

**San Mateo County Democratic Central Committee
Chair's Report
June 2017**

Dear Democrats of San Mateo County,

What a very strange spring we're having! Like many people, I am disgusted by the daily car crash of news from the White House Twitter-feed and statements by clue-less Cabinet Members. It is mind boggling to watch many programs that have made America Great be dismantled or threatened for elimination. So many things that are important to us are at risk such as protection of national parks and monuments, freedom to marry whomever we love, rights to make reproductive choices, and services for those who have immigrated to this great country. As Democrats, we can't and won't allow these unacceptable changes to happen.

I am encouraged by the number of outstanding Democrats who are keeping us informed about who to call, who to write, where to rally and how to donate. This information keeps me going and reminds me about what we need to do to win local, statewide and congressional elections in 2018. Let's get going San Mateo County Democrats!

At the same time, I am quite pleased about the number of San Mateo County Democrats who've launched Committees since the beginning of the year. An impressive team led by Brigid O'Farrell has developed a calendar of speakers for upcoming General Meetings. Another group led by Sharrie Krieger, Anastasia Morrison and Eric Siegel is focused on creating a Welcome and Orientation Committee for new San Mateo County Democrats and an Outreach Committee to be a liaison to the many allied groups and chartered Democratic Clubs. Alexis Lewis has started plans for the always fun August 12, 2017 Summer BBQ fundraiser. These individuals and Committees are what make San Mateo County Democrats great. Please sign up to volunteer for one of these Committees or others that will be discussed at the June 15, 2017 General Meeting.

Convention

Through the California Democratic Party Convention and from conversations, I've had with many of you, I'm thinking about how to ramp up our Political Program for 2018. Did you know that there are about 205,000 registered Democrats in San Mateo County? And there are many more residents in the County of all ages who still need to register to vote as Democrats! We've got some work ahead of us. Many young people turn 16 or 17 every day and can be registered to vote when they turn 18. Let's show the rest of the state how San Mateo County registers voters.

And we can't thank our Annual Convention Luncheon Sponsors often enough. Please join me in thanking Congresswomen Anna Eshoo and Jackie Speier, Senators Jerry Hill and Scott Weiner, Assemblymembers Marc Berman, Kevin Mullin, and Phil Ting. Other supporters include Harini Krishnan, Lucas Ramirez, Zackery Ross, Charles Stone, and John Woodell/Kirsten Keith. And a very special Democratic thanks to all of you who joined us for lunch. We look forward to an equally fun luncheon next year in San Diego.

Elections

As there aren't too many City Council races this fall, we will have a Meet the Candidate Night in September to introduce ourselves to Democrats who are running for office. These Democrats may be incumbents or new to being a candidate. Either way, they need to get to know us and we need to learn more about them. I'm looking for a few volunteers to help put this event together.

Next Spring with up to 16 City Council races, we will hold a Candidate Orientation to introduce

Democratic candidates to the San Mateo County Democratic Party, explain our endorsement process and how volunteers can provide campaign support for their races.

Membership Dues

Reminder – Your Annual Member Dues are Now Due!!

Elected Members, \$70.00

Alternate Members, \$35.00

Associate Members, \$25.00

Student/Senior Associate Members, \$15.00

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Democratically yours,

Cecily Harris, Chair
San Mateo County Democratic Party