

San Francisco Democratic County Central Committee

Wednesday, May 23, 2018

6:30pm

Tenderloin Community Elementary School

627 Turk Street

San Francisco, CA

Meeting Minutes

A recording of the meeting can be found online at:

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1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Meeting called to order at 6:36 pm by Chair, David Campos

Roll Call by Recording Secretary F. Hsieh

Members present: Alysabeth Alexander, Angela Alioto (proxy: Doug Comstock), Keith Baraka, London Breed, David Campos, Malia Cohen (proxy: Sophia Kittler), Petra DeJesus, Bevan Dufty, Sandra Lee Fewer, Peter Gallotta, Kelly Groth, Pratima Gupta, Frances Hsieh, Jane Kim (proxy: Peter Gallotta), Leah LaCroix, Meagan Levitan, Jen Low, Honey Mahogany, Rafael Mandelman (proxy: Pratima Gupta), Sophie Maxwell, Rachel Norton.

Ex-Officio Members present: U.S. Senator Dianne Feinstein (proxy: Kathleen Dowling McDonough); Board of Equalization Member Fiona Ma (proxy: Kat Anderson); State Senator Scott Wiener (proxy: Matthew Rothschild); Assemblymember Phil Ting (proxy: Alex Walker), Assemblymember David Chiu (proxy: Jen Kwart).

Members absent/excused: U.S. House Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi, U.S. House Representative Jackie Speier, Tom Hsieh, Mary Jung,

26 members present, 4 members absent

2. Approval of Meeting Agenda

Amendments: Add Doris Ward to In Memoriam

Motion to amend: Member Breed; *Second:* Member Cohen

Vote Count: Approved by Acclamation

Motion to approve as amended: Member Gallotta; *Second:* Member Baraka

Vote Count: Approved by Acclamation

3. Approval of Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve: Member DeJesus; *Second:* Member Gupta

Vote Count: Approved by Acclamation

4. General Public Comment

Public Comment began at 6:40 pm

Xavier Abuchon-Mendoza (ADEM 19) proposed bylaws amendment to move all electeds to exofficio status; Susan Pfeiffer (Democracy Action) GOTV update, Open Source paper ballot voting, new citizen voter registration; Maxine Doogan (Erotic Services Providers Union) lobby federal representatives Feinstein and Harris to repeal #FOST; Remi Tan (Indivisible SF) wants Democratic Party to strengthen message on issues of Education, Jobs, Infrastructure and GOTV of students in swing Districts, debates should involve all candidates, regardless of political party.

Public Comment closed at 6:47 pm

5. Reports

a) Chair (Campos) *Chair Campos* gave report about June election outreach, slate card and advertising program, read a Executive Committee statement clarifying party's endorsed candidates; Due to Member Peskin resigning, nominated Jennifer Chan, spoke about her background; Jen Chan spoke about her excitement to serve; *Member Low* spoke in support of her work and respect for her as a working mother.

Motion to approve: Member Dufty; *Second:* Member Fewer

Vote Count: Approved by Acclamation

b) Finance (DeJesus) - Announced fundraiser dinner, likely in July, invited people to help and attend fundraising committee meeting and help raise money!

c) Voter Registration (Baraka) - Introduced Department of Elections to talk about Ranked Choice Voting and conditional voter registration; City Hall is open on the weekends before election day from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm for voting; Conditional voter registration is new this year for those who are eligible to vote, but missed registration deadline, can only vote at City Hall, differentiated by having a green stripe, considered as a type of provisional voter; Talked about statistics, in 2018, there are 491,000 registered to vote, 291,000 vote by mail voters, over 60%; Voters can now drop off ballot from any county at at any polling place in California, must be postmarked by June 5, 2018; 583 polling locations, increased since last year, all are ADA accessible so there are changes to traditional locations; Talked about the different reasons for using provisional ballots, including voting at the wrong polling location, if you registered as vote-by-mail voter and decide to vote at polling location; Talked about accessible voting options, including remote ballot, online access for voters with accessibility issues; Reviewed ranked choice voting, view videos online at: www.sfelections.org; You can now track status of your ballot online; *Member Gallotta* what should someone who has not received their ballot yet do? *BOE* Best is to check status online before May 29th and/or call department; *Member DeJesus* what are the hours to vote *BOE* Monday through Friday from 8:00 am - 5:00 pm, Saturday and Sunday from 10:00 am - 4:00 pm, closed Memorial Day, open on Election Day from 7:00 am - 8:00 pm; *Member Gupta* what happens when you vote for the same choice 3 times? *BOE* first choice counts, but ballot does not get invalidated, however it gets "exhausted" in rank voting consideration and lowers threshold to reach 50% plus 1; *Member Maxwell* if you registered

conditionally, are you permanently registered or do you have to register again *BOE* yes, you are permanently registered *Member LaCroix* what is the deadline to sign up as a poll worker *BOE* Contact department ASAP, hiring office is open every day until slots are open they need 3,000 poll workers, and are about 200 people short.

d) Club Chartering (Gupta) Deferred report to item 6.

e) Outreach (LaCroix) Spoke about slate card and outreach work, which included CDP slatecard, thanked members for helping with voter outreach and handing out slate card, made a pitch for ALL members to help out and sent around a sign-up sheet for remaining outreach dates and times.

f) Treasurer (Alexander) Reviewed financial documents

g) Partnerships *Member Maxwell* gave information about upcoming Indivisible Resistant on July 9th.

h) Internship Committee *Member Gupta* gave an update on program and new interns : 2 high-school aged and 4 college-aged youth, welcomed suggestions from members for opportunities for learning and mentorship.

i) Executive Director *E.D. Mehis* announced that June and July meetings will be at LGBT Center; August 18th is confirmed for all day interviews for November elections at Women's Building; Reminder of Planned Parenthood event tomorrow from noon-1 pm at new Federal Building; Shout out to new volunteer, Raj.

j) CDP Region 6 Update *Regional Director Kelly* just spent a few days in Central Valley, training seniors in helping to take back the Central Valley, spoke about "valley fever"; next Executive Board meeting is July 13-15 at Marriott Oakland City Center, will be sending information to everyone, just opened registration; *Member Baraka* question whether rules will change to allow local DCCC to endorse in races where there is no CDP decision, Chair Bauman will be in next month and this can be an issue for the EBoard to talk about.

6. Updates from Chartered Democratic Clubs (Gupta)

Will be hosting this item periodically on the agenda so that clubs may speak about concerns and issues and how SF DCCC can support our chartered clubs; Reminded members that everyone is a liaison to a club and serve as direct connection for clubs; invited leadership of chartered clubs up to speak.

Brownie Mary Democratic Club, David Goldman, Cannabis policy focused club, spoke about recent lobbying day on cannabis policy changes; issues include fair employment rights of patients, protection for tenants/places to consume, fair pricing for low-income patients; Spoke about June 4th Sacramento lobbying day; *District 6 Southbeach Democratic Club, Stephen Jaffe* spoke about activities, went to pre-endorsement conference, February convention, cosponsored 2 mayoral debates, attended/spoke at many rallies and marches; spoke about ongoing concerns with "dark money" concerns in democratic clubs and fulfilling mission of being a chartered democratic club; *City Democratic Club, Mike Lee* spoke about activities, support for open source voting and concerns around hacking; *Latino Democratic Club, Xavier Abuchon-Mendoza* described very successful Cinco de Mayo event, invited all to visit the Latino Democratic Club booth at Carnaval this weekend; *Laurel SF Democratic Club, Eric Silver* club is

mostly City College members, also SF State and UC Hastings, advocate for public higher education, adding more members, helping other chapters open up in less urban areas and supporting in CD1 and CD4 in California and northern Nevada; *SF Young Democrats, Luis Zamora* thanked for this new feature, thanked for support at SFYD events and SFYD hopes to support work of SFDCCC, next month will have a pre-mixer before meeting and bring members to meeting after.

7. Presentation on the People's Climate March

Member Alexander introduced guest speaker who is on organizing committee for march in September, SF is beacon march, although there are marches across the nation; *Antonio Diaz, PODER* asked for endorsement for Rise for Climate, Jobs & Justice March on September 8 in SF, event is organized in conjunction with Global Action Summit that will be starting in SF the same week, goal of event is to be biggest climate mobilization march.

Motion that SF Democratic Party endorses and will do outreach to SF Democrats about joining the Rise for Climate, Jobs and Justice March on September 8, 2018.

Amendment(s): All Members requested to be added as co sponsors

Motion to support: Member Alexander; *Second:* Member Gallotta

Vote Count: Approved Unanimously

8. Discussion of Proposed Language in AB 2559 Regarding Campaign Finance Contributions to Candidates for the San Francisco Democratic County Central Committee

Member DeJesus stated this was an information item and reminded everyone of past resolution and Bylaws and Policies and Procedures Manual amendments to limit donations, thanked Assemblymember Ting for taking action requested by SFDCCC, spoke about proposed bill and proposed change; *Member Ting* talked about process to get to current legislation and recommendations by legal counsel, legislation has passed Assembly and moved to Senate Elections Committee on June 27th; *Member Alexander* asked why does it only apply to "person", should include entities; *Member Ting* stated this was a draft and was open to amendments, wanted flexibility to allow committee to adapt as needed; *Senator Wiener* clarified that there are opportunities to continue to amend *Member Maxwell* raised question about how this would have impacted the previous election of the current body, perhaps need more discussion *Member DeJesus* reminded all that this legislation is consistent with previous SFDCCC resolution and bylaws and PPM amendments; *Chair Campos* wanted to move forward, regardless of whether passed through process; *Member Gallotta* stated it was important to create a consistent standard soon since campaigns start up earlier and earlier, asked what SFDCCC could do to support process and move legislation forward; *Member Ting* thanked for support to keep moving issue forward.

Amendment(s): Add "an entity" after "A person" in all cases it occurs

9. Resolution Opposing the Healthy Homes and Schools Act and Urging the California Legislature to Hold Toxic Lead Paint Companies Accountable

Chair Campos gave some background on resolution and invited proxy for Member Chiu to speak; *Member Chiu* spoke about health effects of lead poisoning and exposure including kidney damage, infertility, irreversible brain damage; gave background on history of lead in paint, lead in homes primary cause of lead poisoning exposure; paint companies' knowledge of health impacts despite risks and concentrated in communities of color and dismissed as a publicity problem; 20 years ago California governments sued and won judgement that companies caused widespread public nuisance, had knowledge of dangers, companies had to pay hundred of millions of dollars for mitigation fund, companies have fought judgement for a long time, now have proposed measure for November 2018 ballot that is deceptive and preys on the fears of the housing insecure and affordable housing needs, seeks to overturn judgement, remove liability from paint companies, and pass cost of clean up to voters; *Chair Campos* terrible precedent to have voters undo court decisions and asked for support.

Amendments: All Members requested to be added as cosponsors

Motion to amend and approve: Member Wiener; *Second:* Member DeJesus

Vote Count: Approved Unanimously

10. New Business

Reminder of upcoming election day activities to support endorsement candidates

This weekend: May 26th, 10:00 am - 1:00 pm at Friends of St. Francis at 50 Belcher Duboce/14th Street for D8 Mandelman and Prop C; May 27th, 10:00 am - 1:00 pm outreach for Leno at Leno HQ; *Member Maxwell* asked for Congressional delegation and Department of Public Health to give update on Shipyards on future agenda; *Member DeJesus* will bring forth compassion and care resolution for low-income cannabis users; *Member Ma* reinvited people to Planned Parenthood action on Thursday; *Member Wiener* stated that many clubs are putting federal candidates on their cards without a federal account, SFDCCC should educate chartered clubs about filing requirements; *Member Gupta* will have that as a topic for future Leadership Circle or a "treasure's training" similar to Alameda DCCC.

11. Adjournment in memory of Harvey Peskin, PhD, L. Julius M. Turman, and former Supervisor and Assessor/Recorder Doris Ward

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm.