

San Francisco Democratic County Central Committee

455 Golden Gate Avenue
San Francisco, California
Milton Marks Auditorium
Wednesday, February 25, 2015
7:00 p.m.

Regular Meeting Minutes

1. Call to Order and Roll Call at 7:04 pm

Chair: Mary Jung. Members: Kat Anderson, Joshua Arce, Malia Cohen (7:09 pm), Petra DeJesus (7:07 pm), Matt Dorsey, Zoe Dunning, Kelly Dwyer, Bill Fazio, Tom Hsieh, Hene Kelly (7:08 pm), Rafael Mandelman, Trevor McNeil, Leah Pimentel (7:15 pm), Rebecca Prozan, Arlo Hale Smith, Francis Tsang, and Scott Wiener (7:51 pm). Ex-Officio Members: U.S. Senator Dianne Feinstein (proxy George Broder); U.S. House Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi (proxy Dan Bernal); Attorney General Kamala Harris (proxy Matthew Rothschild); Board of Equalization Member Fiona Ma (proxy Cally Wong); State Senator Mark Leno (proxy Keith Baraka); Assemblymember Phil Ting (proxy Jason Wong) (7:16 pm); and Assemblymember David Chiu (proxy Jen Kwart).

Absent with proxy: David Campos (Tom Temprano).

Absent excused: Bevan Dufty, Alix Rosenthal; Ex-Officio Member: U.S. Rep. Jackie Speier.

Absent: Meagan Levitan, Eric Mar, Carole Migden, and Alix Rosenthal.

2. Approval of Meeting Agenda

(Dorsey/Smith) Approved by acclamation.

3. Approval of Meeting Minutes

(Kelly/Hsieh) DCCC's Regular Meeting Minutes of January 28, 2015 approved by acclamation. Broder commented that the Senior Senator did support the amendments to the AirBnB resolution.

4. Public Comment

Jim Wachob, president of the Irish American Democratic Club, invited all to annual St. Patrick's Day event on March 12 from 6-9 pm at the Irish Cultural Center.

Christine Pelosi, chair of the Cal Democratic Party Women's Caucus, reported about a meeting last week in DC to pass resolution affirming commitment to veterans and the 50-state strategy. Will hold workshops, the first of which will precede this meeting next month by 90 minutes. The Caucus is doing outreach around progress for women, such as a new effort to end gender bias in Workers Comp. Women can be paid less in Workers Comp than men. This is wrong. See womenlawyersforworkingwomen.org.

Sue Borg and Diane Worley (members of the California Applicants Attorneys Assoc.) spoke on gender bias in the workers comp system. Women receive lesser benefits for being post-menopausal.

The following people spoke in support of the Sustainable Communities Pledge: Joel Kopple (IBEW electrician), Tony Rodriguez (Sprinkler Fitters), Anthony Urbina (Sheet Metal Workers Local 104), and Michael Theriault (SF Building Trades).

Comments: Because of living wages paid by public entities, workers are able to afford to live in the City and raise their families. SF elected officials are encouraged to press private employers also to pay a living wage. This is about San Francisco values.

Susan Pfeifer (certified enrollment officer with CoveredCA) announced that 474,000 were enrolled by the deadline. 36,000 enrolled on the last weekend. Thanked Assemblymember Ting and State Senator Leno for great enrollment events. There is a new special enrollment period that will happen when folks fill out their tax forms. Penalties could be greater than the \$95 that people think. Watch the website for details.

Public comment closed at 7:28 pm.

5. Presentation and Q&A with Treasurer/Tax Collector José Cisneros.

Cisneros thanked the body for the second meeting in a row. The office brings in billions of dollars for the City. The new gross receipts tax from 2012 is being implemented. The Office of Financial Empowerment helps low-income families to manage their funds. The BankonSF program helps people open bank accounts and helps to avoid predatory fees. This program is being replicated in 160 other cities across the US. His office also works to stop predatory lenders. There is a moratorium on new check cashing businesses in SF. There is a program to start a college savings plan for every SF child,

starting with \$50 and matching deposits. They have opened 18,000 accounts for SF public school children who are eligible for free lunch programs, enabling savings of over \$1 million to date.

Q & A by members followed. Comments were made about the AirBnB taxation issue. Treasurer Cisneros cannot comment on certain details due to confidentiality. An education campaign is going on about the responsibility to pay taxes and registration processes are getting more active. Treasurer Cisneros was pleased to have this body encourage people to pay their taxes. Member Cohen thanked the treasurer for the work that enables families to benefit from financial literacy programs.

6. Reports

a) **Chair** (Jung). None.

b) **Recording Secretary** (Anderson). DCCC member participation and attendance report. Member Anderson brought attention to “attendance totals reports (draft)” for review/comment. The attendance chart covers the period July 2012 to January 2015. Noted are attendance, proxy, excused, or absent as per the bylaws descriptions including proxy limits. If a member sends a proxy, it counts as being present. Asked the Chair for input. The Chair suggested leniency for meetings with changed dates. Member DeJesus asked for clarification of proxy vs. present bylaws. Member Kelly mentioned that the proxy count was needed because after the 10th proxy, absences were counted unless members ask to be excused. Member Campos’ proxy Mr. Temprano asked for clarification about a “clean slate” going forward. It was clarified that this system is how the Recording Secretary intends to track attendance from here on out.

c) **Voter Registration** (McNeil). Voter registration efforts are changing. For example, there is an offer for clubs to get access to money by registering people to vote. The DCCC Executive Director will visit the clubs to explain. Email McNeil or Medina if interested. Exploring ideas to honor Richard and Sally Hanson for their mighty voter registration efforts.

d) **Club Chartering** (Pimentel). There is a Presidents meeting in 2 weeks. Will review applications for new clubs.

e) **Finance** (Dunning). We do not yet have a date/location for the S.F. Democratic Party’s annual “Spring Breakfast” major fundraiser. Please

start budgeting for your contributions to the breakfast. Personal contributions are preferred over organizational contributions.

- f) **Treasurer (Hsieh)**. Referred to report Monthly Balance sheet reflecting \$129,000 in the bank. Strong position. Burn rate is about \$5,000 per month. It's expensive to operate this organization, which is one of the biggest and busiest DCCC bodies in the state. See summary of 2014 P&L. Expenses are \$146,000 – a robust program. The other account shows political activities. Contact member Hsieh with questions.
 - g) **Executive Director (Medina)**. The burn rate from now on will be closer to \$8,000 due to voter registration expenses. Full report on new program next month. Registered 112 new voters today on ironing boards. We are helping the College Dems' raise money to travel to the CDP Convention.
 - h) **CDP Region 6 Update (Kelly)**. CADEM convention hotel rooms are sold out. Within 30 minutes, the reservations for Hilton were closed. Sheraton is still open. Book your room now. Select union hotels. Can also do the waitlist for the Hilton. Can run in the Regional Director election. Have to note your interest by April 29. Official notice for registration and hotels has not been released yet.
7. **Resolution: Sustainable Communities Pledge.** (Dunning/Arce, Anderson, Cohen, McNeil, Kelly, Tsang, Mandelman) Resolution in support of the Sustainable Communities Pledge: advocating for good-paying construction jobs for local residents; increasing housing and specifically affordable housing; and requiring environmentally responsible building in partnership with organized labor.

Arce commented that Building Trades have supported SF for over 100 years. Big supporter of living wage and local hire. Values good paying jobs, benefits, health care, affordable housing and environmentally responsible building.

Member McNeil noted his support for the pledge: "We are Democrats. If we don't stand for labor, we don't stand for anything."

Members Kelly and Mandelman noted their proud support for the pledge.

Member Jung entered a letter of support from the Alliance for Jobs and Sustainable Growth.

(McNeil/Rothschild) M/S/C by acclamation.

8. **Resolution: Workplace Equality.** (Pimentel and Dunning/Anderson, Cohen, Kelly, Dwyer) Resolution urging policy makers to make California work better for working women by promoting workplace equality and modernizing worker's compensation laws to correct gender-based discriminatory policies.

Pimentel and Dunning commented about the importance of this and the great work of the Women's Caucus. This is an equity/fairness issue.

(Fazio/Arce) M/S/C to add all DCCC members as co-sponsors. Members Ting, Leno and Feinstein abstained from being added as co-sponsors.

M/S/C with one abstention by member Ting.

9. **New Business**

Harris proxy Rothschild circulated flyers in support of Harris for Senate.

Member McNeil suggested that the DCCC send out a letter about its support of the Workplace Equality resolution.

10. **Adjournment** at 8:28 pm.

(Kelly/Anderson) M/S/C

Respectfully submitted,

Kat Anderson

Recording Secretary