

**San Francisco Democratic County Central Committee**  
Minutes of SFDCCC General Meeting  
Wednesday, April 21, 2010 – 6:00 PM  
450 Golden Gate Avenue

The meeting was called to order by Chair Peskin at 6:13 p.m.

**1. Roll Call**

In attendance: Bornstein, Campos, Chiu, Daly, Goldstein, Haaland, Hsieh, Katz, Kelly, Levitan, Mandelman, Morrison, Nutter, O'Connor, Peskin, Smith, Sieck, Tuchow, Walker, Wiener, Feinstein (proxy George Broder), Leno (proxy Reese Isbell), Ma, Ammiano (proxy Walker)

Excused: Julian (proxy Haaland), Mar (proxy Bornstein), McGoldrick (proxy Morrison), Nutter (left at 6:20 with proxy to Kelly), Jung (proxy Levitan)

Absent: Pelosi, Speier, Yee

Chair Peskin introduced Heidi Sieck and said he had appointed her to fill the seat on the DCCC that Laura Spanjian vacated. Peskin asked the DCCC to ratify his appointment of Ms. Sieck. A motion to ratify was made by Kelly, seconded by Walker and adopted without objection. Member Sieck was welcomed.

**2. Approval of Agenda**

Wiener asked that the agenda be amended to include a resolution supporting the Community Justice Center. A motion made by Wiener and seconded by Kelly was adopted without objection.

Mandleman asked that the agenda be amended to include a resolution supporting the Vincent Atos. A motion made by Walker and seconded by Kelly was adopted without objection.

**3. Approval of March 17, 2010 minutes**

Moved by Kelly, seconded by Goldstein. The vote was unanimous.

**4. Public Comment**

The chair asked for public comment only on the endorsement of judges. Tim Durning said that the DCCC should only endorse a Democrat. Max Segal spoke in support of Rob Retana.

**5. Endorsements of local propositions**

**A. Judge, Seat 6**

Linda Colfax, Rod McLeod, Robert Retana and Harry Dorfman each made a five minute presentation to the DCCC. After discussion by members voted as follows:

Colfax (21 votes): Bornstein, Campos, Daly, Goldstein, Haaland, Jung, Katz, Kelly, Mandelman, Mar, McGoldrick, Morrison, Nutter, Peskin, Smith, Sieck, Tuchow, Walker, Leno, Ma, Ammiano

Dorfman (2 votes): Chiu, Levitan

McCleod (1 vote): Julian

Abstain (3 votes): Hsieh, O'Connor, Wiener

No endorsement: Feinstein

### **B. Judge, Seat 15**

Dan Dean and Michael Nava each made a five minute presentation to the DCCC. After discussion by members voted as follows:

Nava (24 votes): Bornstein, Campos, Chiu, Daly, Goldstein, Haaland, Julian, Jung, Katz, Kelly, Mandelman, Mar, McGoldrick, Morrison, Nutter, O'Connor, Peskin, Smith, Sieck, Tuchow, Walker, Leno, Ma, Ammiano

Abstain (3 votes): Hsieh, Levitan, Wiener

No endorsement: Feinstein

Chair Peskin asked for Public Comment. 28 people testified. Carol Harvey, Rick Hauptman, Kar Start, Laura Hurtado, Collen Rivecca, Lori Nair, Rachel West, Bob Offer-Westort, Andy Blue, Wendy Vastine, Paul Martin, Denise Dory, Madeline Scarp, PJ Johnson, Malia Cohen, Nina Keller, David Wagoner, Catherine Chamberlain, Terry Frye, and Jose (last name unknown) all testified against the Sit Lie ordinance and in favor of Haaland's resolution. Susan Pfeifer testified about voter registration. Christopher Cook, Oscar Mangandid, Lulu Rodriguez and Lorena Megavejo testified in favor of granting a charter to the Grassroots Democratic Club. Tim Durning spoke against Sit/Lie and against the Democratic Party's use of a Marriot Hotel for the recent convention. Amy Willis and Vincent Atos spoke in favor of Mandelman's resolution supporting justice for Mr. Atos. David Wagoner, Catherine Chamberlain and Terry Frye also spoke in favor of the Atos resolution

### **6. Slate Card RFP selection**

Chair Peskin and Tom Hsieh presented the results of the RFP process. After discussion, Stearns Consulting was selected by the following vote:

Stearns Consulting (13 votes): Bornstein, Daly, Goldstein, Haaland, Julian, Kelly, Mandelman, Mar, McGoldrick, Morrison, Nutter, Peskin Feinstein

Hope Road Consulting (7 votes): Jung, Katz, Levitan, O'Connor, Smith, Sieck, Wiener

The following members abstained: Hsieh, Leno, Ma

The following members were recused: Ammiano, Chiu, Campos and Walker

## **7. Executive Director's report**

Emily Lowe gave an update on the upcoming Unity Luncheon on May 6, 2010 and encourage members to buy tickets.

## **8. Charter new Club – Grassroots Democratic Club (Goldstein)**

Goldstein spoke to the application of the new Club indicating that it was complete. He made a motion to approve and the motion passed without objection.

## **9. Resolutions**

### **A. Opposing incarceration for non-violent crimes (Haaland)**

Haaland spoke at length about the resolution that he offered. Kelly spoke in favor of the resolution. Walker also spoke in favor of the resolution. Broder said that there Democrats that support it, that Berkeley and Santa Cruz have passed sit/lie ordinances, that it may be constitutional, and doesn't think the police would abuse the power. Hsieh associated himself with the comments of Mr. Broder. As a father of a child who goes to school in the Haight and someone who used to live in the Haight and sat and lied but saw distressing and dangerous elements during that time. Hsieh said he helped organize the neighborhood to kick out the drug dealers but then the skin heads came and they got kicked out by the Hells Angels. He has sympathy for homeless kids and supports programs for homeless youth but wants the neighborhood to be safe. Goldstein stated that he lived in the Haight for 15 years and that the Police were not doing community policing and that the proposed law is only for a few extreme situations and the police have adequate tools. Campos asked what kind of conduct the ordinance was designed to address. He thinks the ordinance is too vague and that there are adequate laws on the books. Campos spoke to whether the ordinance was constitutional. He also said it was being used as a wedge issue. Bornstein said he is also a father of young children and is in favor of the resolution. Smith stated that he thinks there are adequate laws and that incarceration is very expensive. He said that Rebecca Prozan also thinks that the Sit/Lie ordinance is not a good idea. He said that he doesn't support the ordinance. Mandelman said the ordinance is a bad idea. Jane Morrison spoke in favor of the resolution. Tuchow wants to see a copy of the ordinance and would abstain.

The resolution was adopted on a vote of 20-5 with two abstentions. Those voting for the resolution: Bornstein, Campos, Chiu, Daly, Goldstein, Haaland, Julian, Katz, Kelly, Mandelman, Mar, McGoldrick, Morrison, Nutter, O'Connor, Peskin, Sieck, Walker, Leno and Ammiano

Those voting against: Hsieh, Jung, Levitan, Wiener, Feinstein.

Those abstaining: Tuchow and Ma

### **B. Resolution supporting the Community Justice Center (Wiener)**

Wiener spoke in favor of the resolution. Peskin said the voters had voted against CJC in 2008. Daly, Haaland, and Mandelman spoke against the resolution. Campos said he thinks the CJC is working but doesn't agree with the wording of the resolution. Broder spoke in favor of the resolution. Mandelman supports CJC but doesn't like the resolution. Broder spoke in favor.

The resolution failed by a vote of 11-14. Those in favor: Chiu, Hsieh, Jung, Katz, Levitan, O'Connor, Smith, Tuchow, Wiener, Fienstein, Leno. Those opposed: Bornstein, Campos,

Daly, Goldstein, Haaland, Julian, Kelly, Mar, McGoldrick, Morrison, Peskin, Walker, Ammiano.

Those abstaining: Nutter, Sieck and Ma.

**C. Resolution supporting Justice for Vincent Atos (Mandleman)**

Mandelman spoke in favor of the resolution. The resolution passed with 19 votes in favor (Bornstein, Campos, Chiu, Daly, Goldstein, Haaland, Hsieh, Julian, Kelly, Mandelman, Mar, McGoldrick, Morrison, O'Connor, Peskin, Smith, Sieck, Walker and Wiener). Jung, Levitan and Nutter abstained. Katz was recused.

**10. New Business**

none

**11. Adjournment**

Chair Peskin moved that the meeting be adjourned in the memory of August Long. The motion was seconded by Connie O'Connor. Without objection the meeting was adjourned.