

San Francisco Democratic County Central Committee
455 Golden Gate Avenue
Milton Marks Auditorium
Draft Minutes of February 23, 2011

1. Roll Call (7:07 p.m.)

Present: David Chiu, Bill Fazio, Sandra Fewer, Michael Goldstein, Gabriel Haaland, Mary Jung, Leslie Katz, Hene Kelly, Rafael Mandelman, Jane Morrison, Melanie Nutter, Connie O'Connor, Aaron Peskin, Eric Quezada, Alix Rosenthal, Arlo Hale Smith, Debra Walker, Scott Wiener, Jackie Speier (proxy Brian Perkins), Gavin Newsom (proxy Warren Hinkle), Kamala Harris (proxy Matthew Rothschild), Mark Leno (proxy Reese Isbell), Fiona Ma (proxy Jason Wong)

Absent: Nancy Pelosi, Leland Yee

Excused with Proxy: John Avalos (proxy Nate Miller), Milton Marks (proxy Hene Kelly)

Excused without Proxy: Eric Mar, Carole Migden, Dianne Feinstein,

Arrived after the roll was called: David Campos 7:15, Tom Ammiano (Kim Shree Maufas) 7:16, Tom Hsieh 7:19.

The meeting was called to order at 7:09 p.m. by Chair Aaron Peskin

2. Approval of Agenda

Moved by Debra Walker; seconded by Hene Kelly, to add a resolution written by Gabriel Haaland in support of the Wisconsin State employees. This passed without objection, thereby adding this as Item 6E to the agenda.

3. Approval of January 26, 2011 minutes

Peskin read a memo submitted by George Broder, proxy to U.S. Senator Dianne Feinstein regarding some changes to that portion of the minutes under Item 8. Michael Goldstein stated that under Item 2, his name is listed as an abstention on a vote. He asked that this be stricken from the record. Alix Rosenthal asked that the spelling of her name be corrected. Brian Larkin commented on the minutes. (no notes here on comments)

Moved by Rosenthal, seconded by Arlo Hale Smith, to pass the minutes as amended. This passed without objection.

David Campos arrived at 7:15 p.m., Kim Shree-Maufas arrived at 7:16 p.m., and Tom Hsieh arrived at 7:19 p.m. during discussion of Item 3.

4. Presentation by Mayoral Candidate Bevan Dufty

Peskin explained that the DCCC will be inviting two Democratic candidates to present and be available for Q&A from the DCCC at each meeting until endorsements are made. He is going by alphabetical order and availability.

Past Board of Supervisors member Bevan Dufty began his presentation at 7:18, remarking about the victory made towards gay marriage that day. He continued with his presentation until 7:31, and took questions until 7:42.

David Chiu was excused from the meeting at 7:40 and gave his proxy to Debra Walker.

4A. Presentation by District Attorney candidate David Onek

David Onek began his presentation at 7:43 and finished presenting at 7:59.

Bill Fazio was excused from the meeting at 7:59.

Onek took questions until 8:07 p.m.

5. Public Comment

Maxine Doogan, Erotic Service Providers, spoke in support of the resolution regarding the change to the U.S. HIV policy.

Ideem Preston, Park Merced Tenants Rights, spoke in support of the resolution calling for further study of Park Merced expansion.

Susan Pfeifer, Organizing for America, gave out Obama 2012 stickers, invited everyone to the SF for Democracy Meet-up on March 2, and thanked Congresswoman Jackie Speier for speaking out on women's reproductive rights in the House of Representatives recently.

Richard Hansen had Obama 2012 buttons and spoke in support of the pension reform.

Lynn Gavin, Parkmerced Action Coalition, spoke in favor of the Parkmerced resolution.

Peskin called out the names of three people who filled out speaker cards - Lora Traveler, Genevieve Calletto and James Sodeman. They were no longer available to make public comment.

6. Resolutions. Discussion/consideration of adopting:

A. Resolution supporting reappointment of Supervisor Ross Mirkarimi to California Coastal Commission (Peskin)

Moved by Kelly; seconded by Hale, to support this resolution. It was passed with a unanimous vote.

B. Resolution opposing elimination of Golden Gate Bridge toll takers (Smith)

Moved by David Campos; seconded by Jane Morrison, to support the resolution. It was passed without objection unanimously.

(After 8:30, Peskin announced that Ma voted 'no' on Item 6B.)

C. Resolution supporting change to U.S. HIV Policy (Smith)

Moved by Quezada; seconded by Kelly, to support the resolution.

Leslie Katz questioned the failure to separate out sex trafficking. Scott Wiener agreed with her. Michael Goldstein asked what changes she wanted in the language of the resolution. There was further discussion with Mandelman, Katz, Peskin, Rosenthal, Wiener, and Hale. Hale indicated he approved of Katz's changes to his resolution. The new last paragraph will read (inserted language will be in parentheses): Therefore, be it resolved, the San Francisco Democratic County Central Committee supports repeal of the Anti-Prostitution Pledge, (but not as it relates to sex trafficking,) and shall send letters to our elected officials - including House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi, Representative Jackie Speier, Senator Barbara Boxer, and Senator Dianne Feinstein - to advocate for removal of the Anti-Prostitution Pledge from the Global AIDS Act.

The motion as amended was passed without objection, with the following abstentions: Hsieh, Morrison, Speier, and Ma.

D. Resolution calling for further study of Parkmerced expansion (Smith)

Brian Perkins noted for the record that Speier does not vote on local land use issues.

David Campos stated, that as this matter will come before the Board of Supervisors, he planned to abstain from the vote.

At 8:20 p.m., Bill Fazio was excused from the meeting and he tendered his proxy to David Campos. Debra Walker said David Chiu will also abstain. Scott Wiener said he would also abstain.

The Chair called for a vote. All present voted 'aye', except the following: Hsieh, Newsom and Ma were opposed. Avalos, Harris, Mar, Chiu, Campos, Avalos and Jung abstained.

E. Resolution in support of the Wisconsin Workers, Public Employees, Collective Bargaining, and Unions

Moved by Goldstein; seconded by Harris, to support the resolution.

Kelly gave a speech supporting this resolution. Quezada thanked Haaland for bringing this forward. The chair called for a vote and the resolution passed with a unanimous

vote.

Peskin announced that Ma's vote on Item 6B is 'no.'

7. Rechartering of current democratic clubs/chartering of new clubs (Goldstein)

Peskin thanked Goldstein for his work on rechartering the clubs. Goldstein thanked the leaders of the democratic clubs, noting that some of them have been rechartering for 24 years. The following Clubs and their leadership came forward and addressed the DCCC:

S.F. Latino Democratic Club
District 3 Democratic Club
District 5 Democratic Club -
Sunset Community Democratic Club
San Francisco Young Democrats
African American Democratic Club
Harvey Matthews Bayview Democratic Club
Central City Democrats
Democratic Women in Action
Grassroots Democratic Club
Harvey Milk LGBT Democratic Club
City Democratic Club -
Alice B. Toklas LGBT Democratic Club
District 2 Democratic Club

Goldstein said it was a privilege to meet all the clubs and was honored to bring forward 24 clubs for rechartering:

African American Democratic Club
Alice B. Toklas LGBT Democratic Club
Asian Pacific Democratic Club
Bernal Heights Democratic Club
Central City Democrats
City Democratic Club
Democratic Women in Action
Democratic Women's Forum
District 3 Democratic Club
District 11 Democratic Club
Filipino American Democratic Club
Grassroots Democratic Club
Harvey Milk LGBT Democratic Club
Irish American Democratic Club
Joseph Kennedy Democratic Club
Noe Valley Democratic Club
Potrero Hill Democratic Club
Raoul Wallenberg Jewish Democratic Club

Richmond District Democratic Club
San Francisco Democratic Club
San Francisco Young Democrats
Sunset Community Democratic Club
Westside Chinese Democratic Club
Westside Democratic Club
12th AD Democratic Club

Moved by Goldstein; seconded by Kelly, to recharter all 24 clubs. The motion was approved unanimously.

Goldstein next brought forward four clubs that needed new charters. He explained that any club that had not chartered in two years was considered inactive, and that any club that was unchartered for four years was considered to no longer exist.

District 2 Democratic Club
District 5 Democratic Club
Harvey Matthews Bay View Democratic Club
Latino Democratic Club

Moved by Goldstein; seconded by Walker, to charter the four clubs. The motion passed unanimously.

Goldstein asked that clubs should remember to notify the DCCC whenever there is an officer change so that the web site can be kept up to date.

8. Discussion/consideration of Policies and Procedures Manual – slate card committee authorization of campaign materials (Katz/Peskin)

Peskin thanked Katz for working with him to develop language for the Policies and Procedures Manual (PPM). He passed out a half sheet of paper that had 2 Alternatives for the Committee to choose from - noting they were both the same, except in format. The change is supposed to be and the end of Section 7 of PPM. He said members should read it and be ready to vote on in at the March 23rd meeting.

9. Chair's Report

Mary Jung asked who the Chair who his appointees were to the State Central Committee. Peskin said he thought they were the same as the time before, but referred her to the DCCC Executive Director, Emily Lowe, for this information.

Warren Hinkle stated he just read the two alternatives in Item 8 and said they are not the same and asked if it needed to be voted on in its entirety. Peskin said a majority can amend it. He said there would be 20 days between this meeting and the noticing of the next meeting for comments to him and Katz should any remarks need incorporating into the language.

10. Executive Director's Report

no report.

11. Treasurer's Report

Rosenthal bank presented the financial reports..

12. Fundraising Report:

no report.

13. Issues Report

no Issues Report.

14. New Business

Hinkle stated the by-laws should be changed to increase the percentage of votes needed to endorse candidates and ballot measures. He said the rule currently stands at 50% +1, but that the CDP is at 60% + 1.

15. Adjourn

Katz asked that the meeting be adjourned in honor of Carolene Marks.

At the request of Mary Jung Chair Peskin adjourned the meeting in honor of Carolene Marks at 9:10 p.m.