

San Francisco Democratic County Central Committee Minutes

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Wednesday, January 25, 2017 6:30p.m.

1. Call to Order 6:42 p.m. and Roll Call 6:42 p.m.

Present: Elected members: Angela Alioto, Keith Baraka, London Breed, John Burton (Proxy Frances Hsieh), David Campos (7:00), Malia Cohen, Petra DeJesus, Bevan Dufty (Proxy Christopher Vasquez), Mark Farrell, Sandra Lee Fewer, Pratima Gupta, Tom Hsieh (7:00), Jane Kim (Proxy Alaina Fuata), Leah LaCroix, Rafael Mandelman (Proxy Tom Temprano), Eric Mar, Sophie Maxwell, Aaron Peskin, Cindy Wu, and Norman Yee (7:00). Ex-Officio Members: Senator Dianne Feinstein (proxy Jessica Hartzell 7:08pm); U.S. Rep. Jackie Speier (proxy Brian Perkins 6:55pm); Board of Equalization Member Fiona Ma (Proxy Kat Anderson); State Senator Scott Wiener (Proxy Matthew Rothschild); Assemblymember Phil Ting (Proxy Jason Wong) and Assemblymember David Chiu (Proxy Jen Kwart).

Absent: Rachel Norton (excused); Mary Jung (excused), U.S. House Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi (excused)

2. Approval of Meeting Agenda

Discussion and possible action regarding the approval of this agenda.

Motion to approve the meeting agenda by member Weiner seconded by member DeJesus. The motion was approved unanimously by acclamation. There was no public comment.

3. Approval of Meeting Minutes

Approval of the minutes of the DCCC's meeting of October 26, 2016

Motion to approve the minutes from the meeting of October 26, 2016 by member Peskin seconded by member DeJesus. The motion was approved unanimously by acclamation. There was no public comment.

4. General Public Comment

Susan Pfeifer on voter registration updates, saving the Affordable Care Act.

Terrie Frye in support of item 8

David Giesen from The Commons SF spoke on San Francisco as a Sanctuary City and supporting the economic prosperity of the immigrant community

Matt Brauer from United Democrats, urging the support for the rechartering of the United Democrats club which seeks to support democrats in red states

Tom Gallagher from Progressive Democrats of America speaking in support of item 10, resolution endorsing Keith Ellison for DNC chair.

Ron Dudum speaking on item 10, resolution endorsing Keith Ellison for DNC chair.

Xavier Aubuchon Mendoza from Latino Dems speaking on the ADEM elections

Brandon Harami speaking in support of item 10, a resolution endorsing Keith Ellison for DNC chair.

Mick Del Rosario, VP of RFK Democratic Club, speaking in support of the re-chartering of the RFK club

Wendy Aragon, President of Richmond District Democratic Club, inviting members and the public to attend the RDDC Winter Social, inviting member to their upcoming club meeting, and urging support for items 8 and 10.

Tami Bryant from SEIU 1021 speaking in support of items 8 and 10. Also speaking in support of Alysabeth Alexander to fill a vacancy on the DCCC.

Joseph Bryant from SEIU 1021 speaking in support of Alysabeth Alexander to fill a vacancy on the DCCC.

Alisa Messer from AFT 2121 speaking in support of item 8, a resolution supporting the implementation of Free City College, and speaking in support of Alysabeth Alexander to fill a vacancy on the DCCC.

Samantha Levens from ILWU speaking in support of item 8 and Alysabeth Alexander to be appointed to the DCCC.

Felipe Jain urging the committee to actively engage underrepresented communities and communities of color.

Viver Ramaswamg urging the committee to pursue legal action against president Carolina Morales, Co-president of Harvey Milk Democratic Club, speaking in support of items 8 and 10. Also urging the committee to urge the mayor to fully fund and support the public defenders office.

Laura Foote Clark, recently elected ADEM delegate, urging the committee to bring to the CDP the reassess the voting hours of the ADEM elections.

Gabriel Markoff speaking on the need to improve the accessibility and engagement for people who want to become active on the Democratic Party. Supporting items 8 and 9.

John Daniel, speaking in support of item 10, supporting Keith Ellison for DNC Chair.

Chuck Bierwirth speaking in support of item 10, supporting Keith Ellison for DNC Chair. Asked everyone in the room to visualize Ellison as DNC Chair.

Ken Tray speaking in support of item 8 and 9, Alysabeth Alexander appointment to the DCCC, and urging the Mayor to fully fund the Public Defender's office.

Jonathan Meade from SEIU 1021 speaking in favor of Alysabeth Alexander's appointment to the DCCC. This item should be business as usual.

Ed Kinchley from SEIU 1021 speaking in support of Alysabeth Alexander's appointment to the DCCC.

Vicky Castro from SF Immigrant Legal Defense Coalition speaking in support of urging the Mayor to fully fund universal representation for our immigrant community. "We can't be a sanctuary city unless we have universal representation for everybody"

Deepa Varma from the SF Tenants Union speaking in support of items 8, 9, 10, and the appointments of Frances and Alysabeth.

Crista Underwood speaking in support of the ADEM appointments, the appointments of Frances and Alysabeth, and in support of item 10.

Mary Mendoza speaking in support of item 8 sharing her personal experience attending community college.

Conny Ford from the SF Labor Council speaking in support of item 8, and the appointment of Frances and Alysabeth to the DCCC.

Erick Arguello speaking in support of item 8 and 9, as urging the committee to continue to support the mission district,
Gilbert Bernstein from San Franciscans for Police Accountability urging members to attend police

Member Alito addressed the committee and the public on the origins of the Sanctuary City law, acknowledging the multi-community system needed to truly enforce this policy.

Nima Rahimi from the RFK Democratic club, speaking in support of protecting Muslim and Latino communities, and the re-chartering the RFK Democratic Club.

James Hobson speaking on the need for us as San Franciscans and democrats to work to protect the communities targeted by President Trump.

Derek Remski from the United Democratic Club speaking in favor of item 8.

Jason Quigley speaking on the need for affordable housing policies on San Francisco.

Zoe Kelman from Public Employees for Environmental Responsibility speaking in favor of item 10.

F.X. Martin Del Camto from the Latino Democratic Club speaking on the killing of black and brown communities by police. Urging reform in the San Francisco Police Department.

Will Trichon speaking on the need to decriminalize homelessness in San Francisco and local policies.

Dan speaking in favor of item 8.

Public Comment closed at 7:53.

Chair Wu took Item 6a.I, the appointments to current DCCC Vacancies, out of order.

Motion to approve the appointments of Frances Hsieh and Alysabeth Alexander to fill the vacancies on the DCCC made by member Campos, seconded by member Alioto. The motion was approved unanimously by acclamation. There was no public comment.

Members Hsieh and Alexander were subsequently sworn in by Judge Victor Hwang.

5. San Francisco Democratic Clubs Lightning Round

South Beach Democratic Club will be holding officer election

Amy Beinhart, President of Bernal Heights Democratic Club, shared that the club held an emergency meeting where they adopted a resolution supporting Keith Ellison for DNC Chair, held officer elections, and held a joint outreach community event with Islamic Neighborhood Center in January.

Tony Kelly, Potrero Hill Democratic Club, now has 80 members. Club is pivoting the mission of the club to organizing and community engagement. They have submitted a resolution for the DCCC to consider

Eric Lukoff, Alice B. Toklas Democratic club, submitted a letter supporting free city college, held officer elections, participated in a number of actions in the past few weeks.

Shaun Haines, President of Black Community Matters, shared the community engagement work he has participated in on behalf of the club.

Kelly Groth, New Avenues Democratic Club, shared that the club is excited to

Wendy Aragon, Richmond District Democratic Club, the club is hosting its winter social tomorrow, excited for their new supervisor in the Richmond. Of the 6 members who ran for ADEM delegate, 5 members won a seat.

Latino Democratic Club, last week they held their first meeting of 2017. Looking to build a strong coalition to advocate for our immigrant and most marginalized communities.

Bridget Davila, former president of D11 Democratic club on behalf of President Nadia Conrad, next meeting in February. Working to support the realization of Free City College.

Carolina Morales, Co-president of Harvey Milk Democratic Club with Kimberly Alvarenga, celebrating a majority women board. Looking forward to moving forward a progressive agenda and resisting President Trump.

Jen Low, Rose Pak Democratic Club, held their board elections last week. Attended the ADEM elections, many members attended for the first time. Would like to make access a priority, as well as voter registration.

Filipino American Democratic Club, seeking re-chartering and bring the voice and representation of the Filipino community back to the table.

David A., RFK Democratic Club, seeking re-chartering as United Democratic Club. The club currently has 240 members and growing. The club host local government 101 monthly, and doing community volunteer work with a number of local nonprofits.

Jon Jacobo, Co-President of Latin@ Young Democrats, recently held their board elections. The club meets

Jane Bernard-Powers, Democratic Women in Action, looking forward to addressing women's issues locally

Mawuli Tugbenyo, Black Young Democrats of San Francisco, shared the recent happenings of BYDSF including their post election debrief

Member Maxwell thanked all the club representatives for attending tonight's meeting.

Member Gupta reminded club presidents that the rechartering deadline is tonight, January 24, 2017, and to submit all the necessary documents to her no later than midnight.

6. Reports (Discussion and possible action)

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

a) Chair (Wu)

I. Appointments to current DCCC Vacancies (Discussion and possible action)

Ratification of DCCC appointments to current vacancies in AD 17

(This item was taken out of order). The committee ratified that appointments of Frances Hsieh and Alysabeth Alexander to fill two vacancies on the DCCC in AD 17.

II. Creation and appointment of Committees

- i. Fundraising
- ii. Voter Registration and Outreach
- iii. Communications and Social Media
- iv. Bylaws
- v. Internship

Chair Wu informed that the E-Board met in January. During the E-Board meetings the board created committees of the DCCC-- Fundraising, Voter Registration and Outreach, Communications and Social Media, Bylaws, and Internship. Members have been assigned to a respective committee, however members are invited to join an additional committee(s).

Chair Wu also acknowledged the committee needs to ratify appointments to the Democratic State Central Committee. The people appointed to the DSCC will be attending the CDP convention in May.

Chair Wu shared that she has also appointed members Mandelman, DeJesus, and Campos to the CADEM Executive Board.

Member Gupta asked a clarifying question regarding elected DCCC members serving as DSCC delegates.

Member Breed expressed that while she would like to, unfortunately will not be supporting some of the proposed names on the list due to unfamiliarity. Namely she will not be supporting Deepa for a DSCC delegate appointment.

Member Campos shared that he will be supporting the entire proposed list of appointments.

Member Peskin acknowledged member Breed comments regarding corporate interest in recent local races.

Member Cohen asked Chair Wu about the selection criteria she used to curate the proposed list. Member Cohen brought up an issue of fairness and if the chair reached out to all the chartered club, namely the Black Young Dems. Chair Wu informed that the Black Young Dems had been contacted.

Member Campos motion to ratify Chair Wu's CADEM delegate and E-Board appointments, seconded by member Peskin. The motion passed with members voting as follows;

Yes: Alioto, Burton, Campos, DeJesus, Dufty, Farrell, Fewer, Gupta, Kim, LaCroix, Mandelman, Maxwell, Peskin, Wu, Mar, Yee, Feinstein, Speier, Wiener, Chiu, Ting
No: Breed, T. Hsieh, Cohen
Abstain: Ma, Baraka,
Absent: Norton, Jung, Pelosi,

Chair Wu appointed Member Alexander as Treasurer, and member F. Hsieh as Recording Secretary.

b) Finance (DeJesus)

Vice Chair DeJesus presented the most recent financial for the DCCC. She cautioned the committee that we need to hold a fundraiser soon so we can continue doing the work of the party in a truly meaningful way. She invited members to connect with her

to share fundraising ideas and to join the fundraising committee.

c) Voter Registration (Baraka)

Vice Chair Baraka informed that Executive Director Mehis and Susan Pfeifer have been successfully conducting voter registration at the Citizenship Ceremonies. He shared an update on voter registration numbers for San Francisco, and distributed a document with more information, he discussed ways we as citizens can resist the Trump Administration via indivisibleguide.com, and urge our elected leaders to do the same. Vice Chair Baraka is looking forward to working with the Voter Registration and Outreach committee in the coming weeks.

d) Club Chartering (Gupta)

Vice Chair Gupta reminded the committee and members of the public that the deadline to recharter their club is tonight. She urged club presidents to submit necessary documents no later than midnight.

Vice Chair Gupta informed that the Robert Kennedy Democratic Club will be seeking to change their name if their club to the United Democrats Club, however this matter will not be voted on at tonight's meeting.

e) Outreach (LaCroix)

Vice Chair LaCroix shared that at their January meeting, the E-Board of the DCCC created a joint Voter Registration and Outreach committee. She explained that the goal of the committee is fully engage those newly registered democratic voters with the party. Our goal is to hold voter registration efforts in conjunction with our chartered club so folks registering can immediately get involved with the party at the local level.

f) Treasurer (Alexander)

No report.

g) Executive Director (Mehis)

No report

h) CDP Region 6 Update (Kelly)

The frustration in response to the recent ADEM has been heard loud and clear at the statewide party level. Here Kelly provided members and the public her contact information. There will be a region 6 meeting regarding the ADEM elections, and the feedback from that meeting will be taken to the CDP all region meeting.

8. Resolution (Discussion and possible action): DCCC Resolution in Support of Full Funding of Free City College (Kim and Mandelman)

(Item 8 was taken out of order.)

Member Mandelman (proxy Tom Temprano) provided opening remarks for the resolution. Member Kim (Proxy Alaina Fuata) shared that city college is fundamental to success

Member Speier (proxy Brian Perkins) asked to be included as a co-sponsor.

Member Maxwell address members saying, “ we need to do whatever we need to do to make this happen. Public education is under attack and San Francisco needs to step up.”

Member Speier (proxy Brian Perkins), seconded by member DeJesus, moved to approve the resolution. Motion was approved unanimously by acclamation.

7. Discussion on Financial Regulations for Chartered San Francisco Democratic Clubs (DeJesus)

Member DeJesus provided opening remarks. She clarified that this resolution is being presented as a discussion item and will be brought before the committee in February. Member DeJesus invited Mr. Jaffe, Mr. Jaffe is a founding member of the South Beach District 6 Democratic Club, and its immediate past vice-president and general counsel.

Mr. Jaffe said Potrero Hill Democratic Club informed that their club adopted an amended version of this resolution prior to this meeting. He stressed that this resolution is about accountability. “Who can possibly be against financial transparency in the clubs, unless you have something to hide?”

Member DeJesus will be working with Mr. Jaffe to revise this resolution to bring to before the committee for consideration at a later meeting.

Member Weiner (Proxy Matthew Rothschild) asked a clarifying question regarding how this requirement works since clubs also have to report to the FPPC. Mr. Jaffe responded saying ideally clubs will submit a quarterly memo to the DCCC on revenue and expenses.

9. Resolution (Discussion and possible action): Legal Representation of Undocumented Immigrants (Campos and Dufty)

Member Campos asked if the chair could consider reordering the agenda to have resolutions heard earlier in the evening, noting that a number of community member who came for this item had to leave due to time. Chair Wu noted the request.

Member Campos shared opening remark on this resolution, and provided context as to how this resolution came about.

Member Wiener (Proxy Matthew Rothschild) shared that while we may not agree with every line, the need for protections against President Trump far outweighs

DeJesus: we need to full funding, and we need to be ready from day 1. You can be ready with halfass funding.

Member Ting (Proxy Jason Wong) shared his general support for this resolution.

Member DeJesus, seconded by member Dufty, moved to adopt the resolution. The

motion passed with members voting as follows;

Yes: Alioto, Alexander, Baraka, Burton, Campos, Cohen, DeJesus, Dufty, Farrell, Fewer, Gupta, F. Hsieh, Kim, LaCroix, Mandelman, Mar, Maxwell, Peskin, Wu, Yee, Feinstein, Speier, Ma, Weiner, Chiu, Ting

Abstain: Breed, T. Hsieh

Absent: Norton, Jung, Pelosi

10. Resolution: (Discussion and possible action): Endorsement of U.S. Rep. Keith Ellison for DNC Chair (Mar and De Jesus)

Member DeJesus shared opening remarks urging the committee to support this resolution.

Member Mar shared that it's a pivotal moment in the Democratic Party. Keith Ellison is about bringing people together.

Director Kelly shared, "I am so grateful to see that you have brought this resolution to your committee. You are creating space for your voice to be heard in this process."

Member Baraka shared that he was initially on the fence about how he was going to vote tonight, but after hearing from members of the community he will be voting in favor of this resolution.

Member Speier (Proxy Brian Perkins) shared that she will be abstaining from this vote.

Member T. Hsieh expressed deep concern about the resolution before the committee, and how it made it onto the agenda. He cautioned that approving this resolution would be an endorsement on a candidate, which arguably violated our bylaws and could potentially be undemocratic. For the purpose of expediency we are abandoning our values.

Member Campos shared that he does not believe that supporting Keith Ellison would abandon our progressive values.

Member Ma (proxy Kat Anderson) shared her concern stating that she would like the committee to follow the appropriate procedure. She asked if there was a list of other candidates available. Chair Wu read the list of candidates running for DNC Chair.

Member Wiener (Proxy Matthew Rothschild) informed that he will not be voting in favor of this resolution tonight.

Member Campos, seconded by member DeJesus, moved to adopt the resolution. The motion passed with members voted as follows;

Yes: Alexander, Burton, Campos, DeJesus, Dufty, Fewer, Kim, Mandelman, Mar, Peskin, F. Hsieh, Wu, Yee, Chui

No: Breed, T. Hsieh, Weiner

Abstain: Baraka, Gupta, LaCroix, Maxwell, Speier, Ma, Ting
Absent: Alioto, Cohen, Farrell, Norton, Jung, Feinstein, Pelosi,

11. New Business (Discussion and possible action)

The DCCC is unable to discuss or take action on items not on this agenda when those discussions pertain to matters within the jurisdiction of the San Francisco Board of Supervisors. The limited exception is to discuss and take action in deciding whether to calendar such items for a future meeting.

There was none.

12. Adjournment

Chair Wu adjourned the meeting at 9:41pm.

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