

San Francisco Democratic County Central Committee

Wednesday, June 27, 2018

6:30pm

San Francisco LGBT Community Center

1800 Market 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 6:37 pm by Chair Campos

Roll Call by Recording Secretary F. Hsieh

Members present: Alysabeth Alexander, Angela Alioto, David Campos, Jen Chan, Petra DeJesus, Bevan Dufty,, Peter Gallotta, Kelly Groth, Pratima Gupta (proxy: Stephany Ashley), Frances Hsieh, Tom Hsieh, Mary Jung, Jane Kim (proxy: Jen Chan), Leah LaCroix, Meagan Levitan, Jen Low (proxy: Kelly Groth), Honey Mahogany, Rafael Mandelman, Sophie Maxwell.

Ex-Officio Members present: U.S. Senator Dianne Feinstein (proxy: Kathleen Dowling McDonough); U.S. House Representative Jackie Speier (proxy: Brian Perkins); Board of Equalization Member Fiona Ma (proxy: Genevieve Joplanda); State Senator Scott Wiener (proxy: Matthew Rothschild); Assemblymember Phil Ting (proxy: Alex Walker), Assemblymember David Chiu (proxy: Katie Mackenzie).

Members absent/excused: U.S. House Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi, Keith Baraka, London Breed, Malia Cohen, Sandra Lee Fewer; Rachel Norton

26 members present, 6 members absent, 5 members excused

Chair Campos tendered congratulations to Mayor-elect London Breed and Supervisor-elect Rafael Mandelman, Member Cohen for her showing in Board of Equalization and recent election as President of San Francisco Board of Supervisors, and Member Ma for her election as California Treasurer.

2. Approval of Meeting Agenda

Member T. Hsieh motioned to add agenda item to consider letters submitted by former Senator John Burton and Irish American Democratic Club regarding party donations, seconded by *Member Alioto*; *Chair Campos* clarified that Parliamentarian reminded all that adding items to the agenda require a 2/3rd vote; *Member DeJesus* stated that due to inaccuracies in letter, she would not be supportive of motion; *Member Alioto* asked about procedure of adding items to future agenda in the event that motion fails; *Chair Campos* explained items can be requested

for future agendas during the “New Business” part of the agenda and it is up to the chair’s discretion and that the current chair’s practice has been to honor those requests; that the yesterday and ask questions about slate card and slate card process; *Member Dufty* asked for clarification over the specifics of the agenda item; *Member T. Hsieh* stated that the intent was to raise the issue brought forth in the letter and ask questions about the slate card process, lack of transparency to slate card committee, and explain inconsistencies from previous year practices and deserve to ask questions; *Member Gallotta* expressed concern about lack of proper public notice when items get added to so late to agenda, suggested agendizing for next month’s meeting so that it is noticed to public and full body can participate; *Member Ting* stated that these types of late requests are difficult for proxies to address and fully understand, so will have to abstain; *Member Alioto* just needed a couple of questions answered and did not need full committee hearing, particularly as a candidate, just had question about the body accepting money from lobbyist; *Member Alexander* spoke about being a tenant organizer since 2004 and has dealt with many versions of companies like Veritas and spoke about personal and professional experiences, felt there was no urgency to agendize for tonight’s meeting, but rather have a robust, informed discussion next week, as Treasurer stated that donation came in after endorsement process and represented a very small percentage of total donations; *Member Wiener* asked about relevancy of Member Alexander’s comment; *Member T. Hsieh* made a point of order about vote under consideration and called to question; *Member F. Hsieh* discussed item intended for “New Business” regarding SFDCCC resolution denouncing recent anti-labor, anti-LGBTQ, anti-women, Supreme Court discussions and asked for discussion on whether it should be considered urgent and added to agenda; *Chair Campos* noted legal concern about Brown Act requirements for notices to the public; *Member Alioto* asked for a point of clarification around Brown Act restrictions; *Member T. Hsieh* felt disenfranchised; *Member Speier* clarified “emergency” standard around Brown Act; *Member F. Hsieh* clarified intention of discussion over desire of body to take an official stance given the urgency of the issue; *Member DeJesus* suggested making a statement by Executive Board; *Member Gallotta* suggested taking a group photo as a way of SFDCCC taking a public stance today

Motion to amend: Member T. Hsieh; *Second:* Member Alioto

Vote Count: Naves 11, Ayes 5, Abstentions 5; 2/3rds threshold: 11, motion fails

Naves: Alexander, Campos, Chan, DeJesus, Dufty, Gallotta, Groth, F. Hsieh, Kim, LaCroix, Maxwell

Ayes: Alioto, T. Hsieh, Jung, Wiener, Chiu

Abstentions: Gupta, Feinstein, Speier, Ma, Ting

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

Vote Count: Approved by Acclamation

3. Approval of Meeting Minutes

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

Vote Count: Approved by Acclamation

4. General Public Comment

Chair Campos called out change to by Executive Committee to maximize public comment by allowing up to 2 minutes for public comment.

Public Comment began at 6:59 pm

Pedro Hernandez (Fair Vote California) gave update on RCV, spoke in support item 10, spoke about increased turnout in mayor's race, fewer errors in San Francisco compared to governor's race, 9 out of 10 voters used rank choice voting, RCV has led to increased diversity in candidates; *Member Alioto* expressed concern as candidate for length of time for election results and congratulated all candidates for courage to run; *Chair Campos* clarified that this portion of the agenda was for the public to make comment and not intended as back and forth discussion with public; *Brandon Harami* (RDDC and ADEM) spoke in support of Sanctuary City policy and encouraged Member Alioto to withdraw ballot measure, and expressed support for item 10, no perfect system, but one that increases turnout and candidates of color is a good thing, 38% increase in candidates of color, and money saved; *Chair Campos* asked members of the public address comments to entire body and not to one specific member; *Member Alioto* asked for point of clarification about ability of member to question members of public; *Chair Campos* stated that clarifying questions were appropriate, but that public comment is not meant to be a debate; *Parliamentarian LaCroix* restated the Chair's request that members of the public direct comments to the entire body and not a single member; *Jacqueline Miller* (CEO, Partnerships for Change) spoke about work of the organization around the world and of Member Alioto's support of organization as Board member, called for harmony and unity within the Democratic Party and protecting San Francisco families from felons; *Andrew Michael* (Partnerships of Change) has worked with Member Alioto, spoke in favor of real solutions to homelessness, of amending Sanctuary City around convicted felons, and work in unity to make San Francisco and our nation better; *Kevin Ortiz* (LDC) spoke about troubling, disheartening time, expressed collective concern of group of clubs about ballot measure stripping down Sanctuary City ordinance, provided details about legal definition of felonies, gave details around concern around proposed ballot measure, and need for inclusiveness in communities of color, multiple club support including, Alice B. Toklas Democratic Club, Harvey Milk LGBTQ Democratic Club, Bernal Heights Democratic Club, Latino Democratic Club, New Avenues Democratic Club, Potrero Hill Democratic Club, Rose Pak Democratic Club, Latino Young Dems of San Francisco, was not asking for removal of member since there is not precedent in bylaws, but urged SFDCCC to not allow proposed ballot measure; *Member Alioto* interrupted and requested that chair intervene; *Chair Campos* restated ruling about role of public comment as not a forum for debate and ruled Member Alioto out of order, restored time to Mr. Ortiz to complete comments; *Wendy Aragon* (RDDC) spoke about how separating children, Muslim ban are not Democratic values, current Sanctuary City ordinance written by former Supervisor Jim Gonzalez does not protect violent felons, Democrats should not be promoting anti-immigrant sentiment and xenophobia, fueling hate, wants party to take a stand against; *Member Alioto* requested opportunity for a clarifying question and made a statement about incorrect information from Ms. Aragon which was overruled by the Chair; *Allie Davari* spoke as an immigrant and American citizen about how her county is fighting a revolution for democratic process, has 7 restaurants in SF that employ Hispanic employees, and is disappointed about

last 30 minutes not being a democratic process, Sanctuary City ordinance protecting felons; *Ritwik Sakar* spoke as recent immigrant from a country that does not have democratic procedures and processes, spoke in support of Angela Alioto, who knows the law inside and out, asked group to be the definition of democracy; *Mukul Baksiti* immigrant from 2000, everyone should try to work together for unity, see other people's point of view, communities must work with police without fear of deportation; *Bahlam Vigil* not a fan of censure, as a first generation Latino, had nightmares of parents being deported, asked to not gut protections of Sanctuary, deportation doesn't solve what's going on in our communities, what are better solutions; *Piotr Lahmar* is political refugee, spoke about value of transparency, believes parties should base themselves on openness and transparency, does not support politicalization of the commentary; *Michelle Roberts and Sophia Aguilar* (NADC) progressive Westside Club spoke about concerns over Member Alioto, need to be clear about our values and not turning back on Democratic Party, defined what qualifies as "serious felony" and where Democratic Party stands with immigrants or leaves them without Sanctuary, NADC Board supports Sanctuary and expresses concern about Member Alioto; *Mykel Ferrantino* stated that people are misinformed, proposed measure states "prior convicted violent felon", felt party unity was key and that this has been a hatchet job, will not be able to win back house; *Tami Bryant* spoke about wanting Sanctuary policy intact and stronger, deporting "problems" we should rehabilitate, not deport people, we cannot give in and separate families, about how current people fleeing to U.S. were due to international issues caused by the U.S.; *Tabitha Totah* spoke about concern that this is a hatchet job against Member Alioto, need unity, this is not how the Democratic Party and DCCC should be run; *Whit Bastian* (SFYD) this debate misses point about Sanctuary and that everyone is entitled to due process and full resources, should not be cherry picking "good/bad" immigrants.

Public Comment ended at 7:40 pm

5. Reports

a) Chair (Campos) - spoke about tough couple of weeks and experience of coming to U.S. as a youth and being in a detention center, approach as a Democrat is important work and unity, reported on past elections, great candidates and outreach program, make party more relevant to electorate, spoke about next steps and endorsement meeting on August 18; looking to open an office in SF for November national elections with priorities to take back House and Senate to counter Supreme Court and other national actions; asked all Democrats to help with fundraising; RFP for November slate card has been posted, Executive Committee is slate card committee but everyone is welcome to join, let Chair Campos know if you are interested in participating.

b) Finance (DeJesus) - Fundraising dinner in end of July/August, walk through of Atwater on Thursday, focus on statewide candidates (Thurmond, Cohen), asked committee members to step up and help in order to raise money to support our candidates.

c) Voter Registration (Baraka) - no update

d) Club Chartering (Gupta) - no update

e) Outreach (LaCroix) - thanked members who stood up to run for office, thanked members who volunteered, statewide party information was helpful should always be included,

please participate in upcoming activities - June 30th Families Belong Together rally at Dolores Park, 10 am march to Civic Center.

f) Treasurer (Alexander) - reviewed financial documents, included last month's report because it was left out last month, Federal cash on hand: \$16,243.85, June payables: \$1,225.18, State cash on hand: \$15,212.17, June payables: \$7, 159.16; *Member T. Hsieh* asked for an addendum next month with details on cash-in and cash-out for slate card operations.

g) Partnerships (Maxwell) - gave updates on partnerships and invited Beatrice Von Schultis (Swing Left SF), reviewed "Resistathon" Week of Activities in July, focusing on CD 10 (Josh Harder) and CD21 (TJ Cox), important to work on outreach, Democrats are not voting in CD10 where there are more registered Democrats than Republicans, sign up sheets going around, please sign up!

h) Committees

Internship (Gupta) - Internship program started on June 18, interns have already participated in a June 23rd Families March and with Leader Pelosi's contingent in Pride Parade; interns introduced selves

i) Executive Director (Mehis) - *Chair Campos* thanked E.D. Mehis for incredible work, *E.D. Mehis* spoke about bylaws committee meeting in July, deadline for slate card RFP is July 13th, thanked Bahlam Vigil for volunteer support

j) CDP Region 6 Update (Kelly)

6. Presentation on the Hunters Point Naval Shipyard Cleanup

Member Maxwell spoke about importance of issue and her work as Supervisor, spoke about support from Leader Pelosi and Senator Feinstein, asked for update from Congressional delegation about what is going on with the clean up and what is being done now and in the future; *Dan Bernal* (Pelosi) spoke briefly about challenges of last few days and how much people are fighting everyday, it's rough, grateful to be around nice people, two officers of Tetra Tech based on complaints of whistleblower, decommissioned in 1974 due to work of Feinstein, Boxer, and past mayors, Pelosi secured \$1B for cleanup by Navy over the years, concerns about safety of the land in Parcel A, Pelosi called for rescanning of parcel for health and safety, recently secured \$42M in additional Naval funding, \$6M to Treasure Island, rest to Hunter's Point, RFP coming out about plan to rescan all of the parcels touched by Tetra Tech, plan for rescan out by mid-July, public comment period opens for remaining parcels after, community meetings will be happening near/on parcels, conducted by CA Department of Public Health (Parcel A), rest of parcels by EPA, *Member Maxwell* asked who would ensure friendliness and who will provide public confidence, *Dan Bernal* stated that congressional staff will be point of contact, asked for community help publicize and get word out, ongoing process; *Member Groth* asked Member Pelosi to explain rescanning process and asked how community could request something more in depth; *Dan Bernal* talked about Parcel G, trench excavation and technical process of intensive scanning, CA DPH plans are still being developed, it will penetrate the mulch, different testing protocol but they know what they're doing, similar to Treasure Island;

Member Maxwell asked about difference between Parcels A and G; *Dan Bernal* stated that Parcel A has been historically residential, that's why it was conveyed first, it was theoretically safe to start with, but for piece of mind, they're doing the rescanning, Tetra Tech was not there, but they touched Parcel G; *Member Maxwell* stated that periodic updates will happen; *Member Feinstein* read a statement about retesting and reassurance of safety and is coordinating with the City to make this right; *Dan Bernal* handed out statements; *Chair Campos* thanked Member Maxwell for bringing this issue forward, about his work as former member of Board of Supervisors.

7. Presentation on the Affordable Housing Act of 2018

Chair Campos introduced speaker, Suzie Shannon of Democratic National Committee, who works with homeless and low income communities, seniors, veteran communities, asked SFDCCC to join over 100 labor unions, community organizations, elected officials, community leaders, and people that already support repealing Costa Hawkins; opposition has been purported to represent members of this huge coalition of support; gave background on measure and how it gives local jurisdictions control over rent control; spoke of personal stories of housing challenges and evictions across the state, both urban and rural counties; asked SFDCCC for a vote to recommend support of this measure to the Executive Board of California Democratic Party (CDP); *Member Alioto* asked about clarification of what measure the vote is on; *Member Jung* requested vote change from opposition to abstain; *Member Ting* asked to be recorded as abstained; *Chair Campos* allowed change since change would not affect outcome and there were no objections.

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

Vote Count: Approved by Acclamation

Abstentions: Jung, Feinstein, Ting

8. Presentation on the Water Supply and Water Quality Act of 2018

Chair Campos introduced Matteo Crow, spoke about history of state's investment in water quality bonds, 23 measures passed in last 50 years, will invest \$8.877 billion dollars in California's soft water supplies, including local projects around safe drinking water, watershed restoration, fish and wildlife habitat conservation, infrastructure repair, investment; \$200 million will come back to SF Bay Area, does not support dams or tunnels; has support from 75 environment organizations including Save the Bay and SF Board of Supervisors, asked for support of this measure to the Executive Board of CDP; *Member Alioto* asked about participation in Governor Brown's seminar in San Francisco in September 14-17th.

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

Vote Count: Approved by Acclamation

Abstentions: Feinstein

9. Presentation on Consumer Privacy Act of 2018 and Resolution of Support

Member Groth introduced measure about private right of action for consumer privacy and introduced Marisa Becerra of California Consumer Privacy Act to take back control of your personal and private information, would hold companies accountable, tell consumers what info is being sold, and option to opt-out of selling of data to prevent data breaches, gives consumers power to take back information; *Member Speier* stated that privacy has been one of her most important issues including Personal Privacy legislation, asked for update on legislative process, *Marisa Becerra* stated this is a concurrent effort to send a strong message for legislative action; *Member DeJesus* asked about private right of action for reasonable damage; *Marisa Becerra* inclusion of right of action gives legislation teeth.

Motion to approve: Member Speier; *Second:* Member Wiener

Vote Count: Approved by Acclamation

Abstention: Feinstein

10. Resolution Affirming the San Francisco Democratic Party's Support for Ranked Choice Voting

Member Gallotta made brief remarks, thanked Brandon Harami and Richmond District Democratic Club for bringing forth resolution and Pedro Hernandez and Fair Vote about educating voters, spoke about need to reaffirm support due to statistics of increased engagement of women and people of color, improved voter turnout, and financial benefits, 13 out of 18 RCV offices have people of color, good comprehension by SF voters, merits outweigh shortcomings; *Chair Campos*, no system is perfect, there are challenges to system, but they are not related to RCV, but to the system, run-off drop off is a problem for democracy; *Member T. Hsieh* stated that he did not support ranked choice voting when it was proposed and doesn't support now, gave examples of 3 elections of run-off races that outperformed general elections, when voters care, they vote; *Member Alioto* praised Member Gallotta for presentation of issue, despite her opposition; *Member Ting* stated that money was included in the recently passed state budget to upgrade voting systems, more ranking beyond 3 would be better like in Washington, wait time is frustrating, but because there is more choice and more inclusion, RCV is not the problem, delay is due to lack of modernization of systems.

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

Vote Count: Ayes 19, Nays 4, Abstentions 3; majority threshold: 12, motion passes

Ayes: Alexander, Campos, Chan, DeJesus, Dufty, Gallotta, Groth, Gupta, F. Hsieh, Kim, LaCroix, Levitan, Low, Mahogany, Mandelman, Pelosi, Wiener, Ting, Chiu

Nays: Alioto, T. Hsieh, Jung, Feinstein

Abstentions: Maxwell, Speier, Ma

11. Resolution Condemning the Trump Administration's Practice of Separating Immigrant Families

Member Gallotta is sick and tired of being sick and tired of the racism of the administration that doesn't care about our values, losing so much ground, need to speak truth to power, recognized *Feinstein* for legislation, stain and shame; *Member Feinstein* asked to be co-sponsor; *Chair Campos* spoke to personal experience of being in a detention center, defining moment for our country, treating people as inhuman; *Member Speier* was at McCallum detention center and shared conditions with staff; *Member Pelosi* Democrats have all cosponsored, no Republican sponsors, was part of congressional delegation to border and held shadow hearing, asked for bipartisan hearing from agencies responsible for reuniting families; *Member Alioto* asked why can't they find the families; *Member Speier* spoke to lack of paperwork at moment of separation, in conditions of "unaccompanied minor," DHS separates and HHS involved; *Member Alexander* spoke to danger of rhetoric of criminality of children, thanked author and Congressional delegation; *Member Speier* have had to drop chasing drug runners rather than immigrants, no discretion *Chair Campos* these aren't are 87% of Republicans still

Amendments: Members *Feinstein* and *Pelosi* requested to be added as a cosponsor

Motion to approve (as amended): Member *Speier*; *Second:* Member *Weiner*

Vote Count: Approved by Acclamation

12. New Business

Member T. Hsieh requested discussion around *Burton* letter and a general accounting of slatecard at next month's meeting; *Member Wiener* reminded about issue of training for clubs around financial filing requirements, particularly for federal races; *Member F. Hsieh* responded that financial filing education would be a topic at future leadership circle meeting and requested resolution be calendared and statement by EBoard about Supreme Court actions; *Member Alioto* acknowledged challenging times and disastrous Supreme Court, and celebrated incredible Democrats from San Francisco, Bay Area, and California to fight back, need to support *Gavin Newsom* and will announce supporting events in September and October for *Gavin Newsom* and *Kamala Harris*; *Member DeJesus* asked for item to discuss request by 8 democratic clubs to take action on *Member Alioto's* proposed ballot measure, *Member Alioto* asked for clarification on *Member DeJesus* request, *Member Maxwell* asked why this would not just be considered during endorsements, *Member T. Hsieh* echoed those concerns and that it would represent two bites at the apple, *Member Mandelman* stated he understood the request by the clubs for this agenda item was not around endorsement of measure, but a discussion about Democratic values and platform and whether this measure violates that, *Member F. Hsieh* asked for clarification about rules governing this agenda item, and whether items are open for discussion and debate; *Member T. Hsieh* gave a speech about rumors and disenfranchisement; *Parliamentarian LaCroix* stated this item is about adding new business, not debates.

13. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 9:28 pm. Group picture took place shortly thereafter.