

San Francisco Latino Democratic Club

August 16, 2017 – 6:30 PM - Monthly General Membership Meeting

518 Valencia: The Eric Quezada Center for Culture and Politics

Meeting was called to order by Co-president Lito Sandoval and introductions by membership was made

Agenda Item: Agenda Approval

Discussion: Lito requested that City College of San Francisco be added to the agenda; that SB 562 be tabled to September and that since the D9 office was on vacation he would give updates on Bail Reform rather than hold the presentation tonight.

Action: A motion was made to approve the agenda with the above amendments by Sylvia Alvarez Lynch and seconded by Kevin Ortiz. Motion approved unanimously

Agenda Item: Approval of Minutes

Discussion: Lito requested that a typo be corrected from Jon to John (John Mendoza)

Action: Motion to approve the minutes with the above correction was made by Sylvia Alvarez Lynch and seconded by Pepe Rodriguez. Motion approved unanimously

Agenda Item: Board Reports

Discussion 1: Lito reported that the treasurer Zach Robles has updated and submitted reports to Ethics and the DCCC. He also reported that a fundraiser “The Future is Latino” was being organized and that various organizations and elected officials would be invited. In regards to the bylaw changes Lito reported that the Eboard has discussed changing the requirements for “Members in Good Standing” and voting privileges which would include: Paid membership would equal “Member in Good Standing” and if a Member in Good Standing has attended 3 meetings that would attain voting privileges. Lito announced that a meeting to make the changes would be announced. Lito also announced that at the July DCCC meeting Former Supervisor David Campos was unanimously elected president of the committee. Lito noted that the SFLDC had endorsed Campos’ candidacy for the office and that Lito had attended the DCCC meeting and spoken in favor of Campos’ election. Lito ended his report by acknowledging that a letter opposition to removing Trans from the military was sent to the DCCC and the committee to that effect passed a resolution.

Discussion 2: Lila Carrillo gave a summary of the meeting with Assembly Member David Chiu. Lila stated that while it was good to hear about Chiu’s policy work he is driving the efforts, not the community. Lila emphasized #1 Lack of time to have a full conversation. #2 We should be well versed to make the asks and for Chiu to hear us on items such as the “Real of Costa Hawkins: and “Reform of the Ellis Act” which he has no Latino support on these topics. Lila added that we could be making calls state wide to get support. Suggestions were made from the membership, which included putting together a list of those who should be targeted and talking to our elected representatives on the Latino Caucus. There was also a suggestion to have a meeting with Chiu every other month.

Discussion 3: Brigitte Davila, VP of Communications presented 6 possible logos for the membership to vote on. Brigitte was given guidelines on creating the logo. (Guidelines: must be round, blue and red, simply is better, and have “Latino” stand out.

Action: N/A (Note: Membership voted and made comments on the logo which were submitted on the handout that Brigitte provided)

Agenda Item: City College of San Francisco (CCSF)

Discussion: Brigitte Davila, CCSF Trustee introduced the new Chancellor Mark Rocha. Chancellor Rocha begin his comments by thanking the club for the work that we have done and mentioned how he has already “bonded” with the Mission campus. He also thanked the trustees. He reported that CCSF has put out a state about Charlottesville, Virginia. The Chancellor also spoke to his commitment to keep CCSF free and social justice. In regards to the pan American Diego mural at CCSF, the Chancellor reported that he is in discussion with MOMA in an effort to plan for the transport/display of the mural at the museum and then bring it back to the new performing arts center once it is complete. Regarding a concern from a member that undocumented individuals were not included in accessing CCSF for free, the Chancellor stated that CCSF was a Sanctuary College and that DACA students were covered and others without documentation could apply for tuition assistance (scholarship) by talking to a counselor at the college.

Action: N/A

Agenda Item: Membership Drive

Discussion: Kevin Ortiz, VP of Membership gave summary of the new promotion as follows. If a membership in good standing brings in 2 new members (no prior membership) your membership will be considered paid for the year. The drive is tentatively scheduled to begin in November.

Action: N/A

Agenda Item: SB 35 Update

Discussion: Kevin Ortiz presented on an amendment to the bill that is intended to exempt low-income neighborhoods. Kevin will put together actions and reach out to Assembly Member Chiu.

Action: N/A

Agenda Item: SB 562 Update (Tabled to September)

Agenda Item: Ford Bike Follow Up

Discussion: Kevin Ortiz gave a brief summary of the program and where we are now. To date there are 31 locations in the Mission that have been allocated. There was no community process. Former Supervisor Campos approved the program and Hillary Ronen as his aide supported the program. The rental price is \$9.95 for 30 minutes and \$9.95 for each subsequent 30 minutes intervals. The "stations" do not provide instructions/information in Spanish. Kevin reported that there was a petition to ban the program on Mission Street (15th to 30th). Brigitte will post the petition on Facebook/Website.

Action: N/A

Agenda Item: Bail Reform Presentation

Discussion: Lito summarized bail reform as a "get out of jail free card" Currently, a nonrefundable fee of 10% is charged by bail bonds companies which impacts the Latino community disproportionately. Currently, Supervisor Hillary Ronen is working on legislation to create a revolving bail fund that families will be able to borrow. In addition, there is work being done to ask judges to reduce bail in San Francisco which is the highest in the state. Jose Muniz mentioned that historically, Sheriff Mirkarimi had proposed the idea of using ankle monitors in lieu of bail and wanted to know if that was being considered. There was discussion and support for such a remedy as an alternative to bail.

Action: Motion was made to send a letter to the SF Police Commission, Public Defender, District Attorney, and the Sheriff requesting a conversation regarding the consideration of ankle monitoring as an alternative to bail by Monica Chinchilla and seconded by Catherine. Motion approved unanimously. Gabriel Medina volunteered to write the letter.

Agenda Item: Old Business

Discussion 1) a request for volunteers to staff our table at Fiesta de las Américas to be held on Calle 24 on September 17, 2017.

Action: Request to be posted on FB and via an email

Discussion 2) Announcement of action against Maximus 5:30 planning mtg 6:30 action

Agenda Item: New Business

Discussion 1: Lito started a conversation regarding how other clubs have used "Resist" and asked the membership what issues have affected them personally, what actions should the club take, how do we organize, who do we work with going forward. Ideas floated were working with elected officials; activism/rapid response training with other organizations; fight against the abolishment of DACA; grooming the next generation; workshops on racism/bias/ (conversation & policy. The question was also asked "how do we work with all groups. Lito commented that historically Latino leaders/groups have not worked together. Currently, MLK club is leading the way. It was also brought up that until a slate was created by LDC we had never been called to the table at the beginning of the election but that we were the 2nd time around (post Reform Slate) Lila pointed out that coalition building is the answer but it isn't always easy because of lack of bandwidth and trust

Action: N/A

Discussion 2: SFLGBT Community-Cultural Heritage Strategy-reported not diverse/mostly business community, need Latinx Lesbian Mtg August 31 5:30-7 pm SF Chamber of Commerce