

San Francisco Democratic County Central Committee

455 Golden Gate Avenue
San Francisco, California
Milton Marks Auditorium
Wednesday, September 16, 2015

DCCC Meeting Minutes

1. Call to Order and Roll Call at 8:03 p.m.

Chair: Mary Jung. Members: Kat Anderson, Joshua Arce, David Campos, Petra DeJesus, Matt Dorsey, Zoe Dunning, Joel Engardio, Hene Kelly, Meagan Levitan (8:21 pm), Rafael Mandelman, Marjan Philhour, Leah Pimentel, Rebecca Prozan, Francis Tsang, and Scott Wiener.

Ex-Officio Members: U.S. House Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi (proxy Dan Bernal); Attorney General Kamala Harris (proxy Matthew Rothschild); Board of Equalization Member Fiona Ma (proxy Bill Barnes) (8:12 pm); State Senator Mark Leno (proxy Keith Baraka) (8:07 pm); Assemblymembers Phil Ting (proxy Alex Walker) and David Chiu (proxy Jen Kwart).

Excused with proxy: Malia Cohen (proxy Mawuli Tugenboh) and Bill Fazio (proxy Mary Jung).

Excused: Trevor McNeil, Alix Rosenthal, U.S. Senator Dianne Feinstein, and U.S. Rep. Jackie Speier.

Absent: Bevan Dufty, Tom Hsieh, Eric Mar and Carole Migden.

2. Approval of Meeting Agenda

M/S/C (Hene Kelly/Leah Pimentel) Agenda for DCCC's September 16, 2015 meeting approved.

3. Approval of Meeting Minutes

M/S/C (Kelly/Matt Dorsey) Minutes of the DCCC's August 12, 2015 Endorsement Meeting approved. [Julius Turman's name needs to be corrected.]

4. Public Comment

Lisa Weissman-Ward from Stanford Law School spoke in support of the Sanctuary City Policies and Immigration Reform resolution.

5. Reports

- a) **Chair** (Mary Jung). The slate card is in process. About 142,000 pieces will be mailed out. They will also be in Chinese and Spanish. We will try to raise \$95,000.
- b) **Voter Registration** (Trevor McNeil). No report.
- c) **Club Chartering** (Pimentel). Endorsementpalooza went well last month.
- d) **Finance** (Zoe Dunning). No fundraisers planned yet.
- e) **Treasurer** (Tom Hsieh). No report.
- f) **Executive Director** (Ally Medina). October 18 is the last date to register to vote for this election. Registered 92 new Democrats at last naturalization swearing-in event.
- g) **CDP Region 6 Update** (Kelly). The California Democratic Party has presented new forms for club delegates. Medina offered to set up a spread sheet to keep track of the information.

6. Resolution: Sanctuary City Policies and Immigration Reform (Josh Arce, David Campos and Petra DeJesus).

M/S/C (Arce/Kat Anderson)

Resolution expressing support for San Francisco's City and County of Refuge and Due Process for All Ordinances; condemning Republican Party candidates' attacks on immigrant families; and calling for comprehensive immigration reform, meaningful gun control reform measures, and increased funding for mental health services is approved.

Arce thanked the advocates and community members who have worked on sanctuary city policy since its inception in 1989. The National Lawyers Guild has called on community stakeholders to send a call to stand with immigrants and their families. We should unify as a party around these issues.

Campos thanked Arce for bringing this issue forward and working on the coalition. It's important that the SF Democratic Party take a stand. Fear that going back on sanctuary will have repercussions in other parts of the country.

Campos wants to amend to urge SF not to participate in the Priority Enforcement Program (PEP).

Campos/DeJesus M/S to amend per above.

Proxy Bill Barnes commented that he has not had an opportunity to discuss the resolution as amended with Fiona Ma, and therefore cannot vote on it, not to object to the substance. Asked for a vote on the original language.

Kelly discussed the importance of this body supporting sanctuary policy.

Proxy Dan Bernal spoke about this body's support of sanctuary policy. He would have to abstain on the amendment as well since he cannot discuss it ahead of time with Leader Nancy Pelosi.

Proxy Alex Walker echoes the comments of Barnes and Bernal.

Dunning thanked Arce for bringing this forward. She does not know enough about PEP to vote on the resolution with the Campos amendment.

DeJesus said that the PEP program asks the Federal Government to act for the City.

Proxy Keith Baraka would have to abstain on the amendment as well, not having had a chance to talk with Senator Mark Leno.

Arce indicated that he supports the amendment, but suggested that if necessary, we could vote only on the resolution as originally presented and vote regarding the PEP at our next meeting. Campos disagreed with this.

Scott Wiener also indicated that he supports the amendment and suggested that we divide the question in order to vote on the original resolution and the amendment.

Dorsey clarified the language of the amendment: insert “and urges the City and County of San Francisco not to participate in the Priority Enforcement program; and...”

Arce urged us to find a way to unanimously support the resolution tonight.

The amendment passed on a vote of: Yes 15; No 0; Abstain 9. The vote was as follows:

Yes: Anderson, Arce, Campos, Cohen, DeJesus, Dorsey, Dunning, Engardio, Kelly, Mandelman, Philhour, Pimentel, Prozan, Wiener, Chiu.

Abstain: Fazio, Jung, Levitan, Tsang, Pelosi, Harris, Ma, Leno, Ting.

Wiener: Divide the question: vote without the amendment. Passed by acclamation.

Vote: On the amendment – body agrees to take same tally as adopting the amendment. (No objections.)

7. New Business

There was no new business.

8. Adjournment

M/S/C (Anderson/Kelly) to adjourn meeting in honor of Rosario Anaya at 8:40 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted by
Kat Anderson
Recording Secretary*