

# San Francisco Democratic County Central Committee

455 Golden Gate Avenue  
San Francisco, California  
Milton Marks Auditorium  
Wednesday, May 25, 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 April 13, 2016 (minutes forthcoming).

### 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 and Slate Card.

- b) **Voter Registration** (McNeil). Report on voter registration efforts.
  - c) **Club Chartering** (Pimentel). Report on chartering activities.
  - d) **Finance** (Dunning). Report on party finances and fundraising activities.
  - e) **Treasurer** (Hsieh). Report on the current budget of the party.
  - f) **Labor Committee** (Arce). Report on plans and activities of the S.F. DCCC's Labor Committee.
  - g) **CDP Region 6 Update** (Kelly). Report on activities of the California Democratic Party.
6. **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** (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.
7. **Resolution: Illegal Short-term Rental Units: Delisting and Fines.** (Feinstein, Leno, Campos and Levitan) Discussion and possible action on resolution calling on hosting platforms to immediately delist illegal and unregistered units, and urging the Board of Supervisors to revise San Francisco's short-term rental ordinance to establish fines for platforms that offer illegal, unregistered units to tourists.
8. **New Business** (Discussion and possible action)  
 The DCCC is unable to discuss or take action on items not on this agenda when those discussions pertain to matters within the jurisdiction of the San

Francisco Board of Supervisors. The limited exception is to discuss and take action in deciding whether to calendar such items for a future meeting.

## **9. Adjournment**

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## Regular Meeting Minutes

### 1. Roll call was taken at 7:10 pm.

Chair: Mary Jung. Members: Kat Anderson, Joshua Arce, David Campos, Malia Cohen, Matt Dorsey, Zoe Dunning, Joel Engardio, Tom Hsieh (arrived 7:31 pm), Hene Kelly, Meagan Levitan (arrived 7:40 pm), Rafael Mandelman, Trevor McNeil (arrived 8:16 pm), Carole Migden (arrived 7:13 pm/left 9:20 pm), Marjan Philhour, Rebecca Prozan, and Alix Rosenthal.

Ex-Officio Members: U.S. Senator Dianne Feinstein (proxy Jennifer Glass); U.S. House Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi (proxy Dan Bernal); U.S. Rep. Jackie Speier (proxy Brian Perkins); Board of Equalization Chair Fiona Ma (proxy Tom Hsieh); State Senator Mark Leno (proxy Keith Baraka arrived at 7:40 pm); Assemblymembers Phil Ting (proxy Jason Wong) and David Chiu (proxy Jen Kwart).

Absent with proxy: Petra DeJesus (proxy David Campos); Bevan Dufty (proxy Peter Gallota); Bill Fazio (proxy Mary Jung); Eric Mar (proxy Wendy Aragon); Leah Pimentel (proxy Zoe Dunning); Francis Tsang (proxy Rebecca Prozan), and Scott Wiener (proxy Matthew Rothschild).

The meeting was called to order at 7:12 pm.

### 2. Approval of Meeting Agenda

**M/S/C** (Hene Kelly/Josh Arce) to amend the April agenda, including to add Item 12, the resolution regarding public divestment from states adopting anti-LGBT laws and Item 13, the resolution honoring State Senator Mark Leno as a hero to California workers and to move Items 8 (Shared Schoolyard Project resolution) and 9 (Voting by 16/17 year olds resolution) out of order. These will become Items 6 and 7 following the Executive Board reports.

### **3. Approval of Meeting Minutes**

**M/S/C** (Kelly/Zoe Dunning) to approve the minutes of the March 16, 2016, DCCC meeting with the following change on page 10: Member Dorsey said he'd vote "no" and move to reconsider to committee.

### **4. General Public Comment**

Alec Bash spoke about open source code for voting machines – item 11.

Four groups of three students each spoke in support of Vote 16 – "16 For Democracy" #Vote16SF – encouraging a generation of San Franciscans to get involved and increase engagement.

A youth commissioner spoke in support of the students.

Sully Twia Lee announced support from Coleman Advocates, Chinese Progressives, Filipino Center and the SF Youth Commission.

Cynthia Birmingham spoke against the Piazza resolution – she is an engaged active San Franciscan and not an obstructionist. There has been no process, and they are not going to the ballot. Have been involved in good faith negotiations with the developer. Have created an alternative that they took to the developer. Protects the businesses, north/south streets and safety of the neighborhood.

Don Raichle – landscape architect – showed six design boards. When there is a public property with no private right away, no planning process is required. Closing off that street will be a disaster. Go to [sosvallejo.com](http://sosvallejo.com). We have signatures from the neighbors in support of this alternative. Majority of attendees at two public presentations are against closing the street.

Rob Birmingham – Real Estate Developer, 24-year resident of North Beach. Questioned why no traffic study was performed in the neighborhood recently – why use an 8-year old study?

Brent Turner spoke in support of Open Source voting systems. This will save the county millions of dollars.

Steve Carson, Harvey Milk LGBT Democratic Club, spoke against the DCCC bylaws change (Rosenthal resolution) and urged taking this up later.

Michael Grafton spoke in support of the enfranchisement of 16 year olds to vote.

Marc Bruno spoke against the Piazza on Vallejo Street.

Ronalyn Schmaltz, with SOS Vallejo and Telegraph Hill Dwellers, spoke against the Piazza. She has confidence in the developers.

Austin Phillips, Harvey Milk LGBT Democratic Club and D8 Progressive Democrats, spoke against the DCCC bylaws change.

Rob Kain with Boston Properties spoke in support of the Piazza as is.

Christopher Jerdonek, Vice President of the SF Elections Commission, spoke in support of Open Source voting systems.

Ida Zoubi, part owner of Caffè Trieste, spoke against the Piazza as proposed. Asks that everyone work together on a solution.

Adrienne Giotta, with Caffè Trieste, spoke in support of the Piazza alternatives.

Mary Ann Scanlon lives near the 1200 block of Kearny Street. She attended a meeting where the change to Kearny Street was discussed. Needs a new traffic study.

Daniel Stone lives on Kearny Street. SOS Vallejo. Feels shut out of the process. Asks that the governing bodies consider alternatives.

Tony Robles spoke against the DCCC bylaws change.

An unidentified person spoke for Seniors and Disability Action. Community is reeling from shooting on Shotwell of the "houseless" man. We need justice for victims of uncontrolled police violence.

Deepa Varma, SF Tenants Union, spoke against the DCCC bylaws change.

Andrew Michael, Partnerships for Change, spoke in support of the Piazza. Written support by a thousand so far. This is an improvement and a celebration on our patron Saint Francis as well as poets and arts in SF.

Jacqueline Miller, Partnerships for Change, spoke in support of the Piazza. Brought a letter from Lawrence Ferlinghetti written April 13, 2016, urging the DCCC to support and approve “Our Piazza Saint Francis, the Poet Plaza in the heart of North Beach!”

John Nulty, Central City Democrats, spoke against the DCCC bylaws change.

Michael Nulty, Tenants Associations Coalition of SF, spoke against the DCCC bylaws change. Don’t do it or grant an extension on the filing deadline.

Richard Ow, resident of SF, lives nearby and supports the Piazza. This welcomes visitors to our City.

Joyce Ganthavorn, San Franciscans United to Reduce Diabetes. Collecting signatures to place the soda tax on the November ballot.

Bryan Dannley, 18 year resident of North Beach. Supports the Piazza, but not closing the street to traffic.

Stan Hayes, President of Telegraph Hill Dwellers, supports public open space, but only if it is done right. Closing Vallejo is not doing it right. Pushing local traffic onto Grant is an unfair situation. Please support the neighborhood plan.

Fabio Giotta – President and CEO of Caffè Trieste, Officer and shareholder for 35 years. His father endorsed this Piazza in 2005. This is going to be fabulous.

Kristen Foley, North Beach resident, spoke about the Piazza. The proposal brings up safety concerns.

Jody Meizel, Knights of St. Francis and a resident. The Piazza is a logical extension of the Portcucala.

Susan Bryan, treasurer of Central City Democrats, spoke to delay the DCCC by-laws change.

Angela Aliota – stated that she is a civil rights lawyer – not a developer. Not a moderate, just a little to the right of David Campos’ left. She has been

working on this project for over eight years and working with City departments. This project will be a diamond in the crown of our great City.

Susan Horsfall – Knights of St. Francis, former Elections Commissioner. On Small Business Advisory Committee. The Poets Plaza is a magnet for tourists.

Wilma Pang of Chinatown is concerned about the traffic caused by the Piazza as planned.

Dominic Paris, San Francisco Elections Commission, supports Open Source software and Vote 16.

Public comment closed at 8:11 pm.

**5. Reports** - DCCC member reports, including discussion and possible actions, to offer updates on work assignments and discuss ongoing objectives.

- a) **Chair** (Mary Jung). We are still raising money for the slate card, so we will host a luncheon on May 5, Cinco de Mayo, with Secretary of State Alex Padilla. There is a special community price of \$100. If anyone needs financial assistance – let her know.

Kevin Heneghan has been our lawyer pro bono. We owe him appreciation. He's made sure that we have followed the letter of the law. New lawyer Tom Willis is now consulting with us on the slate card. Getting it right on slate cards is complicated, and we need late and last minute advice.

She is still looking for space for the November campaign, but thinks she has a line on a good place.

- b) **Voter Registration** (Trevor McNeil). Voter registration is going great. Many DCCC members and candidates are coming out to the voter registration events. If you are running for the DCCC, let him and Ally Medina, the DCCC Executive Director, know. Get on the calendar. He is happy to share the actual numbers on SF registrations. Tom Hsieh asked for the numbers. McNeil discussed the cull by the Department of Elections as normal, after 2012.

- c) **Ad Hoc Committee on Club Grievance** (Dunning). Report on status of Latino Democratic Club's chartering grievance. Leah Pimentel, Vice Chair

of Club Chartering, was not present, so Dunning gave her report, too. Committee met and ideas were discussed to help with this huge process, such as a club chartering committee, appointed volunteers and a dedicated email address.

**M/S/C** (Kelly/Wendy Aragon) to charter the Latino Democratic Club. This passed by acclamation.

David Campos apologized to the Latino Democratic Club for the delays. Kelly volunteered to work on the chartering process. Aragon (proxy for Eric Mar) thanked the DCCC for helping sort this out. She also thanked all the members who worked on this and Club President Lito Sandoval who has been a champion through all of this.

Jung thanked Dunning for chairing a long meeting. DeJesus put a lot of time in. All those involved worked hard and we sorted out the miscommunications. Thanked all for a productive process. Sandoval echoed that sentiment.

- d) **Club Chartering** (Pimentel). No report.
- e) **Finance** (Dunning). Reported on the Spring fundraiser on May 5, 2016.
- f) **Treasurer** (Hsieh). Current cash position is just north of \$56,000. Thanked Medina for spending our money wisely and efficiently. We will be in a strong financial position through July.
- g) **Labor Committee** (Arce). More members want to join this committee, so we are looking for a date to accommodate all. We will meet at Tommy's Joynt.
- h) **Executive Director** (Medina). We have put the call out for summer interns. They will learn the basics of field organizing. We are also looking for high school fellows. See the website for details. Jung thanked Medina for all her efforts.
- i) **CDP Region 6 Update** (Kelly). The CDP is planning for meetings on May 1 to elect delegates for the DNC. This is Congressional District 12. Laborers Local 261 will hold the meeting for Hillary Clinton. Chez Poulet will be the location for Bernie Sanders. 12 pm to 5 pm. See CADEM.org site.

**6. (was item 8) Resolution: San Francisco Shared Schoolyard Project.** (Kat Anderson)

**M/S/C** (Anderson/Kelly)

The members approved this resolution to support the San Francisco Shared Schoolyard Project, and urged city and school district leaders to continue their efforts to expand the shared use of schoolyards as gathering spaces for children and families.

*Comment and Discussion:* Supervisor Mark Farrell's aide, Jess Montejano, shared Farrell's personal experience in 2010 when he attempted to use a school yard to teach his children how to ride a bike, but the yard was locked up. Farrell then wanted to take that challenge head on and worked to raise private funds to keep the schoolyards open. 27 schoolyards affected so far. The mission is to open one on every corner. Every PTA/PTO is offered \$1,000 and each participating school receives \$2500 for weekend activity fees. Schools also receive City benefits, such as 311-inspired calls to clean up. Partnered with over 100 community-based organizations. Thanked Anderson for sponsoring the resolution.

Kelly asked what schools in District 1 are open? She is curious about Lafayette.

Hsieh offered Roosevelt Middle School and stated the school just received the \$2500 check.

Montejano commented members can go to [www.sfsharedschoolyard.org](http://www.sfsharedschoolyard.org) to see a complete list.

Dan Bernal (Pelosi) thanked Farrell and asked if other public resources are activated (such as the Departments of Public Works and Parks and Recreation).

Campos commented that it is a great program and makes a great deal of sense.

Malia Cohen asked about utilization. Montejano responded that it is great to look for data to make sure goals are being met.

Anderson shared her own experiences raising her children in the City and being locked out of a safe public space to play and learn how to ride bikes. This resolution is a step in the right direction to help make SF more family-friendly. So many policies leave children and families behind forcing families to move to the

East Bay and even farther at about the time children turn age 4. She has seen many families move and she wants to do what she can to make it easier and safer to raise children and provide enrichment to them in the City.

Upon a vote, the resolution passed almost unanimously with an abstention from Leader Nancy Pelosi.

**7. (was item 9) Resolution: Charter Amendment for Voting by 16- and 17-Year-Olds.**

**M/S/C** (David Chiu/Anderson)

The members approved this resolution to express the SFDCCC'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.

Jen Kwart (Chiu) brought thanks from Assemblymember Chiu with a written statement which she read to the body. Voting is habitual. 16 is a much better age to pick up a habit than 18. 16-year-olds vote more than older (ages 18-21) first-time voters. Research shows that 16-year-olds have the same cognitive abilities as 21-year-olds. Speaking on her own behalf as an active teen in Democratic activities, her engagement at a young age was foundational to what she does today. This can lead to a lifetime of involvement and activism.

Cohen commented that she will vote "no" to be consistent with her votes on the Board of Supervisors. She believes the converse on the data regarding maturity.

Aragon, age 42, and daughter of a union member understands the importance of activism at a young age.

Campos is a co-sponsor of the charter amendment and is proud of this subject. Take time to dialog with the young people.

Bernal said that Pelosi will vote in favor of this resolution. We already allow 17-year-olds to vote in other states where they will be 18 by November.

Laura Clark (proxy for RFK Democratic Club president) commented that young people deserve our respect and the vote.

Kelly expressed support for young persons' involvement and she provides constant support.

Anderson commented that she also provides mentoring and started a mentorship program to increase activism among students in college and she fully supports the mission behind this resolution. She is proud of the activism she has seen coming out of our local schools and wants to invest in these fine young leaders.

Todd David, President of the Noe Valley Democratic Club, commented that we need people to be engaged civically.

Arce commented that this Party supports enfranchisement and the other party is doing the opposite. He is proud to co-sponsor.

The item was approved by voice vote.

Nay votes: Meagan Levitan, Cohen and U.S. Senator Dianne Feinstein.

Abstentions: Scott Wiener, Hsieh and Jung.

#### **8. Bylaws Amendment (was item 6): *Ex Officio* and Additional DCCC Members** (Rosenthal)

The original proposed resolution supports an amendment to the SFDCCC'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 SSDCCC Bylaws Art. XII, Sec. 1.*)

Alix Rosenthal announced that she will amend her proposal to make it a nonbinding resolution because she does not have the votes for a bylaws change. After much discussion, Rosenthal agreed to several other amendments.

**M/S/C** (Rosenthal/Wiener) to approve the nonbinding resolution as amended. A copy of the final draft will be attached to these minutes and incorporated by reference herein.

*Discussion and Comment:* Rosenthal commented that there are about 60 people running for DCCC this June, so "let's widen the tent," especially if 21 electeds get on the DCCC. She has an amendment to make it nonbinding. She does not have the votes for a bylaws change. She will advance a resolution. She will seek

campaign finance reforms. Even the most vocal opponents agree that we need change that will include the grassroots activists.

Proposed change: ...stands behind the idea.....adding 7 seats....and calls on the next body to amend its bylaws and expand its membership.

Matt Dorsey commented that he thinks this is a detailed and thoughtful policy. He is concerned about the fundraising loophole. He is for the *ex officio* status. He is concerned about adding numbers to the body. Timing needs to be thoughtful – after this June election. He will support the nonbinding resolution.

**M/S** (Kelly/Aragon) Kelly proposed an amendment that states simply that we ask the coming board elected on June 7 to take up as one of their first orders of business the makeup of the DCCC, including a clean slate of ideas which adds fiscal limits to the fundraising of the DCCC.

*Discussion:* Kelly commented that she wants to hear many plans considered by a committee.

Matthew Rothschild (Wiener) spoke against Kelly's amendment and recognized Rosenthal's resolution. She worked very hard on this. We owe Rosenthal respect for the sincere effort she tried for reform. He supports her nonbinding resolution.

Rosenthal thanked Rothschild for his kind words. She does not want to fight and does not want to continue this fight of left versus middle. If she understands Kelly's amendment, she can accept it as a friendly amendment. "...and calls upon the body.....and to consider imposing campaign contribution limits...."

Member Dorsey suggested to add the words "to support" (Discussion with Rosenthal.)

Campos commented he will support that amended motion. Those of us critical of this were only so on the timing – not the substance and intent. Whatever we think about in terms of who will be on the DCCC – we should ask the clubs for their feedback on this.

Aragon affirmed what Campos said and wants club input.

Hsieh associated with Rothschild. Thanked Rosenthal for her massive efforts.

Kelly made a *point of personal privilege*. In no way was she belittling anything that was in the original resolution.

Clark commented that we should all be disappointed that we didn't get the votes. This involved suspicion and pettiness. After this election, we will see this body dominated by elected officials – incited to consolidate their own power to the exclusion of the grassroots candidates. Can't put the genie back in the bottle.

Dorsey commented that he'd like to get back to positive discussion. We can agree that there is good policy here and there are some serious legal issues here. Nightmare scenario – we get embroiled in a lawsuit going into the November election. We've agreed on some principles here.

Cohen asked that the body act on the offer of the friendly amendment.

Hsieh clarified that the author accepted the amendment.

Rosenthal spoke the amendments.

The item as amended passed by voice vote.

Nays: Carole Migden and Leno.

Abstain: Mandelman.

[The Recording Secretary requests that member Rosenthal present to her the resolution as amended and approved for incorporation into the minutes.]

**9. (was item 7) Bylaws Amendment: Parliamentary Provisions.**

**M/S/C** (Kelly/Cohen) to table this item on whether to amend the Bylaws respecting parliamentary procedural training and the role of the Parliamentarian.

- a) **Procedural Training and Certified Parliamentarian Pilot** (Dorsey/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.

Rosenthal deferred to Dorsey and Kelly. Briefed on a) and b).

Dorsey commented that there is no reason that we can't do both. Benefits of a pilot program with three meetings will allow on-the-job training and save money.

Jung commented that she is always cognizant of how we spend money. Fortunately, Kelly volunteered her husband to lead the trainings. Jung found out that parliamentarians can cost as much as lawyers, getting into the thousands of dollars. If people want to do that, that's fine, but remember that money has to be raised and should be in a future budget.

Hsieh commented that former member Arlo Hale Smith's counsel has been invaluable. We are not a complicated system – but an activist board of volunteers, raising money for the Party. He cautions the members not to enshrine an expense in the bylaws that will be unsustainable.

McNeil asked if the parliamentarian did not show up, would that make this body out of order.

Kelly said that she does not want us to have to spend money on a parliamentarian. She feels confident that she can get a volunteer parliamentarian. She wants training at the beginning of a new session.

Rosenthal suggested that we bring this back next month after we receive additional information on costs.

#### **10. Resolution: Piazza Saint Francis. (Hsieh)**

**M/S/C** (Hsieh/Rebecca Prozan) to amend and approve this 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.

Hsieh commented that he lived in North beach for 10 years; his family has been there 30 years. He considers it a City neighborhood. This project has such inspirational and aspirational reach. What he is proposing is not specific to design, but that we focus on the concept as a great idea. He felt there were a lot of people that could get behind this idea. He knows nothing around land use in SF

is easy. He would love that the project be something that is best for everyone. Projects like Joe DiMaggio Playground in North Beach took 16 years. The library took 11 years to complete. This is a special, enchanting place. He got priced out 10 years ago at \$1,800 per month. He agrees that neighbors are entitled to their opinions, but we members have the right to air opinions as well. This has been an 8-year project. Maybe it can be done faster, and that is what we are asking for. We want the stakeholders to get together and air their differences.

Campos commented that this will come before the Board of Supervisors, so he will not comment. He generally thinks the DCCC should not involve itself in these kinds of disputes. Where there is a division in neighborhoods, he thinks the party should not get involved.

Cohen said Campos beat her to the punch. She is concerned that things are put on the agenda that do not dovetail with the Democratic Party platform. This is a neighborhood issue. We should not get involved in neighborhood fights. Wants to move to table this. She feels Hsieh's passion for his city. She was for the library. All of us should do our due diligence. This is out of our bailiwick.

*M/S (Cohen/Campos) to table this item.*

Bernal spoke in favor of Cohen's motion to table. Pelosi is a supporter of the Piazza. There is a desire for more dialogue. We should honor that.

Prozan respectfully will vote no to table. She described her due diligence. It will be amazing to have a piazza in that space. She worked on closing 17<sup>th</sup> Street in 1998. The transformation of the neighborhood since has been amazing.

Aragon commented that Mar sees that this is not the appropriate body for this. People are asking for due process. They are not obstructionists.

Rafael Mandelman does not object to the party taking on such issues, but it does seem on this that we are just stepping in.

Arce did some due diligence even before the resolution came before us. He was out with his wife and thought the Piazza had already happened. There has been a long process. The core of this resolution is not inconsistent with what we have heard from all sides.

Cohen reminded that there is a process – Planning, the Board, etc. Tabling this is not a problem.

McNeil commented that this body considers things like this all the time. The thought to table it is interesting. It is ok for us to take a stand.

Clark commented that Campos' statements reveal why we needed Rosenthal's bylaws change – having to wait until this is heard at the BOS. We need art, civic engagement, public spaces. We want SF to be like European cities. This is how we get there – not with car-minded environments.

David Cruise, President of San Francisco Technology Democratic Club. You are not voting on a design; you are voting on a concept. This is a way to keep North Beach, North Beach.

Hsieh commented that he will vote against the tabling motion because we take on everything because we care. He respectfully disagrees with Cohen's comments that we don't take positions on land use. All this is about supporting an open space public piazza. He apologizes for the offending language "needless obstructionism." He would replace it with "vetting traffic and neighbor concerns."

David spoke about Noe Valley Town Square – a phenomenal process.

Anderson thanked all those who came to the meeting tonight to express their concerns and support, especially those whom she knows from the Cathedral School for Boys community. She spoke in support of the concept of a Piazza with community input and that this project had great community input and that neither "side" should denigrate the other, but respectfully consider all good ideas. The Piazza/Poet's Plaza – something that is supported by the great Beat poet Lawrence Ferlinghetti – will be another jewel in the crown of our great City. With time, we will see the wisdom of a project like this.

Dunning commented that she was not committed to a design, but she agrees that the DCCC can weigh in on that. Offered an amendment to take input from the community.

Cohen commented that the DCCC has taken on a lot of things. We should focus on what comes on the agenda. Just because we take it on does not make it right

to take it on. Moratorium in the Mission was a ballot initiative and we had a responsibility to discuss it.

Jay Cheng, Asian Pacific Democratic Club President, commented that the California Democratic Party takes on many issues beyond the borders of California. He associates with Dunning's comments and is for moving forward.

On the vote to table this item, the motion failed by a vote of 17 No, 10 Yes, and 3 abstentions:

No: Anderson, Arce, Dunning, Engardio, Fazio, Hsieh, Jung, McNeil, Philhour, Pimentel, Prozan, Rosenthal, Tsang, Wiener, Speier, Ma, Chiu

Yes: Campos, Cohen, DeJesus, Dorsey, Dufty, Kelly, Levitan, Mandelman, Mar, Pelosi

Abstain: Feinstein, Leno, Ting

**M/S/C** (Hsieh/Prozan) Hsieh moved to amend to add "with input from the community."

Discussion: Kelly said she will abstain because she does not know enough about it. She does know it is not easy for a resolution to get to the party. Lecturing her that things should not come to the party did not work.

Arce noted support around open space and support of culture and the arts. He also sees that we support process. Move forward with the creation of the Piazza.

Campos thanked the neighbors for coming out. He is sorry this is happening. He thinks this is disrespectful to the community.

On a vote on the main motion as amended, the motion passed: 17 Yes, 7 No, 6 abstentions. Roll call as follows: Yes: Anderson, Arce, Dunning, Engardio, Fazio, Hsieh, Jung, McNeil, Philhour, Pimentel, Prozan, Rosenthal, Tsang, Wiener, Speier, Ma, Chiu.

No: Campos, DeJesus, Dorsey, Levitan (Dorsey as proxy due to Levitan's early departure), Mandelman, Mar, Pelosi.

Abstain: Cohen, Dufty, Kelly, Feinstein, Leno and Ting.

[The Recording Secretary requests that member Hsieh present to her the resolution as amended and approved for incorporation into the minutes.]

**11. Resolution: Open Source Voting System for San Francisco.** (Arce. Add Dunning and Anderson as co-sponsors)

**M/S/C** (Arce/Prozan)

The members approved this resolution to support the objectives and values of open source voting systems, 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.

Arce shared an experience with volunteering at a polling place in Ohio where every single machine was broken first thing in the morning. Open Source systems would help localities to reckon with this on-site.

Prozan commented that this resolution puts us in line with the CDP platform.

Cruise commented that it puts us in line with the State Party which advocates for open source. This is a key to help unlock the way voting is done. We should not pay millions to technology companies.

Clark shared stats that if you are low-income or person of color, you wait longer at the polls. This addresses cost-cutting and broadening our democratic values of fair and open elections.

Paulina Maldonado, President of Latino Young Democrats, associated with Clark's remarks.

*The members approved this item by acclamation.*

**12. Resolution: Public Divestment from States Adopting Anti-LGBT Laws.** (Anderson)

**M/S/C** (Anderson/Pelosi)

The members approved this 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.

Anderson acknowledged that the drafter of this resolution is former DCCC Member Arlo Hale Smith who asked her to advance it on his behalf and for the community. Anderson commented that laws like this not only cause damage to the LGBT communities, but that North Carolina's legislation attacks the rights of working people to file claims about discrimination in the state forum. North Carolina's legislation would leave claimants only with a possible federal remedy.

Bernal commented that Pelosi supports this endeavor. Equality CA supports this as well as LGBT advocates in North Carolina and the National Center for Lesbian rights. He suggests that we substitute Assemblyman Evan Low's language for what is in the packet.

Mandelman supports the substitution. Delete "that are not Christian" after phrase "religious minorities." Anderson accepted the friendly amendment.

Keith Baraka (Leno) commented that Leno will support this. There are 30 states that discriminate against LGBT in employment and housing.

Jessica Glass (Feinstein) stated that Feinstein will abstain simply because she was not able to review this resolution.

Joel Engardio asked if the effects can be measured.

Bernal said there is no fiscal impact to the State of California.

The motion passed with only two abstentions: Feinstein and Ting.

### **13. Resolution: Honoring State Senator Mark Leno as a Hero to California Workers**

(Kelly/Dorsey. The rest of the committee asked to be added.)

**M/S/C** (Kelly/Dorsey)

The members approved this resolution to honor State Senator 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.

Kelly commented that Leno has been a beacon to the people of the Democratic Party. What he accomplished saved a lot of resources by negotiating with both SEIU unions, the governor and heads of the State Senate and Assembly, got just about everything that the unions wanted and got everyone agree to avoid a terrible battle. He is a hero to working people.

Anderson and Arce asked to be added as co-sponsors. Everyone then asked to be added as co-sponsors.

Baraka reported that Leno says he is appreciative, honored and is blushing.

McNeil and Kelly announced that at the McDonald's at 2<sup>nd</sup> and Market near the BART station, beginning at 6 am, the Fight for 15 rally and breakfast will be held. Jobs with Justice and Local 2 are organizing this.

Passed by acclamation.

#### **14. New Business**

CCSF is having a fundraiser named "Wok on the Wild Side" this Sunday at the Ocean campus.

#### **15. Adjournment**

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

Meeting adjourned at **10:35 pm.**

## 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: 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*.
  - Proposed deleted text appears as ~~*strikethrough italics*~~.
  - Unchanged text remains unmodified and unstyled.
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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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**RESOLUTION SEEKING IMMEDIATE DELISTING OF ILLEGAL SHORT-TERM RESIDENTIAL RENTALS AND FINES FOR HOSTING PLATFORMS THAT LIST ILLEGAL UNITS**

**Sponsored by DCCC Members: U.S. Senator Dianne Feinstein, State Senator Mark Leno, Supervisor David Campos and Meagan Levitan**

WHEREAS since February 1, 2015, the effective date of San Francisco's short-term residential rental regulations, the Office of Short-term Rentals reports that -- as of April 2016 -- 1,210 individuals have registered to legally offer rooms and units to tourists, while Airbnb reports that it has more than 7,000 short-term rental hosts in San Francisco and controls half the STR market in San Francisco, with the balance distributed across more than 60 other platforms and websites, including HomeAway, VRBO and FlipKey; and

WHEREAS the Office of Short-term Rentals further reports that most of the unregistered Airbnb hosts will not register because a) they are not renting primary residences to tourists, as the existing regulations require, or b) they are renting units in condominium buildings where the homeowner association rules preclude short-term rentals or are tenants renting apartments without the property owners' knowledge or permission, and do not wish their activities to become known; and

WHEREAS just as no government would permit unlicensed drivers in unregistered vehicles to be listed by a ride-sharing platform, at a time when the City continues to struggle with a severe shortage of affordable housing, exacerbated by the proliferation of short-term tourist rentals, there can be no justification or excuse for San Francisco to allow hosting platforms to continue offering illegal, unregistered housing units to tourists;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Democratic County Central Committee of San Francisco calls for hosting platforms offering short-term residential rentals to delete immediately all listings for illegal, unregistered units, and urges the Board of Supervisors to revise the City's short-term rental ordinance to establish fines for platforms that offer illegal, unregistered units to tourists.