



San Mateo County Democratic Party

Chair's Letter

November 2018

Dear San Mateo County Democrats,

Please allow me a moment to introduce myself. My name is Nicole Fernandez and I am humbled to have recently been elected your new San Mateo County Democratic Party Chair. I am taking over after the recent departure of our prior Chair, Cecily Harris, who left for an exciting new start in Minnesota. Please join me in thanking her for her commitment and hard work for our Democratic Party over the years, and in wishing her all the best during this new adventure.

A little about me: I am a San Mateo County native that grew up in Belmont and now resides in San Mateo with my 16 year old cat, Rani. I am well acquainted with our local Democratic Party and clubs, having recently worked for numerous local legislators and as a former president of the Peninsula Democratic Coalition, one of the largest clubs in the Bay Area. As the proud child of immigrants, I have a deep and abiding love for our party, our platform, and what we do on behalf of working people each and every day. You can reach out to me directly at chair@smcdems.org.

This is an incredibly exciting time to take over as chair, and I wanted to make sure that you had the latest and greatest information as we head into our November 2018 election - quite possibly the most important election we will see in our lifetime. There is no better time to get involved than RIGHT NOW. Read on for how you can help!

Endorsements + Voter Guide

If you have yet to complete in your ballot, please consider using the San Mateo County Democratic Party's endorsements in your decision-making.

Candidates:

Belmont City Council: **Charles Stone, Julia Mates, Warren Lieberman**

Belmont-Redwood Shores School District: **April Northrup, Rahila Passi, Suvarna Bhopale**

Cabrillo Unified School District: **Freya McCamant, Lizet Cortes**

Daly City Council: **Ray Buenaventura**

East Palo Alto City Council: **Regina Wallace Jones, Ruben Abrica**

Foster City Council: **Paul Williams, Richa Awasthi**

Half Moon Bay City Council: **Deborah Penrose, Deborah Ruddock, Robert Brownstone**

Jefferson Elementary School District: **Clayton Koo, Marie Brizuela**

Menlo Park City Council, District 1: **Cecilia Taylor**

Menlo Park City Council, District 2: **Kirsten Keith**

Menlo Park City Council, District 4: **Betsy Nash**

Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District: **Karen Holman**

Millbrae City Council: **Anne Oliva, Reuben Holober**

Pacifica City Council: **John Keener, Mike O'Neill**

Ravenswood City School District: **Stephanie Fitch, Tamara Sobomehin**

Redwood City Council: **Diana Reddy, Giselle Hale, Jason Galisatus**

San Bruno Park Elem School District: **Andrew Mason, Henry Sanchez, Teri Chavez**

San Carlos City Council: **Adam Rak, Laura Parmer-Lohan, Sara McDowell**

San Mateo County Harbor District: **Henry Sutter**

SM County Community College District, D4: **Richard Holober**

SM County Board of Education, Area 1: **Susan Alvaro**

S San Francisco City Council: **Mark Addiego, Mark Nagales, Pradeep Gupta**

S San Francisco Unified School District: **Eddie Flores, John Baker**

Ballot Measures

Belmont Measure CC — Appointed City Clerk Measure: **Endorse**
Belmont Measure KK — Hotel Room Tax Measure: **Endorse**
Belmont Measure WW — Appointed Treasurer Measure: **Endorse**
Brisbane Measure JJ — General Plan Amendment Measure: **Endorse**
Colma Measure PP — Transient Occupancy (“Hotel”) Tax Measure: **Endorse**
Daly City Measure BB — Business License Tax Measure: **Endorse**
Daly City Measure UU — Cannabis Business Tax Measure: **Endorse**
Daly City Measure VV — Transient Occupancy (Hotel) Tax Measure: **Endorse**
East Palo Alto Measure HH — Commercial Office Space Parcel Tax Measure: **Endorse**
Foster City Measure TT — Transient Occupancy Tax Measure: **Endorse**
Half Moon Bay Measure AA — Cannabis Business Tax Measure: **Endorse**
Half Moon Bay Measure EE — Advisory Measures A: **Neutral**
Half Moon Bay Measure GG — Commercial Cannabis Activities: **Endorse**
Half Moon Bay Measure MM — Advisory Measures C: **Neutral**
Half Moon Bay Measure SS — Advisory Measures B: **Neutral**
Jefferson Elementary School District Measure U — Bond Measure: **Endorse**
Jefferson Union High School District Measure Y — Parcel Tax Measure: **Endorse**
Millbrae Measure II — Bond Measure: **Endorse**
Portola Valley School District Measure Z — Bond Measure: **Endorse**
Redwood City Measure DD — Cannabis Business Tax Measure: **Endorse**
Redwood City Measure OO — Charter Amendment Measure: **Endorse**
Redwood City Measure RR — Transactions and Use (Sales) Tax Measure: **Endorse**
San Bruno Park School District Measure X — Bond Measure: **Endorse**
San Carlos Measure NN — Cannabis Business Tax Measure: **Endorse**
San Carlos Measure QQ — Transient Occupancy Tax Measure: **Endorse**
San Mateo County Transit District Measure W — Sales Tax Measure: **Endorse**
San Mateo-Foster City School District Measure V — Parcel Tax Measure: **Endorse**
South San Francisco Measure FF — Transient Occupancy Tax Measure: **Endorse**
South San Francisco Measure LL — Cannabis Business License Tax Measure: **Endorse**

You can find a visual scorecard that you can share with your friends at <http://www.smcdems.org/> on the front page. Additionally, the California Democratic Party has recently launched a tool that will create a customizable voting scorecard based on Party endorsements. You can check that out at <https://www.cadem.org/our-candidates>.

Headquarters + Election Night Party

Just a reminder that our SMCDems Carole Dorshkind Campaign Headquarters is open **everyday** until the election on November 6, **Our headquarters and our candidates need you!** You can walk precincts, make phone calls, be part of our text bank, or write postcards. However you want to be involved, we want you there! We'll supply the snacks and call sheets, you supply the enthusiasm!

Please visit the SMCDems Carole Dorshkind Campaign located at 2336 El Camino Real in Redwood City from 11am to 7pm, with modified hours as we move closer to election day. If you have questions or want to speak to one of our campaign managers, please reach out to April or Eric at 650-344-1714. And as always, for the most up to date information, check our website's calendar (<http://www.smcdems.org/calendar>) and our Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/2821965514/>).

We'll also be active on election day! Please stop by on November 6 anytime during the day to make calls on behalf of our Congressional candidates looking to turn the Central Valley blue.

Additionally, you are invited to attend an Election Night Watch Party on November 6 at Headquarters, with first results coming in at 8pm. We will have activists, candidates and local elected officials in attendance, and a large projection of results in real time. Please join us!

Upcoming Meeting + Holiday Party

Please note that we have our upcoming November General Meeting on Thursday, November 15 (social hour: 7pm, meeting: 7:30pm) as one of the last events at our SMCDems Carole Dorshkind Headquarters in Redwood City. The main focus will be a recap of the November 6 election. (Please note that our regular meetings will return to the Transport Workers Union Hall on Rollins Road in Burlingame come January 2019.)

Additionally, please mark your calendars for one of the highlights for our local Democratic Party, our Holiday Party. **This year, we will be holding the event at the IBEW Local Union 617 at 1701 Leslie Street in San Mateo on Thursday December 13 from 7-9pm.** Join me in thanking our newest Central Committee member from District 3, Steven Booker and the whole IBEW family for their generosity. If you would like to sign up to volunteer or bring a dish to share, please email contact@smcdems.org. I'd also like to thank Ginny Stewart for many years of hosting this event in her complex. It won't be the same, but we're looking forward to our new host!

New Address

We are excited to share that we recently updated our mailing address with a new PO Box. Please direct any future payments or correspondence to:

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Sincerely,
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Chair, San Mateo County Democratic Party