

# San Francisco Democratic County Central Committee

455 Golden Gate Avenue  
San Francisco, California  
Milton Marks Auditorium  
Wednesday, April 13, 2016  
7:00 p.m.

## Regular Meeting Minutes

### 1. Roll call was taken at 7:10 pm.

Chair: Mary Jung. Members: Kat Anderson, Joshua Arce, David Campos, Malia Cohen, Matt Dorsey, Zoe Dunning, Joel Engardio, Tom Hsieh (arrived 7:31 pm), Hene Kelly, Meagan Levitan (arrived 7:40 pm), Rafael Mandelman, Trevor McNeil (arrived 8:16 pm), Carole Migden (arrived 7:13 pm/left 9:20 pm), Marjan Philhour, Rebecca Prozan, and Alix Rosenthal. Ex-Officio Members: U.S. Senator Dianne Feinstein (proxy Jennifer Glass); U.S. House Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi (proxy Dan Bernal); U.S. Rep. Jackie Speier (proxy Brian Perkins); Board of Equalization Chair Fiona Ma (proxy Tom Hsieh); State Senator Mark Leno (proxy Keith Baraka arrived at 7:40 pm); Assemblymembers Phil Ting (proxy Jason Wong) and David Chiu (proxy Jen Kwart).

Absent with proxy: Petra DeJesus (proxy David Campos); Bevan Dufty (proxy Peter Gallota); Bill Fazio (proxy Mary Jung); Eric Mar (proxy Wendy Aragon); Leah Pimentel (proxy Zoe Dunning); Francis Tsang (proxy Rebecca Prozan), and Scott Wiener (proxy Matthew Rothschild).

The meeting was called to order at 7:12 pm.

### 2. Approval of Meeting Agenda

M/S/C (Hene Kelly/Josh Arce) to amend the April agenda, including to add Item 12, the resolution regarding public divestment from states adopting anti- LGBT laws and Item 13, the resolution honoring State Senator Mark Leno as a hero to California workers and to move Items 8 (Shared Schoolyard Project resolution) and 9 (Voting by 16/17 year olds resolution) out of order. These will become Items 6 and 7 following the Executive Board reports.

### 3. Approval of Meeting Minutes

M/S/C (Kelly/Zoe Dunning) to approve the minutes of the March 16, 2016, DCCC meeting with the following change on page 10: Member Dorsey said he'd vote "no" and move to reconsider to committee.

#### 4. General Public Comment

Alec Bash spoke about open source code for voting machines – item 11. Four groups of three students each spoke in support of Vote 16 – “16 For Democracy” #Vote16SF – encouraging a generation of San Franciscans to get involved and increase engagement.

A youth commissioner spoke in support of the students.

Sully Twia Lee announced support from Coleman Advocates, Chinese Progressives, Filipino Center and the SF Youth Commission.

Cynthia Birmingham spoke against the Piazza resolution – she is an engaged active San Franciscan and not an obstructionist. There has been no process, and they are not going to the ballot. Have been involved in good faith negotiations with the developer. Have created an alternative that they took to the developer. Protects the businesses, north/south streets and safety of the neighborhood.

Don Raichle – landscape architect – showed six design boards. When there is a public property with no private right away, no planning process is required. Closing off that street will be a disaster. Go to [sosvallejo.com](http://sosvallejo.com).

We have signatures from the neighbors in support of this alternative.

Majority of attendees at two public presentations are against closing the street.

Rob Birmingham – Real Estate Developer, 24-year resident of North Beach. Questioned why no traffic study was performed in the neighborhood recently – why use an 8-year old study?

Brent Turner spoke in support of Open Source voting systems. This will save the county millions of dollars.

Steve Carson, Harvey Milk LGBT Democratic Club, spoke against the DCCC bylaws change (Rosenthal resolution) and urged taking this up later.

Michael Grafton spoke in support of the enfranchisement of 16 year olds to vote.

Marc Bruno spoke against the Piazza on Vallejo Street.

Ronalyn Schmaltz, with SOS Vallejo and Telegraph Hill Dwellers, spoke against the Piazza. She has confidence in the developers.

Austin Phillips, Harvey Milk LGBT Democratic Club and D8 Progressive Democrats, spoke against the DCCC bylaws change.

Rob Kain with Boston Properties spoke in support of the Piazza as is.

Christopher Jerdonek, Vice President of the SF Elections Commission, spoke in support of Open Source voting systems.

Ida Zoubi, part owner of Caffe Trieste, spoke against the Piazza as proposed. Asks that everyone work together on a solution.

Adrienne Giotta, with Caffe Trieste, spoke in support of the Piazza alternatives.

Mary Ann Scanlon lives near the 1200 block of Kearny Street. She attended a meeting where the change to Kearny Street was discussed. Needs a new traffic study.

Daniel Stone lives on Kearny Street. SOS Vallejo. Feels shut out of the process. Asks that the governing bodies consider alternatives.

Tony Robles spoke against the DCCC bylaws change.

An unidentified person spoke for Seniors and Disability Action. Community is reeling from shooting on Shotwell of the “houseless” man. We need justice for victims of uncontrolled police violence.

Deepa Varma, SF Tenants Union, spoke against the DCCC bylaws change.

Andrew Michael, Partnerships for Change, spoke in support of the Piazza. Written support by a thousand so far. This is an improvement and a celebration on our patron Saint Francis as well as poets and arts in SF.

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Jacqueline Miller, Partnerships for Change, spoke in support of the Piazza.

Brought a letter from Lawrence Ferlinghetti written April 13, 2016, urging the DCCC to support and approve “Our Piazza Saint Francis, the Poet Plaza in the heart of North Beach!”

John Nulty, Central City Democrats, spoke against the DCCC bylaws change.

Michael Nulty, Tenants Associations Coalition of SF, spoke against the DCCC bylaws change. Don’t do it or grant an extension on the filing deadline.

Richard Ow, resident of SF, lives nearby and supports the Piazza. This welcomes visitors to our City.

Joyce Ganthavorn, San Franciscans United to Reduce Diabetes. Collecting signatures to place the soda tax on the November ballot.

Bryan Dannley, 18 year resident of North Beach. Supports the Piazza, but not closing the street to traffic.

Stan Hayes, President of Telegraph Hill Dwellers, supports public open space, but only if it is done right. Closing Vallejo is not doing it right. Pushing local traffic onto Grant is an unfair situation. Please support the neighborhood plan.

Fabio Giotta – President and CEO of Caffè Trieste, Officer and shareholder for 35 years. His father endorsed this Piazza in 2005. This is going to be fabulous.

Kristen Foley, North Beach resident, spoke about the Piazza. The proposal brings up safety concerns.

Jody Meizel, Knights of St. Francis and a resident. The Piazza is a logical extension of the Portcucala.

Susan Bryan, treasurer of Central City Democrats, spoke to delay the DCCC by-laws change.

Angela Aliota – stated that she is a civil rights lawyer – not a developer. Not a moderate, just a little to the right of David Campos’ left. She has been

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working on this project for over eight years and working with City departments. This project will be a diamond in the crown of our great City.

Susan Horsfall – Knights of St. Francis, former Elections Commissioner. On Small Business Advisory Committee. The Poets Plaza is a magnet for tourists.

Wilma Pang of Chinatown is concerned about the traffic caused by the Piazza as planned.

Dominic Paris, San Francisco Elections Commission, supports Open Source software and Vote 16.

Public comment closed at 8:11 pm.

**5. Reports** - DCCC member reports, including discussion and possible actions, to offer updates on work assignments and discuss ongoing objectives.

a) **Chair** (Mary Jung). We are still raising money for the slate card, so we will host a luncheon on May 5, Cinco de Mayo, with Secretary of State Alex Padilla. There is a special community price of \$100. If anyone needs financial assistance – let her know.

Kevin Heneghan has been our lawyer pro bono. We owe him appreciation. He's made sure that we have followed the letter of the law. New lawyer Tom Willis is now consulting with us on the slate card. Getting it right on slate cards is complicated, and we need late and last minute advice.

She is still looking for space for the November campaign, but thinks she has a line on a good place.

b) **Voter Registration** (Trevor McNeil). Voter registration is going great. Many DCCC members and candidates are coming out to the voter registration events. If you are running for the DCCC, let him and Ally Medina, the DCCC Executive Director, know. Get on the calendar. He is happy to share the actual numbers on SF registrations. Tom Hsieh asked for the numbers. McNeil discussed the cull by the Department of Elections as normal, after 2012.

c) **Ad Hoc Committee on Club Grievance** (Dunning). Report on status of Latino Democratic Club's chartering grievance. Leah Pimentel, Vice Chair of Club Chartering, was not present, so Dunning gave her report, too. Committee met and ideas were discussed to help with this huge process, such as a club chartering committee, appointed volunteers and a dedicated email address.

**M/S/C** (Kelly/Wendy Aragon) to charter the Latino Democratic Club. This passed by acclamation.

David Campos apologized to the Latino Democratic Club for the delays. Kelly volunteered to work on the chartering process. Aragon (proxy for Eric Mar) thanked the DCCC for helping sort this out. She also thanked all the members who worked on this and Club President Lito Sandoval who has been a champion through all of this.

Jung thanked Dunning for chairing a long meeting. DeJesus put a lot of time in. All those involved worked hard and we sorted out the miscommunications. Thanked all for a productive process. Sandoval echoed that sentiment.

d) **Club Chartering**(Pimentel).No report.

e) **Finance** (Dunning). Reported on the Spring fundraiser on May 5, 2016.

f) **Treasurer** (Hsieh). Current cash position is just north of \$56,000. Thanked Medina for spending our money wisely and efficiently. We will be in a strong financial position through July.

g) **Labor Committee** (Arce). More members want to join this committee, so we are looking for a date to accommodate all. We will meet at Tommy's Joynt.

h) **Executive Director** (Medina). We have put the call out for summer interns. They will learn the basics of field organizing. We are also looking for high school fellows. See the website for details. Jung thanked Medina for all her efforts.

i) **CDP Region 6 Update** (Kelly). The CDP is planning for meetings on May 1 to elect delegates for the DNC. This is Congressional District 12. Laborers Local 261 will hold the meeting for Hillary Clinton. Chez Poulet will be the location for Bernie Sanders. 12 pm to 5 pm. See CADEM.org site.

5. *(was item 8)* **Resolution: San Francisco Shared Schoolyard Project.** (Kat Anderson)

**M/S/C** (Anderson/Kelly)

The members approved this resolution to support the San Francisco Shared Schoolyard Project, and urged city and school district leaders to continue their efforts to expand the shared use of schoolyards as gathering spaces for children and families.

*Comment and Discussion:* Supervisor Mark Farrell's aide, Jess Montejano, shared Farrell's personal experience in 2010 when he attempted to use a school yard to

teach his children how to ride a bike, but the yard was locked up. Farrell then wanted to take that challenge head on and worked to raise private funds to keep the schoolyards open. 27 schoolyards affected so far. The mission is to open one on every corner. Every PTA/PTO is offered \$1,000 and each participating school receives \$2500 for weekend activity fees. Schools also receive City benefits, such as 311-inspired calls to clean up. Partnered with over 100 community-based organizations. Thanked Anderson for sponsoring the resolution.

Kelly asked what schools in District 1 are open? She is curious about Lafayette.

Hsieh offered Roosevelt Middle School and stated the school just received the \$2500 check.

Montejano commented members can go to [www.sfsharedschoolyard.org](http://www.sfsharedschoolyard.org) to see a complete list.

Dan Bernal (Pelosi) thanked Farrell and asked if other public resources are activated (such as the Departments of Public Works and Parks and Recreation).

Campos commented that it is a great program and makes a great deal of sense.

Malia Cohen asked about utilization. Montejano responded that it is great to look for data to make sure goals are being met.

Anderson shared her own experiences raising her children in the City and being locked out of a safe public space to play and learn how to ride bikes. This resolution is a step in the right direction to help make SF more family-friendly. So many policies leave children and families behind forcing families to move to the

East Bay and even farther at about the time children turn age 4. She has seen many families move and she wants to do what she can to make it easier and safer to raise children and provide enrichment to them in the City.

Upon a vote, the resolution passed almost unanimously with an abstention from Leader Nancy Pelosi.

**7. (was item 9) Resolution: Charter Amendment for Voting by 16- and 17-Year-Olds.**

**M/S/C** (David Chiu/Anderson)

The members approved this resolution to express the SFDCCC's support for a Charter Amendment to authorize 16- and 17-year-olds to vote in Municipal Elections, including elections for the San Francisco Board of Education.

Jen Kwart (Chiu) brought thanks from Assemblymember Chiu with a written statement which she read to the body. Voting is habitual. 16 is a much better age to pick up a habit than 18. 16-year-olds vote more than older (ages 18-21) first-time voters. Research shows that 16-year-olds have the same cognitive abilities as 21-year-olds. Speaking on her own behalf as an active teen in Democratic activities, her engagement at a young age was foundational to what she does today. This can lead to a lifetime of involvement and activism.

Cohen commented that she will vote "no" to be consistent with her votes on the Board of Supervisors. She believes the converse on the data regarding maturity.

Aragon, age 42, and daughter of a union member understands the importance of activism at a young age.

Campos is a co-sponsor of the charter amendment and is proud of this subject. Take time to dialog with the young people.

Bernal said that Pelosi will vote in favor of this resolution. We already allow 17-year-olds to vote in other states where they will be 18 by November.

Laura Clark (proxy for RFK Democratic Club president) commented that young people deserve our respect and the vote.

Kelly expressed support for young persons' involvement and she provides constant support.

Anderson commented that she also provides mentoring and started a mentorship program to increase activism among students in college and she fully supports the mission behind this resolution. She is proud of the activism she has seen coming out of our local schools and wants to invest in these fine young leaders.

Todd David, President of the Noe Valley Democratic Club, commented that we need people to be engaged civically.

Arce commented that this Party supports enfranchisement and the other party is doing the opposite. He is proud to co-sponsor.

The item was approved by voice vote.

Nay votes: Meagan Levitan, Cohen and U.S. Senator Dianne Feinstein.

Abstentions: Scott Wiener, Hsieh and Jung.

**8. Bylaws Amendment (was item 6): Ex Officio and Additional DCCC Members (Rosenthal)**

The original proposed resolution supports an amendment to the SFDCCC's bylaws to add the Mayor and the members of the Board of Supervisors as *ex officio* members of the SFDCCC (provided they are registered Democrats), to expand the number of elected SFDCCC seats, and to correct an inadvertent prior omission for U.S. Senators. (*Note: DCCC Bylaws amendments require a vote of two-thirds of members present and voting, per SSDCCC Bylaws Art. XII, Sec. 1.*)

Alix Rosenthal announced that she will amend her proposal to make it a nonbinding resolution because she does not have the votes for a bylaws change. After much discussion, Rosenthal agreed to several other amendments.

**M/S/C** (Rosenthal/Wiener) to approve the nonbinding resolution as amended. A copy of the final draft will be attached to these minutes and incorporated by reference herein.

*Discussion and Comment:* Rosenthal commented that there are about 60 people running for DCCC this June, so "let's widen the tent," especially if 21 electeds get on the DCCC. She has an amendment to make it nonbinding. She does not have the votes for a bylaws change. She will advance a resolution. She will seek campaign finance reforms. Even the most vocal opponents agree that we need change that will include the grassroots activists.

Proposed change: ...stands behind the idea....adding 7 seats....and calls on the next body to amend its bylaws and expand its membership.

Matt Dorsey commented that he thinks this is a detailed and thoughtful policy. He is concerned about the fundraising loophole. He is for the *ex officio* status. He is concerned about adding numbers to the body. Timing needs to be thoughtful – after this June election. He will support the nonbinding resolution.

**M/S** (Kelly/Aragon) Kelly proposed an amendment that states simply that we ask the coming board elected on June 7 to take up as one of their first orders of business the makeup of the DCCC, including a clean slate of ideas which adds fiscal limits to the fundraising of the DCCC.



*Discussion:* Kelly commented that she wants to hear many plans considered by a committee.

Matthew Rothschild (Wiener) spoke against Kelly's amendment and recognized Rosenthal's resolution. She worked very hard on this. We owe Rosenthal respect for the sincere effort she tried for reform. He supports her nonbinding resolution.

Rosenthal thanked Rothschild for his kind words. She does not want to fight and does not want to continue this fight of left versus middle. If she understands Kelly's amendment, she can accept it as a friendly amendment. "...and calls upon the body.....and to consider imposing campaign contribution limits...."

Member Dorsey suggested to add the words "to support" (Discussion with Rosenthal.)

Campos commented he will support that amended motion. Those of us critical of this were only so on the timing – not the substance and intent. Whatever we think about in terms of who will be on the DCCC – we should ask the clubs for their feedback on this.

Aragon affirmed what Campos said and wants club input.

Hsieh associated with Rothschild. Thanked Rosenthal for her massive efforts.

Kelly made a *point of personal privilege*. In no way was she belittling anything that was in the original resolution.

Clark commented that we should all be disappointed that we didn't get the votes. This involved suspicion and pettiness. After this election, we will see this body dominated by elected officials – incited to consolidate their own power to the exclusion of the grassroots candidates. Can't put the genie back in the bottle.

Dorsey commented that he'd like to get back to positive discussion. We can agree that there is good policy here and there are some serious legal issues here. Nightmare scenario – we get embroiled in a lawsuit going into the November election. We've agreed on some principles here.

Cohen asked that the body act on the offer of the friendly amendment. Hsieh clarified that the author accepted the amendment.

Rosenthal spoke the amendments.

The item as amended passed by voice vote. Nays: Carole Migden and Leno. Abstain: Mandelman.

[The Recording Secretary requests that member Rosenthal present to her the resolution as amended and approved for incorporation into the minutes.]

**9. (was item 7) Bylaws Amendment: Parliamentarian Provisions. M/S/C** (Kelly/Cohen) to table this item on whether to amend the Bylaws respecting parliamentary procedural training and the role of the Parliamentarian.

a) **Procedural Training and Certified Parliamentarian Pilot** (Dorsey/Kelly). Proposal to establish periodic parliamentary procedural training and a three-meeting pilot to engage a Certified Parliamentarian to preside independently over parliamentary questions at DCCC meetings.

b) **Procedural Training and Appointment of Associate Member as Parliamentarian** (Rosenthal). Proposal to establish annual training in parliamentary procedure and provide for the appointment of an associate DCCC member to preside as Parliamentarian at DCCC meetings.

Rosenthal deferred to Dorsey and Kelly. Briefed on a) and b).

Dorsey commented that there is no reason that we can't do both. Benefits of a pilot program with three meetings will allow on-the-job training and save money.

Jung commented that she is always cognizant of how we spend money. Fortunately, Kelly volunteered her husband to lead the trainings. Jung found out that parliamentarians can cost as much as lawyers, getting into the thousands of dollars. If people want to do that, that's fine, but remember that money has to be raised and should be in a future budget.

Hsieh commented that former member Arlo Hale Smith's counsel has been invaluable. We are not a complicated system – but an activist board of volunteers, raising money for the Party. He cautions the members not to enshrine an expense in the bylaws that will be unsustainable.

McNeil asked if the parliamentarian did not show up, would that make this body out of order.

Kelly said that she does not want us to have to spend money on a parliamentarian. She feels confident that she can get a volunteer parliamentarian. She wants training at the beginning of a new session. Rosenthal suggested that we bring this back next month after we receive additional information on costs.

**10. Resolution: Piazza Saint Francis.** (Hsieh)

**M/S/C** (Hsieh/Rebecca Prozan) to amend and approve this resolution to support the creation of the Piazza Saint Francis in North Beach, and calling upon city leaders and departments to act quickly and efficiently to establish the piazza as a community and cultural space.

Hsieh commented that he lived in North beach for 10 years; his family has been there 30 years. He considers it a City neighborhood. This project has such inspirational and aspirational reach. What he is proposing is not specific to design, but that we focus on the concept as a great idea. He felt there were a lot of people that could get behind this idea. He knows nothing around land use in SF is easy. He would love that the project be something that is best for everyone. Projects like Joe DiMaggio Playground in North Beach took 16 years. The library took 11 years to complete. This is a special, enchanting place. He got priced out 10 years ago at \$1,800 per month. He agrees that neighbors are entitled to their opinions, but we members have the right to air opinions as well. This has been an 8-year project. Maybe it can be done faster, and that is what we are asking for. We want the stakeholders to get together and air their differences.

Campos commented that this will come before the Board of Supervisors, so he will not comment. He generally thinks the DCCC should not involve itself in these kinds of disputes. Where there is a division in neighborhoods, he thinks the party should not get involved.

Cohen said Campos beat her to the punch. She is concerned that things are put on the agenda that do not dovetail with the Democratic Party platform. This is a neighborhood issue. We should not get involved in neighborhood fights. Wants to move to table this. She feels Hsieh's passion for his city. She was for the library. All of us should do our due diligence. This is out of our bailiwick.

**M/S** (Cohen/Campos) to table this item.

Bernal spoke in favor of Cohen's motion to table. Pelosi is a supporter of the Piazza. There is a desire for more dialogue. We should honor that.

Prozan respectfully will vote no to table. She described her due diligence. It will be amazing to have a piazza in that space. She worked on closing 17<sup>th</sup> Street in 1998. The transformation of the neighborhood since has been amazing.

Aragon commented that Mar sees that this is not the appropriate body for this. People are asking for due process. They are not obstructionists.

Rafael Mandelman does not object to the party taking on such issues, but it does seem on this that we are just stepping in.

Arce did some due diligence even before the resolution came before us. He was out with his wife and thought the Piazza had already happened. There has been a long process. The core of this resolution is not inconsistent with what we have heard from all sides.

Cohen reminded that there is a process – Planning, the Board, etc. Tabling this is not a problem.

McNeil commented that this body considers things like this all the time. The thought to table it is interesting. It is ok for us to take a stand.

Clark commented that Campos' statements reveal why we needed Rosenthal's bylaws change – having to wait until this is heard at the BOS. We need art, civic engagement, public spaces. We want SF to be like European cities. This is how we get there – not with car-minded environments.

David Cruise, President of San Francisco Technology Democratic Club. You are not voting on a design; you are voting on a concept. This is a way to keep North Beach, North Beach.

Hsieh commented that he will vote against the tabling motion because we take on everything because we care. He respectfully disagrees with Cohen's comments that we don't take positions on land use. All this is about supporting an open space public piazza. He apologizes for the offending language "needless obstructionism." He would replace it with "vetting traffic and neighbor concerns."

David spoke about Noe Valley Town Square – a phenomenal process.

Anderson thanked all those who came to the meeting tonight to express their concerns and support, especially those whom she knows from the Cathedral School for Boys community. She spoke in support of the concept of a Piazza with community input and that this project had great community input and that neither "side" should denigrate the other, but respectfully consider all good ideas. The Piazza/Poet's Plaza – something that is supported by the great Beat poet Lawrence Ferlinghetti – will be another jewel in the crown of our great City. With time, we will see the wisdom of a project like this.

Dunning commented that she was not committed to a design, but she agrees that the DCCC can weigh in on that. Offered an amendment to take input from the community.

Cohen commented that the DCCC has taken on a lot of things. We should focus on what comes on the agenda. Just because we take it on does not make it right to take it on. Moratorium in the Mission was a ballot initiative and we had a responsibility to discuss it.

Jay Cheng, Asian Pacific Democratic Club President, commented that the California Democratic Party takes on many issues beyond the borders of California. He associates with Dunning's comments and is for moving forward.

On the vote to table this item, the motion failed by a vote of 17 No, 10 Yes, and 3 abstentions:

No: Anderson, Arce, Dunning, Engardio, Fazio, Hsieh, Jung, McNeil, Philhour, Pimentel, Prozan, Rosenthal, Tsang, Wiener, Speier, Ma, Chiu

Yes: Campos, Cohen, DeJesus, Dorsey, Dufty, Kelly, Levitan, Mandelman, Mar, Pelosi

Abstain: Feinstein, Leno, Ting

**M/S/C** (Hsieh/Prozan) Hsieh moved to amend to add "with input from the community."

Discussion: Kelly said she will abstain because she does not know enough about it. She does know it is not easy for a resolution to get to the party. Lecturing her that things should not come to the party did not work.

Arce noted support around open space and support of culture and the arts. He also sees that we support process. Move forward with the creation of the Piazza.

Campos thanked the neighbors for coming out. He is sorry this is happening. He thinks this is disrespectful to the community.

On a vote on the main motion as amended, the motion passed: 17 Yes, 7 No, 6 abstentions. Roll call as follows: Yes: Anderson, Arce, Dunning, Engardio, Fazio, Hsieh, Jung, McNeil, Philhour, Pimentel, Prozan, Rosenthal, Tsang, Wiener, Speier, Ma, Chiu.

No: Campos, DeJesus, Dorsey, Levitan (Dorsey as proxy due to Levitan's early departure), Mandelman, Mar, Pelosi.

Abstain: Cohen, Dufty, Kelly, Feinstein, Leno and Ting.

[The Recording Secretary requests that member Hsieh present to her the resolution as amended and approved for incorporation into the minutes.]

**11. Resolution: Open Source Voting System for San Francisco.** (Arce. Add Dunning and Anderson as co-sponsors)

**M/S/C** (Arce/Prozan)

The members approved this resolution to support the objectives and values of open source voting systems, urging city officials to champion and fully fund (beginning with the 2016–17 fiscal year) the development and certification of such a system for use in San Francisco by the June 2020 election.

Arce shared an experience with volunteering at a polling place in Ohio where every single machine was broken first thing in the morning. Open Source systems would help localities to reckon with this on-site.

Prozan commented that this resolution puts us in line with the CDP platform. Cruise commented that it puts us in line with the State Party which advocates for open source. This is a key to help unlock the way voting is done. We should not pay millions to technology companies.

Clark shared stats that if you are low-income or person of color, you wait longer at the polls. This addresses cost-cutting and broadening our democratic values of fair and open elections.

Paulina Maldonado, President of Latino Young Democrats, associated with Clark's remarks.

*The members approved this item by acclamation.*

**12. Resolution: Public Divestment from States Adopting Anti-LGBT Laws.** (Anderson)

**M/S/C** (Anderson/Pelosi)

The members approved this resolution calling for divestment of public funds controlled by San Francisco and California from certain states that adopt laws

that discriminate against LGBT and religious minorities, and adopting prohibitions on public travel expenditures to those same states.

Anderson acknowledged that the drafter of this resolution is former DCCC Member Arlo Hale Smith who asked her to advance it on his behalf and for the community. Anderson commented that laws like this not only cause damage to the LGBT communities, but that North Carolina's legislation attacks the rights of working people to file claims about discrimination in the state forum. North Carolina's legislation would leave claimants only with a possible federal remedy.

Bernal commented that Pelosi supports this endeavor. Equality CA supports this as well as LGBT advocates in North Carolina and the National Center for Lesbian rights. He suggests that we substitute Assemblyman Evan Low's language for what is in the packet.

Mandelman supports the substitution. Delete "that are not Christian" after phrase "religious minorities." Anderson accepted the friendly amendment.

Keith Baraka (Leno) commented that Leno will support this. There are 30 states that discriminate against LGBT in employment and housing.

Jessica Glass (Feinstein) stated that Feinstein will abstain simply because she was not able to review this resolution.

Joel Engardio asked if the effects can be measured.

Bernal said there is no fiscal impact to the State of California.

The motion passed with only two abstentions: Feinstein and Ting.

### **13. Resolution: Honoring State Senator Mark Leno as a Hero to California Workers**

(Kelly/Dorsey. The rest of the committee asked to be added.)

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

The members approved this resolution to honor State Senator Mark Leno as a Hero to Working People in California for authoring, shepherding and successfully securing the enactment of SB3, which will raise the statewide hourly minimum wage to \$15.

Kelly commented that Leno has been a beacon to the people of the Democratic Party. What he accomplished saved a lot of resources by negotiating with both SEIU unions, the governor and heads of the State Senate and Assembly, got just about everything that the unions wanted and got everyone agree to avoid a terrible battle. He is a hero to working people.

Anderson and Arce asked to be added as co-sponsors. Everyone then asked to be added as co-sponsors.

Baraka reported that Leno says he is appreciative, honored and is blushing.

McNeil and Kelly announced that at the McDonald's at 2<sup>nd</sup> and Market near the BART station, beginning at 6 am, the Fight for 15 rally and breakfast will be held. Jobs with Justice and Local 2 are organizing this.

Passed by acclamation.

#### **14. New Business**

CCSF is having a fundraiser named "Wok on the Wild Side" this Sunday at the Ocean campus.

#### **15. Adjournment**

**M/S/C** (Anderson/Rosenthal) Meeting adjourned at **10:35 pm.**