. Children have died or suffered from adverse reactions to vaccines. The vaccination program now prevents breast-feeding mothers from passing immunities to their offspring. Those injured by vaccines can only seek recourse from a tribunal. Pharmaceutical companies are motivated by profits, exert corrupt influence and avoid liability. The effectiveness of vaccines can wane over time, like the measles vaccine. Many people should be re-vaccinated. Consumers have no way of knowing about the separate components that comprise a vaccine. There is a missed opportunity for study by forcing people to get vaccinated.

The following people spoke *in favor* of SB 277: Jennie Feldman, Justin Hileman, Renee DiResta, Courtney Murphy (registered nurse), and Liz Ditz.

Comments included: School children need to be protected from diseases, and this is accomplished through high vaccination rates. Vaccines are not a new science, and there are large data sets to show the safety and efficacy of vaccines. Some diseases, like polio, still are not eradicated and can be spread. Vaccines do not cause autism, and they protect the vulnerable.

Public comment closed at 7:51 pm.

Feinstein proxy (George Broder) moved to take Agenda Item 6 out of order to accommodate parents and children in the audience. Accepted by acclamation.

**5. Resolution: Belief exemptions for vaccinations.**

(Rosenthal, Wiener, Kelly, Pimentel, Dwyer, Prozan, Arce, Cohen, Chiu, Dunning) Resolution that calls for the elimination of the personal belief exemption for vaccinations, and affirms the importance of vaccinations for public health.

Member Rosenthal shared her opinion about the irresponsibility of the personal belief exemption and discussed the public health and safety importance of “herd immunity,” which helps stop/slow the spread of disease. Those with weak immunities benefit from others’ immunization. “You don’t have a right to send a child to school with a loaded gun despite the 2<sup>nd</sup> amendment.” She thanked Dr. Amy Bacharach for helping to write the resolution in support of SB 277. She also thanked the co-sponsors.

The following were invited to share further information: Board of Education member, Rachel Norton; BART board member Nick Josefowitz; and Dr. Michael Treece of Pediatrics at St. Luke’s Hospital.

Ms. Norton stated that the Board of Education members strongly support SB 277, and she brought letters of support from the California PTA and the national PTA. She noted that the personal belief exemption has doubled over the last 7 years. There are many more un-vaccinated children in SF than any time before. Herd immunity starts to dip after 5-6% go unvaccinated.

Mr. Josefowitz reiterated that vaccinations control and even eradicate disease. Those concerned about transit take note of immunization issues. Measles is a highly contagious disease. Sneezes/coughs can send virus into the air for up to 2 hours.

Dr. Treece commented that the personal belief exemption is for getting into school. Vaccinations happen in the first 4 years of life. Just have to have all vaccines by the time the children start school. Otherwise, home school. Measles, which is in a state of outbreak, is very contagious and can injure a lot of people. This is the moment to take care of this problem. About these “courts,” vaccines are a low margin item. Pharmaceutical companies don’t

make money on the vaccines; they'd rather stop making them. The idea of a measles party frightens him. Also, chicken pox is not as benign as people think. It can kill you and not in a nice way. Google the bad things that can happen due to measles. Ronald Dahl's daughter died of measles. Countries dealing with Ebola are now gearing up to administer the measles vaccine. Measles can kill more people than Ebola.

The vaccination does indeed wane over time. If you were born before 1957, you were exposed and are probably immune. If you were born between 1957 and 1982 and were vaccinated, you probably got one vaccine and need a second. Those born after 1982 received great vaccines.

(Prozan/Cohen moved to vote on the resolution. The motion was ignored.)

Member Kelly, who supports the resolution, reminded the body that she is 73 and was born when there were no vaccines. A nice childhood friend contracted measles and while she survived, her high fever apparently caused brain damage. The friend thereafter became violent and was removed from school.

Member Wiener noted that the Board of Supervisors passed a resolution unanimously supporting SB 277. The Democratic Party is the party of science, and its members support science in public policy decisions. We need to make sure our kids are healthy and the general population is protected.

Member Arce respects the passion on the part of folks on both sides of this issue. He and his wife have a vaccinated son who is 3, and another son who is not vaccinated because he is 3 weeks old. This presents logistical problems when it is time to take the 3 year old to school – the parents' dilemma of how to avoid exposure of the infant to illnesses that might reside at school when there is no safe place to leave the infant while dropping off the toddler. He and his wife discovered that many children at their preschool are unvaccinated – posing a risk to many.

Member Dwyer commented that she has a 4 year old and a 15-month old. The 4 year old has a fever and she will not send him to school so that others won't get sick.

Speier proxy Brian Perkins shared some data from the National Vaccine Injury Compensation Program. From 2006 to 2013 in the US, there were 2.2 billion

doses of vaccine administered. Claims were approximately 3,000. Mr. Perkins has a problem with his heart (including two heart attacks) that was caused by a childhood disease that had no vaccination. One does not turn a blind eye to risks. It is appropriate to take public health and safety measures.

Member Pimentel also has a 3 year old, a mother who is immune-suppressed who cannot go out, and a friend with cancer who cannot risk exposure.

Member McNeil, who is a public school teacher, commented that this issue is about schools – not about personal freedom. To participate in public life requires taking public responsibility. His child is due soon and he worries about exposure to un-vaccinated children.

Member Migden called the question.

(Rothschild/Anderson) M/S/C to approve the resolution by acclamation. One abstention by member Ting.

(Kelly/Rothschild) M/S/C (by acclamation) to amend the resolution as to form to present to the California Democratic Party.

Rosenthal read the deletions to make it so.

Member Migden left at 8:15 pm.

## 6. Reports

**a) Chair** (Jung). None.

**b) Voter Registration** (McNeil). Close to breaking 1,000 voter registrations for the year, which is great in an off-year election. Clubs will be visited to encourage their help with voter registration.

**c) Club Chartering** (Pimentel). Had a presidents cabinet meeting and discussed the bounty program. All clubs were sent info for the convention. Will do another presidents cabinet meeting before the convention.

**d) Finance** (Dunning). None.



- e) **Treasurer (Hsieh).** DCCC finances are strong, with at least a 3-month minimum of reserves.
- f) **Executive Director (Medina).** Trying to lock in a speaker and a date for the spring fundraiser. Registered 128 voters today in Oakland.
- g) **CDP Region 6 Update (Kelly).** Club presidents will receive an email to make sure they are chartered and have a correct list of members. This will allow the clubs to vote in the pre-endorsement meetings. 20 members in a club garners a vote. She looks at club rosters and moves people with multiple club memberships around to maximize usable membership in every club.

## 7. **Presentation and Q&A with District Attorney George Gascon.**

District Attorney Gascon thanked the body for putting public health in the front of the bus. Thanked Supervisors Campos and Wiener for their comments.

Two years ago, Gascon was a proponent of Prop. 36 – a reform of 3 strikes law. People were jailed for up to 25 years for minor offenses. 700 people per 100,000 are incarcerated. In Germany, it is 7.

DA Office filing rate is 50% of all cases and conviction rate is 80%. The drug workload has gone down from 60% to 20%. Other serious crimes have gone up, such as burglary. Working on new initiatives all the time, such as funding for programs to treat people's problems other than through incarceration, and the cell phone kill switch. It's a \$60 billion industry, \$30 billion of it driven by replacements – so there was no incentive for the industry to change. Senator Leno helped with legislation. Once Apple started inserting the kill switch, crime on such phones went down.

Member Hsieh asked about modernizing office equipment and technology. Gascon commented that Harris walked into an office where not everyone had a computer. By the time he arrived, all had computers, but there was not Wi-Fi. He's addressed that. By the end of this year, he would like the office to go paperless and make sure all lawyers have notebooks rather than laptops. Most of the files are paper, so a major fire would be a catastrophe to the criminal justice system.

He was disappointed to hear about racially offensive police texting, which raises questions about tainted police work and police testimony. His office works hard to insure that the criminal justice system is "clean."

[Member DeJesus excused herself on the grounds she should not hear Gascon's comments due to her commission work. Gascon assured her that he was commenting on what is publicly known. Member DeJesus left at 8:52 pm.]

Member Rothschild asked if there were plans to renovate the Hall of Justice. There are none, and renovations are greatly needed. Yesterday, Gascon experienced a real problem when the electricity went down. Elevators were shut down, windows were impossible to open, and doors on one end of the building would not open when the electricity went down. There are asbestos issues, too. A major earthquake would bring the building down. A conversation about the building is not slated until 2022.

Member Wiener commented that it is a vexing issue. The building should be replaced.

Member Hsieh recalled the year 2000 Laguna Honda hospital bond measure, which passed with one of the highest rates – 74% - even though property taxes were raised.

Member Wiener encouraged everyone to engage in the city's capital planning process as he suspects a new Hall of Justice will not get as many votes as the hospital.

**8. New Business**

None.

**9. Adjournment** at 9:04 pm.

(Kelly/Pimentel) M/S/C

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Kat Anderson  
Recording Secretary*

**Resolution of the San Francisco Democratic Party  
Calling for the Elimination of the Personal Belief Exemption for Vaccinations**

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**WHEREAS**, studies show that vaccination rates are inversely correlated with ease of obtaining an exemption - when, in 2014, California required parents to obtain a doctor’s note to opt out of vaccinating, the overall opt-out rate dipped from 3.15 percent to 2.54 percent, an indication that increasing the stringency of the personal belief exemption requirements positively impacts public health; and

**WHEREAS**, State Senator Richard Pan, along with co-authors Senator Ben Allen and Assembly member Lorena Gonzalez, introduced Senate Bill 277, which will require that only children who have been immunized for specific diseases, including measles, be admitted to school in California;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the San Francisco Democratic Party supports the elimination of the personal belief exemption for the vaccination of school-age children in order to benefit public health by reducing and eliminating preventable infectious diseases and to protect those who are medically unable to be vaccinated; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the San Francisco Democratic Party supports Senate Bill 277 repealing the personal belief exemption for vaccines.

**Sponsors:** Alix Rosenthal, Scott Wiener, Hene Kelly, Leah Pimentel, Kelly Dwyer, Rebecca Prozan, Joshua Arce, Malia Cohen, David Chiu, Zoe Dunning

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**Resolution of the San Francisco Democratic Party honoring the civic participation and voter registration contributions of Richard Hansen and Shirley Hansen**

WHEREAS, Shirley and Richard Hansen for years have been steady volunteers for the Democratic Party participating in numerous clubs, especially their Richmond District Democratic Club (of which Richard was the president), party events, and independently organized voter registration drives. In addition, the Hansens have been stalwart volunteers at new citizen naturalization ceremonies, supplying, organizing, and registering thousands of new citizens to vote. They would arrive hours before the event in order to secure the best location to maximize registrations. Further, the Hansens did not limit their activism to new citizens' ceremonies and were present at many other large events famously fighting for the right to register voters after being cited for their activism. Additionally, the Hansens not only participated in the political process but were very active and engaged citizens especially around participation and recruitment for the Civil Grand Jury.

WHEREAS, the Hansens mentored and inspired many Democratic activists and created a high standard for volunteerism that has been recognized at the state party level and Speaker Nancy Pelosi who presented them with a [name of award and year].

WHEREAS, the Hansens have informally retired from their life-long Democratic advocacy and are taking well-deserved self-care time off.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the San Francisco Democratic Party thanks and recognizes the Shirley Hansen and Richard Hansen as superior activists, volunteers, and role-models for how we can all live our progressive principles, participate in all facets of civic life, hold party leaders to account, and lead by example to make the democratic process better.

## **Resolution Supporting the National Day of Action for Medicare's 50th Birthday**

**Whereas** Medicare is our nation's largest and most successful health insurance system serving the healthcare needs of almost 50 million older and disabled Americans; July 30, 2015 will mark the 50th anniversary of the signing of the Medicare Act; and Medicare has been the most financially efficient health care system in the United States with administrative costs averaging only 2 percent of program outlays; and

**Whereas** Republican budget proposals attack Medicare; proposing to raise eligibility to age 67, and turn Medicare into a voucher program, endangering everyone's health and financial security, as well as the Medicare program itself; and Republican budget proposals that attack Medicare would dramatically increase retiree healthcare costs for Unions and State and Local governments; and

**Whereas** healthcare is a human right, and all Americans deserve affordable, comprehensive healthcare; and Medicare must be protected, improved, and expanded so that it becomes *Medicare for All* and covers all Americans;

**Therefore, be it resolved** that the San Francisco Democratic County Central Committee (SFDCCC) supports the "*Medicare Turns 50*" national campaign to celebrate the success of the Medicare program; and that the SFDCCC will inform and mobilize SF Democrats for the National Day of Action on 7/30/15, and will work to protect, improve, and expand Medicare; and

**Be it finally resolved** that the SFDCCC will assign a representative to attend the planning sessions of the Medicare Turns 50 Coalition (M50).

Submitted by: Hene Kelly, Rafael Mandelman, Kelly Dwyer, Petra De Jesus,

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF RACIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE'S POLICE  
REFORM PLAN**

WHEREAS, throughout the nation, ineffective, unjust, discriminatory, and racially biased police practices are being exposed and communities from Ferguson to New York to San Francisco have protested and vocalized their priorities correct abusive police tactics that routinely and disproportionately do harm to low-income communities and people of color.

WHEREAS, San Francisco's chief of police has moved to dismiss eight officers who allegedly sent and received racially charged and homophobic text messages that included references to lynchings, white power and burning crosses; and

WHEREAS, the Racial Justice Committee's Plan for Police Reform addresses many of these issues by implementing local problem solving measures that strengthen communities including 24 hours of training to recognize cultural and racial bias in the field; annual reviews to screen for such bias; assignment of positions in black and brown communities to those officers who live in the communities they are patrolling; independent investigations of police shootings; and regulations on the detention of youth and protections of mentally ill, among other necessary recommendations.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the San Francisco Democratic County Central Committee supports the Racial Justice Committee's Police Reform Plan; 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: Kelly Dwyer

Co-Sponsored by: Hene Kelly

# SAN FRANCISCO PUBLIC DEFENDER

JEFF ADACHI – PUBLIC DEFENDER  
MATT GONZALEZ – CHIEF ATTORNEY



## RACIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE PLAN FOR POLICE REFORM

1. **Officers must have a minimum 24 hours of training on implicit bias and its effects, including perspectives of people of color unlawfully detained while walking or driving.** Classes must include the impact of implicit bias on officer decision-making in the field. Additionally, officers must participate in periodic cultural competency training and education throughout their career.
2. **All Field Training Officers' performance must be reviewed annually for any documented history of racial bias, excessive force, unlawful search and seizure and false reports, to determine if they are fit to train other officers.**
3. **The Police Department must make every effort to assign positions in black and brown communities to those officers who live in the communities they are patrolling.** The City should provide financial incentives to officers who choose to live in the communities they are policing.
4. **All officers, including plainclothes, shall be equipped with body cameras, which must be on and operating while the officer is on duty.** A willful failure to turn on the equipment shall subject the officer to disciplinary action. Police officer contact with civilians which is not recorded may be deemed unreasonable by the courts and/or the Office of Citizen Complaints.
5. **Whenever a shooting of a civilian by a police officer occurs, an independent investigation shall be conducted by an agency outside the SF Police Department and the SF District Attorney's Office.** Prosecutions of officer-involved shootings shall proceed by way of complaint rather than by grand jury indictment. The Police Department must maintain "use of force" logs to document each instance in which a police officer draws and discharges a firearm whether or not it results in injury. These logs must be made publicly accessible on a reasonable basis, not less than quarterly.
6. **A youth representative shall be appointed to the San Francisco Police Commission.**
7. **Officers shall not detain, search or arrest children at school in the absence of an imminent threat of danger.** In the absence of such a threat, the officer's conduct may be deemed unreasonable by the courts and/or the Office of Citizen Complaints.



8. **Officers shall not detain, search or arrest children under 16 in the absence of an imminent threat of danger without having a parent or guardian present.** Where such threat has not been established, the officer's actions may be deemed unreasonable by the courts and/or the Office of Citizen Complaints.
9. **Officers who encounter individuals exhibiting mental health issues, or in psychiatric crisis, (unless there is an imminent threat of danger) must contact a supervisor or a member of the Department's Crisis Intervention Unit before using deadly force or force that may result in serious injury.**
10. **SFPD will agree to provide statistics in the form of quarterly reports to the Mayor and the Board of Supervisors on:**
  - a. The number of traffic stops, detentions and stop and frisks of African Americans, Latinos, Asian Americans, Native Americans and Caucasians;
  - b. Traffic/stops, detentions and stop and frisks of African Americans, Latinos, Asian Americans, Native Americans and Caucasians which did not result in a citation or arrest;
  - c. Arrests for resisting arrest, or threatening an executive officer (PC 69) and battery on a police officer (PC 243(c)) for African Americans, Latinos, Asian Americans, Native Americans and Caucasians.

The report of each incident shall include the date of police-citizen contact, the ethnicity of the arrestee and the officer(s), the location of the police contact, whether the arrest resulted in the filing of a traffic or criminal complaint and if so, charges alleged by the officer.

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## RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT SB 364

Whereas, the Ellis Act was adopted to allow landlords to exit the rental business not to give windfall profits to speculators willing to exploit the Act by entering the rental business just to exit it, and these speculators are exploiting a loophole in the Act that allows them to buy a building and then immediately “exit the rental business” through mass evictions of low and middle-income tenants; and

Whereas, almost two-thirds of San Franciscans are renters (one of the highest percentages of any city in the country), San Francisco needs additional tools to protect its renters and prevent misuse of the Ellis Act. The Act already empowers San Francisco to adopt specified rules to mitigate the impact of eviction and prevent re-rental in violation of the Act and SB 364 will expand these powers to allow the city to block the misuse of the Act by speculators; and

Whereas, SB 364 would prohibit rental property owners of less than five years from invoking the Ellis Act, threatening to invoke the Ellis Act, or prosecuting an unlawful detainer (eviction) action based on the Ellis Act and would stop real estate speculators from misusing California’s Ellis Act to evict long-term rent paying tenants, who have done nothing wrong but are casualties of a loophole in the Act that must be closed to prevent further displacement.

**Therefore be it resolved that the San Francisco Democratic County Central Committee joins** SF Mayor Ed Lee (Sponsor). Asian Americans Advancing Justice - Asian Law Caucus, California Alliance for Retired Americans, California Federation of Teachers, California Labor Federation, California State Association of Counties, California State Association of Electrical Workers, California State Pipe Trades Council, Causa Justa - Just Cause, Council of Community Housing Organizations, Housing Rights Committee of San Francisco, San Francisco Citizens Initiative for Technology and Innovation, San Francisco Labor Council, Tenants Together, Tenderloin Housing Clinic, Urban Counties Caucus, Western Center on Law and Poverty. Western States Council of Sheet Metal Workers, **in supporting SB 364, and**

**Therefore, be it finally resolved that the SFDCCC notifies Senator Leno and all California Legislators of our support.**

SUBMITTED BY: Hene Kelly, Rafael Mandelman, Kelly Dwyer, Petra De Jesus, David Campos