

San Francisco Democratic County Central Committee

County Fair Building

1199 9th Avenue

San Francisco, CA

Wednesday, July 26, 2017

6:30pm

Meeting Minutes

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Meeting called to order at 6:35 pm by Vice-President and Interim Chair Petra DeJesus.

Members present: Alysabeth Alexander, Angela Alioto (proxy: Tabitha Totah), Keith Baraka, London Breed (proxy: Derek Remski), David Campos, Malia Cohen, Petra DeJesus, Bevan Dufty, Mark Farrell, Sandra Lee Fewer, Peter Gallotta, Kelly Groth, Pratima Gupta, Frances Hsieh, Tom Hsieh, Mary Jung, Jane Kim (proxy: Paulina Maldonado), Leah LaCroix, Rafael Mandelman, Sophie Maxwell, Rachel Norton, Aaron Peskin, Cindy Wu, and Norman Yee (proxy: Jen Low).

Ex-Officio Members: U.S. House Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi (proxy: Dan Bernal); U.S. House Representative Jackie Speier (proxy: Brian Perkins); Board of Equalization Member Fiona Ma (proxy: Lou Fischer); State Senator Scott Wiener (proxy: Matthew Rothschild); Assemblymember Phil Ting (proxy: Alex Walker) and Assemblymember David Chiu (proxy: Genesis Garcia).

Members Absent: Rachel Norton

Members Excused: U.S. Senator Dianne Feinstein

29 members present, 2 members absent (1 excused)

Interim Chair Petra DeJesus thanked outgoing Chair Wu for her service and presentation of gifts by Members Gallotta and Gupta. Explained the process for Item 5 (chair nomination and vote).

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

Discussion and possible action regarding the approval of this agenda.

Member Maxwell spoke in support of adding Item 7 to the agenda and need for urgency since the item will be before the CDP executive committee in August. *Member Alexander* moved to add the item to the agenda, seconded by *Member Gupta* and supported by acclamation.

Member Campos spoke in support of adding Item 8 to the agenda and the immediate need due to the emergency nature. *Member Gallotta* moved to add the item to the agenda, seconded by *Member Alexander*, and passed by acclamation.

Amendments: Two items needed a 2/3rds vote for addition to agenda, item 7 (Maxwell) and item 8 (Campos).

Motion to approve as amended: Member Speier

Second: Member LaCroix

Vote Count: Supported by acclamation

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

Approval of the minutes of the DCCC's meeting of June 28, 2017 (minutes attached).

Amendments: Mary Jung attendance needed to be corrected.

Motion to approve: Member Campos

Second: Member LaCroix

Vote Count: Support 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.

Lito Sandoval (LDC) support of David Campos as chair, and trans resolution; Susan Pfeifer (FDR, Democracy Action) have annual awards ceremony early this week, honoring Tony Thurmond and Dignity Fund, ACA phone banks, Virginia candidates and saving ACA; Xavier Aubuchon-Mendoza (ADEM 19) wants support/cosponsors opposing income equality resolution and supports Campos for Chair; Jane Bernard-Powers (DWIA) hopes to see leadership in the resistance to overturn detrimental policies; Stephen Jaffe (SBD6) support resolutions, Campos for chair, and announce event

Public Comment closed at 6:54 pm

5. Election of the Chair (Discussion and possible action)

Discussion and possible action to nominate candidates for and elect the Chair of the S.F. DCCC, in accordance with Article III, Section 1 et seq. of the S.F. DCCC Bylaws

Interim Chair DeJesus opened floor for nominations. *Member Wu* thanked everyone for their past support and nominated Member Campos for Chair, seconded by *Member Jung*. With no additional candidates, nominations were closed. *Member Campos* thanked former Chair Wu for her service, gave a statement and spoke about his goal to have the Democratic Party to stand for something. SFDCCC has a role to play to help define what it means to be a Democrat, be a "San Francisco Democrat", and have "San Francisco values." Focus on swing districts, having an inclusive, progressive agenda where society creates opportunity for everyone, have a responsibility towards everyone, healthcare is a right, development of housing that is for everyone, education as a great equalizer, and making the party relevant for all SF residents and young people.

Motion to nominate Campos: Member Wu

Second: Member Jung

Vote Count: Supported by acclamation

6. Resolution in Support of SB 33-- Prohibiting Financial Institutions from Engaging in Fraudulent Activity That Injures Consumers (DeJesus, Gallotta) (Discussion and possible action)

Chair Campos invited *Member DeJesus* to introduce measure who gave background on measure. *Member Kim* spoke about proposed amendments to add additional detail about Wells Fargo's fraudulent actions, findings by the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, and information about local efforts around the issue. Jake from Supervisor Kim's office to read amendments into the record. *Members Chiu, Maxwell, Mandelman, and Alioto* requested to to be added as co-sponsors. *Member Baraka* pointed out resolution rules that restricted them to one page. *Motion to amend by Member Kim, seconded by Member Speier and passed by acclamation.*

Amendments: Member Kim: additional details in whereas clauses, adding in support of SF Board of Supervisors resolution file #170826, and amending resolved clauses to reflect addition.

Motion to approve: Member Speier

Second: Member Cohen

Vote Count: Support by acclamation

7. Resolution in Support of Fair Employment Enforcement Act (Maxwell) (Discussion and possible action)

Member Maxwell gave background about resolution. This is an issue the African American Caucus will bring in front of the CDP executive committee, therefore the need to have issue heard now. Also spoke about minor technical amendments to the resolution. Members Alexander, Baraka, Campos, DeJesus, Dufty, Fewer, Gupta, F. Hsieh, LaCroix, Mandelman, Speier, and Wu requested to be added as cosponsors.

Amendments: Adding "anti" in front of "workplace in three areas

Motion to approve: Member Baraka

Second: Member Speier

Vote Count: Support by acclamation

8. Resolution Defending the Rights of Transgender People to Serve in the United States Military (Campos, Gallotta, DeJesus, F. Hsieh, Mandelman)

Chair Campos gave background on the measure, the urgent nature of the resolution and the need to speak out. All members requested to be added as cosponsors, and the following clubs: Asian Pacific Democratic Club, United Democratic Club, SF Latino Democratic Club, Latin@ Young Democrats of SF, District 6/South Beach Democratic Club, Democratic Women In Asian, Alice B. Toklas Democratic Club, Richmond District Democratic Club, Harvey Milk LGBT Democratic Club, SF Young Democrats, Willie B. Kennedy Democratic Club; Brownie Mary Democratic Club, FDR Democratic Club, and City Democratic Club. *Chair Campos* invited cosponsors to speak; *Member Speier* sits on House Armed Services Committee, read her tweet

about topic; *Member Pelosi* read statement and about joining transgender equality task force; *Member DeJesus* stated this causes serious harm and is also it is also a distraction tactic; *Member Ting* had a point of information about HMLGBTDC added as cosponsor; *Member Gallotta*, we must stand up and fight back against bigotry and hatred, need to do more to demand acceptance, housing, economic justice, healthcare, one piece of the barriers the communities fight to lift up the transgender community to have a seat at the table; *Member Mandelman* thanked Chair Campos and railed against POTUS, environment, how can the party help coordinate, consolidate, and support resources for the fight; *Lou Fischer* (Toklas) read a part of statement from Alice B. Toklas Democratic Club and continued fight to resist these policies; *Chair Campos* noted that it's important for party not only to oppose Trump, but also put forward proactive agenda, including supporting transgender community, thanked E.D. Mehis for help to put this together.

Motion to support: Chair Campos

Second: Member Gallotta

Vote Count: Support by acclamation

9. 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 (Campos) - A couple of events will be coming in the next few of weeks: a welcoming reception for clubs and democrats so that we can hear directly from rank and file on goals for mid term and long term; fundraiser for resources for voter registration, education, outreach; Would like a September/October retreat open to clubs and members to interact outside of monthly meetings, to develop stronger interpersonal relationships, set priorities for party in the next year, look at state platform and identify SF's priorities. Look for and fill out the doodle poll, welcomed ideas for locations and facilitators; Wanted to change permanent meeting location, please forward suggestions to E.D. Mehis and will discuss proposals at next meeting and include rotating locations; finally SF DCCC will be divesting from Wells Fargo

b) Finance (DeJesus) - Will be working with Chair Campos and E.D. Mehis on upcoming fundraiser to fund our priorities and have a position of strength.

c) Voter Registration (Baraka) - At recent effort, registered 200 people with about 100 as democrats. Wanted to ramp up voter registration beyond street fairs and citizenship ceremonies; Next step is going to D10 to talk about voter registration, switch more voters to democrats, increase voting propensity, reach out to Keith if you want to volunteer at KeithBarak@gmail.com; *Member Maxwell* would like more work driven by data with specific targets; *Member Wiener* would like to see raw numbers of new registrants, can use CDP system DPI system, possible presentation at retreat; *Chair Campos* stated we would need to amend budget to fund this project

d) Club Chartering (Gupta) - Successful leadership circle on July 22, 2017, with a training by Angela Calvillo about running meetings effectively, Judith Boken of Democracy Action, and training about new reporting requirements for chartered clubs, next meeting will be on September 23rd, from 10 am - noon, location TBD, would like suggestions for topics, including poll clubs for having another endorsementpalooza.

e) Outreach (LaCroix) - Accompanied interns at Sunday Streets at Valencia a couple of weeks ago. Need for outreach and need for an outreach committee. Those interested in joining, please reach out to Member LaCroix and E.D. Mehis.

f) Treasurer (Alexander) - Reviewed budget sheets; cash on hand; assets, cash, liability, equity; profit logs and expenses; net income; *Member Wiener* had questions about budget and federal budget and upcoming fundraiser should focus on federal fund; *Member Baraka* recommended switching account to SF Fire Credit; Fischer SF Fire; *Member Wiener* had a question about the amount in the budget for legal and accounting, *Member Wu* clarified that it was payment for fundraiser support.

g) Executive Director (Mehis) - Spoke about phone call with CDP, work of CDP E.D. was split into four position; CDP committee assignments will go out this week; thanks to interns, last day August 6th; *Member Baraka* asked who made decisions on CDP committee assignments, *E.D. Mehis* clarified that it was the CDP Chair and his team.

h) CDP Region 6 Update (Kelly) - Thanked people for coming to the Westside tonight, just finished 2 Region 6 meetings, lots of great resolutions submitted on time; Executive Board meeting at end of August in Anaheim; CDP has great resources to help with voter services, has been to Redding, Roseville, Modesto, Central Valley, amalgum of people going and people in these areas coming out, hoping people can join her; Next CDP executive board meeting is in Millbrae; *Member DeJesus* asked for a quick explanation of executive board, *Director Kelly* clarified that all meetings are open to the public, at the Sheraton in Anaheim, August 25-27; all caucuses will be meeting, talking about women's rights, speakers, review lots of resolutions; it is similar to a smaller convention, and you get to know folks; *Member Ting* stated that Director Kelly ran a great meeting last night and talked about accessibility, ADEMS more user friendly and accessible, go to Millbrae! Finally, today is 27th Anniversary of the American with Disabilities Act!

10. 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 DeJesus announced bylaws committee meeting on September 9th from 9:30 - noon at Muddy Waters at 1304 Valencia Street at 24th Street. *Member F.Hsieh* gave update on access working group meeting and will be holding another meeting to bring forward both a bylaws amendment and a policies and procedures manual amendment at the next meeting. Invited more to join. Member Gallotta requested to be added. *Member Gallotta* reminded people on the proper procedure to add things to the agenda; Friday deadline before 10-day notice go out on Sunday, stressed that adding items to the 72-hour agenda requires 2/3rds vote. Send items to peter.gallotta@gmail.com, will follow up on these procedures with an email.

Member Gupta thanked chartered clubs for making July deadline for membership rosters for pre-endorsement meeting; stated that September 15th is the deadline to send updated bylaws that include the following statement "governs the selection of potential representatives."

Member Ting thanked all for coming to AD19; thanked to Member Wu for her service and congratulations to Chair Campos. *Member Baraka* thanked to Angeles Roy for hard work

around voter registration. *Member Wiener* thanked Member Wu and wished Chair Campos good luck.

10. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 8:06 pm