

San Francisco Latino Democratic Club

March 16, 2016

6:30 PM

362 Capp Street, San Francisco, CA

Type of Meeting: SFLDC Monthly Membership Meeting

Minutes

Meeting called to order by Edwin Lindo, VP of External Affairs and acting Chair, as President Lito Sandoval and VP of Political Affairs were at the Democratic County Central Committee meeting.

Agenda Item: Action in Regards to the Death of Berta Cáceres

Discussion: Porfirio organized with Berta Cáceres - Honduran International Environmental and Indigenous Rights Activist.) He spoke on the organizing he did with Berta and the corruptness and violence taking place in Honduras. There is an increase in violence, especially against those that are organizing to protect the land and fight for indigenous communities. Porfirio is fearful.

He spoke on how the U.S. continues to give money to Honduras.

Action Item: At the meeting, a motion unanimously passed, to adopt the resolution passed at the SF Labor Council and tailor it to SF LDC's liking and send said resolution to ALL of the Board of Supervisors and Nancy Pelosi's office (since she is the most power Democrat in Congress).

We need to receive a copy of the resolution passed by the labor council (Porfirio will be sending it over) and we can make the necessary changes to include our added concerns with regard to the Latino community).

Agenda Item: Budget Cuts for SFSU Ethnic Studies

Discussion: Brigitte Davila and Nicky Trasviña (Both SFSU Employees) spoke on the cuts threatened at SFSU within the Ethnic Studies Dept. We ended up taking a group picture showing our solidarity with the students, staff, and faculty at SFSU.

Additional Topic: CFA (California Faculty Association) has voted to strike throughout the state if the CSU system does not agree to a the minimal 5% salary increase. Faculty has gone for far too long without an increase.

Action Item: A motion at the club meeting was unanimously passed that supports CFA and commits to writing a resolution to that effect. Jon Jacobo to draft.

Agenda Item: Unite Here! Local 2

Discussion: Two representatives from LOCAL 2 spoke to the club about the boycott that is taking place of two hotels in San Francisco that have made it difficult to organize and unionize.

The two Hotels are: Le Meridian and Hyatt Fisherman's Wharf. These two hotels currently do not have unions, and made it nearly impossible for organizing to take place.

Action Item: The club unanimously voted to support the strike and stand in solidarity with LOCAL 2 and its members. LDC to write a letter to the Board of Supervisors and Mayor supporting VOTE 16 SF.

Agenda Item: DCCCC Educational

Discussion: Kimberly Ellis (Executive Director of Emerge CA) spoke on the importance of the DCCC and the State Democratic Party. Party Chair elections will be taking place in 2017 - a very important election. Kimberly Ellis is running for this position.

Agenda Item: Statewide \$15 Minimum Wage

Discussion: LDC Member Kimberly Alvarenga is the Political Director for SEIU 1021. She spoke on the topic of statewide \$15 minimum wage.

There is word that our state legislators are likely to get on board to push for a statewide \$15 minimum wage. SEIU 1021 will be working with both State Senators and Assembly members to push this. It is looking promising. Gov. Brown is also open to it.

Action Item: NA

Agenda Item: Presidential Primary Election

Discussion: The club voted to endorse a Democratic Presidential Candidate.

Action Item: Individual ballots were given to those members in good standing that were in attendance. Nearly 90% of the club voted to endorse Bernie Sanders for President.

Meeting Adjourned