

# San Francisco Democratic County Central Committee

Draft Minutes

Wednesday, July 25, 2012

7 p.m.

State Building – Milton Marks Auditorium  
455 Golden Gate Avenue, SF 94103

1. Call to order at 7:11 p.m. by past 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair Rafael Mandelman

CDP State Party Chairman John Burton administered the Oath of Office at 7:13 p.m.

2. Roll Call by past Recording Secretary Mary Jung, and Pledge of Allegiance

Present: Kat Anderson, John Avalos, David Campos, Malia Cohen, Petra DeJesus, Matt Dorsey, Zoe Dunning, Kelly Dwyer, Bill Fazio, Tom Hsieh, Mary Jung, Leslie Katz, Hene Kelly, Meagan Levitan, Rafael Mandelman, Eric Mar, Trevor McNeil, Carole Migden, Leah Pimentel, Alix Rosenthal, Arlo Hale Smith, Scott Wiener, U.S. Senator Dianne Feinstein (proxy George Broder), Congresswoman Nancy Pelosi (proxy Catherine Dodd), Congresswoman Jackie Speier (proxy Brian Perkins), Attorney General Kamala Harris (proxy London Breed), State Senator Leland Yee (proxy John Rizzo), State Senator Mark Leno (proxy Keith Baraka), Assemblywoman Fiona Ma (proxy Jason Wong)

Proxy: David Chiu (proxy Alix Rosenthal), Bevan Dufty (proxy Mary Jung)

Absent: Assemblyman Tom Ammiano

The proxies for Chiu and Dufty presented notarized copies of the Oath of Office taken by the two members.

3. Elections of Temporary Chair and Temporary Recording Secretary

Tom Hsieh nominated Leslie Katz for Temporary Chair. Approved by acclamation.

Mandelman passes the gavel to Katz.

Hsieh nominated Kat Anderson for Temporary Recording Secretary. Approved by acclamation.

4. Adoption of Temporary Rules

Motion made by Arlo Hale Smith to amend by-laws to accept proportionality in the number of Vice Chair seats so that there is at least one Vice Chair per assembly district; seconded by Mandelman.

Matthew Rothschild called the question. Carole Migden moved for acclamation. Approved by acclamation.

5. Approval of Agenda

Mandelman moved to add new resolution regarding City College to the agenda; seconded by Katz. Approved by acclamation.

## 6. Public Comment

Migden moved to elect the Chair first; seconded by Hsieh.

Scott Wiener and Catherine Dodd respectfully disagreed. Migden withdrew her motion.

Brian Webster, District 6 Democratic Club, announced August 21 fundraiser at Yoshi's to help pay travel expenses for SF delegates going to the Democratic National Convention in North Carolina.

Alex Bash, former President of DemocracyAction, encouraged voter registration and red county work.

Jane Morrison, past SFDCCC Chair, encouraged voter registration and using the CDP bounty program.

Jennifer Longley, President of California Young Democrats, discussed statewide issues – Yes on 30, No on 32.

Migden was excused at 7:30 p.m.

Mike Petrelis, Gays Without Borders, spoke about the tragedy in Colorado and opined the rainbow flag in the Castro should be lowered.

Susan Pfeifer, Obama for America, introduced the delegates to the Democratic National Convention and provided information on Dashboard, an easy-to-use tool for volunteering for Obama.

George Shieman requested a resolution about Ross Mirkarimi.

Public comment closed.

## 7. Election of Chair

Moved by Wiener, seconded by Meagan Levitan to nominate Jung for Chair. Approved by acclamation.

## 8. Election of Vice Chairs

Jung thanked the members for their support and suggested a list of members to serve in specific officer positions, representing various activities and duties performed by the Party:

1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair – Finance – Zoe Dunning  
2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair – Issues & Endorsements – Alix Rosenthal  
3<sup>rd</sup> Vice Chair – Voter Registration – Trevor McNeil  
4<sup>th</sup> Vice Chair – Club Chartering & Development – Leah Pimentel  
Corresponding Secretary – Matt Dorsey  
Recording Secretary – Kat Anderson  
Treasurer – Tom Hsieh

Rothschild moved to approve the list by acclamation.

David Campos asked that consideration be given to Latinos for leadership positions.

Petra DeJesus associated herself with Campos' comments and stated she thought there would be discussion about the officer positions at the meeting.

The vote was taken and the list was approved, with one dissenting vote by DeJesus.

Dodd, Congresswoman Pelosi's proxy, presented a \$5,000 check to the SFDCCC to signify her confidence in the DCCC's new leadership. A challenge was made to the other ex-officios to follow this lead.

Jung acknowledged the concerns of members Campos and DeJesus. She announced monthly Executive Board meetings could be attended in person or by teleconference in the future once regular meetings are scheduled.

9. Election of Recording Secretary

(see above)

10. Election of Treasurer

(see above)

11. Election of Corresponding Secretary

(see above)

12. Chair Committee Appointments

Jung appointed Smith to the position of Parliamentarian.

In regard to positions on the CDP Executive Board, Jung said she would wait until the CDP advises the DCCC on the number of seats allowed for the upcoming term.

Because the DCCC now has six members of the Board of Supervisors on the DCCC (BOS quorum), Jung appointed members David Chiu and Matt Dorsey to a By-laws Committee to amend the by-laws to accommodate the Brown Act, Sunshine Ordinance, and other CCSF needs. She appointed Smith to chair the committee. Member Hene Kelly volunteered to serve on the committee.

Mandelman was appointed to chair the State Card Bidding Subcommittee for the November 2012 election. Jung explained that the Policies & Procedures (4.2) stipulate the DCCC Chair and Treasurer also serve on the committee, and asked for volunteers to serve on it, too. Member Kelly volunteered to serve on the committee.

13. Approval of Minutes of May 23, 2012, DCCC meeting

Moved by \_\_\_\_ to approve the minutes, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_. Approved by acclamation.

Malia Cohen and Eric Mar were excused at 8 p.m. Mar gave his proxy to Trevor McNeil.

Smith and Campos engaged in a discussion about the legal argument on how the Brown Act and Sunshine Ordinance applied regarding proxies. There was agreement that the approach should be judicious, should be overly cautious, and err on the side of more disclosure – not less.

#### 14. Resolutions

##### A. Resolution in support of AB 1648 (Mandelman/Eisen)

Joni Eisen, President of the Potrero Hill Democratic Club, presented on the resolution.

Moved by Smith to approve the resolution; seconded by Leah Pimentel. The motion passed by acclamation, with the following ex-officios abstaining: Feinstein, Speier, Harris, Leno

##### B. Resolution in support of City College (Mandelman)

Mandelman amended the resolution to delete the following from the last paragraph: including supporting the parcel tax that has been placed on the November 2012 ballot.”

Moved by \_\_\_ to approve the resolution as amended; seconded by \_\_\_\_. The motion passed by acclamation with the following ex-officios abstaining: Feinstein, Speier, Leno.

#### 15. New Business

Endorsement Interviews will be held Saturday, August 11, at Laborers Local 261, at 3271 18<sup>th</sup> Street. Local 261 Business Manager Ramon Hernandez was thanked for loaning the DCCC the space. Alix Rosenthal and Anderson will organize the questionnaires and interviews associated with this meeting.

Endorsement vote will be on Wednesday, August 15, at the State Building.

Resolutions Committee will meet before most regular meetings at 6:15 p.m. provided resolutions were submitted with proper noticing.

DCCC Member Contact List – Jung asked members to make corrections to the draft list and noted the Policies & Procedures (11.5) state that DCCC member contact information can be given to campaigns that request it. Any information what should be kept private should be taken off the list.

Jung invited members, the audience, and other guests to Maestro Restaurant at 555 Golden Gate Avenue at the conclusion of the meeting.

Katz recognized several former Chairs of the DCCC who were also in the audience.

Endorsement meeting notices will be posted on the website.

Dodd asked that the minutes reflect when members leave.

Mandelman stated he has become aware that a number of people have had to appear before the Ethics Commission related to the Mirkarimi case and had to incur unexpected legal fees. He hoped to have a fundraiser to assist them with their fees and asked DCCC members to contact him if they would like to help or contribute. Proxy George Broder sought clarification whether Mandelman was speaking as an individual or DCCC member. Mandelman responded as a member of the DCCC.

#### 16. Adjournment

Katz moved that the meeting be adjourned in memory of the victims of the Aurora, Colorado shooting. The meeting was adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted by  
Kat Anderson  
Recording Secretary*

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