

**San Francisco Democratic County Central Committee**  
**Wednesday, August 17, 2011**  
**Minutes of Endorsement Meeting**

1. Roll Call

Roll Call started at 6:03 p.m.

Present: John Avalos, David Chiu, Bill Fazio, Sandra Fewer, Gabriel Haaland, Tom Hsieh, Mary Jung, Leslie Katz, Hene Kelly, Rafael Mandelman, Eric Mar, Carole Migden, Jane Morrison, Melanie Nutter, Connie O'Connor, Aaron Peskin, Alix Rosenthal, Arlo Hale Smith, Debra Walker, Scott Wiener, Dianne Feinstein (proxy Mary Jung), Jackie Speier (proxy Margo Rosen), Kamala Harris (proxy Matthew Rothschild), Leland Yee (proxy Jordan Curley), Mark Leno (proxy Reese Isbell), Fiona Ma (proxy Bob Twomey), and Tom Ammiano (proxy Kim Shree-Maufas)

Excused with Proxy: David Campos (proxy Rafael Mandelman), Michael Goldstein (proxy Debra Walker), Milton Marks (proxy Hene Kelly), Eric Quezada (proxy Wendy Phillips)

Excused without Proxy: Nancy Pelosi

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m.

Arlo Hale Smith raised a question regarding the voting eligibility of certain SFDCCC members. He cited Article 4, Section 6, which states that members cannot proxy more than five times, after which they must be present in order to vote. Chairman Aaron Peskin stated there are extenuating circumstances. He also stated the Milton Marks is on his way.

2. Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved without objection.

3. Approval of July 27<sup>th</sup>, 2011, minutes

There were no minutes to approve.

Milton Marks arrived. (My notes don't show when he arrived, but I think he was here for all the votes.)

4. Endorsements

4a. Mayor

The voting started with the Mayor's race, followed by the District Attorney's and Sheriff's races. The choices are: Candidate name, no endorsement, abstain, or pass. If a member chooses to pass, they must register a vote at the first opportunity after roll call.

Mary Jung stated she would be casting the proxy votes for Senator Dianne Feinstein and made it clear – for the record – that these votes cast on Feinstein's behalf do not indicate endorsement of any candidate or ballot measure.

Column 4A. Mayor – Ranking No. 1, Round 1. A candidate needed 15 votes to win Ranking No. 1. Because no candidate reached 15, the candidate with the least amount of votes (Yee) was dropped for Round 2. See Column 4B.

Column 4B. Mayor – Ranking No. 1, Round 2. Supervisor John Avalos received 15 votes, thereby winning the No. 1 Ranking from the SFDCCC.

Column 4C. Mayor – Ranking No. 2, Round 1. A candidate needed 14 votes to win Ranking No. 2. Because no candidate reached 14, the candidate with the least amount of votes (Dufty) was dropped for Round 2. See Column 4D.

4A.	4B.	4C.
Name		
Rank 1, Rd 1		
Rank 1, Round 2		
Rank 2, Rd 1		
John Avalos	Avalos	Avalos
David Campos	Avalos	Avalos
David Chiu	Chiu	Chiu
Bill Fazio	Herrera	Herrera
Sandra Fewer	Avalos	Avalos
Sandra Fewer	Chiu	Michael Goldstein
Michael Goldstein	Avalos	Avalos
Michael Goldstein	Herrera	Gabriel Haaland
Gabriel Haaland	Avalos	Avalos
Tom Hsieh	No End	No End
Tom Hsieh	No End	Tom Hsieh
No End	Mary Jung	Lee
Mary Jung	Lee	Lee
Leslie Katz	Dufty	Dufty
Leslie Katz	Dufty	Hene Kelly
Hene Kelly	Herrera	Avalos
Hene Kelly	Rafael Mandelman	Avalos
Rafael Mandelman	Avalos	Avalos
Rafael Mandelman	Herrera	Eric Mar
Eric Mar	Chiu	Avalos
Eric Mar	Abstain	Milton Marks
Milton Marks	Avalos	Avalos
Milton Marks	Abstain	Carole Migden
Carole Migden	Avalos	Avalos
Carole Migden	Herrera	Jane Morrison
Jane Morrison	Herrera	Herrera
Jane Morrison	Herrera	Melanie Nutter
Melanie Nutter	Abstain	Abstain
Abstain	Abstain	Melanie Nutter
Melanie Nutter	No End	Connie O'Connor
Connie O'Connor	Herrera	Herrera
Connie O'Connor	Herrera	Aaron Peskin
Aaron Peskin	Avalos	Avalos
Aaron Peskin	Avalos	Aaron Peskin
Aaron Peskin	Eric Quezada	Avalos
Eric Quezada	Avalos	Avalos
Eric Quezada	Herrera	Alix Rosenthal
Alix Rosenthal	Chiu	Avalos
Alix Rosenthal	Chiu	Arlo Hale
Arlo Hale	Smith	Chiu
Arlo Hale	Smith	Chiu
Chiu	Debra Walker	Herrera
Debra Walker	Herrera	Herrera
Debra Walker	Herrera	Debra Walker
Debra Walker	Scott Wiener	Herrera
Scott Wiener	Herrera	Herrera
Scott Wiener	Herrera	Dianne Feinstein
Dianne Feinstein	Lee	Lee
Dianne Feinstein	Lee	Dianne Feinstein
Dianne Feinstein	Nancy Pelosi	Absent
Nancy Pelosi	Absent	Absent
Absent	Nancy Pelosi	Absent
Absent	Jackie Speier	Abstain
Jackie Speier	Abstain	Abstain
Abstain	Abstain	Jackie Speier
Jackie Speier	Abstain	Kamala Harris
Kamala Harris	Abstain	Abstain
Abstain	Abstain	Kamala Harris
Kamala Harris	Abstain	Leland Yee
Leland Yee	Yee	No End
Leland Yee	Yee	Leland Yee
Leland Yee	Yee	Mark Leno
Mark Leno	No End	No End
No End	Mark Leno	No End
No End	Fiona Ma	Dufty
Fiona Ma	Dufty	Dufty
Dufty	Fiona Ma	Yee
Fiona Ma	Yee	Tom Ammiano
Tom Ammiano	Avalos	Avalos
Avalos	Avalos	Tom Ammiano
Tom Ammiano	Herrera	Totals
Totals	11 Avalos	<b>15 Avalos</b>
<b>15 Avalos</b>	Totals	13 Herrera
13 Herrera	Need 15 to win	6 Herrera
6 Herrera	Need 14 to win	4 Chiu
4 Chiu	(4 absent/abstain)	4 Chiu
4 Chiu	(4 absent/abstain)	2 Dufty
2 Dufty	(6 absent/abstain)	3 Yee
3 Yee	2 Dufty	2 Lee
2 Dufty	2 Lee	2 Lee
2 Lee	1 Chiu	1 Dufty
1 Chiu	2 No End	4 No End
2 No End	4 No End	3 No End
4 No End	3 No End	1 Yee

Column 4D. Mayor – Ranking No. 2, Round 2. During Round 2, no candidate received 14 votes to win Ranking No. 2. Another round of voting followed.

Column 4E. Mayor – Ranking No. 2, Round 3. During the beginning of this round, no candidate received the 14 votes needed to win. Leslie Katz and Jackie Speier’s proxy changed their votes from “No Endorsement” to “Abstain”. In doing so, the threshold was lowered to 13, thereby allowing City Attorney Dennis Herrera the No. 2 ranking endorsement from the SFDCCC. See Column 4F.

Column 4G. Mayor – Ranking No. 3, Round 1. A candidate needed 14 votes to win Ranking No. 3. Because No Endorsement received 14 votes, the SFDCCC will only endorse two candidates for Mayor.

4D.	4E.	4F.	4G.
Name			
Rk 2, Rd 2			
Rk 2, Rd 3			
Rk 2, Rd 3 (cont)			
Name			
Rk 3, Rd 1			
Avalos			

HerreraHerreraHerreraAvalosNo EndCampos  
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 No EndNo EndNo EndChiuChiuFazio  
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 No EndNo EndNo EndFewerChiuGoldstein  
 HerreraHerreraHerreraGoldsteinYeeHaaland  
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 No EndNo EndNo EndHsiehNo EndJung  
 No EndNo EndNo EndJungNo EndKatz  
 No EndNo EndKatz**Abstain**KatzLeeKelly  
 HerreraHerreraHerreraKellyYeeMandelman  
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 AbstainAbstainAbstainMarYeeMarks  
 No EndNo EndNo EndMarksNo EndMigden  
 HerreraHerreraHerreraMigdenNo EndMorrison  
 HerreraHerreraHerreraMorrisonNo EndNutter  
 AbstainAbstainAbstainNutterAbstainO'Connor  
 HerreraHerreraHerreraO'ConnorNo EndPeskin  
 HerreraHerreraHerreraPeskinNo EndQuezada  
 HerreraHerreraHerreraQuezadaNo EndRosenthal  
 No EndNo EndNo EndRosenthalNo EndHale Smith  
 No EndPass/AbsAbstainHale SmithChiuWalker  
 HerreraHerreraHerreraWalkerYeeWiener  
 HerreraHerreraHerreraWienerNo EndFeinstein  
 No EndNo EndNo EndFeinsteinNo EndPelosi  
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 13 HerreraTotals  
**13 Herrera**Totals8 YeeNd 14 to win  
 12 No End  
 13 No EndNd 13 to win11 No EndNd 14 to win3 Chiu(6 a/a)  
 1 Yee(8 a/a)(6 a/a)1 Lee  
**14 No End**

4b. District Attorney

The SFDCCC next voted on endorsements for District Attorney.

Column 4H. District Attorney – Ranking No. 1, Round 1. A candidate needed 15 votes to win Ranking No. 1. Because no candidate reached 15, the candidate with the least amount of votes (Fazio) was dropped for Round 2.

See Column 4I. David Onek received 15 votes, thereby winning the No. 1 Ranking from the SFDCCC.

4H.  
Name

4I.

Ranking No. 1, Round 1 Ranking No. 1, Round 2 John Avalos Onek Onek David Campos Abstain Abstain David Chiu Onek Onek Bill Fazio Fazio No End Sandra Fewer Onek Onek Michael Goldstein Bock Onek Gabriel Haaland Onek Onek Tom Hsieh No End No End Mary Jung Bock Bock Leslie Katz Bock Bock Hene Kelly Onek Onek Rafael Mandelman Onek Onek Eric Mar Onek Onek Milton Marks Onek Onek Carole Migden Bock Bock Jane Morrison Onek Onek Melanie Nutter Bock Bock Connie O'Connor Bock Bock Aaron Peskin Onek Onek Eric Quezada Onek Onek Alix Rosenthal Bock Onek Arlo Hale Smith No End Bock Debra Walker Onek Onek Scott Wiener Gascon Gascon Dianne Feinstein Gascon Gascon Nancy Pelosi Absent Absent Jackie Speier Bock Bock Kamala Harris Gascon Gascon Leland Yee Abstain Abstain Mark Leno No End No End Fiona Ma Bock Bock Tom Ammiano Onek Onek Totals 13 Onek **15 Onek** Need 15 to win 9 Bock 8 Bock (3 absent/abstain) 3 Gascon 3 Gascon 1 Fazio 3 No End 3 No End

Column 4J. District Attorney – Ranking No. 2, Round 1. A candidate needed 15 votes to win Ranking No. 2. Sharmin Bock initially received 20 votes. After the two “passes” votes, her total received was 22 votes, thereby winning the No. 2 Ranking endorsement from the DCCC.

Column 4K. District Attorney – Ranking No. 3, Round 1. A candidate needed 15 votes to win Ranking No. 3. Because No Endorsement received 23 votes, the SF DCCC will only endorse two candidates for District Attorney.

<p>4J Name Rank 2, Round 1 After Pass Rank 3, Rd 1 John Avalos Bock No End David Campos Abstain Abstain David Chiu Bock No End Bill Fazio No End No End Sandra Fewer Bock No End Michael Goldstein Bock No End Gabriel Haaland Pass Bock No End Tom Hsieh No End No End Mary Jung Bock No End Leslie Katz Bock No End Hene Kelly Bock No End Rafael Mandelman Bock No End Eric Mar Bock No End Milton Marks Bock No End Carole Migden Bock No End Jane Morrison Pass Bock No End Melanie Nutter Bock Gascon Connie O'Connor Bock No End Aaron Peskin Bock No End Eric Quezada Bock No End Alix Rosenthal Bock No End Arlo Hale Smith Bock Gascon Debra Walker Bock No End Scott Wiener Gascon Gascon Dianne Feinstein Gascon Gascon Nancy Pelosi Absent Absent Jackie Speier Bock Abstain Kamala Harris Gascon Gascon Leland Yee Abstain Abstain Mark Leno No End No End Fiona Ma Bock No End Tom Ammiano No End No End Totals 20 Bock <b>22 Bock</b> <b>23 No End</b> Need 15 to win 3 Gascon 3 Gascon Need 15 to win 5 Gascon (3 absent/abstain) 4 No End 4 No End (4 absent/abstain)</p>	<p>4K</p>
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4c. Sheriff

The SF DCCC next voted on endorsements for Sheriff.

Leslie Katz reported one of the candidates for Sheriff did not have all their paperwork in order by the 5 p.m. filing deadline. She suggested putting off the Sheriff endorsement until a later meeting. Peskin replied that the DCCC should vote, and should a candidate we endorse not be able to run, the DCCC will reconsider the vote at the following meeting.

At 6:55 p.m., John Avalos asked to be excused and turned his proxy in. Smith stated Avalos had reached the limit on proxy voting for this term. Peskin replied that Avalos would stay, but also noted that the by-laws also have very specific rules about members not having more than three absences and that the Chair has discretion on removing members who are not meeting the attendance requirements in order to be a member in good standing.

Carole Migden was excused at 6:45 p.m. She had already tendered her proxy to Peskin.

Column 4L. Sheriff – Ranking No. 1, Round 1. A candidate needed 16 votes to win Ranking No. 1. Board

of Supervisors Member Ross Mirkirimi received 21 votes, thereby winning the No. 1 Ranking from the SFDCCC.

Column 4M. Sheriff – Ranking No. 2, Round 1. A candidate needed 16 votes to win Ranking No. 2. Because No Endorsement received 18 votes, the SFDCCC will only endorse one candidate for Sheriff.

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4M

Rank 1, Round 1 Rank 2, Round 1 After Pass John Avalos Mirkirimi No End David Campos Mirkirimi No End David Chiu Mirkirimi No End Bill Fazio Cunnie Cunnie Sandra Fewer Mirkirimi Pass Miyamoto Michael Goldstein Mirkirimi No End Gabriel Haaland Mirkirimi No End Tom Hsieh No End No End Mary Jung Miyamoto Miyamoto Leslie Katz Mirkirimi Cunnie Hene Kelly Mirkirimi Cunnie Rafael Mandelman Mirkirimi No End Eric Mar Mirkirimi No End Milton Marks Mirkirimi No End Carole Migden Mirkirimi Miyamoto Jane Morrison Mirkirimi No End Melanie Nutter Mirkirimi No End Connie O'Connor Miyamoto Miyamoto Aaron Peskin Mirkirimi Miyamoto Eric Quezada Mirkirimi No End Alix Rosenthal Mirkirimi No End Arlo Hale Smith No End Cunnie Debra Walker Mirkirimi No End Scott Wiener Cunnie Cunnie Dianne Feinstein No End No End Nancy Pelosi Absent Absent Jackie Speier Abstain Abstain Kamala Harris Cunnie Cunnie Leland Yee No End No End Mark Leno Mirkirimi No End Fiona Ma Mirkirimi Cunnie Tom Ammiano Mirkirimi No End Totals

**21 Mirkirimi**

7 Cunnie 7 Cunnie Need 16 to win 3 Cunnie 4 Miyamoto 5 Miyamoto (2 absent/abstain) 2 Miyamoto 18 No End **18 No End** 4 No End

4d. Local Propositions

The SFDCCC next voted on local propositions A-H.

Proposition A – School Bonds. Moved by David Chiu to endorse this measure by acclamation, seconded by Katz. All members present voted “yes” except the following: Smith voted “no endorsement” and Feinstein and Speier both abstained. Measure A was endorsed by the DCCC.

A roll call vote was taken on Proposition B – Road Repaving and Street Safety Bonds (see chart below).

Proposition C – City Pension and Health Care Benefits. Moved by Chiu to endorse this measure by acclamation, seconded by Melanie Nutter. It passed unanimously 31-0.

Roll was called for the remainder of the propositions (see chart below).

Proposition D – City Pension Benefits

Proposition E – Amending or Repealing Legislative Initiative Ordinances and Declarations of Policy

Proposition F – Campaign Consultant Ordinance

Proposition G – Sales Tax

Proposition H – School District Student Assignment

Proposition B D E F G H John Avalos Yes No No No Yes No David Campos Yes No No No Yes No David Chiu Yes No No End Yes Yes No Bill Fazio Yes No No End No End Abstain Abstain Sandra Fewer Yes No No No Yes No Michael

Goldstein Yes No No No Yes No Gabriel Haaland Yes No No No Yes No Tom Hsieh Yes No No  
 End Abstain Yes Yes Mary Jung Yes No No End Yes Yes Abstain Leslie Katz Yes No No End No Pass/Yes No Hene  
 Kelly Yes No Pass/No No Yes No Rafael Mandelman Yes No No No Yes No Eric Mar Yes No No No Abstain No Milton  
 Marks Yes No No No Yes Pass/Yes Carole Migden No No No No Yes Absent Jane  
 Morrison Yes No No No Yes No Melanie Nutter Yes No No End No Yes No Connie O'Connor Yes No No  
 End No Yes No Aaron Peskin No No No No Yes No Eric Quezada No No No No Yes No Alix Rosenthal Yes No No  
 End No Yes No Arlo Hale Smith No Yes No End No No Yes Debra Walker Yes No No No Yes No Scott  
 Wiener Yes No No End Yes Yes No Dianne Feinstein Yes Abstain No End Yes Yes Abstain Nancy  
 Pelosi Absent Absent Absent Absent Absent Absent Jackie Speier Abstain Abstain No End No  
 End Abstain Absent Kamala Harris Yes No No End Yes Yes No Leland Yee Yes No No No Yes No Mark  
 Leno Yes No No End Yes Yes No Fiona Ma Yes No No End Yes Yes No Tom Ammiano Yes No No No Yes No Totals  
**26 Yes 28 No 16 No 21 No 27 Yes 23 No 4 No 1 Yes 15 Yes 7 Yes 1 No 3 Yes 2 No End**

5. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

6. Reports

6A. Chair's Report (Peskin)

There was no report.

6B. Executive Director's Report (Lowe)

Lowe reported that the DCCC's recent voter registration drive netted 3,186 Democrats.

6C. Treasurer's Report (Rosenthal)

There was no report.

6D. Fundraising Report (Nutter)

There was no report.

7. New Business.

There was no new business.

9. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:13 p.m.