

# San Francisco Democratic County Central Committee

Milton Marks Auditorium  
455 Golden Gate Avenue  
San Francisco, CA

Wednesday, April 26, 2017  
6:30pm

## Meeting Minutes

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### 1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Meeting called to order at 6:40 pm

Roll call by Recording Secretary F. Hsieh

**Members Present:** Alysabeth Alexander, Angela Alioto (proxy: Gian-Paolo Veronese), Keith Baraka (6:44 pm), David Campos (7:06 pm), Malia Cohen (6:43), Petra DeJesus, Bevan Dufty (7:00 pm), Sandra Lee Fewer (6:44 pm), Peter Gallotta, Pratima Gupta (proxy: Stephany Ashley), Frances Hsieh, Tom Hsieh (6:47 pm), Jane Kim (7:21 pm), Leah LaCroix, Rafael Mandelman (7:27), Eric Mar (proxy: Hene Kelly), Sophie Maxwell, Aaron Peskin (Lee Hepner), Cindy Wu, and Norman Yee (proxy: Eva Orbuch). Ex-Officio Members: U.S. Senator Dianne Feinstein (proxy: Megan Levitan, 6:45 pm); U.S. House Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi (proxy: Dan Bernal, 6:46 pm); Board of Equalization Member Fiona Ma (proxy: Cally Wong); State Senator Scott Wiener (proxy: Matthew Rothschild); Assemblymember Phil Ting (proxy: Alex Walker) and Assemblymember David Chiu (proxy: Jen Kwart).

**Members Absent:** London Breed, Rachel Norton, U.S. House Representative Jackie Speier

**Members Excused:** Mark Farrell, Mary Jung

26 members present, 5 members absent (2 excused)

### 2. Approval of Meeting Agenda (Discussion and possible action)

Discussion and possible action regarding the approval of this agenda.

Amendments: None

Motion: Chair Wu moved to accept agenda by acclamation.

Vote Count: Approved by acclamation

### 3. Approval of Meeting Minutes (Discussion and possible action)

Approval of the minutes of the DCCC's meeting of March 22, 2017 (minutes attached).

Amendments: None

Motion: Member Alexander moved to accept minutes by acclamation.

Second: Member LaCroix

Vote Count: Approved by acclamation

### 4. General Public Comment (1 minute per speaker)

The DCCC will take public comment on all items on the agenda and, in addition, other matters

germane to party business but not on the agenda.

**Public comment opened at 6:43 pm**

Speakers: Christine Pelosi: is running for reelection as Chair of the women's caucus. In this coming year, is looking forward to supporting open source systems, single payer, fighting and resisting, and party building; Susan Pfeifer: May 4th is next citizen voter registration at the Paramount. Invites people to Saturday training in Modesto for organizers who want to flip CD10; Stephen Jaffe (South Beach D6 Dem Club): As of 4/18/17, all club meetings are now open to all members. Gave update on civil grand jury opportunity, Sunday Streets outreach, Science March updates; Xavier Aubuchon-Mendoza (Latino Democratic Club/SEIU 1021): Supports resistance education efforts, invited all to participate in May 1 march; Eric Silver (CCSF student): Is a new, enthusiastic Democrat, hope future meetings are not at the Milton Marks venue; Susan Bryan (Central City Democrats): invites everyone to 11th Anniversary celebration; Denise Dorey (Central City Democrats) opposed/opposes prop 64; Adriel Hampton (SF Berniecrats,): supports Kim Ellis and all resolutions at tonight's meeting; Art Perseko (PDA-SF/Stand UP SF): supports HR 1473, urges support for progressive candidates for office; Ben Becker (SF Berniecrats): thanks for work on transparency resolution and dark money; Benjamin Somers, Nextstop SF) supports downtown extension for Caltrain

Support for item 12, AB 14/CA Disclose Act: Travis Bradley, UDC; Alex Liu, UDC; Andrew Dolberg, UDC; Emre Titizer, UDC; Blue Mudbhary, UDC; Derek Remski, UDC; Luis Cardenas, UDC; Jason Brock; William Daugherty, Larkin Street Youth Services Youth advisory board

Support for item 11, resolution supporting dependency funding: Shira Andron, SFUSD; Yolanda Jackson, Bar Association of SF; Julie Traun, Director of Court Programs; Jennifer Daly, Legal Services for Children; Hajah Kandeh, Progress Foundation

Support for item 9, HR 1473: Laurel Muniz, BHNC; Jose Muniz, BHNC; Brace Belden, former YPG fighter; Lito Sandoval, SF Latino Democratic Club

**Public comment closed at 7:16 pm**

**5. Presentations from Organizations Involved in Resistance Activities and Discussion of Adopting an Action Plan for the SFDCCC (Maxwell) (Discussion and possible action)**

Chair Chu thanked Member Maxwell and Gallotta for organizing this portion; Member Maxwell wants to arm our clubs with knowledge and thank members of organizations for coming; Member Gallotta gave background that these organization are doing the front line resistance work.

Presentations by:

**Aaron, Indivisible SF:** Founded by congressional staffers on the hill to create a pathway to pressure congressional members. Locally, they have put pressure on SF members on their votes and to take a bigger leadership role on key issues. Locally have 35 chapters, and 6,000 chapters across the country and all are very impact focused. This is a forum to share tech experience and talents, support local groups and organizations, and participate in local events and marches. They welcome speakers and sharing resources. To join, text "join" to 44144 or sign up

at indivisiblesf.org. Meetings are every Sunday. This is a way to support the leaders that you want, to not only vote right, but change how politics work.

Questions from members: Member Mar: Please repeat join information; Member Maxwell: What does 'vote right' mean, IND: demonstrate your values, speak to the people's values; Member DeJesus: what's the Modesto trip & where do you meet, IND: meet at St John Evangelist to get a ride for a training on organizing in CD10; Chair Wu: Would like to consider having an action/call session instead of a meeting in the Fall.

**Vanessa Moses (CJC) & Ken Tray (UESF), Bay Resistance:** A network of labor and community organizations across the Bay Area that came together to oppose toxic agenda of Trump and lead an agenda forward. 20,000 people in rapid response network. Recently held an all day convening/training with 1,500 to prepare for resistance, learning about issues, direct action, and political organizing. Action oriented coalition rooted in organization that work with front-line communities.. Hold Resist Trump Tuesdays last 100 days. Sign up for alerts by texting "Resist" to 41411 for updates on actions and alerts. Helping to organize May Day actions, starting at 6:30 am on Sansome, then to Longshoreman's Hall then to Justin Herman Plaza at 11 am and a march down Market to Civic Center. Meeting Gallotta: Can individuals join or is it just organizations, when do you meet?, BR: Steering committee meets twice a month, and larger network meetings, but only organizational representatives, mass meeting was first public meeting and will have more ongoing to engage and train people. Have members across the Bay, so meetings move around.

**Susan Pfeifer, Democracy Action & Organizing for Action:** Do not have meetings. DA came out of Hillary campaign, combination of Hillary and Bernie supporters and came from Obama campaign. Phone bank into red districts. Generally 2 phone banks a week on Saturday and Sunday. Right now making calls in special elections across the country - 5 Congressional, 2 state governors, 1 state attorney general, countless state legislative seats and issues, including primaries. All call times are on website at Demaction.us and try to aggregate all events. Work with Flippable, Swing Left, 50 state strategies. Organizing for Action is using the Indivisible model to push on ACA and rapid response network to turn out for town halls. Weekly coalition conference call to centralize efforts and talking points. Member Baraka: What time are phone banks, DA/OFA: Sundays in Dogpatch from 1-5 pm, Saturday from 1-5 pm, all on website; Question: What's Flippable? DA/OFA: Came out of last election, volunteers that research elections, like Swing Left, they research what elections are coming up and valuable information on odds of a race to better target phone banks; Member Peskin: Speak more about Modesto, DA/OFA CD10 is drivable from Bay Area, but all this interest could be a train wreck, can't canvass yet, there's no candidate yet, mostly just voter registration. Working with Patty Hughes of rural caucus on training this weekend for those who want to volunteer regularly there and build database of volunteers

**Member discussion:**

**Member Maxwell:** Not only is this discussion good, but also need to discuss possible action, we should consider what resistance looks like and what SFDCCC can do

**Member Mar:** California Alliance for Retired Americans is half union, half community organizations - Central Valley and San Francisco seniors often vote against their own self interests, find seniors talking to seniors, peer groups work better together

**Chair Wu:** let's be realistic about what we have capacity for, what can we take on as an organization? Can we change the structure of our meetings and what resources do we have and can leverage?

**Member Alexander:** Use our website better and advertising and calendaring event, support great work and turn out democrats. to calendar, SEIU can offer resources, has phone banks every Wednesdays they can share

**Member Baraka:** How did you set up the texting system, would like to set up something similar for voter registration? **Ind:** Can set up for free, can do it in half an hour.

**Member Pelosi:** Thanks for the energy and results driven work, lots of CA congressional work, 2 immediate things you can do sign up for alerts by Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee - [www.toolbox.dccc.org](http://www.toolbox.dccc.org); DCCC University on Monday 5/15, 5-8 pm, lots of workshops to manage campaigns, financing campaigns

**Member DeJesus:** Proposed committee to work with these groups and have a meeting dedicated to an action; Members assigned: **DeJesus, Gallotta, Maxwell, Alexander, Gupta, F. Hsieh**

**Member Maxwell** - Join SFDFCC group at May Day - Members attending: **Maxwell, Kelly, Wu, F. Hsieh**

#### **6. Proposed Bylaws Amendment on Financial Disclosures for Chartered Clubs (DeJesus)** (Discussion and possible action) (Bylaws amendment, needing 2/3 vote)

**Chair Wu:** Taking items 6, 7, & 8 together, thanked the working group

**Member DeJesus:** Today's proposals represents everyone's suggestions, addressing dark money concerns and includes a minor bylaw amendment, with substance of changes in Policy and Procedures manual. Passing onto Stephen Jaffe and Member T. Hsieh from the working group to give more detail. **Jaffe:** Gratitude to Members DeJesus, T. Hsieh, and Gallotta; current proposal includes all requested changes. **Member T. Hsieh** gave overview: disclosure policy applies to any chartered club that is required to file by FPPC. Changes do three things: increase transparency of source of money for political committees; policy is fair for all sized clubs; has enough checks and balances so that it doesn't target a specific club or entity. Goal is not to penalize, but encourage groups to come into transparency and compliance; **Member Baraka** thanked everyone who worked on this, it is an example of how we can work together and have sensible policy. **Member Campos** thanked all who kept bringing this back and working on it. Transparency and ethics is important, asked for a training or education for clubs so that they understand expectations.

Amendments: None

Motion: Member Campos moved to support all three resolutions

Second: Member DeJesus

Vote Count: Approved by acclamation

#### **7. Proposed Update to Policies & Procedures Manual on Financial Disclosures for Chartered Clubs (DeJesus)** (Discussion and possible action)

Voted on together with Items 6 & 8

Amendments: None  
Motion: Member Campos  
Second: Member DeJesus  
Vote Count: Approved by acclamation

**8. Resolution on DCCC Financial Disclosures (DeJesus) (Discussion and possible action)**  
Voted on together with Items 6 & 8

Amendments: None  
Motion: Member Campos  
Second: Member DeJesus  
Vote Count: Approved by acclamation

**9. Resolution on U.S. Military Action in Syria (DeJesus, Gallotta, Gupta, F. Hsieh) (Discussion and possible action)**

**Chair Wu:** pass onto Member Gallotta and Tom Gallagher (BHDC)

**Gallagher:** Originated in BHDC, has been endorsed by a number of clubs, this resolutions asks our Representatives to co-sponsor HR 1473 (Lee) and for Senators to sponsor parallel resolution, issue is whether a reasonable person believes additional troops produce a better outcome, public officials should work for the public.

**Member Mar:** Point of order, ask for motion and second before discussion

**Member DeJesus:** Respects Barbara Lee, we must stop the military industrial complex, war begets war; urged collective action and work

**Member Gallotta:** Thanks BHNC, Latino DC, HMLGBT DC, sees Democratic club as the anti-war democrats, asked party to support this resolution

Amendments: None  
Motion: Member DeJesus to support  
Second: Member Cohen  
Vote Count: Approved by acclamation  
Abstentions: Members Kim, Peskin, Feinstein, Pelosi, Ting

**10. Resolution on Leveling the Playing Field for All California Hospitals (Alexander) (Discussion and possible action) [WITHDRAWN]**

**11. Resolution Requesting California Meet its Legal Obligations to Families in Dependency Courts (Cohen) (Discussion and possible action)**

**Member Cohen:** introduced resolution, explained dependency court system and woeful underfunding, affecting the most vulnerable, last spring passed resolution urging state for adequate funding at the Board of Supervisors. **Member Ting:** stated he will have to abstain since this is a State budget item.

**Members requesting to be added as co-sponsors: Alexander, Baraka, Campos, DeJesus, Dufty, Fewer, Gupta, Kim LaCroix, Mandelman, Mar, Maxwell**

Motion: Member Mar moved to support  
Second: Member Baraka  
Vote Count: Approved by acclamation  
Abstentions: Members Feinstein, Ting

## **12. Resolution to Support Passage of AB 14** (Baraka) (Discussion and possible action)

Point of order: **Member LaCroix** clarified that presentation of item and questions should proceed a motion being called, with additional discussion and questions to follow before the vote

**Member Baraka** thanked UDC for bringing item forward, first heard about issue from Joni Eisen of PHDC, DISCLOSE stands for Democracy Is Strengthened by Casting Light On Spending in Elections, you can find more information at [CAclean.org](http://CAclean.org) or [yesfairelections.org](http://yesfairelections.org) or [facebook.com/yesfairelections](https://facebook.com/yesfairelections) on twitter at [#cacleaneconomy](https://twitter.com/#cacleaneconomy). **Member Peskin** requested for future resolutions about legislative bills to include bill language or fact sheet. Suggested a friendly amendment, which was accepted by Member Baraka. **Member Pelosi** based on federal legislation proposed by Leader Pelosi, which were not able to pass at federal level and glad to see it moving on state level. **Member Ting** stated he co-authored bill, which had its first hearing today in committee. **Member Mar** supports having a fact sheet accompany bill rather than bill text, which can be hard to understand since **Member Baraka** to cut down on waste of paper, can go to website.

Amendments: “WHEREAS In spite of federal preemption ~~on laws that would restrict of~~ restrictions on independent political expenditures by corporate entities, local and state lawmakers have broad authority to regulate disclosure requirements and direct contributions to candidate campaigns or ballot measure committees controlled by candidates or elected officials; and”

Motion: Member Cohen moved to support as amended  
Second: Member Alexander  
Vote Count: Approved by acclamation  
Abstention: Member Feinstein

## **13. 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) Remember to register for convention online before 5 pm this Friday

**b) Finance** (DeJesus) Reminder about May 4th fundraiser honoring John Burton, our annual fundraiser, please buy your tickets, and thanks to those who have contributed, event is almost sold out, offering discounted rate to chartered clubs

**c) Voter Registration** (Baraka) Registered 134 at Paramount on 3/29, were at Sunday Streets with PHDC, Member Maxwell, Member LaCroix, Young Black Democrats; Just confirmed Sunday registration with Southbeach D6 Dem club, trying to have 2 events a month, expand to door knocking and more events

**d) Club Chartering** (Gupta) Next Leadership Circle in July on can add on agenda talking about new requirements; Member Hsieh, internship committee report - received 15 applications, interviewed 9, hired 4 college, 2 high school interns; plans for voter registration and education events, internship enrichment and education; reminder about member donations for programs, only 11 out of 30 have donated so far.

**e) Outreach** (LaCroix) Participated in Sunday Streets with PHDC, looking forward to reshaping SFDCCC meetings for more activism and participating in activities, look forward to engaging summer programs and developing curriculum

**f) Treasurer** (Alexander) Ran through forms, Federal committee cash and payables; state committee, more detail in following sheets; and budget draft for 2017

**g) Executive Director** (Mehis) Announced discounted rate for Democratic chartered clubs at May 4 fundraiser

**h) CDP Region 6 Update** (Kelly) - Convention activities start on Friday, lots of stuff happens over the weekend. Sunday morning is when we vote on resolutions. We need all of you there. Stay through Sunday, please. Vote for Chair is on Saturday and all offices and regional directors.

#### **14. 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.

**Member F. Hsieh** would like to develop a Language Access policy for the SFDCCC, contact her if you want to be involved or help develop policy for June meeting; **Chair Wu** Reminder that due to convention there is no May meeting; **Member Ting**: Thanks for attending joint state representative town hall, highlighted upcoming events in district, May 6th Health Fair and May 11th interactive Budget Townhall; **Member Mar** announced that SB 562 (single payer) passed committee; **Member F. Hsieh** announced, as was mentioned earlier in the meeting, SFDCCC now has a calendar on our website to aggregate party activities, club meetings and events, and other major events. Submit events to [calendar@sfdemocrats.org](mailto:calendar@sfdemocrats.org).

#### **15. Adjournment**

Chair Wu adjourned meeting without objection.

**Meeting was adjourned at 8:52 pm**

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