

# San Francisco Democratic County Central Committee

455 Golden Gate Avenue  
San Francisco, California  
Milton Marks Auditorium  
Wednesday, October 28, 2015  
7:00 p.m.

## DCCC Meeting Minutes

### 1. Call to Order and Roll Call 7:07 pm

Present: Chair: Mary Jung. Members: Kat Anderson (proxy Mary Jung), David Campos (proxy Matt Dorsey), Malia Cohen (proxy Mawuli Tugbenyoh), Petra DeJesus (Brigitte Davila), Matt Dorsey, Joel Engardio, Bill Fazio, Tom Hsieh, Hene Kelly, Rafael Mandelman, Trevor McNeil, Carole Migden (proxy Rafael Mandelman), Marjan Philhour, Rebecca Prozan (proxy Jason Carls), Alix Rosenthal, Francis Tsang. *Zoe Dunning and Leah Pimentel arrived at 7:09 pm. Joshua Arce arrived at 7:10 pm.*

Ex-Officio Members present: Congresswoman Jackie Speier (proxy Brian Perkins), Attorney General Kamala Harris (proxy Matthew Rothschild), Board of Equalization Member Fiona Ma (proxy Cally Wong), State Senator Mark Leno (proxy Keith Baraka), Assemblyman Phil Ting (proxy Alex Walker), and Assemblyman David Chiu (proxy Jen Kwart).

Excused: Bevan Dufty, Meagan Levitan, Scott Wiener, U.S. Senator Dianne Feinstein, U.S. House Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi.

Absent: Eric Mar.

### 2. Approval of Meeting Agenda

*M/S/C (Hene Kelly/Matt Dorsey)*

Agenda for October 28, 2015 DCCC meeting was approved by all except Rafael Mandelman and Carole Migden, who voiced their objection to the agenda.

### 3. Approval of Meeting Minutes

*M/S/C (Zoe Dunning/Tom Hsieh)*

Minutes of the September 16, 2015 meeting were approved by acclamation. (Minutes attached).

#### 4. Public Comment

Susan Pfeifer provided an update on Covered California and announced an OSPRA meeting on the Affordable Housing Density Bonus Program.

#### 5. Reports

- a) **Chair** (Jung). Over \$200,000 was raised for the DCCC slate mail program. At least 10 different pieces of mail were distributed. Chair Jung thanked the Slate Card Committee. Member Hsieh and proxy Matthew Rothschild complimented Jung on the program, both calling it “outstanding.”
- b) **Voter Registration** (McNeil). Member McNeil provided an update on the Party’s voter registration efforts and spoke about the Secretary of State’s automatic VR program. He suggested that his role be expanded to include voter mobilization since VR won’t be as much work. Proxy Rothschild pointed out that if a person doesn’t drive, the VR is not automatic. He expressed concern that automatic registration will affect the political parties negatively since automatic registration doesn’t allow a citizen to choose a party. Chair Jung replied that there are discussions at the CDP regarding this problem. Member Kelly spoke about the importance of voter education and communication. Proxy Baraka said he was interested in working on a VR program with the Party.
- c) **Club Chartering** (Pimentel). No report.
- d) **Finance** (Dunning). Our finances are healthy and planning for the 2016 annual fundraiser is underway. Please provide Member Dunning with suggestions on speakers.
- e) **Treasurer** (Hsieh). The DCCC is on sound financial footing. (Balance sheets for the State and Federal accounts were circulated.)
- f) **Executive Director** (Medina). Medina reviewed the Party’s 2015 Voter Registration and GOTV program, noting that the DCCC interns have been working very hard on phone banks and other aspects of our GOTV program.
- g) **CDP Region 6 Update** (Kelly). Kelly is working with Medina and Pimentel to help the clubs get as many delegates as possible. The pre-endorsement meeting will be held at the end of January, hopefully on a Sunday.

- 6. Resolution: Urging Department of Elections to ensure that Chinese American seniors have the right to vote as they intend.** (Hsieh) Discussion and possible action on resolution urging the Director of the S.F. Department of Elections to put all available resources into ensuring that Chinese American seniors who believe they have been victimized by voter fraud get a second chance to vote by provisional ballot, and provide culturally and language competent resources and staff to facilitate the provisional ballot process. *(Late item: agenda placement requires approval of no less than two-thirds of members present and voting, per S.F. DCCC Bylaws IV (4)(d).)*

Members Hsieh and Dorsey jointly presented a compromise resolution to replace the one in the 72-hour packet. They thanked and congratulated each other for being able to work out their differences collaboratively. Hsieh stated that decades ago his grandparents were new immigrants to San Francisco and found support and community in Chinatown. Hsieh noted how vulnerable this senior population is and that they need to be protected against those who wish to take advantage of them for electoral gain. Hsieh also credited Member Dorsey in making the resolution stronger by adding that the alleged perpetrators be held accountable with an investigation and prosecution to the fullest extent of the law...that nobody disputes reports of fraud have been reported in senior housing in Chinatown, and that the resolution also requests that the Department of Elections do everything it can to ensure electoral integrity.

Member Dorsey noted how important it was to remove all political intent in this resolution since both sides in the District 3 race are accusing each other of fraud. He noted how important it is to protect the public's view of the integrity of an election and how important it is to the Democratic Party that we work together to protect the franchise. He said good things about CCDC and has had nothing but a positive experience with it as an organization.

Member Kelly talked about her experience electioneering in senior housing. She noted that the same thing happened in Chinatown a few years ago.

Proxy Davila asked whether it would be helpful to apply this resolution to all non-English speaking communities. Hsieh didn't think there is evidence of other communities being harmed by systematic harvesting of ballots, and if there was any evidence, it should be brought to light.

Member Mandelman commended Dorsey for being collaborative. Mandelman cited that he felt that the resolution was about nothing, was politically motivated and would be voting “no.” Mandelman cited how much good work CCDC has done in Chinatown. Member Rosenthal associated herself with Hsieh, Dorsey, and Mandelman’s remarks.

*M/S/C (Hsieh/Dorsey)*

The resolution as amended passed.  
Mandelman and Migden voted “no.”  
DeJesus abstained.

## **7. New Business**

Member Kelly asked that training be provided to all DCCC members on parliamentary procedure.

Proxy Alex Walker thanked Susan Pfeifer for all her efforts on behalf of Covered California. He stated Assemblyman Phil Ting’s Office has enrollment forms for CC.

Member Kelly announced that Chartered Clubs need to send in names of their delegates to the Pre-convention by November 20. The names will be sent to the CDP on December 3, 2015.

## **8. Adjournment 7:50 pm**

Member Rosenthal asked to adjourn in honor of Member Kelly’s extraordinarily patriotic and Democratic outfit.

*Minutes respectfully submitted by  
Alix Rosenthal and Mary Jung,  
and organized by  
Kat Anderson, Recording Secretary*