

San Francisco Democratic County Central Committee

455 Golden Gate Avenue
San Francisco, California
Milton Marks Auditorium
Wednesday, October 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, Joshua Arce, David Campos, Malia Cohen, Petra DeJesus, Matt Dorsey, Bevan Dufty, Zoe Dunning, Joel Engardio, Bill Fazio, Tom Hsieh, Hene Kelly, Meagan Levitan, Rafael Mandelman, Eric Mar, Trevor McNeil, Carole Migden, Marjan Philhour, Leah Pimentel, Rebecca Prozan, Alix Rosenthal, 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; Assemblymembers Phil Ting and David Chiu.

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

Discussion and possible action regarding the approval of this agenda.

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

Approval of the minutes of the DCCC's meeting of September 16, 2015 (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 actions, to offer updates on work assignments and discuss ongoing objectives.

- a) **Chair** (Jung). Report on DCCC activities and priorities, including update on the slate card for the November 3, 2015 election.
- b) **Voter Registration** (McNeil). Report on voter registration efforts.
- c) **Club Chartering** (Pimentel). Report on activities of chartered Democratic clubs.
- d) **Finance** (Dunning). Report on plans for party finances.
- e) **Treasurer** (Hsieh). Report on the current budget of the party.
- f) **Executive Director** (Medina). Report on party administrative matters, including fall program.
- g) **CDP Region 6 Update** (Kelly). Report on activities of the California Democratic Party.

6. Resolution: Urging Department of Elections to ensure that Chinese American seniors have the right to vote as they intend. (Hsieh) Discussion and possible action on resolution urging the Director of the S.F. Department of Elections to put all available resources into ensuring that Chinese American seniors who believe they have been victimized by voter fraud get a second chance to vote by provisional ballot, and provide culturally and language competent resources and staff to facilitate the provisional ballot process. (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).)

7. 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.

8. Adjournment

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

Agenda Item Information

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Draft Meeting Minutes

1. Call to Order and Roll Call at 8:03 p.m.

Chair: Mary Jung. Members: Kat Anderson, Joshua Arce, David Campos, Petra DeJesus, Matt Dorsey, Zoe Dunning, Joel Engardio, Hene Kelly, Meagan Levitan (8:21 pm), Rafael Mandelman, Marjan Philhour, Leah Pimentel, Rebecca Prozan, Francis Tsang, and Scott Wiener.

Ex-Officio Members: U.S. House Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi (proxy Dan Bernal); Attorney General Kamala Harris (proxy Matthew Rothschild); Board of Equalization Member Fiona Ma (proxy Bill Barnes) (8:12 pm); State Senator Mark Leno (proxy Keith Baraka) (8:07 pm); Assemblymembers Phil Ting (proxy Alex Walker) and David Chiu (proxy Jen Kwart).

Excused with proxy: Malia Cohen (proxy Mawuli Tugenboh) and Bill Fazio (proxy Mary Jung).

Excused: Trevor McNeil, Alix Rosenthal, U.S. Senator Dianne Feinstein, and U.S. Rep. Jackie Speier.

Absent: Bevan Dufty, Tom Hsieh, Eric Mar and Carole Migden.

2. Approval of Meeting Agenda

M/S/C (Hene Kelly/Leah Pimentel) Agenda for DCCC's September 16, 2015 meeting approved.

3. Approval of Meeting Minutes

M/S/C (Kelly/Matt Dorsey) Minutes of the DCCC's August 12, 2015 Endorsement Meeting approved. [Julius Turman's name needs to be corrected.]

4. Public Comment

Lisa Weissman-Ward from Stanford Law School spoke in support of the Sanctuary City Policies and Immigration Reform resolution.

5. Reports

- a) **Chair** (Mary Jung). The slate card is in process. About 142,000 pieces will be mailed out. They will also be in Chinese and Spanish. We will try to raise \$95,000.
- b) **Voter Registration** (Trevor McNeil). No report.
- c) **Club Chartering** (Pimentel). Endorsementpalooza went well last month.
- d) **Finance** (Zoe Dunning). No fundraisers planned yet.
- e) **Treasurer** (Tom Hsieh). No report.
- f) **Executive Director** (Ally Medina). October 18 is the last date to register to vote for this election. Registered 92 new Democrats at last naturalization swearing-in event.
- g) **CDP Region 6 Update** (Kelly). The California Democratic Party has presented new forms for club delegates. Medina offered to set up a spread sheet to keep track of the information.

6. Resolution: Sanctuary City Policies and Immigration Reform (Josh Arce, David Campos and Petra DeJesus).

M/S/C (Arce/Kat Anderson)

Resolution expressing support for San Francisco's City and County of Refuge and Due Process for All Ordinances; condemning Republican Party candidates' attacks on immigrant families; and calling for comprehensive immigration reform, meaningful gun control reform measures, and increased funding for mental health services is approved.

Arce thanked the advocates and community members who have worked on sanctuary city policy since its inception in 1989. The National Lawyers Guild has called on community stakeholders to send a call to stand with immigrants and their families. We should unify as a party around these issues.

Campos thanked Arce for bringing this issue forward and working on the coalition. It's important that the SF Democratic Party take a stand. Fear that going back on sanctuary will have repercussions in other parts of the country.

Campos wants to amend to urge SF not to participate in the Priority Enforcement Program (PEP).

Campos/DeJesus M/S to amend per above.

Proxy Bill Barnes commented that he has not had an opportunity to discuss the resolution as amended with Fiona Ma, and therefore cannot vote on it, not to object to the substance. Asked for a vote on the original language.

Kelly discussed the importance of this body supporting sanctuary policy.

Proxy Dan Bernal spoke about this body's support of sanctuary policy. He would have to abstain on the amendment as well since he cannot discuss it ahead of time with Leader Nancy Pelosi.

Proxy Alex Walker echoes the comments of Barnes and Bernal.

Dunning thanked Arce for bringing this forward. She does not know enough about PEP to vote on the resolution with the Campos amendment.

DeJesus said that the PEP program asks the Federal Government to act for the City.

Proxy Keith Baraka would have to abstain on the amendment as well, not having had a chance to talk with Senator Mark Leno.

Arce indicated that he supports the amendment, but suggested that if necessary, we could vote only on the resolution as originally presented and vote regarding the PEP at our next meeting. Campos disagreed with this.

Scott Wiener also indicated that he supports the amendment and suggested that we divide the question in order to vote on the original resolution and the amendment.

Dorsey clarified the language of the amendment: insert “and urges the City and County of San Francisco not to participate in the Priority Enforcement program; and...”

Arce urged us to find a way to unanimously support the resolution tonight.

The amendment passed on a vote of: Yes 15; No 0; Abstain 9. The vote was as follows:

Yes: Anderson, Arce, Campos, Cohen, DeJesus, Dorsey, Dunning, Engardio, Kelly, Mandelman, Philhour, Pimentel, Prozan, Wiener, Chiu.

Abstain: Fazio, Jung, Levitan, Tsang, Pelosi, Harris, Ma, Leno, Ting.

Wiener: Divide the question: vote without the amendment. Passed by acclamation.

Vote: On the amendment – body agrees to take same tally as adopting the amendment. (No objections.)

7. New Business

There was no new business.

8. Adjournment

M/S/C (Anderson/Kelly) to adjourn meeting in honor of Rosario Anaya at 8:40 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted by
Kat Anderson
Recording Secretary*

**RESOLUTION URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF ELECTIONS
TO ENSURE THAT CHINESE AMERICAN SENIORS HAVE
THE RIGHT TO VOTE AS THEY INTEND**

Whereas, the San Francisco Democratic Party has endeavored to reach out to new immigrants as a cornerstone of our voter registration efforts over many decades; and

Whereas, the San Francisco Democratic Party has registered thousands of new citizens to vote in our democracy, many of whom went through the naturalization process to become citizens; and

Whereas, recent revelations and reports of ballot tampering in the Chinese American immigrant community at senior housing facilities is an affront to our party, our values, and the democracy we all hold dear to our hearts;

Therefore be it resolved that the San Francisco Democratic Party urges the Director of the San Francisco Department of Elections to put all available resources into ensuring that Chinese American seniors, who believe they have been victimized by people improperly taking their ballots and using them to defraud our electoral process, get a second chance to vote with a provisional ballot at their place of residence, in a free and fair manner. Furthermore, that the Department of Elections provides all the culturally competent resources including language competent staff in Cantonese, Toisanese, and Mandarin, to facilitate this provisional ballot process.

Co-sponsors: Tom A. Hsieh, Bill Fazio, Mary Jung, Trevor McNeil, Marjan Philhour, Leah Pimentel