

**San Francisco Democratic County Central Committee**  
**DRAFT Minutes of SFDCCC General Meeting**  
**Wednesday, January 26, 2010 – 7:00 PM**  
**450 Golden Gate Avenue, San Francisco**

1. Roll Call was at 7:08 p.m.

Present: John Avalos, David Campos, Sandra Fewer, Michael Goldstein, Gabriel Haaland, Mary Jung, Hene Kelly, Rafael Mandelman, Eric Mar, Jane Morrison, Aaron Peskin, Eric Quezada, Alix Rosenthal, Arlo Hale Smith, Debra Walker, Scott Wiener, Dianne Feinstein (proxy George Broder), Jackie Speier (proxy Brian Perkins), Gavin Newsom (proxy John Shanley), Kamala Harris (proxy London Breed), Mark Leno (proxy Keith Baraka), Fiona Ma (proxy Jason Wong), Tom Ammiano (proxy Kim Shree-Maufas)  
Absent: Bill Fazio

Excused with Proxy: Milton Marks (proxy Hene Kelly)

Excused without Proxy: Melanie Nutter and Connie O'Connor

Arrived after the roll was called: David Chiu (7:34 p.m.), Tom Hsieh (7:14 p.m.), Leslie Katz (8:03 p.m.), Carole Migden (7:14 p.m.), Nancy Pelosi (7:25 p.m., proxy Dan Bernal), Leland Yee (7:45 p.m., proxy Lawrence Yee)

The meeting was called to order at 7:11 p.m. Chair Aaron Peskin reminded everyone that the DCCC meets on the 4th Wednesday of each month. He congratulated the winners of the local races (Mark Farrell, Carmen Chu, Jane Kim, Scott Wiener, and Malia Cohen) and the statewide races (Jerry Brown, Gavin Newsom, and Kamala Harris).

2. Approval of Agenda

Moved by Rafael Mandelman; seconded by Hene Kelly to amend the agenda to include a resolution on KUSF. Kelly responded that the issue is time sensitive.

Peskin stated that the resolution was discussed at the Issues Committee Meeting (ICM) at 6:30 p.m. and was recommended to the DCCC. He read a list of the members who were present by the time the ICM ended: Gabriel Haaland, Aaron Peskin, Jane Morrison, Rafael Mandelman, Hene Kelly, Keith Baraka, Mary Jung, John Avalos, Debra Walker, Alix Rosenthal, Sandra Fewer, Michael Goldstein, Eric Mar, Brian Perkins, and Jason Wong.

At 7:14 p.m., Tom Hsieh and Carole Migden arrived.

A vote was taken and the motion passed, with Michael Goldstein and Mark Leno abstaining. Peskin stated KUSF would become item 7a.

### 3. Approval of September 8, 2010, minutes

Arlo Hale Smith corrected the time he arrived and left the meeting. Moved by Hene Kelly; seconded by Debra Walker to approve the minutes as amended. The minutes, as amended, were approved without objection.

### 4. Presentation by Jim Stearns, Stearns Consulting, regarding November 2010 election

Jim Stearns of Stearns Consulting and Emily Lowe, Executive Director of the DCCC, gave a PowerPoint presentation regarding the November 2011 election, which included (1) Overview and goals, (2) DCCC efforts, and (3) Election results.

Stearns reported that the Chair and Slate Card Committee set a goal of forging partnerships in this election, building campaign infrastructure, and increase democratic participation. Lowe reported the DCCC partnered with the San Francisco Labor Council, the California Democratic Party, and other community organizations. The DCCC invested in infrastructure by purchasing 50 phones and headsets, 32 computers, and a predictive dialer system used for phone banking. There were 840 volunteers, covering 700 shifts. Of these, 160 signed up at the kick-off, 291 walked precincts, 19,463 voters were identified in the door-to-door efforts, and 5,175 people were registered as democrats.

Stearns reported 127,850 slate cards were mailed, with the following distribution: District 2 - 15,946, District 6 - 16,791, and District 8 - 24,543. There were over 100,000 Jerry Brown for Governor doorhangers walked with the San Francisco Labor Council.

San Francisco turn-out was the highest gubernatorial turn-out in 24 years at 61.02% – 284,625 voters, compared to 60.66 - 253,719 in 2006. Only the Bradley-Deukmejian race was higher at 61.39% in 1986. Turnout was high near Sutro Tower, Seacliff and Golden Gateway. The lowest turnout was in low-income neighborhoods in Districts 10, 11 and 6.

Dan Bernal, Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi's proxy, arrived at 7:25 p.m.

In District 2, Mark Farrell did well in Marina and Pacific Heights. Janet Reilly did well near Districts 3 and 5. In District 6, Jane Kim did well in SOMA, South Beach, and Civic Center. Debra Walker did well in the North Mission and Civic Center.

In District 10, Malia Cohen had votes as 1-2-3 in 34 precincts, with some concentration in Bayview Hunters Point. Lynette Sweet had votes as 1-2-3 in 37 precincts and her votes were more evenly distributed. Tony Kelly came in first in Potrero Hill, Malia Cohen and Lynette Sweet did well in Bayview Hunters Point, and Marlene Tran did well in Visitation Valley and had many first place votes, but no second or third votes. The same was true for Tony Kelly. Steve Moss' second place votes were from Potrero Hill and his third place votes were from Visitation Valley.

In regards to local measures, Proposition B (City government pensions and health care) started with a strong lead, but it evaporated by mid-October. No on B polled well in labor households in Districts 9, 10 and 11. Districts 1, 3, 4, and 8 were swing districts, and Districts 2, 6, and 7 were divided.

David Chiu arrived at 7:34 p.m.

Proposition J (Hotel Tax) was defeated by 10%. The No on J and K (both hotel tax measures) spent \$1 million. The Yes on K/No on K forces spent \$125,000.

Yes on N (Transfer Tax) won handily by a large margin. It only lost in West Portal and the northern area.

In the Statewide offices, Jerry Brown and Gavin Newsom won every precinct, except 3 of them. Kamala Harris lost 11 precincts. She did poorly in the West of Twin Peaks area and some District 2 areas. Harris' race truly shows how San Francisco provides the margin of victory in statewide races.

Mary Jung asked if the DCCC owns the equipment discussed earlier in the presentation. Stearns replied in the affirmative. Jung asked if the outreach plan described earlier went back to the June election. Stearns replied in the negative.

Gabriel Haaland commented on the new predictive dialing machines and opined it changed the experience of the phone bankers to a very positive one.

Jung asked Stearns if he was staying for the rest of the meeting. He said he was not. She asked for a copy of the presentation, stating she would use it to help her prepare the minutes and also attach it to the meeting minutes. Stearns agreed to provide this.

Lawrence Yee, State Senator Leland Yee's proxy, arrived at 7:45 p.m.

##### 5. Public Comment

Susan Pfeifer, Organizing for America (OFA), stated OFA was one of the community organizations and said the State of the Union Watch Party was great.

Mike Monagle, Alice B. Toklas LGBT Democratic Club (Alice) member, spoke about the negative campaigning against democrats in the November election, stating there has been no precedent for this at the DCCC to go negative against its own members and this violated the Policies and Procedures Manual. He said that even if the rules were not broken, Democrats should still not be attacking each other, and that rules are not sacred, but principles are. He quoted Party Chair John Burton – "We are best when we work together."

Clint Reilly thanked the DCCC for endorsing his wife, Janet Reilly for District 2 Supervisor. He reported there was a last minute attack against Reilly that cost \$250,000 and that most of the money came from Tom Coates, a Republican, who funded the 2008 Prop 98 ballot measure to repeal rent control by donating \$1 million. This measure was opposed by Republicans Pete Wilson and Arnold Schwarzenegger. Coates spent \$150,000 against Reilly, and violated numerous reporting laws and ethics codes. He said Coates lied by saying Reilly was endorsed by Chris Daly. The Reilly Campaign was prohibited from organizing an independent expenditure. The DCCC saw the injustice of the attack and

spoke out against it.

Reilly further stated that it was important for the DCCC to be truth tellers and commended and thanked the DCCC for speaking out. Mandelman asked if there was anything untrue in the DCCC mailer. Reilly replied 'no'.

Goldstein asked if anyone was able to identify the committee that was given the \$150,000. Reilly replied that press coverage was limited and most of the mailers had no disclaimers. He said Michela Alioto-Pier raised the \$250,000, claiming Reilly was endorsed by left-wing progressives like Daly. Reilly said he contributed to Daly in 2000 but it was the only time. He decried the "big lie" campaign against his wife and opined that she lost because of it. He noted that Rick Schlackman was a consultant to Tom Coates and Alioto-Pier.

Haaland noted that Schlackman produced negative attacks against Haaland in his 2004 Supervisorial campaign.

Mike Kim, President of San Francisco Young Democrats, said he was elected as a delegate from AD 13 and he speaking in this latter capacity. He stated he was disappointed in the way the mailers were sent out and supported the statements by the previous member of Alice. Carole Migden asked that public comment be moved and that it was a waste of time. She stated that she could have organized a lot of people to speak out, too. Kim continued his remarks and read from a prepared statement. While he was dismayed at the negative campaigning, he said he was hopeful by the heroism he has seen displayed, too.

Jason Fried asked the DCCC to support and pass the HANC resolution.

Mark Murphy, a registered democrat in District 8 since 1991, said he thought the DCCC needed to have an open and honest conversation as a group on how the was to be spent, when it was spent, and who made the decision. He asked that this information be shared with us (the audience, other Democrats) afterwards.

Jim Reilly, President of the City Democratic Club, stated he was upset with the negative campaign mailers against Democrats. Reilly said the DCCC needs to review what happened and pass a resolution to oppose this type of electioneering in the future.

Leslie Katz arrived at 8:03 p.m.

Zoe Dunning, resident of D-8, retired Navy, current Alice board member, and AD13 delegate, spoke out against the mailers. She said it was ok to endorse "your candidates", but we should not be attacking fellow democrats and that this violates the core principles of the DCCC.

David Waggoner, Harvey Milk LGBT Democratic Club (Milk) member, said he looked at the letter and e-mails and noted it also urged voters to vote for Rebecca Prozan, who Alice endorsed. He thought the tone of Alice's letter was over the top and that he didn't see anything false about the mailers. He opined the e-mails were educating voters on the stance

of certain issues of the candidates. He said he also agreed with Migden that this was a waste of time.

At 8:09 p.m., Scott Wiener gave his proxy to Reese Isbell and was excused from the meeting. Eric Mar gave his proxy to Sandra Fewer and was excused from the meeting. John Avalos gave his proxy to Peskin and was excused from the meeting. Migden gave her proxy to Haaland and was excused from the meeting.

Shirley Hansen spoke in support of the Civil Grand Jury and said they needed more volunteers. There are currently 19 volunteers who audit government. She referred to their pension reform report and said that the City pensions are unsustainable and we need to do something about them. They are taking money away from needed human services.

Jim Rhodes thanked the Issues Committee for their position on HANC. He reported HANC was started in 1960 by Sue Bierman. He took issue with the fact that public hearings were not held on this issue.

Ed Dunn said his parents started HANC and that the efforts to eliminate it are a smokescreen. He said HANC already has a community garden and they are the fiscal agent for the Garden of the Environment. He urged the DCCC to vote yes on the resolution.

Richard Hansen said his children cannot pay for his indebtedness and it is wrong for his grandkids to pay for our indiscretions. He fully supports Shirley Hansen and passed out an editorial from the San Francisco Examiner regarding the pension problem. He said the public pension system is difficult to understand and should be transparent.

Irwin Smirnoff of KUSF spoke in favor of the resolution and provided background information on the radio station and the sale. He asked the DCCC to help stop the sale and keep community radio alive.

Tammy Bryant spoke in favor of the resolution to stop the sale of KUSF.

Nate Albee, newly elected Co-President of the Milk Club congratulated the new Co-Chairs of Alice. He stated there is a smear campaign against progressives and in the spirit of moving forward, he told Alice he wanted to congratulate the new board members and expressed interest in working with them.

Max Siegel, Treasurer of the Milk Club, reported he saw Mrs. Thomas Coates in an elevator the Wednesday after the election and decided not to express his dissatisfaction over her husband's campaign expenditures. He used this as a point to explain that it is time to put the November elections behind us.

#### 6. Update Regarding Rechartering of Current Democratic Clubs and Chartering of New Democratic Clubs

Michael Goldstein reported he is in the process of rechartering the Democratic clubs. He sent e-mails to 29 current democratic clubs and 6 potential or reconstituted clubs. He wanted

to make sure the members who are affiliated with clubs have the necessary information. To be rechartered, clubs need the following: (1) By-laws. If there have been no changes, there is no need to send them in; (2) Application; (3) Roster with current contact information; (4) Current list of officers; and check for \$20. He reminded us that according to the DCCC by-laws, only chartered democratic clubs can use the name of the Democratic Party in San Francisco. He also asked clubs to let him know about any officer changes as soon as they occur so the web site can be updated.

7. Discussion/consideration of adopting Resolution supporting Haight-Ashbury Neighborhood Council Recycling Center

Peskin stated the Issues Committee suggested the addition of a paragraph to the resolution reading: "Therefore be it further resolved, that we forward this resolution to the Board of Supervisors and Interim Mayor." Peskin stated Eric Quezada and State Senator Mark Leno also asked to be added as co-sponsors to the resolution. Leslie Katz asked that her name be added as a co-sponsor, too.

Haaland reminisced about the first time he met Bierman and what an impression she made on him. He said that ten green jobs are at stake and that Safeway doesn't have a community garden or support recycling and education the way HANC does. He asked the DCCC to honor Bierman and suggested renaming the recycling center after her.

Debra Walker said she would be happy to add her name to the resolution.

Hene Kelly stated there is no reason to recycle when she has a blue container. She said a woman used to come and rummage through her blue bin looking for recyclables. She said she recycled as a source of income and didn't want to beg.

David Chiu stated he would support the resolution at the DCCC and noted he replaced Bierman in her DCCC seat after she passed away. He said he recently went on a recycling tour with Melanie Nutter, Director of the San Francisco Department on the Environment, and found out San Francisco has the largest diversion rates.

Goldstein said that very poor, but proud people used the facilities.

Jane Morrison spoke in favor of the resolution.

A vote was taken with the following results: (21 Yes; 2 No; 0 No Endorsement; 7 Abstain)

Yes: Avalos, Campos, Chiu, Fewer, Goldstein, Haaland, Katz, Kelly, Mandelman, Mar, Migden, Morrison, Peskin, Quezada, Rosenthal, Smith, Walker, Speier, Harris, Leno, Ammiano

No: Wiener, Newsom

Abstain: Hsieh, Jung, Marks, Feinstein, Pelosi, Yee, Ma

7a. Discussion/consideration of adopting Resolution recognizing the long and valuable public service of radio station KUSF and opposing the sale of KUSF's public license to broadcast on 90.3 FM

Peskin reported the Issues Committee recommended adding the word "respectfully" in the two "resolved" paragraphs: (1) before the word "requests" and (2) before the word "urges". Avalos, Kelly, Peskin, and Walker asked to add their names as co-sponsors to the resolution.

At 8:38 p.m., Eric Quezada gave his proxy to Rafael Mandelman and was excused from the meeting.

A vote was taken with the following results: (22 Yes; 0 No; 0 No Endorsement; 7 Abstain)

Yes: Avalos, Campos, Chiu, Fewer, Haaland, Hsieh, Jung, Katz, Kelly, Mandelman, Mar, Marks, Migden, Morrison, Peskin, Quezada, Rosenthal, Smith, Walker, Wiener, Speier, Ammiano

Abstain: Feinstein, Pelosi, Newsom, Harris, Yee, Leno, Ma

8. Discussion/consideration of Policies and Procedures Manual - slate card committee authorization of campaign materials

Peskin provided background about the electioneering efforts for the November 2010 election. He said most of the communications in question were in the form of e-mails into certain supervisorial districts as well as one piece of direct mail that went to District 2. He noted the independent expenditure (IE) against Reilly was the largest IE from one individual donor.

In describing the process, Peskin explained he sent out an e-mail invitation on August 18th inviting DCCC members to come to a Slate Card Committee (SCC) meeting on September 7th. Connie O'Connor was originally going to chair this committee. Only Hene Kelly and the Chair came to the meeting. The SCC has a long history of authorizing mail, such as under the leadership of Scott Wiener, Jane Morrison, and Leslie Katz. He said he welcomed discussion on how to make things more clear and how to deal with these types of issues.

Peskin continued that the DCCC spent approximately \$350,000 in the November campaign, and about \$340,000 went to positive slate mail and door hangers. This election had the highest voter turnout since the 80's and the Democratic Party is ahead of the curve on voter registration.

Leslie Katz said she was just at Judge Donna Hitchens retirement party and it was attended by prosecutors and public defenders, which shows we can disagree, but not be disagreeable. She said we learn something with each slate card. Issues come up, and as we move forward, we take a look. She said she also didn't want negative mail coming from the Party, and that perhaps guidelines were necessary. Words do matter and we should take a page from last night's State of the Union address and look for ways to move forward. She suggested forming a committee to develop new guidelines that will ensure the DCCC endorsements are not misrepresented. She closed by saying, "In honor of Donna, let's have a civil discussion."

Reese Isbell, proxy for Wiener and current Co-Chair of Alice, spoke about the Alice letter and negative campaigning, saying they come from the same place as Katz and wished to move forward to work together. He stated Alice has the utmost respect for Janet Reilly and they endorsed her. Isbell stated this discussion is not about the candidates, but about negative campaigning and the implication to democratic voters. He said the information was misleading and asked if this is the type of Party we want to be? Will we be truthful to our own voters? Will we be respectful to public commentaries? Isbell further pointed out that the members of this body will change and that it was important for us to promote our candidates, and when we attack them, we confuse the voters. He said Alice has been around for 40 years and they are coming to the DCCC not in anger, and not to destroy the DCCC, but to help us move forward in a positive way.

Mandelman thanked the DCCC for the many efforts on his behalf and he is proud of those efforts. He also wants to move on and appreciates Max Siegel's comments. It is important to reach out to the winners and losers. He found Alice's letter troubling and that it contained falsehoods. He stated the information in the e-mails were true. Mandelman does not think the DCCC should spend months on an investigation and perhaps we should be investigating why an anti-rent control person is spending \$200,000 to influence Democratic turnout. He did not think it would be useful to have a committee, that the DCCC has a Chair, and nothing went awry. The only problem he sees is with the special interest money (IE) and the untrue things said about Reilly. He thought the DCCC should be able to say we are being clobbered by Republican money.

Walker agreed with Mandelman and also wanted to thank the DCCC for our efforts on her behalf. She said the rules are vague about this and it is important to talk in the context of the Republican IE money and that it is the DCCC's job to let the voters know. There are a lot of people, such as Jane Kim, becoming Democrats just so they can get elected.

Haaland thanked Katz and said he agreed we are all doing our best and can disagree without being disagreeable. He thought a good faith conversation was necessary and that we should not berate each other.

London Breed agreed that the DCCC should move forward and develop procedures on how to do things for the next generation. She said she did not feel good seeing the mailers. She asked who demonstrates Democratic values and answered that Scott Wiener does. She said what happened in November was wrong and wanted no part of it.

George Broder said that many members of the DCCC did not know what transpired and that there was no mention or communication about voting for one Democrats over or instead of the other. He said the Senator feels the negative campaigning was wrong and should not have occurred. Broder said it was unfortunate Stearns left the meeting, he had questions for him. The issue is not the \$200,000 IE, but the response to it. The issue was not the "accuracy" of the information in the attacks, but that the attacks were made using DCCC funds. Broder rejected the Chair's argument that other members of the DCCC would have known about this had they attended the SCC meeting. Because the rules are squishy and

vague, the Chair and cohorts went ahead and did this. But since when do long-held practices, procedures and protocols need to be made clear?

Peskin replied that the amount Coates spent was unprecedented.

Keith Baraka said this is not about hurt feelings, but about principle. He stated there is no need to stoop to the level of these attacks. Even if the amount spent was only \$10,000, it was used to knock down other democrats. When the Party seems indecisive, people will leave it. This June, the DCCC will need the support of all Democrats. Baraka associated himself with Isbell's remarks.

Dan Bernal stated he is a resident of District 8 and said when he saw the e-mails, he called Peskin immediately to see if any of Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi's contributions went toward this. He was assured it wasn't. Dan further stated we can only be accountable for our own conduct. He said the e-mails referred to cuts in the Ryan White Care Act. Mandelman, Wiener, and Rebecca Prozan all fought the cuts and to claim that any of them wanted to cut funding is offensive. It made him sad to have to be asked if this was true.

Brian Perkins said he appreciated Bernal's comments and said he will be more attentive to slate card meetings in the future. He said we should be offering direction to voters. The language reviewed appeared to a misdirection.

Brian Leubitz, Region 4 Director of the CDP, said he was at the San Mateo DCCC last week. San Mateo elected a Republican and it was shocking. He said the DCCC needs to concentrate on our successes (more voter registration, higher turnout) and avoid these intra-party feuds.

Hene Kelly said she found this conversation difficult because she checked every fact on the documents in question. She suggested the Chair appoint a task force. She assured the members that nothing was done out of spite and didn't think the level of upsetness was fair.

Goldstein said all this is a result of the Democratic Party's success in San Francisco. He asked how many DCCC members run for office against each other? He agreed we need to look at our Policies and Procedures more closely.

Arlo Hale Smith made a motion that the DCCC appoint a committee and report back to the DCCC.

Peskin again suggested such a committee be created and suggested that it consist of himself and Katz.

Tom Hsieh seconded it.

Peskin reminded members that it is the Chair's prerogative to appoint committee members.

Hsieh said the DCCC brand is the gold standard of endorsements and it is important to protect it. Tough campaigns have a tendency to go negative at the end, especially if they think they might lose. The DCCC brand goes down when we go negative. He asked how the Policies and Procedures will protect us going forward and will the changes protect the brand? He opined that taking down the brand to win a campaign in reaction to negative money is not good.

David Chiu made a motion to appoint the committee. He said everyone in the room is troubled. He asked for specifics on the Policies and Procedures. Everyone agrees there should be a committee and the hope is that in the end, the process will be more transparent. There should be a higher threshold to do this in the future.

John Shanley stated the DCCC should not be using its funds to attack its own members. We should not use our resources to tear ourselves apart.

Baraka asked how the money was raised and used?

Mary Jung said in the June campaign for Democratic County Central Committee, she said she was walking precincts and her partner ran into a precinct walker carrying the California Nurses Association Slate card and when asked who was paying him, he replied he was paid by the Democratic Party. She asked the Chair if we were using our money to work against our own members?

Peskin replied that the DCCC cannot used to elect members to the DCCC and that 100% of each candidate for DCCC filings' are public information.

Isbell thanked everyone for having this discussion and allowing this to air out. He reiterated there is a lot of work to do ahead of us.

Peskin thanked Isbell for the constructive remarks. He said he and Katz will meet and if they come up with any changes, they will need a 2/3 vote to pass.

Perkins asked that their report be circulated as early as possible.

Peskin said they will go out ten days before the meeting at which they are ready.

Bernal and Broder questioned the process and thought it should be more deliberative.

Katz said they will meet and put a draft forward for discussion. She asked anyone who has suggestions to send them to Peskin.

Hsieh asked if there was a date attached to this? May? June? Peskin replied he thought this could all be wrapped up by the end of March.

#### 9. Chair's Report

Peskin said that starting in February, he would start inviting Mayoral and District Attorney

candidates to DCCC meetings each month. They will be allowed 20 minutes for Q&A and will be much better than trying to cram every candidate and ballot measure into a Saturday morning in August. Haaland and Morrison thought this was a great idea.

#### 10. Executive Director's Report

Lowé asked if anyone needed business cards. As she already presented under Item 4, she had nothing else to report.

#### 11. Treasurer's Report

Alix Rosenthal distributed the most recent Balance Sheet and Profit & Loss Statement. She also included a budget for 2011. She reported there is \$22,000 in the federal account and \$33,000 in the state account with some payments still outstanding. She said the 2011 budget was based on last years and does not include election work.

#### 12. Fundraising Report:

Fundraising Chair Melanie Nutter was not present but Peskin stated that she had gotten a \$2,500 check that was owed from the October fundraising dinner.

#### 13. Issues Report

There was no Issues Report.

#### 14. New Business

Peskin acknowledged that former Supervisor John Bardis was in the audience.

Broder distributed a copy of an article from Matier & Ross' November 15, 2010, column. He pointed out to the part of the column reported on the Hornblower Cruises/Vincent Atos issue. Mr. Atos filed a discrimination complaint stating Hornblower discriminated against him for being a "gay union organizer." Broder said that in April 2010, the DCCC passed a resolution to support Atos with a vote count of: 19 yes, 5 abstain, 1 no, and 1 abstention. He pointed out the issue was not sex discrimination or any type of discrimination, but the point was an allegation that was unproven at the time. He said it was premature for the DCCC to weigh in at that time. The article reports that the National Labor Relations Board dismissed his complaints and the City's Human Rights Commission said Atos was "terminated for inappropriate sexual conduct in the workplace." Broder asked that in the future, the DCCC respect due diligence and the rule of law.

Haaland stated he was not the author of the resolution, but knows that the union that represents Mr. Atos still supports him.

Haaland brought up the financial problems Lyon-Martin is having. He stated they are a model for health care and reminisced about how he got health care from them in the 1990 when he was uninsured. He said they are trying to raise money, otherwise, they might close by Thursday at 5 p.m. He stated he supports Lyon-Martin and Mr. Atos. Mandelman stated Lyon-Martin needs to raise \$250,000 in the next two weeks.

London Breed asked if the DCCC could host a workshop with the Region 4 Director to talk

about how the DCCC/CDP/DNC work? Brian Leubitz replied there will be a meeting before the CDP Convention regarding this. Breed asked him to reach out to young democrats.

Peskin announced the next DCCC meeting is on February 23rd.

Katz announced the CDP Internet and Information Technology Caucus has a special forum on February 5th and will send out information to the DCCC members. All are invited.

#### 15. Adjourn

Katz asked that the meeting be adjourned in honor of Gabrielle Gifford and the lost lives in Tucson.

Hene Kelly stated Milton Marks is out of the hospital and has stage 4 brain cancer. The operation was successful and he is taking phone calls.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:57 p.m.