



## **SMCDCC Endorsement Committee 2019**

Members: Karen Maki and Brigid O'Farrell, Co-Chairs  
Robert Bernardo, District 1  
Shikha Hamilton, District 2  
Steven Booker, District 3  
Diana Reddy, District 4  
Kalimah Salahuddin, District 5  
Tom Mohr, Ex Officio  
Cliff Robbins, By-laws Committee  
Nicole Fernandez, SMCDCC Chair

### **Overview**

The San Mateo County Democratic Central Committee has taken several steps this year to improve its endorsement process. The candidate and ballot initiative endorsement process is governed by the provisions of Article XIII of the SMCDCC By-laws.

In January 2019 the guidelines were developed for appointing Endorsement Committee members that included having one person from each supervisorial district, one person representing ex-officios, a representative from the by-laws committee, the co-chairs, and the SMCDCC chair. Using the list of people who volunteered for the Endorsement Committee, the chair further tried to balance the Committee with people who reflect the different age, racial, ethnic, and gender identities of the county as well as people with and without prior Endorsement Committee experience. Following these guidelines, the Endorsement Committee will be expanded when more people are needed for interview teams.