

**San Francisco Democratic County Central Committee**  
Minutes of SFDCCC General Meeting  
Wednesday, May 26, 2010 – 6:00 PM  
450 Golden Gate Avenue, San Francisco

1. Roll Call at 7:02 p.m.

Present: Michael Bornstein, David Chiu, Chris Daly, Michael Goldstein, Gabriel Haaland, Tom Hsieh, Joe Julian, Mary Jung, Hene Kelly, Rafael Mandelman, Jane Morrison, Melanie Nutter, Aaron Peskin, Arlo Hale Smith, Heidi Sieck, Debra Walker, Leland Yee (proxy Larry Yee), Mark Leno (proxy Julius Turman), Fiona Ma (proxy Jason Wong), Tom Ammiano (proxy Sheryl Davis)

Excused: David Campos (Haaland holding proxy), Eric Mar (Bornstein holding proxy), Connie O'Connor, Dianne Feinstein

Not Excused: Meagan Levitan, Nancy Pelosi, Jackie Speier

Late arrivals: Leslie Katz (7:28), Jake McGoldrick (7:14), Matt Tuchow (7:14), Scott Wiener (8:00)

With a quorum present, the meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Chair Aaron Peskin.

2. Approval of Agenda

Michael Goldstein stated that Item 9 - Club Charters - should be entitled Party Building.

Motion made by Hene Kelly, seconded by David Chiu, to accept the agenda and the change made by Goldstein. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Approval of April 21, 2010 minutes

Jake McGoldrick and Matt Tuchow arrived at 7:14 p.m.

Peskin remarked that the minutes were sent twice and that he would allow time for members to read the minutes and make comments prior to the vote to adopt them.

Tuchow stated he was in attendance at the April meeting and that 8B should be - no 'no's".

Moved by Jason Wong, seconded by Kelly, to accept the minutes with the two changes. The motion passed unanimously.

#### 4. Public Comment

Sean Dugger from the Black Caucus of the San Francisco Young Democrats, stated they are the newest and largest caucus. He announced their kick-off event to be held on June 24, 2010, at the Air Lounge in Oakland. He asked that the DCCC consider sponsoring the event.

Francisco Ugaste, an attorney with Dolores Street Community Services spoke in favor of the Secure Communities resolution.

Terrrie Frye spoke in favor of the Feingold/McGovern resolution.

Bill Haney, Professor of Law, at University of San Francisco Law School, spoke in favor of the Secure Communities resolution.

Angie Junik, from the Immigrant Legal Resource Center, spoke in favor of the Secure Communities resolution.

Dennis Kelly, President of the United Educators of San Francisco, spoke in favor of the DCCC endorsing Tom Torlakson for Superintendent of Public Instruction.

Leslie Katz arrived at 7:28 p.m.

Dolores Perez Priem, Unitarian Universalist Society - UUS for Peace-SF, spoke in favor of the Feingold/McGovern resolution.

Shirley Gallan spoke in favor of the Feingold/McGovern resolution.

#### 5. Endorsement of Superintendent of Public Instruction

Hene Kelly spoke in favor of the DCCC endorsing Torlakson.

Peskin stated he did some research on whether or not the DCCC could endorse in this race and determined that the DCCC could since it was a nonpartisan race and the CDP has not endorsed in this race. He noted four other DCCCs have endorsed in this race.

A motion was made by Kelly to endorse Torlakson, seconded by Chiu. There was more discussion between Katz and Arlo Smith regarding whether or not the DCCC could endorse. Tom Hsieh spoke in favor of the motion. Julius Turman stated he needed to abstain.

A vote was taken with the following results: Yes 21, Abstain 2

Yes on motion to endorse Torklakson: Bornstein, Campos, Chiu, Daly, Goldstein, Haaland, Hsieh, Julian, Jung, Katz, Kelly, Mandelman, Mar, McGoldrick, Morrison, Nutter, Peskin, Smith, Sieck, Tuchow, Walker.

Leno and Ma abstained.

Peskin announced a fundraiser for Torlakson at the Ferry Building.

Subsequently, after the original vote, Jason Wong asked if Fiona Ma could change her vote from "abstain" to "yes." Peskin said that she could.

The new vote is: Yes 22, Abstain 1

Yes on motion to endorse Torklakson: Bornstein, Campos, Chiu, Daly, Goldstein, Haaland, Hsieh, Julian, Jung, Katz, Kelly, Mandelman, Mar, McGoldrick, Morrison, Nutter, Peskin, Smith, Sieck, Tuchow, Walker, Ma.

Leno abstained.

#### 6. Chair's Report

Peskin stated that in the interest of time he would defer his Chair's Report

#### 7. Treasurer's Report/Fundraising

Peskin stated that the DCCC accountant is busy filing Form 460s, therefore, there would be no Treasurer's Report. He noted the DCCC did well at the May 6 Unity Luncheon and thanked the Executive Director, Emily Lowe.

#### 8. Executive Director's report

Lowe reported about \$48,000 was raised and that after about \$14,000 in expenses, the DCCC made about \$35,000. She said 38 meals were comped because dessert was not served.

She also reported the DCCC canvass team was out on Harvey Milk Day and had close to 1,000 sign-ups. Michael; Bornstein handed out commemorative buttons to DCCC members that were left over from that day. People who signed up were given a button.

Peskin stated the minutes that were approved did not include the information and votes on the Slate Card RFP. There was no objection to amending the minutes to reflect the action that had taken place.

Walker thanked Bornstein for his Milk Day efforts.

Bornstein said there was also a big poster for people to sign and a plaque dedication.

## 9. Club Charters - Democracy Action letter (attached)

Peskin thanked Alec Bash for his tireless work on behalf of the Democratic Party and recognized DemocracyAction for their efforts in behalf of national and statewide democratic issues and candidates. He noted that DA sent a letter to the DCCC informing us that, having fulfilled their mission statement, disbanded the club recently. Alec and Catalina Ruiz Healy (former Presidents of DemocracyAction) addressed the DCCC and asked that the Party take a focused interest in statewide and national issues, noting that the Democratic Party could lose a lot in the mid-term elections and the future if we are not vigilant. They supplied handouts on important contested races and suggestions for a National Issues Program within the DCCC. Peskin stated this would be taken up with the DCCC that will be sworn in July 2010. Susan Pfeifer also spoke glowingly of the work Alec did for the 2008 election. She suggested the clubs help cover more territory. Alec also asked that Mary Jung and Melanie Nutter, both former members of DA, be recognized for their work and guidance in growing the club to success.

## 10. Resolutions

### a. Resolution Supporting Feingold/McGovern (Goldstein)

Michael Goldstein explained that local Democrats are supporting this. Associate member, Tom Gallagher, President of the Bernal Heights Democratic Club spoke on behalf of the resolution. Debra Walker and Gabriel Haaland also voiced their support. Matt Tuchow stated he supported the resolution, but was concerned the DCCC would be criticizing Senator Barbara Boxer during her difficult race, and Senator Dianne Feinstein and Leader Nancy Pelosi.

Tuchow made a motion that the resolution be amended and strike out the names of the electeds. Tom Hsieh seconded it.

A vote was taken with the following results: No 16, Yes 10. The motion failed.

No: Bornstein, Campos, Chiu, Daly, Goldstein, Haaland, Julian, Kelly, Mandelman, Mar, McGoldrick, Peskin, Sieck, Walker, Yee, Ammiano.

Yes: Hsieh, Jung, Katz, Morrison, Nutter, Smith, Tuchow, Wiener, Leno, Ma.

Goldstein moved that the resolution be passes as is; Walker seconded it.

A vote was taken with the following results: Yes 22, Abstain 4. The motion passed.

Yes: Bornstein, Campos, Chiu, Daly, Goldstein, Haaland, Hsieh, Julian, Katz, Kelly, Mandelman, Mar, McGoldrick, Morrison, Peskin, Sieck, Smith, Walker, Wiener, Yee,

Leno, Ammiano.

Abstain: Jung, Nutter, Tuchow, Ma.

b. Resolution Recognizing Authority to Opt-Out of “Secure Communities” Program (Haaland)

At 8:30 p.m., Jake McGoldrick left the meeting and gave his proxy to Melanie Nutter.

Haaland spoke in favor of the resolution. Halaand made a motion that the language be changed in the first "Resolved" so that the name "Attorney General Jerry Brown" be substituted with the words "State and Federal officials to opt out". The motion passed without objection

Joe Julian and Debra Walker asked that they be added as sponsors to the resolution. Heidi Sieck stated she would abstain from voting since she works for Homeland Security. Leslie suggested the title be changed.

The resolution was moved by Robert Haaland and seconded by Debra Walker. It was approved by acclamation as amended, with one abstention from Heidi Sieck

11. New Business

Hene Kelly made a motion that the DCCC sponsor the AA SFYD's event with a \$500 donation. This was seconded by Debra Walker. It passed by acclamation.

Chris Daly noted it was his last meeting and that he wished to suggest consideration oa a proposal to reapportion DCCC membership based on Democratic registration by Assembly District. He stated that there are a more democrats in the 13<sup>th</sup> Assembly District than the 12<sup>th</sup> Assembly District and that representation should be adjusted accordingly

12. Adjournment

Moved by Scott Wiener, Seconded by Jane Morrison, to adjourn the meeting at 8:51 p.m. This passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

By Recording Secretary Mary Jung