

# San Francisco Democratic County Central Committee

455 Golden Gate Avenue  
San Francisco, California  
Milton Marks Auditorium  
Wednesday, April 13, 2016  
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, 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; 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 March 16, 2016 (minutes attached).

### 4. 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.

### 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, Slate Card, and priorities for 2016.

- b) **Voter Registration** (McNeil). Report on voter registration efforts.
  - c) **Ad Hoc Committee on Club Grievance** (Dunning). Report on status of Latino Democratic Club's chartering grievance; discussion and possible action on proposed remedy, if any.
  - d) **Club Chartering** (Pimentel). Discussion and possible action to charter or re-charter Democratic Party clubs; and report on chartering activities.
  - e) **Finance** (Dunning). Report on party finances and plans for additional fundraising activities, including plans for the Spring fundraiser.
  - f) **Treasurer** (Hsieh). Report on the current budget of the party.
  - g) **Labor Committee** (Arce). Report on plans and activities of the S.F. DCCC's Labor Committee.
  - h) **Executive Director** (Medina). Report on party administrative matters.
  - i) **CDP Region 6 Update** (Kelly). Report on activities of the California Democratic Party.
6. **Bylaws Amendment: Ex Officio and Additional DCCC Members** (Rosenthal)  
 Discussion and possible action on a proposed resolution to amend the S.F. Democratic Party's bylaws to add the Mayor and the members of the Board of Supervisors as *ex officio* members of the SFDCCC (provided they are registered Democrats); to expand the number of elected SFDCCC seats; and to correct an inadvertent prior omission for U.S. Senators. (Note: DCCC Bylaws amendments require a vote of two-thirds of members present and voting, per S.F. DCCC Bylaws Art. XII, Sec. 1.)
7. **Bylaws Amendment: Parliamentary Provisions.** Discussion and possible action on proposals to amend the Bylaws respecting parliamentary procedural training and the role of the Parliamentarian. (Note: DCCC Bylaws amendments require a vote of two-thirds of members present and voting, per S.F. DCCC Bylaws Art. XII, Sec. 1.)
- a) **Procedural Training and Certified Parliamentarian Pilot** (Dorsey and Kelly). Proposal to establish periodic parliamentary procedural training

and a three-meeting pilot to engage a Certified Parliamentarian to preside independently over parliamentary questions at DCCC meetings.

b) **Procedural Training and Appointment of Associate Member as Parliamentarian** (Rosenthal). Proposal to establish annual training in parliamentary procedure and provide for the appointment of an associate DCCC member to preside as Parliamentarian at DCCC meetings.

8. **Resolution: San Francisco Shared Schoolyard Project.** (Anderson) Discussion and possible action on a resolution to support the San Francisco Shared Schoolyard Project, and urge city and school district leaders to continue their efforts to expand the shared use of schoolyards as gathering spaces for children and families.
9. **Resolution: Charter Amendment for Voting by 16- and 17-Year-Olds.** (Chiu) Discussion and possible action on resolution to express the San Francisco Democratic Party's support for a Charter Amendment to authorize 16- and 17-year-olds to vote in Municipal Elections, including elections for the San Francisco Board of Education.
10. **Resolution: Piazza Saint Francis.** (Hsieh) Discussion and possible action on resolution to support the creation of the Piazza Saint Francis in North Beach, and calling upon city leaders and departments to act quickly and efficiently to establish the piazza as a community and cultural space.
11. **Resolution: Open Source Voting System for San Francisco.** (Arce) Discussion and possible action on resolution to support the objectives and values of open source voting systems, and urging city officials to champion and fully fund (beginning with the 2016–17 fiscal year) the development and certification of such a system for use in San Francisco by the June 2020 election.
12. **Resolution: Public Divestment from States Adopting Anti-LGBT Laws.** (Anderson) Discussion and possible action on resolution calling for divestment of public funds controlled by San Francisco and California from certain states that adopt laws that discriminate against LGBT and religious minorities, and adopting prohibitions on public travel expenditures to those same states. (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).)

**13. Resolution: Honoring Sen. Leno as a Hero to California Workers** (Kelly and Dorsey) Discussion and possible action on resolution to honor Sen. Mark Leno as a Hero to Working People in California for authoring, shepherding and successfully securing the enactment of SB3, which will raise the statewide hourly minimum wage to \$15. (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).)

**14. 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.

**15. Adjournment**

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## Endorsement Meeting Minutes - draft

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

Chair: Mary Jung. Members: Kat Anderson, Joshua Arce, David Campos (arrived 7:10 pm), Malia Cohen, Petra DeJesus, Matt Dorsey, Zoe Dunning, Joel Engardio, Tom Hsieh, Hene Kelly, Meagan Levitan (arrived 8:01 pm), Rafael Mandelman, Eric Mar (arrived 7:28 pm), Trevor McNeil, Marjan Philhour, Leah Pimentel (arrived 7:13 pm), Rebecca Prozan, Alix Rosenthal, Francis Tsang, and Scott Wiener (later replaced by proxy Matthew Rothschild).

Ex-Officio Members: U.S. Senator Dianne Feinstein (proxy FX Crowley) ; U.S. House Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi (proxy Alex Lazar); U.S. Rep. Jackie Speier (proxy Brian Perkins); Board of Equalization Member Fiona Ma (proxy Genevieve Villafranca Jopanda); State Senator Mark Leno (proxy Keith Baraka); Assemblymembers Phil Ting (proxy Jason Wong arrived 7:13 pm) and David Chiu (proxy Catie Arbana).

Absent with proxy: Bevan Dufty (proxy David Campos 7:10 pm), Bill Fazio (proxy Mary Jung), and Carole Migden (proxy Rafael Mandelman).

### 2. Approval of Meeting Agenda

M/S/C to approve this meeting's agenda.

### 3. Approval of Meeting Minutes

M/S/C (Hene Kelly/Zoe Dunning) to approve the minutes of the DCCC's meeting of February 24, 2016.

### 4. General Public Comment

The following people spoke in support of Superior Court Judge, Seat 7 candidate Sigrid Irias: Andres Orphanopoulos, William Veen, Martha Melendez, James Li, Julian Sanchez, Maciez Glodev, Claudia Lucatero, Morgan Simpson, Ike Kaludi, Michael Fevala, Shaana Rahman, Crystal Cole Matson, Sam Stafford (Irias' son), Phyllis Flynn, Abraham Andrade, Paulina Maldonado, Daniel Flores, Xochitl Carrion, Mercedes Moreno, Yesenida Santacruz, Samuel Cheadle, Joe Salama and his children, Elena Asturias, Edgar Quezada, Josue Fuentes, and Erin Morgan (via email).

Irias asked for the DCCC endorsement.

The following people spoke in support of Superior Court Judge, Seat 7 candidate Paul Henderson: Patricia Hall, Dyanna Quizon, Amy Bacharach, Mattie Scott, and Alexis Hubbard.

Henderson asked for the DCCC endorsement.

The following people spoke in support of Superior Court Judge, Seat 7 candidate Victor Hwang: Greg Tanaka, Calvin Abe, Robert Uy, Jeremiah Jeffries, Eumi Lee, Linda Asato, Jackie Yep, Esther Leong (asked for a "no endorsement"), and Ivy Lee.

Hwang asked for a "no endorsement" vote.

The following people spoke in support of Item 9 (bylaws amendment re *Ex Officio* members): Amy Bacharach, Corey Smith, George Broder, Bruce Agid, Patrick Valentino, Donald Dewsnup, Rachel Norton, and Laura Clark.

Peter Gallotta spoke in opposition to item 9.

Rafael Solari spoke in support of Prop C.

Jon Schwark spoke in opposition to Prop C and in support of the Affordable Housing Bonus Program.

Micah Catlin also opposes Prop. C.

Milo Trauss advocates a "no endorsement" of Prop C.

The following people spoke in support of the DCCC delaying consideration of Prop C: Sonja Trauss, Tab Buckner, Donald Dewsnup, and Austin Hunter.

Michael Nulty, co-founder of Central City Democrats (CCD), spoke in support of the AHBP and advocates delay of Item 9. Announced 10 year anniversary of CCD and circulated an invitation to the celebration.

Susan Bryan, treasurer of CCD, associated herself with Nulty's comments.

Susan Pfeifer wished Kelly a happy birthday and announced that volunteers registered 172 new citizens today after the naturalization ceremony in Oakland.

School Board Member Rachel Norton spoke in support of Prop B.

Joel Van Horn advocated for \$15/hour minimum wage with 6 paid sick days and inflation adjustments. He circulated a petition.

Lito Sandoval, President of Latino Democratic Club (LDC), commented that he objects to receiving a notice of "no chartering" for LDC and calls for an investigation.

Gabriel Medina associated with Sandoval's comments.

Todd David thanked members Leah Pimentel and Kelly for how they handled the pre-endorsement conference.

Public comment ended at 8:21 pm.

## 5. Reports

- a) **Chair** (Mary Jung). No report.
- b) **Voter Registration** (Trevor McNeil). Thanked volunteers who came out to new citizen ceremony. The party is on track for 10,000 new registrations this year. Encouraged candidates to sign up for the Dem100 challenge (between now and June). Member Philhour acknowledged Executive Director Ally Medina for her many talents in registering new voters.
- c) **Club Chartering** (Pimentel). No report.

David Campos asked for follow-up on the LDC officer comments. Pimentel responded that she has reached out, there was a conference call, she spoke with LDC members at Convention, she followed up and is still working on completing their request. They put their papers in at 11:59 pm on the deadline date, but did not use her email address so she was not aware of the request until much later.

Tom Hsieh commented that he has read the handout from the LDC officers. Its preamble is inflammatory and has no evidence. This is not on the agenda. It should be looked into and it will be. Pimentel has done a fantastic job chartering clubs in a reasonable and timely fashion.

Jung invited the LDC leadership to meet with her during the April Executive Committee meeting. She promised they would be heard and thanked them for bringing it to her attention.

Petra DeJesus questioned that a club was even unchartered. Jung replied that “unchartered” is not the correct term – and that we should be careful with language. LDC’s charter “lapsed” and it is easily taken care of with new paperwork. “Unchartering” would be an action on the DCCC’s part, and DCCC has taken no action.

Campos said it would be a mistake for anyone to pre-judge here. He does not question the integrity of anyone here.

Kelly worked with the LDC and asked them to send documents to her and she checked them over and then passed those on to Pimentel. There were problems with the club’s paperwork, and as she is the Regional Director, she would like to be part of any discussion about the allegations. Jung agreed to inviting her to any meetings concerning this.

Jay Cheng, President of Asian Pacific Democratic Club, commented that in their chartering process, they had an excellent experience – easy, transparent and fair -- with Pimentel.

Peter Gallota, President of Harvey Milk LGBT Democratic Club, commented on difficulties that the club experienced - delays in communications and issues of not being in compliance. More should be done to help get clubs be in compliance.

Joni Eisen complained about the pre-endorsement process.

Lou Fischer, President of Alice B. Toklas LGBT Democratic Club, commented that member Pimentel was helpful through a painful process.

Michael Nulty, President of Central City Democrats, expressed confusion about guidelines and bylaw changes.

Bruce Agid, President of District 6 Democratic Club, commented that the re-chartering process was difficult, required by-laws changes, education of membership, etc, but they got all the support they needed.

Laura Clark, proxy for RFK Democratic Club President, commented that it was extremely difficult for the club to get chartered because they were not as organized as they should have been. Yet, they got all the support they needed and are grateful for the experience.

Jung commented that in pre-endorsement years, rules come down from the State Party and they are sometimes difficult for the clubs. DeJesus asked if she could join the review committee. Jung replied in the affirmative.

- d) **Finance** (Dunning). The Democratic debate watch party netted \$3,200, which will fund 2 interns. Thanked all helpers.
- e) **Treasurer** (Hsieh). The party has roughly \$60,000 cash on hand – a strong financial position.
- f) **Labor Committee** (Josh Arce). Supervisor Mark Farrell's *Friedrichs* resolution that mirrors ours is waiting to get on calendar. Would like to coordinate the date of April 4 Monday at 5:30 pm for an action at Guarados at 18<sup>th</sup> and Shotwell. Arce requested the help of Executive Director Medina.
- g) **Bylaws Committee** (Matt Dorsey). There has been a request to add a provision to periodically engage a parliamentarian to provide training when new DCCC members come on. Will experience 3 of these meetings to see if they will be valuable. Watch for next month's agenda for a further report. Kelly thanked Dorsey for his great work. She will see that bylaws change made.

- h) **Executive Director** (Medina). Had a fantastic experience this morning. 172 new registrants is a record since 2012.
- i) **CDP Region 6 Update** (Kelly). In the past, she has asked people on this august party to give to CADEM and she was told that our committee has a very small pool of donors. Chair Jung stressed the importance of supporting CADEM 2016.

#### 6. **Slate Card Vendor Selection** (Jung)

Jung explained the selection process. There was an Issues and Endorsements committee meeting. Two vendors applied: 50+1 and Winning Directions. After looking at the total prices and considering discounts, 50+1 had the lower bid and the committee recommended awarding the contract to 50+1.

**M/S/C** (Scott Wiener/Kelly) to award the contract to 50+1 as long as there is no conflict of interest with 50+1 and any candidates endorsed by the DCCC.

Member Campos abstained.

#### 7. **Endorsements** (Rosenthal/Jung)

Alix Rosenthal thanked Medina for all her help, and went on to comment on the following:

- a) **Superior Court Judge, Seat 7**. DCCC will endorse one or no candidate. Roll call vote. 31 votes are to be represented. An “abstain” will lower the overall vote count. Majority means 16 votes if everyone votes. (50% plus 1.) There will be rounds until one person gets a majority vote or it is clear there is no endorsement. Where there is no opposition, a matter may be decided by acclamation. A vote for a candidate by a DCCC member is not an endorsement.

**M/S** (DeJesus/Rafael Mandelman) for a “no endorsement” vote.

Matthew Rothschild, proxy for Wiener, responded that the motion is against the bylaws.

Eric Mar commented that there are three outstanding candidates and that we should decide “no endorsement” to keep from being divided.

Jung referred to Parliamentarian Hsieh who read from Article 6 of our by-laws. Our endorsement process is clear. If we are to change that by-law, we would need a 2/3s vote to depart from it. For each office, a committee member may cast one “no endorsement” vote on each ballot.

Rosenthal commented that an endorsement vote is on the agenda and we approved the agenda.

Dunning affirmed that and called for a roll call vote.

Hsieh commented that to add an item to the agenda at this point requires a 2/3s vote.

Jung ruled that we will go forward with a roll call.

**M/S** (Mandelman/DeJesus) to challenge the ruling of the chair.

Hsieh commented that the committee will vote on this challenge. A “yes” vote would be to overturn the chair. A “no” vote upholds the decision of the chair.

Kelly commented that Mar’s statement is an argument to overrule the chair. The party should take no position. We have three people who should be judge.

DeJesus claimed she made a motion and there was a second and when there was a ranked choice voting opportunity, we voted on “no endorsement.”

Mandelman commented that he disagreed with the reading of the by-laws that we could not take action in this way. He would rather stay out of this judge’s race.

Dorsey does not see a way that we take this up because a reconsideration motion must be made by someone who opposes it.

Rothschild stated that DeJesus is being unfair, and that she has every right to vote “no endorsement.” DeJesus’ motion is out of order. He will support the chair.

Hsieh called the question. A roll call vote on the challenge to the chair's ruling was held. The challenge to the chair's ruling was defeated. Voted as follows:

Yes: Campos, DeJesus, Kelly, Mandelman, Mar, and Migden.

No: Anderson, Arce, Cohen, Dorsey, Dufty, Dunning, Engardio, Fazio, Hsieh, Jung, Levitan, McNeil (proxy Arce), Philhour, Pimentel, Prozan, Rosenthal, Tsang, Wiener, Feinstein, Speier, Leno, Ting.

Abstain: Pelosi, Ma, Chiu.

Next followed the roll call vote on Superior Court, Seat 7 judicial candidate endorsement:

17 votes for Paul Henderson: Anderson, Cohen, Dorsey, Dufty, Dunning, Fazio, Hsieh, Jung, McNeil, Philhour, Pimentel, Prozan, Rosenthal, Tsang, Wiener, Ma, Leno.

2 votes for candidate Victor Hwang: Levitan and Ting.

0 votes for candidate Sigrid Irias.

10 votes for "no endorsement": Arce, Campos, DeJesus, Engardio, Kelly, Mandelman, Mar, Migden, Feinstein, Chiu.

2 abstentions: Pelosi and Speier.

Paul Henderson received the candidate endorsement for Superior Court Judge, Seat 7.

**b) Local Ballot Measures.**

- i. **Proposition A:** Public Health and Safety Bond (Rosenthal/Malia Cohen) Endorsed by acclamation with Pelosi and Speier abstaining.
- ii. **Proposition B:** Park, Recreation and Open Space Fund Charter Amendment (Rosenthal/Cohen) Endorsed. Engardio and Migden voted "no." Speier and Pelosi abstained.

- iii. **Proposition C:** Affordable Housing Requirements Charter Amendment  
(Rosenthal/Rebecca Prozan) Endorsed.  
Anderson, Engardio, Speier and Pelosi abstained.  
Feinstein voted “no endorsement.”
- iv. **Proposition D:** Office of Citizen Complaints Investigations Initiative Ordinance  
(Rosenthal/Jason Wong) Endorsed by acclamation. Pelosi and Speier abstained.
- v. **Proposition E:** Paid Sick Leave Initiative Ordinance  
(Rosenthal/Wong) Endorsed by acclamation. Pelosi and Speier abstained.
- vi. **Proposition AA** (District Measure): San Francisco Bay Clean Water, Pollution Prevention and Habitat Restoration Program  
(Wong/Rosenthal) Endorsed by acclamation. Pelosi and Engardio abstained.

#### **8. Resolution: Mandatory Solar and the S.F. Better Roofs Policy**

**M/S/C** (Pimentel/Kat Anderson) by acclamation. Pelosi abstained.

This resolution endorses the San Francisco Better Roofs Policy to require solar energy installations in certain new construction projects, and to support making San Francisco a leader in carbon reduction and green urbanism.

Arce commented that this is a big opportunity to embrace our democratic values and thanked Pimentel for bringing this forward.

#### **9. Resolution and By-laws Amendment: *Ex Officio* DCCC members**

**M/S** (Rosenthal/Anderson)

This resolution amends the S.F. Democratic Party’s by-laws to add the Mayor and the members of the Board of Supervisors as *ex officio* members of the SFDCCC, provided they are registered Democrats; and to correct an inadvertent prior omission for U.S. Senators.

Jung reminded the members to treat each other with respect.

Rosenthal acknowledged her father in the audience. Her mom is Mayor of Claremont. She read a prepared statement. 12 current and former elected officials are running in D17 and 9 such in D19. They will out gun and out raise money, which is disheartening to the grassroots candidates.

Approving her proposal will give these candidates hope. Elected officials don't have a lot of free time to do the work of the party. The bulk of this work is done by those who do not hold another office. Everyone is trying to figure out how this will help or hurt their faction, so she has tried to make this neutral. Create 7 new seats – 4 in AD17 and 3 in AD19.

Campos stated his objection to this proposed amendment on the grounds that it is not fair to change the rules after the filing deadline.

Kelly reported she ran with 8 young people when she last ran and she thought that was a good thing. She thinks that if we add 7 members, the election code will have to be changed (at the state level). Had she known about the extra 7 people, she would have put more names in and would have campaigned for them.

Anderson commented that the resolution is a thoughtful solution that recognizes that the nuts and bolts work of the Democratic Party is done by rank and file members who are not also elected officials, and to the extent the size of the committee will be increased – all the better to get things done. DCCC service provides the opportunity to gain skills and it also requires that we register voters, charter clubs, raise funds for our efforts, and endorse the future leadership of San Francisco. This is a committee that is best suited to those Democratic activists who are getting started.

Dorsey commented that this is a detailed, thoughtful policy. He worries that politics will keep us from getting there. He will refrain from suggesting that this go to committee.

Dunning thanked Rosenthal for bringing this up. Four years ago, she was the only non-elected to win in her assembly district. She had to raise \$50,000 and knock off an elected and an incumbent. It should not have to be that hard. In AD17, we have 10 new candidates that are current or former office holders

for 2 spots. The party is about giving grassroots advocates a chance to be a part of the Party. Help keep the Party strong.

Mar also wants to support an effort like this, but questions the timing. “Why now, Alix?” This party has been taken over by development interests and lobbyists. He feels like there is a lot of bulls\*\*t in this room. To counter us who want to maintain an independent Democratic Party. This is the elephant in the room. This is to protect the powerful interests in this City.

Rosenthal responded that no one told her to do this. No developer, no special interest. She talked with 3 people at the Convention who complained they did not want to have to run for the DCCC – it’s an arms race. She wants to end the contest as to who can bring the biggest vote getter to the Department of Elections. She’s changed the proposal several times to continue to keep it neutral.

Keith Baraka, proxy for State Senator Mark Leno, read a statement from Leno supporting that this go to the by-laws committee for further review.

Mandelman praised the Burton’s for all they have done for the Democratic Party. “He can run for anything he wants to, and I will support him for that even if I lose my seat.” Mandelman commented that we are the Party that aggressively goes for what is important. He feels that the committee has gone adrift. He thinks there are a lot of changes that have to get made to make this work.

Laura Clark, proxy for RFK Democratic Club President, commented that the committee has gotten really rooted in our teams and that is disappointing to her. She has moderate and progressive views and the idea that we have to get in these deep encampments and make it an arms race is misplaced. She wants to see nuanced views. The deep-rooted problems are coming to full blossom here. Everybody and their parents are running for the DCCC. We need to rein this in. When was the last time that elected officials voted to get rid of their own power?

Joni Eisen, President of Potrero Hill Democratic Club, commented that she believes that Rosenthal is trying to come at it with a neutral point of view. The legality of this is in question, right? She would like to ban former elected and electeds from running for the DCCC.

Rosenthal responded that the *March Fong Eu* case said the party has discretion over the makeup of their own party.

Jung commented that the Los Angeles DCCC has over 200 members and 80-90% of them show up for meetings.

Paulina Maldonado, President of Young Latino Dems, commented that the optics of this don't let good and discourages people from getting involved.

DeJesus commented that this is too hastily put together. How do you decide which elected officials to include? She thinks this should be left with the new board.

Rosenthal explained again why she crafted the amendment as she did.

Jay Cheng, President of Asian Pacific Democratic Club, thanked Rosenthal for moving quickly on a real issue of concern. After the dust settled on Friday, Democrats realized there were real issue to address. He was proud that there was a response, and that it was adjusted as questions were raised. Thanked all the Supervisors for the work they have done to build the party. This discussion is not a comment on them. On the issue of timing – this is urgent. It is disheartening for activists to see 9 supervisors filing to run. This was agendized before the filing deadline, so it is untrue to say the timing is self-serving.

Lou Fischer, President of Alice B. Toklas LGBT Democratic Club, commented that the DCCC has been broken since 2008. She filed to run in 2008 and at the last minute, all these Supervisors put their names in and she realized that she did not have a shot. The activists from Alice have nowhere to go. It bothered her to hear the words "arms race." We're all different shades of blue.

Campos stated his belief that this proposal will not withstand legal scrutiny. He sees a fundamental due process violation.

Dunning called the question. Seconded by Wong.

Roll call vote.

18 in favor of the bylaw amendment: Anderson, Arce, Cohen, Dunning, Engardio, Fazio, Hsieh, Jung, McNeil, Philhour, Pimentel, Prozan, Rosenthal, Tsang, Wiener, Pelosi, Ma, Chiu.

11 opposed to the amendment: Campos, DeJesus, Dorsey, Dufty, Kelly, Levitan, Mandelman, Mar, Migden, Leno, Ting.

2 abstained: Feinstein and Speier.

Motion fails by a vote of 18 to 11 with 2 abstentions. To pass, it needed a 2/3 majority.

**M/S/C** (Dorsey/Pimentel) to send the proposal to committee. All in favor except that Feinstein and Ting abstained.

**10. New Business** – None.

**11. Adjournment (Kelly/Pimentel)**

Meeting was adjourned at 10:54 pm.

*Minutes respectfully submitted by Kat Anderson,  
DCCC Recording Secretary*

**Resolution of the San Francisco Democratic Party  
Amending the Party's Bylaws and its Policies & Procedure Manual to Add the Board of Supervisors  
and the Mayor as Ex Officio Members**

**WHEREAS**, the Bylaws of the San Francisco Democratic County Central Committee (SFDCCC) and its Policies & Procedures Manual allow for registered Democrats who hold state and federal offices who reside in San Francisco to serve as *ex officio* members of the SFDCCC. These members currently include State Senator Leno, State Assembly members Ting and Chiu, US Senator Feinstein, Congresswomen Pelosi and Speier, and Board of Equalization Member Ma. These members have the same voting rights as a member who is independently elected to the SFDCCC.

**WHEREAS**, the races for seats on the SFDCCC have become as competitive as those for any other elective office in San Francisco, in part because current and former elected officials run for – and hold - these seats. This means that the number of DCCC seats available for party activists who have never held another office, and who have the time and energy to dedicate to the party's activities, is shrinking. It is in the party's interest to increase the number of seats available for grassroots party activists.

**WHEREAS**, the members of the Board of Supervisors and the Mayor, as leaders within the local Democratic Party, should each have a voice in the party's decisions. Granting them each an *ex officio* membership in the SFDCCC will give them that voice, and will free up several seats for party activists who do not currently hold another elective office. The SFDCCC Bylaws provide that no *ex officio* member may also hold an elected seat on the SFDCCC.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the San Francisco Democratic Party hereby amends Article II, Section 1(a)(2) of its Bylaws and Article XI, Section 1 of its Policies & Procedures Manual to: (1) add the Mayor of San Francisco and the Members of the San Francisco Board of Supervisors as *ex officio* members of the SFDCCC if they are registered Democrats, and (2) add seven seats to the SFDCCC, as more specifically provided in Attachment A and Attachment B hereto; and hereby corrects Article II, Section 1(a)(2) of its Bylaws to add US Senator and state Constitutional officers to the list of *ex officio* members of the SFDCCC as more specifically provided in Attachment A hereto.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this Resolution will become effective upon the date that the results of the June 2016 election are certified.

**Sponsor:** Alix Rosenthal

Attachment A

Proposed Bylaws Amendment

New language appears in **bold underline**. Deleted language appears in ~~**bold underline**~~.

Article II: MEMBERSHIP

Section 1: MEMBERSHIP

a. SFDCCC MEMBERSHIP

2. Ex Officio members shall consist of the following:

A. Any Democrat who is elected or otherwise designated to serve, or who is serving in the following elected offices representing the City and County of San Francisco in whole or in part:

i. Assemblyperson

ii. State Senator

iii. Congressperson

**iv. United States Senator**

**v. Mayor**

**vi. Members of the Board of Supervisors**

**vii. State Constitutional Officers**

Attachment B

Proposed Amendment to Policies & Procedures Manual

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ARTICLE XI. MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY AND MEMBER LIST POLICY

§1.0 The SFDCCC has three types of members. These are elected members, *ex officio* members and associate members.

- a) The elected members are those members elected by the registered Democrats in the member's Assembly District (AD). They are voting members of the SFDCCC.
- b) *Ex officio* members are elected public office holders from the Democratic Party who are the current members of the California Assembly and State Senate representing San Francisco, U.S. Congressional Representatives from San Francisco, ~~and~~ U.S. Senators who reside in San Francisco, **Mayor of San Francisco, state Constitutional Officers and members of the Board of Supervisors**. *Ex officio* members may each send a designated representative in place of attending the SFDCCC meeting personally. *Ex officio* members exercise the right to vote, or, in their place, their representatives have that right.
- c) Associate members are the chairs or presidents of each of the chartered San Francisco Democratic clubs. Each club has one associate member. The associate member may participate in discussion but does not vote.

**§1.1 The Mayor and the members of the Board of Supervisors will become *ex officio* members after the results of the June 2016 election are certified. If this change in membership status creates vacancies on the SFDCCC, the Chair will appoint to those seats the top vote getters in their respective races, in the order of the June 2016 election results. For example, if members of the Board of Supervisors are elected to 4 out of the 14 seats in AD-17 in the June 2016 election, the Chair must appoint to those seats the candidates who came in 15<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, and 18<sup>th</sup> place in that Assembly District in the June 2016 election. If members of the Board of Supervisors are elected to 2 out of the 10 seats in AD-19 in the June 2016 election, the Chair must appoint to those seats the candidates who came in 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> place in that Assembly District in the June 2016 election.**

**§1.2 After the June election results are certified, and Bylaws Article II, Section 1(a)(1) becomes effective to create 7 new seats on the SFDCCC, those seats will be filled with the next highest vote getters in their respective races, after the vacancies in Section §1.1 herein are filled.**

## Option 1

Supervisors Mar and Campos are ineligible to run for re-election to the Board of Supervisors in 2016. Supervisors Cohen and Wiener are ineligible to run for re-election to the Board of Supervisors in 2018. If they are re-elected to the SFDCCC in June, and thereafter automatically moved to *ex officio* status, they will lose the ability to serve out 4-year terms on the SFDCCC, since they will lose their membership on the SFDCCC once they complete their terms on the Board of Supervisors. The purpose of this Option 1 is to give Supervisors Campos Cohen Mar and Weiner the ability to choose to remain in their independently elected seats, thus allowing them to serve a full four-year term on the SFDCCC. This option is a one-time fix intended to ease the transition of the Board of Supervisors over to *ex officio* status. In the June 2020 election and after, members of the Board of Supervisors will automatically become *ex officio* members, and will not be eligible to run for the SFDCCC.

**§1.2 If at the June 2016 election, members are elected to the SFDCCC who currently serve on the Board of Supervisors and who will be ineligible to run for re-election to the Board of Supervisors in 2016 or 2018 those members will not automatically become *ex officio* members, but may choose to remain as independently elected members in order to serve a 4-year term on the SFDCCC. If any such member chooses to remain as an independently-elected member, and their membership status does not change, no vacancy will be created.**

## Option 2

Many folks on the committee have suggested that adding the Board of Supervisors and the Mayor as *ex officio* members will make the ratio of *ex officios* too high. To balance out the committee, it has been suggested that we add 7 more seats for grassroots members: 4 in the 17<sup>th</sup> Assembly District and 3 in the 19<sup>th</sup>. This bylaws change would bring the percentage of *ex officios* down to approximately 1/3, which mirrors the state party's ratio of *ex officios*. This change would read as follows:

## ARTICLE II: MEMBERSHIP

### Section 1: MEMBERSHIP

#### a. SFDCCC MEMBERSHIP

1. Elected Members from Assembly Districts representing the City and County of San Francisco in whole or in part. The number of Elected Members and specific Assembly Districts are determined by provisions of the California Elections Code, California State District lines, and Federal Census data **as follows: 17 members elected in the 17<sup>th</sup> Assembly District, and 13 members elected in the 19<sup>th</sup> Assembly District. This Section 1(a)(1) takes effect after the June 2016 election is certified.**

Number and Type of Membership During the Transition

If all members of the Board running are elected to the DCCC, and Supervisors Campos, Mar, Cohen & Wiener choose to retain their elected seats and decline *ex officio* membership, then the following numbers apply:

	Current	July 2016	January 2017	January 2019
<i>Ex Officio</i> Members	7	7 + 7 Board + 1 Mayor = 15	15 + 2 new board members = 17	17 + 2 new board members = 19
Elected Members – AD 17	14	14 + 4 added = 18	18	18
Elected Members – AD 19	10	10 + 3 added = 13	13	13
TOTAL	31	46	48	50
Percentage of <i>ex officios</i>	23%	33%	35%	38%

If all members of the Board running are elected to the DCCC, and all members of the Board of Supervisors change to *ex officio* membership in July 2016, then the following numbers apply:

	Current	July 2016
<i>Ex Officio</i> Members	7	7 + 11 Board + 1 Mayor = 19
Elected Members – AD 17	14	14 + 4 added = 18
Elected Members – AD 19	10	10 + 3 added = 13
TOTAL	31	50
Percentage of <i>ex officios</i>	23%	38%

## Resolution of the S.F. Democratic Party to Amend its Bylaws and Policies to Contract a Certified Parliamentarian

WHEREAS, the Bylaws of the San Francisco Democratic County Central Committee (SFDCCC) provide that meetings be generally conducted in accordance with the latest revised edition of Robert's Rules of Order, and further provide for the appointment of a Parliamentarian to advise the Chair and committee members on parliamentary procedure; and

WHEREAS, members of the San Francisco Democratic County Central Committee would benefit from training in parliamentary procedure and Robert's Rules of Order to promote orderly meetings and improve comity among committee members in the work we do for San Francisco's Democrats;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the San Francisco Democratic Party hereby amends its Bylaws and provides for the addition of related guidelines in its Policy & Procedure Manual—as fully detailed in accompanying Attachments A and B, respectively—to engage by contract a Certified Parliamentarian for the purpose of providing a training session to SFDCCC members in parliamentary procedures and Robert's Rules of Order, which shall occur no less than every four years, following elections for the newly-seated SFDCCC; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the San Francisco Democratic Party hereby further amends its Bylaws and Policies to contract with a Certified Parliamentarian in a pilot program to attend three meetings of the SFDCCC in order to preside independently over parliamentary questions that may arise at meetings, and to further reinforce parliamentary training for members in actual meeting settings; and that following expiration of the pilot program, the SFDCCC may extend or adopt as permanent its contract with a Certified Parliamentarian through its normal Bylaws amendment procedures.

Sponsors: Matt Dorsey and Hene Kelly

## Attachment A

### Proposed Amendment to the San Francisco Democratic County Central Committee Bylaws

The proposed amendment was recommended “do pass” by the S.F. DCCC’s Bylaws Committee on March 12, 2016.

Note:

- Proposed additional text appears as *underlined italics*.
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#### **ARTICLE III: OFFICERS**

##### Section 2. CHAIRPERSON

The Chairperson shall preside at all meetings of the County Committee and shall appoint all committees and Chairpersons of such committees within the County Committee and shall be an ex- officio member of all committees.

~~*The Chairperson shall appoint a voting member of the SFDCCC as the Parliamentarian. The Parliamentarian shall remain a full voting member of the SFDCCC.*~~

#### **ARTICLE IV: MEETINGS**

##### Section 7. PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURES AND VOTING

a. All meetings shall be conducted in accordance with the latest revised edition of Robert’s Rules of Order, except as such rules may be modified by these Bylaws.

*b. The SFDCCC shall periodically engage by contract a Certified Parliamentarian for the purpose of providing a training session to SFDCCC members in parliamentary procedures and Robert’s Rules of Order. Such training sessions shall occur no less than every four years, as soon as practicable following elections for the newly-seated committee, and at additional intervals as deemed necessary by the Chair.* The Parliamentarian shall be provided with a copy of Robert’s Rules of Order by the SFDCCC and shall have a copy at all meetings.

c. Upon adoption of this amendment, the SFDCCC shall further provide by contract that a Certified Parliamentarian attend three meetings of the SFDCCC for a pilot program to preside independently over parliamentary questions that may arise at meetings. The SFDCCC may extend this pilot program, or adopt it as permanent, by the normal Bylaws amendment procedures in Article XII herein.

d. To ensure a fair and democratic process in contracting a Certified Parliamentarian, and to fully demonstrate the San Francisco Democratic Party's commitment to the principles of affirmative action and diversity, the SFDCCC shall adopt guidelines in its Policy & Procedure Manual that appropriately parallel those of its existing Slate Card Contracting Policy (Policy & Procedure Manual, Article IV).

e. During such times that a Certified Parliamentarian is not engaged by contract to preside independently over parliamentary questions that arise at SFDCCC meetings, in accordance with Section 7(c) of this Article, the Chair shall appoint a voting member of the SFDCCC as the Parliamentarian, who shall remain a full voting member of the SFDCCC.

f. Voting may be by any method which will allow a public record to be maintained of each vote or abstention by each member. In no case shall the use of secret written ballots be allowed in SFDCCC votes. Where the SFDCCC conducts a vote by voice vote or show of hands, a roll call vote shall be granted upon request of a single voting member either before or after the voice vote or show of hands.

g. Under no circumstances may these Bylaws, or any portion of these Bylaws, be suspended, unless that specific portion of the Bylaws indicates that it may be suspended.

h. If any portion of these Bylaws or Robert's Rules of Order requires interpretation, the Chairperson or Acting Chair shall have sole authority to make that interpretation. It is recommended, but not required, that the Chair consult the parliamentarian before issuing a ruling. Once the Chair issues his/her ruling, only a majority vote of the members present and voting may overturn his/her decision. If such a vote is to occur, it must be raised and debated at that meeting. Once the meeting adjourns, unless a simple majority of the SFDCCC has voted to table or continue this issue, the Chair's ruling becomes final.

## Attachment B

### Proposed Amendment to the San Francisco Democratic Party Policy & Procedure Manual

The proposed amendment will add an additional article to the San Francisco Democratic Party Policy & Procedure Manual, to immediately follow and substantially parallel relevant provisions in Article IV, "Slate Card Contracting Policy." Implicit in the adoption of this Proposed Amendment is the sequential re-numbering of all subsequent articles in the Policy & Procedure Manual.

Note:

- The proposed additional text appears as *underlined italics*.
- The proposed amendment deletes no text.

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#### **ARTICLE V. CERTIFIED PARLIAMENTARIAN CONTRACTING POLICY**

*§1.0 To ensure a fair and democratic process in the contracting procedures for the services of a certified parliamentarian, and to demonstrate fully the San Francisco Democratic Party's commitment to the principles of affirmative action and recognition of diversity, the following guidelines will be followed. Certified Parliamentarian services shall include but not be limited to periodic training for SFDCCC members, and presiding as the parliamentarian for SFDCCC meetings—periodically or permanently—as authorized under the "Parliamentary Procedures and Voting" provisions of the S.F. Democratic County Central Committee Bylaws.*

*§2.0 The Party Chair shall appoint a Certified Parliamentarian Bidding Subcommittee to administer each bid arising from each contracting opportunity outlined above. This subcommittee will include, at a minimum, the Party Chair, the Party Treasurer, a subcommittee chair appointed by the Party Chair, and at least two other voting members of the SFDCCC. Other voting members of the SFDCCC who would like to serve on this bidding subcommittee may serve as subcommittee members. As the bidding subcommittee's role will be to solicit bids for services, and to publicly notice Requests for Proposals (RFPs)—and as no "official actions," as contemplated by San Francisco's Sunshine Ordinance or the California's Brown Act, shall be vested in the subcommittee—its working meetings need not be publicly noticed.*

*§2.1 The purpose of the Certified Parliamentarian Bidding Subcommittee is to perform all administrative functions necessary to solicit and organize bid proposals for the SFDCCC. The Subcommittee shall forward all bids received to the full SFDCCC. The full SFDCCC will take final action on all contracts in a regularly scheduled meeting.*

Decision-making authority and “official actions” (as contemplated by the Sunshine Ordinance or Brown Act) shall be reserved to publicly-noticed meetings of the full SFDCCC and/or Chair, as the Bylaws provide.

§3.0 In case of an emergency of limited time and unforeseen circumstances, the Party Chair, the Chair of the Bidding Subcommittee, and the Party Treasurer may award a contract for a Certified Parliamentarian without requesting bids. The Party Chair shall announce this decision and the reason for it at the next meeting of the SFDCCC. Whenever possible, final action shall be taken by a vote of the SFDCCC at an open meeting.

§4.0 The Certified Parliamentarian Bidding Subcommittee will make reasonable efforts to notify as many people as possible when a Request for Proposal is available. Whenever possible, this notification shall be made thirty to forty-five days prior to the due date for the bid. This Subcommittee shall at least send written notice to all members (including Associate Members) of the SFDCCC and send notice to San Francisco’s daily, weekly, ethnic, neighborhood, and community newspapers, including all of the City’s official outreach papers. Other outreach efforts will be made to the extent that resources permit.

§5.0 The Certified Parliamentarian Bidding Subcommittee shall draft the Request for Proposals (RFP) within the following guidelines:

§5.1 The Request for Proposal shall include a description of the scope of services and timetables for the delivery of services by the certified Parliamentarian. Additionally, the RFP shall request information on:

a) Whether the bidder is certified, registered or otherwise recognized as a professional parliamentarian in good standing by the National Association of Parliamentarians (NAP); the American Institute of Parliamentarians (AIP); the Commission on American Parliamentary Practice (CAPP); or the Academy of Parliamentary Procedure and Law (APPL); or other professional, educational or experiential qualifications that the SFDCCC may consider and approve as satisfactory for its purposes;

b) Whether the bidder is a Minority Business Enterprise (MBE) or a Woman-owned Business Enterprise (WBE);

c) Whether the bidder meets the SFDCCC’s definition of Disabled-owned Business Enterprise (DBE).

(1) The SFDCCC hereby adopts the definition of disabled as used in 42 U.S.C. Chapter 126. Section 12102, otherwise known as the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. The term “disability” means, with respect to an individual:

(A) A physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more of the major life activities of each individual;

(B) A record of such impairment; or being regarded as having such an impairment. The Disabled-owned Business Enterprise must be more than 50% owned by people meeting the definition of disabled.

(2) The DBE will file a form, under penalty of losing the contract if they are found not to be disabled as defined, with the SFDCCC that they meet this definition of disabled.

(3) What the address of the bidder's principal place of business.

§5.2 The Request for Proposal shall also invite bidders to submit statements or policies regarding diversity and affirmative action in their workforce and/or ownership. The RFP should indicate to potential bidders that the SFDCCC will look more favorably on bidders with diversity among their workforce and ownership. Diversity includes, but is not limited to, the protected classes listed below.

§5.3 The Request for Proposal shall request additional information from bidders including, but not limited to: cost, experience, present ability, examples of past work (as applicable), and a list of references.

§5.4 The Request for Proposal shall also notify all bidders that any contract with the SFDCCC will include the following statements: Contractor will not discriminate in employment on the ground or because of race, color, creed, national origin, ancestry, age, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, disability or Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS) or AIDS-related condition (ARC). Contractor will also not discriminate in providing domestic partner benefits. For purposes of implementing this statement, the SFDCCC incorporates any and all definitions and exceptions that appear in Article 12B of the Administrative Code or in the San Francisco City Charter, and

§6.0 Prior to passing all bids to the SFDCCC, the Certified Parliamentarian Bidding Subcommittee shall check references on bidders. Results of this check shall be reported to the full SFDCCC.

§7.0 In preparing the bids for the full SFDCCC, the Certified Parliamentarian Bidding Subcommittee shall adjust the costs of bids as follows: Each category entitles the bidder to a five percent (5%) reduction in her or his bid; multiple categories may be combined for up to a maximum of ten percent (10%) reduction in cost.

a) Demonstrated to be a MBE

b) Demonstrated to be a WBE

c) Qualified as meeting the definition of a certified DBE as set forth in Section 5.1(b).

§7.0 The Bidding Subcommittee shall pass to the full SFDCCC a page showing the actual bid received, and, in larger type, the adjusted bid, including one copy of all documents received in response to the request for proposal for each bidder. The reason for making the adjustment shall also be shown on this page.

§8.0 SFDCCC members shall consider any “diversity statements” in addition to costs and other qualifications of each bidder.

§9.0 Whenever possible, where appropriate the SFDCCC shall consider the low bid.

§10.0 No voting member of the SFDCCC shall be permitted to bid on any contract let by the SFDCCC for Certified Parliamentary services. In addition, no voting member who currently employs anyone bidding on a contract with the SFDCCC, or who has a business partner, contractor, employee, or relative (including spouses and domestic partners) may serve on the Bidding Subcommittee, or may vote on the award of any SFDCCC contract. In the event of a conflict of interest involving the Chair, the Treasurer, or the Chair of the Bidding Subcommittee, he/she may designate another voting member of the DCCC who does not have a conflict to serve in his/her place on the Bidding Subcommittee.

§10.1 SFDCCC members shall not be financially interested in any contract made by the SFDCCC pursuant to this policy. A financial interest exists for a member if it is reasonably foreseeable that the decision will have a material financial effect, distinguishable from its effect on the public generally.

§10.2 As a guide, the SFDCCC shall adhere to all definitions and exceptions contained in the Conflict of Interest provisions of the California Code, including Government Code 87100, 87300 and Government Code 1090, 1091 and 1091.5, and Title 2, 18730 of the California Code of Regulations. The SFDCCC may also use San Francisco City Charter section 8.105(a) as a guide.

§10.3 Notwithstanding aforementioned prohibitions on bidding, financial interests, and conflicts of interest that apply to SFDCCC members in contracting for Certified Parliamentary services, nothing in these policies shall prohibit the Chair from appointing a voting member of the SFDCCC to serve as an unpaid Parliamentary during such times that a Certified Parliamentary is not engaged by contract.

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b. Voting may be by any method which will allow a public record to be maintained of each vote or abstention by each member. In no case shall the use of secret written ballots be allowed in SFDCCC votes. Where the SFDCCC conducts a vote by voice vote or show of hands, a roll call vote shall be granted upon request of a single voting member either before or after the voice vote or show of hands.

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**Resolution of *The San Francisco Democratic Party* in Support  
of the San Francisco Shared Schoolyard Project**

WHEREAS, the Shared Schoolyard Project is a partnership between the City of San Francisco, the San Francisco Unified School District, and San Francisco's neighborhoods and communities that envisions and provides for a place for children and families to play and gather within walking distance of every child in San Francisco; and through this unique joint partnership, the City and the School District are able to open public schoolyards to the public across the city, with open schoolyards in each of San Francisco's 11 Supervisorial Districts; and

WHEREAS, the Shared Schoolyard Project was revamped under the leadership of District 2 Supervisor Mark Farrell, who has led the private fundraising efforts for the project, Mayor Ed Lee, Superintendent Richard Carranza, the San Francisco Unified School District, San Francisco's Recreation and Parks Department, San Francisco's Department of Public Works, San Francisco Police Department, and 311 to increase more open space for our children and families to play and gather; and

WHEREAS, the public school system is under continuous pressure due to a lack of funding for academic and afterschool programming, and the Shared Schoolyard Project provides an annual grant of \$1,000 to each PTA/PTO and each school has access to \$2,500 to activate their schoolyard on the weekend; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the San Francisco Democratic Party formally supports the San Francisco Shared Schoolyard Project, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the San Francisco Democratic Party urges the City and County of San Francisco, the San Francisco Unified School District, San Francisco's Recreation and Parks Department, San Francisco's Department of Public Works, San Francisco Police Department, and 311 to continue their efforts in building and expanding the San Francisco Shared Schoolyard Project.

Sponsor: Kat Anderson with co-sponsors Scott Wiener, Joel Engardio, Tom Hsieh, Rebecca Prozan, Marjan Philhour, Joshua Arce, and Leah Pimentel.

## **Resolution Supporting the Enfranchisement of 16 and 17 year olds for Local Elections**

WHEREAS, High voter turnout and participation is the cornerstone of a healthy democracy; overall voter turnout is a small fraction of eligible voters; young voters 18-29 have the lowest turnout of any age group; and the two San Francisco neighborhoods with the highest numbers of children under 18, Bayview and Visitacion Valley, also have the lowest voter turnout rates, and;

WHEREAS, At age 16, young people are embedded in their communities of origin where they know and care about local issues, are enrolled in history and civics classes at school, and have the opportunity to have conversations at home and school that support informed voting choices, but by comparison age 18 is a time of intense transitions and thus a difficult time in which to establish new voting habits; and research shows that when given the chance, 16 and 17 year olds turn out at greater rates than older first time voters, that voting is habitual, and the earlier someone casts their first vote, the more likely they are to be a lifelong voter, and;

WHEREAS: 16 and 17 year old voting has been instituted in more than 20 countries, including Argentina, Austria, Brazil, and Scotland, as well as in two Maryland cities, and efforts to establish 16 and 17 year old voting are underway in Berkeley, California, Richmond, California, and Washington D.C; and a pending Charter Amendment before the San Francisco Board of Supervisors proposes to lower the voting age for municipal and school board elections to 16; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Democratic Party supports the proposed Board of Supervisors legislation (Charter Amendment #:150267) which sets forth a proposal to voters to authorize 16 and 17-year olds to vote in municipal elections, including elections for the San Francisco Board of Education.

Submitted by: Assemblymember David Chiu

Co-sponsored by: Senator Mark Leno, Assemblymember Phil Ting, Supervisor Eric Mar, Joshua Arce, Petra DeJesus, Hene Kelly, Rafael Mandelman, Leah Pimentel, Rebecca Prozan, Matt Dorsey.

## Resolution in Support of the Creation of the Piazza Saint Francis

WHEREAS, there has been a nine year movement and desire in North Beach from neighbors, local merchants, city historians, and community activists to create a “Poets Plaza” on the 600 block of Vallejo Street between Grant Avenue and Columbus; and

WHEREAS, a community project, that is environmentally innovative and a non-profit called “Piazza Saint Francis, The Poet’s Plaza” fulfills this need by creating a small and unique open space in North Beach that honors peacemakers and poets, nestled in a historic Italian-American San Francisco neighborhood; and

WHEREAS, the Piazza Saint Francis will be a critical part of enriching North Beach’s unique culture, celebrating the Italian-American immigrant history of San Francisco, honoring the progressive and artistic roots of the neighborhood, and has also engaged in numerous public meetings with more than 1,000 neighborhood supporters, and for that reason has earned the numerous endorsements of merchants, community non-profits, cultural and civic leaders;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, The San Francisco Democratic Party fully supports the the creation of the Piazza Saint Francis; and,

FURTHER THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the San Francisco Democratic Party calls upon Mayor Ed Lee, the Board of Supervisors, and relevant City Departments to act quickly and efficiently to move forward with the creation of Piazza Saint Francis, and stop needless obstructionism and delays around an important community and cultural space.

Co-sponsored by: Tom A. Hsieh, Kat Anderson, Josh Arce, Zoe Dunning, Joel Engardio, Mary Jung, Marjan Philhour, Rebecca Prozan, Trevor McNeil

## **RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF AN OPEN SOURCE VOTING SYSTEM FOR SAN FRANCISCO**

WHEREAS, elections are a public process at the core of our democracy and so demand the highest levels of transparency, accessibility, security, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, proprietary voting software and hardware are hidden from public view, lead to private vendor lock-in, and result in perpetual software licensing fees and service contracts that are expensive to taxpayers without investing in a lasting public good; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors unanimously passed a resolution authored by Supervisor Scott Wiener supporting the creation of an open source voting system running on commodity hardware, a system whose software would be free for anyone to view, use, and improve, and so be 100% transparent to the public, more affordable, more adaptable, and would benefit not just San Francisco but election jurisdictions across the United States.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the San Francisco Democratic County Central Committee (DCCC) finds the objectives of an open source voting system to be central to the Democratic Party's core values of active and transparent voter participation and therefore supports the creation and use of a paper-ballot open source voting system that can run on inexpensive, commercially available hardware; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the DCCC join the San Francisco Elections Commission, California Common Cause, the Electronic Frontier Foundation (EFF), Code for San Francisco, and many other individuals and organizations in urging the Mayor and Board of Supervisors to champion and fully fund, starting with the upcoming 2016-2017 fiscal year, the development and certification of an open source voting system for San Francisco to use starting with the June 2020 election.

Sponsor: Joshua Arce, Rebecca Prozan

**Resolution of the San Francisco Democratic Party  
Supporting Divestment of San Francisco and the State of  
California From States That Adopt Laws Encouraging  
Sexual Orientation And Religious Discrimination**

**WHEREAS**, the San Francisco Democratic Party has long supported equal rights for all Americans, including LGBT people and religious minorities that are not Christian.

**WHEREAS**, the States of North Carolina and Mississippi have adopted state laws authorizing discrimination based on an individual's religious beliefs, including discrimination against LGBT people and non-Christians (which would include Roman Catholics under some extreme fundamentalist interpretations that argue the Catholic Church is not Christian)

**WHEREAS**, the City and County of San Francisco and State of California have investments and use services of companies based in North Carolina and Mississippi, and any other states that may adopt laws permitting discrimination based on individual religious beliefs, and the City and State have paid for employee travel to such states.

**RESOLVED**, that the Democratic Party urges that the Mayor and Board of Supervisors and the California State legislature impose financial sanctions against companies based in North Carolina and Mississippi, and any other states that may adopt laws permitting discrimination based on individual religious beliefs, and to prohibit public funds from being used to reimburse travel to said states.

Sponsor: Kat Anderson



## San Francisco Democratic Party Resolution Recognizing Sen. Mark Leno as a Hero to Working People in California

### San Francisco Democratic County Central Committee

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WHEREAS Senator Mark Leno has been a tireless advocate on behalf of San Franciscans and Californians throughout his illustrious career on the San Francisco Board of Supervisors, the California Assembly, and now in the California State Senate; and Senator Mark Leno has worked as the leader of the effort to raise California's minimum hourly wage to \$15; and

WHEREAS Senator Mark Leno authored and introduced on December 1, 2014 Senate Bill 3, a legislative effort that would not only raise California's minimum wage but index it to future growth, winning support from legislative majorities in multiple committee votes and floor votes, and ultimately securing the approval from Governor Jerry Brown, who signed SB3 into law on April 4, 2016; and

WHEREAS Senator Mark Leno has engaged the support of unions—most notably Service Employees International Union-United Healthcare Workers West (SEIU-UHW) and the Service Employees International Union's California Council—in accomplishing this progressive, humane, and forward-thinking legislation, which will allow working Californians to reach one rung higher as they climb the economic ladder to financial stability.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the San Francisco Democratic Party proudly hails and honors one of its own members—Senator Mark Leno—as a Hero to Working People throughout the State of California; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the San Francisco Democratic Party will communicate our thanks to the Senator Mark Leno, the California Federation of Labor, SEIU-UHW, SEIU California Council, Governor Jerry Brown, and the members of the California State Legislature for their part in passing this historic legislation.

Submitted by: Hene Kelly. Co-sponsors: Matt Dorsey, Alix Rosenthal.