

# San Francisco Democratic County Central Committee

Wednesday, August 22, 2018

6:30pm

Tenderloin Community Elementary School

627 Turk Street

San Francisco, CA

## Meeting Minutes

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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 (proxy: Giancarlo Veronese), Keith Baraka, London Breed (proxy: Mawuli Tugbenyoh), David Campos, Jen Chan, Malia Cohen, Petra DeJesus, Bevan Dufty, Sandra Lee Fewer (proxy: Ian Fregosi), Peter Gallotta, Kelly Groth, Pratima Gupta, Frances Hsieh, Tom Hsieh, Mary Jung, Jane Kim (proxy: Kitty Fong), Leah LaCroix, Meagan Levitan, Jen Low, Honey Mahogany, Rafael Mandelman (proxy: Kyle Smelie), Sophie Maxwell (proxy: Bevan Dufty), Rachel Norton.

*Ex-Officio Members present:* U.S. Senator Dianne Feinstein (proxy: Kathleen Dowling-McDonough); 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: Kat Anderson), State Senator Scott Wiener (proxy: Matthew Rothschild), Assemblymember Phil Ting (proxy: Alex Walker), Assemblymember David Chiu (proxy: Katie Mackenzie)

*Members absent/excused:* none

31 members present, 0 members absent, 0 members excused

### 2. Approval of Meeting Agenda

Member DeJesus requested to continue item 7 to next month, Member Gupta requested adjournment of meeting in honor of Aretha Franklin by playing "Respect."

*Amendment(s):* Request to continue item 7

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

*Motion to approve (as amended):* Member Dufty; *Second:* Member Norton

*Vote Count:* Approved by Acclamation

Motion to adjourn in memory of Aretha Franklin;

*Motion to approve (as amended):* Member Gupta; *Second:* Member Dufty

*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**

*Public Comment began at 6:58 pm*

*Marilyn Murillo* spoke against transphobia included statistics from National Center of Transgender Equality of mental health and suicide in transgender community and among transgender youth and opposed candidacy of Josephine Zhao and demonization of transgender students; *Kenneth Michael Koehn* opposing Proposition D, is overtaxing a young industry that is trying to stabilize, this overtaxing will drive industry back underground, it's an elastic business, demand will go up as long as prices are kept down, similar to Oregon with a 1500% increase in demand; *David Goldman* (Brownie Mary Democratic Club) bad for medical cannabis industry, retail industry and patients, patients are being taxed at 59%, no on D; *Cheryl Thornton* (shop steward SEIU 1021) spoke about employment actions and systemic racism against her and other black SF employees, asked for support at hearing on September 19th; *Brenda Barros* (SEIU 1021) although Barbara Garcia is gone, there are still problems with systemic racism, been dealing with it for 38 years, need umbrella changes; *Josh Davidson* (SEIU 1021) co-chair of COPE, disproportionate hiring and discrimination of black and brown workers and spoke in support of Monica Chinchilla, Alison Collins, and Faauuga Moliga; *Thea Selby* requested SF DCCC endorsement, spoke about her work on Board of Trustees and fight to get more Prop W funds from City; *Catherine Dodd* spoke about her background with Democratic Party and SFDCCC, spoke in support of Catherine Stefani and her background and conviction of issues and work in safety (Moms Demand Action) and support for Jonathan Lyens; *Brigitte Davila* (President, CCSF Board of Trustees) spoke about her accomplishments and work she has planned to build Performing Arts Center, close achievement gap, more certificate/licensing programs; *Wynd Kaufmyn* spoke on behalf of Li Lovett and her union work and defender of education and commitment to students; *Alex Barrett-Shorter*, spoke in support of Thea Selby as her campaign manager, talked about her experience with City College and Thea's work on behalf of students and CCSF; *Jeff Adachi* spoke as longest serving elected official in SF, asked for support, invited everyone to his birthday party and reelection kickoff on Tuesday, 6-9 pm at Rickshaw Stop; *Hazel Lee* (SF Shanghai Association) spoke in support of Josephine Zhao, her work on behalf of Chinese community; *Alex Ku* spoke in support of Josephine Zhao and her work with kids and public schools; *Rudy Corpuz* (United Playaz) spoke in support of Catherine Stefani and her anti-violence work, particularly for support of gun buy-back programs, also urged support for Alison Collins, Gabriela Lopez, Monica Chinchilla, and Faauuga Moliga; *Lorraine Meier* volunteer with Moms Demand Action spoke in support of Catherine Stefani as founding member of organization, commitment to public safety and dedication to public service, district 2 needs an advocate with relationships, not a businessman at City Hall; *Celeste Perron* from Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense spoke in support of Catherine Stefani as founding member of MDA that is

now 4 million strong and fighting the NRA, history and experience organizing people, dedicated to public health, safety, and social justice; *Renhao Zhang* spoke in support of Li Miao Lovett and shared experience as a biotech student who would have fallen through the cracks as a non-traditional student without her support; *Tommy Tang* spoke in support of Josephine Zhao for School Board and her experience as a volunteer for many organizations and schools that has 2 kids in public school; *Martha Ryan* (Homeless Prenatal Program) who advocates for the hidden homeless: families and spoke in support of Catherine Stefani and her background as board member for 6 years; *Scott Oswald* spoke about experience working with Catherine Stefani and her work as County Clerk; *Conny Ford* (VP, SF Labor Council) announced Labor Council endorsements - Gordon Mar, Matt Haney, Rafael Mandelman, Shamann Walton, spoke about her work with Gordon Mar over Jobs with Justice, how he cares, listens, and is independent; *Manufou Liaiga-Anoa* (Pacific Islander Community Partnership) as School Board member in Daly City, spoke in support of Faauga Moliga as a voice for the Samoan community, who is qualified and committed; *Edward Wright* campaign manager for Gordon Mar, ask for endorsement as a recognition of who has been in community doing the work; *Anabel Ibanez* (United Educators of San Francisco) spoke in support of UESF slate: Alison Collins, Faauga Moliga, Li Miao Lovett, urged SF DCCC to stand with education in the face of federal attacks and billionaire corporate interests to reduce worker power, support for closing achievement gap; *Tom Harriman* (UESF #61) spoke against Josephine Zhao, new to school district, could do better, had concerns about her donors; *Alisa Messer* (AFT 2121) associated with comments by Conny Ford, spoke on behalf of Li Lovett and experience working with her in accreditation crisis, her work with students, as a union member, labor leader, hard worker, she has what it takes to help students move from K-12 to success at City College; *Jesse Burlison* spoke on behalf of Thea Selby, spoke of personal story as recently incarcerated and her encouragement to go back to education, Thea is dedicated and committed to supporting CCSF; *Jordan Davis* spoke in support of Shamann Walton, Prop 10, Prop C, and against Josephine Zhao and her transphobia and candidates that support Zhao, spoke in support of Mia Satya, Gabriela Lopez, Alison Collins, Gordon Mar, Matt Haney, and Catherine Stefani for revoking her endorsement of Zhao; *Rafael Picazo* (VP SEIU 1021 SFUSD chapter), spoke in support Matt Haney and Shamann Walton for their work at school board and in support for Monica Chinchilla, Alison Collins, and Faauga Moliga, Mission student needs support; *Sam Alcabes*, as campaign manager for Melanie Nutter and lifelong BART rider, fares going up and reliability going down, status quo not good enough need someone with experience to give real results, Melanie has government experience, and transit policy experience; *Aubrey Earle* in support of Melanie Nutter, knows her as tireless fighter, dedicated worker, she has years of experience, wonderful mother, would be a boon to a broken, unsafe system; *Katie Lee* in support of Melanie Nutter, due to focus on safety on BART and equal access for everyone, Melanie is dedicated making BART safe, clean, and reliable, has a career mentoring young women to get involved in politics and make change; *Jodi Tsapis* spoke of personal story with Faauga Moliga as a freshman in high school as his case manager as truant, helped him to succeed; *Esther Marks* spoke on behalf of sole endorsement for Gordon Mar, breadth of experience and depth of commitment; *Van Cedric Williams* (UESF) look for the best candidate for the job, not identity politics, UESF is a trusted voice, don't mess it up, vote your heart and know the UESF candidates putting in the work for the right reason, support union voice: Alison Collins, Faauga Moliga, Li Miao Lovett, who do the work while no one is

looking; X (UESF) spent hours interviewing candidates and asked to listen to teachers who are out in the trenches; *Darcie Chan Blackburn* (UESF) has seen SF changes and losing families and children, please consider UESF slate, educators know what is best for the children; *Cassandra Currillo* teaches at Visitacion Valley served on UESF COPE committee, takes responsibility seriously, considers who is going to make the best decisions, most qualified to support our most vulnerable students on the School Board, urged support for UESF slate; *Ken Tray* retired social studies teacher, gave background on about UESF process to endorse candidates, all educators and parents, three most qualified candidates, federal administration attacks on public schools, never most important than now, talked about attacks on the federal level and the importance of standing up against the attacks by charter schools; *Elaine Merriweather* (UESF) they respect SF DCCC endorsement and want SF DCCC to respect UESF process and endorsement, are educators, know the issues, and concerned about students and children; *Jonathan Moscone* coalition of artists and community in support of Prop E, doesn't raise taxes but restores the historic allocation of funding from hotel tax to arts, supports cultural equity, arts programming, foundational support of cultural districts; *Eric Arguello* (Calle 24 Latino Cultural District) spoke in support of Proposition E to support cultural districts that help stabilize and support the fabric of our neighborhoods' diversity; *Brad Erikson* (Theater Bay Area) spoke in support of Prop E, to support artists and art groups, there are Aretha Franklins in San Francisco today that they need support, hotel tax needs to reestablish what was a model in the country of using hotel tax to support arts; *Karina Hwang* teacher at Leonard Flynn, spoke as a colleague of Gabriela Lopez who models kindness everyday and keeps children in her heart and mind; *Caroline Varner* spoke in support of Gabriela Lopez who puts people first and what is best for our students at the heart of her decision making, having teacher at the decision table is critical, has experience in classroom, knowledge of best practices, passion for job and students; *Lee Hepner* spoke about Proposition B, Privacy First, and need in light of Cambridge Analytica issue that was used to undermine our democracy, happening locally with BART consideration of face recognition systems, this measure forces conversation into how personal information is collected and stored, SF is at the forefront of technology information and should be at the vanguard of data privacy as well; *Tami Bryant* spoke as D5 resident in support of black colleagues at SEIU and real problem of discrimination, and in support of sole endorsements for Catherine Stefanie, Gordon Mar, Matt Haney, Rafael Mandelman, Shamann Walton, in School Board there are lots of candidates hope to have support for one of following Monica Chinchilla, Faauuga Moliga, Alison Collins, Gabriela Lopez, John Trasvina, and CCSF support for Brigitte Davila, John Rizzo, Thea Selby; *Denise Dorey* (Central City Democrats) spoke in opposition to Proposition D, has been fighting for policy for people who are not wealthy, poor people cannot afford it, cannabis as a harm reduction tool for heroin addiction, family farms have been obliterated, boycott fake legal weed, there is no compassionate weed; *Gabriela Aleman* (SFLYD) spoke on behalf of Alison Colins, Faauuga Moliga, Gabriela Lopez, have not had a bilingual Latina, also only teacher in race; *Jack Bryce* in support of Proposition C, Our City, Our Home will make an unprecedented impact in lives of homeless people, progressive tax that is a common sense revenue source, broad coalition, broad support, detailed plan with oversight, SF should lead by example; *David Rodriguez* educator, who is also husband of Gabriela Lopez, spoke about her experience with public education and growth process, non-profit Inner City Arts, volunteer at San Quentin, as a voice for the voiceless and her bilingual students; *Tracy Brown Gallardo* SEIU are the workers

who support the students everyday, urging endorsement of SEIU slate and support of a Latino candidate; *Yulanda Williams* (Officers for Justice Youth Program and PAC) standing in solidarity with SEIU in seeking justice in hiring, retention, promotion, and equal treatment for black and brown employees City has not support whistleblowers, asking for internal procedural justice for City employees; *Carol Hill* spoke on behalf of Faauga Moliga, she was his mentor at Bayview Beacon, compassionate, wise, leaders, he is a dedicated advocate for the most at risk students in SF with the experience and the heart for the job; *Xavier Abuchon-Mendoza* (LDC, SEIU 1021) spoke in support of Proposition C, the responsibility we have to help and house our neighbors, and need of wealthy businesses to pay their fair share to solve problem, everyone needs to take a position on this issue; *Kaylah Williams* on behalf of Alison Collins and her priorities - safe schools: physically, emotionally, and culturally safe, engaging challenging curriculum: supportive for all students, all students deserve access to quality education, more communication and transparency in the system, particularly for less affluent or non-English speaking; *Monica Chinchilla* thanked for experience, will be a fighter who has the trust of the community, rebuild confidence of families in our public schools, schools are a social justice issue, equity and excellence; *Hae Min Cho* member of many organizations as an immigrant, doctor of Chinese medicine spoke in support of Gabriela Lopez and Tony Kelly; *Seamus McGreever* spoke in support of Faauga Moliga, Gabriela Lopez, Alison Collins, Mia Satya, spoke against Josephine Zhao, was courageous of Catherine to rescind endorsement, urged others to rescind, also support Schuyler Hudak, Gordon Mar and Matt Haney; *Lila Carrillo* (Latino Democratic Club) as an active member of community promoting civic engagement, need to practice equity and hardships Latino and other underrepresented communities are facing, consider endorsing a Latino candidate in School Board, need to look at measures other than hierarchical measures of viability, but importance of representation and life experiences, dangers of tracking and categorizing people by what we expect them to be, equity lens is critical, need representation on School Board for 27% of Latino students in system; *Bayard Fong* (Chinese American Democratic Club) spoke in support of Josephine Zhao has been working on key education issues, public school parent, stood up for quality schools in every neighborhood; *Mia Satya* asked for endorsement, faced bullying as a trans student, will be a voice for the 50% of trans students who will attempt suicide before high school, supports safe, supported, community, keep school district on the right track, reduce bullying and harassment, affordable housing for educators, ethnic studies, and opposed to racist tracking, and for equity in schools; *Sal Cruz* (AFSME, Local 3993) speaking on behalf of BART union workers (AFSME, SEIU 1021, ATU 1555) in support of Jonathan Lyens will support BART workers rights with integrity; *Susan Pfeiffer* thanked SF Democratic Party for partnering with Nancy Pelosi on Red to Blue HQ at Market and Castro to take back the House in November; *Floyd Trammell* in support of Josephine Zhao as African American community leader for the past 22 years in the southeast sector of San Francisco, she has been a sincere advocate for the school system; *Sarah Souza* urging support for a Latino school board member, speaking as a DACA recipient, representation is critical in the current federal climate, rampant discrimination, sends a strong message to have representation and a seat at the table; *Timoteo Vasquez* spoke about need to support students of color in current climate of hate and free, battle institutional racism and sexual discrimination in school district, spoke in support of Monica Chinchilla and her support of Diversity Leadership Institute at School of the Arts, work to build confidence and self esteem

and support student empowerment, si se puede; *Richard Knee*, speaking on behalf of Society of Professional Journalists, Pacific Media Workers Guild (CWA Local 39521) San Franciscans for Sunshine spoke in opposition to Proposition B, not necessary to initiate discussions about privacy concerns, do not let Board of Supervisors tamper with Sunshine Ordinance, “not inconsistent” is a vague term, trouble for government transparency; *Inez Carrasco* in support of Monica Chinchilla, impressed with seeing high school interns on school board, she will be the voice that no one is representing, visionary for San Francisco kids; *Carletta Jackson-Lane* D6 Mental Health Board member, Sojourner Truth Foster Family Service Agency, African American disparities in mental health services, lack of safety in gun violence, high rates of incarceration, please support Shamann Walton and Gabriela Lopez; *Kevin Ortiz* (SFLDC) in support of Proposition B and strengthening privacy guidelines for technology and clarified confusion regarding Sunshine Ordinance and will not tamper with it, spoke about qualified Latino candidates, Monica Chinchilla, Gabriela Lopez, John Trasvina; *Victor Olivieri* is the only veteran and PhD running for CCSF asked for support, gave background on self and role of community college in his life, major issues include curriculum support, expand free City, expand opportunities and equity; *Charley Obermeyer* former SFDCCC intern, will be D1 Youth Commissioner, believes Josephine Zhao apology, but she still made those statements, Democrats have obligation to support leaders that reflect our values, represent and speak for those most underrepresented and down trodden; *John Maa* (SF Medical Society) in support of Monica Chinchilla who was sole endorsement worked closely with her on Soda Tax and family separation issues; *Lorena* (1021 member) spoke in support of Shamann Walton, Monica Chinchilla and Gabriela Lopez, ask for support for a Latina for Board of Education; *Kim-Shree Maufas* spoke in support of Faauuga Moliga- healing the pains in our communities that our children feel all the time, Alison Collins-doing the same doggone thing, Monica Chinchilla-have heard everything so must be coachable, John Trasvina-lot of experience and influence, it matters;

*Public Comment concluded at 8:56 pm*

## **8. Endorsements of Candidates for Local Elected Office for the November 6, 2018 Election** (Campos, F. Hsieh, Low)

*Chair Campos* requested to move up items 8 & 9, without objection, explained voting procedure and choice for ranked choice races, as well as majority voting threshold, which is determined per race, *Members Low* reviewed voting procedure and proceeded with role call.

- a) Board of Supervisors**, District 2 - see attached sheet for vote count
- b) Board of Supervisors**, District 4 - see attached sheet for vote count
- c) Board of Supervisors**, District 6 - see attached sheet for vote count
- d) Board of Supervisors**, District 8

*Motion to endorse Rafael Mandelman by acclamation:* Member Levitan; *Second:* Member Mahogany

*Vote Count:* Approved by Acclamation

- e) Board of Supervisors**, District 10 - see attached sheet for vote count

- f) **City College Board of Trustees** - *Member Wiener* raised a question about procedure for subsequent rounds and bylaws rule around elimination of lowest candidates, short recess for *Parliamentarian LaCroix* to review bylaws, *Chair Campos* explained procedure for ruling on bylaws question, *Member LaCroix* read relevant section from bylaws as basis for recommendation to Chair to continue procedure of voting until third seat is filled, *Chair Campos* agreed that a fair reading of bylaws required voting on remaining candidates for third seat with the following choices: Olivieri, Rizzo, No Endorsement, Abstain, no challenge by members; see attached sheet for vote count
- g) **Board of Education** - see attached sheet for vote count
- h) **Public Defender**  
*Motion to endorse Jeff Adachi by acclamation: Chair Campos; Second: Member Baraka*  
*Vote Count: Approved by Acclamation*
- i) **Assessor-Recorder** - see attached sheet for vote count
- j) **BART Board of Directors, District 8** - see attached sheet for vote count

**9. Endorsements of Ballot Measures for the November 6, 2018 Election** (Campos, F. Hsieh, Low) - see attached sheet for vote count

- a) **Proposition A: Embarcadero Seawall Earthquake Safety Bond**
- b) **Proposition B: City Privacy Guidelines**
- c) **Proposition C: Additional Business Taxes to Fund Homeless Services**
- d) **Proposition D: Additional Tax on Cannabis Businesses; Expanding the Businesses Subject to Business Taxes**
- e) **Proposition E: Partial Allocation of Hotel Tax for Arts and Cultural Purposes**

**5. Reports**

- a) **Chair** (Campos) - reported on progress with opening office at Market and Castro, Red to Blue SF, thanked Leader Pelosi for support and need for fundraising support
- b) **Finance** (DeJesus) - no report
- c) **Voter Registration** (Baraka) - no report
- d) **Club Chartering** (Gupta) - no report
- e) **Outreach** (LaCroix) - thanked SEIU members who attended about hearing and requested support letter by Executive Committee,  
*Motion: Member LaCroix; Second: Member DeJesus*  
*Vote Count: Approved by Acclamation*
- f) **Treasurer** (Alexander) - no report
- g) **Partnerships** (Maxwell) - no report
- h) **Committees**  
**Endorsement** (Low/F. Hsieh)  
**Communications** (Gallotta) - in middle of process to redesign zhush-in up website, invite everyone to meeting at 2:30 pm to look at prototypes  
**Internship** (Gupta) - wrapped up with exit interviews, thanked to Leader Pelosi for

sponsorships and all members for support

- i) **Executive Director** (Mehis) - no report
- j) **CDP Region 6 Update** (Kelly) - Region 6, Santa Clara, San Mateo all voted to oppose AB 84 (Mullin) unanimously opposed, will be in Senate on Monday, highest regional turnout of votes opposed

**6. Resolution Condemning the Amendment to the US House of Representatives' Appropriation Committee Fiscal Year 2019 Labor, Health and Human Services, Education Funding Bill and Reaffirming the City and County of San Francisco's Continued Advocacy for LGBTQ+ Rights** (Campos, Gallotta)

*Chair Campos* spoke to background. Members requested to be added as co-sponsors.

*Amendment(s): Members requesting to be added as cosponsors: Alysander, Gupta, Groth, F. Hsieh, Chan, Fewer, DeJesus, LaCroix, Norton, Speier, Ma, Low, Mahogany, Mandelman, Baraka*  
*Motion to approve (as amended): Member Ma; Second: Member Baraka*  
*Vote Count: Approved by Acclamation*

**7. Resolution of the San Francisco Democratic Party Amending the Party's By Laws to Enforce \$500 Campaign Contribution Limits** (DeJesus, Campos, Gallotta)

Member DeJesus requested that this item be continued for one month pending legal counsel.

**10. New Business**

*Member Gupta* reminded everyone of Bay Area UNITE for Justice to Stop Kavanaugh on Sunday, August 26, 1:00 - 3:00 pm at Civic Center plaza; *Member Baraka* reminded people about upcoming Rise for Climate Justice March on September 8th, from Embarcadero to Civic Center that SF DCCC, for updates, text "RiseCA" to 832224

**11. Adjournment**

*Meeting adjourned at 10:29 pm in honor of Aretha Franklin, to the tune of "Save a Little Prayer for You"*