

San Mateo County Democratic Party Chair's Letter February 2019

Dear San Mateo County Democrats,

There is so much going in the California Democratic Party, both in San Mateo County and statewide. Read on for things you should know.

We Had E-Board Elections!

I am incredibly pleased to share our executive board for 2019-2021, recently elected at our January meeting. Thank you to our body for re-electing me chairwoman, and please join me in congratulating all of them for their service.

Chairwoman: Nicole Fernandez Northern Vice Chair: Cliff Robbins Southern Vice Chair: Karen Maki Controller: Nancy Yarbrough

Corresponding Secretary: Alexis Lewis Recording Secretary: Mitchell Oster

We Had ADEM Elections!

Join me in congratulating everybody who was elected to represent their respective Assembly Districts as part of last month's Assembly Delegate Elections (ADEMS). In San Mateo County, we had folks running for ADEM positions in three districts, and you can view preliminary results here: <u>AD 19</u>, <u>AD 22</u> and <u>AD 24</u>.

Also, a very special shoutout to all of those volunteers that devoted their day to helping our San Mateo County-affiliated ADEM elections run smoothly! Without your involvement, this ADEMS process would not be a success. We are grateful for you.

We Are Having A California Democratic Party State Convention!

For the first time in decades, the California Democratic Party Convention 2019 will be held locally in San Francisco at the Moscone Center! Make sure you hold a place on your calendar for May 31-June 2, 2019. For more information on the convention, please visit the CDP Convention subsite here.

If you are a delegate through our Democratic Central Committee, can't attend convention this year and need a proxy, or if you are interested in attending as a proxy, reach out to me at chair@smcdems.org.

We Are Having An Election for Our New Chair at the California Democratic Party State Convention!

As you may know, the California Democratic Party will be electing our new chair at the Convention in San Francisco. Right now, 4 candidates have declared their intention to run. This is an unofficial list, and other candidates may declare themselves between now and convention.

- Daraka Larimore-Hall (Facebook link: https://www.facebook.com/DarakaforCDPChair/)
- Rusty Hicks (Facebook link: https://www.facebook.com/RustyforChair/)
- Kimberly Ellis (Facebook link: https://www.facebook.com/kimberlyforCDPchair/)
- Lenore Albert-Sheridan (Facebook link: https://www.facebook.com/LenoreAlbert/)

We Need Resolutions!

The Central Committee is working on re-assembling our Resolutions committee (along with other committees). Do you have an idea or piece of legislation you are monitoring that you believe our Central Committee should support? Let's discuss it!

Email me at chair@smcdems.org, and I will be put you in touch with our Resolutions Committee Chair.

February 2019 Meeting Preview

The February 2019 SMCDEMS meeting will be taking place on Thursday, February 21, 2019 (7pm social hour, 7:30pm presentation, meeting will start right after) at the Transport Workers Union Hall, 1501 Rollins Rd., Burlingame.

We are so pleased to welcome Lilli Rey, co-founder of Bay Area Border Relief, to discuss the crisis at our southern border, and local efforts to help refugees that have been jailed or separated from their family and loved ones. **That talk will start promptly at 7:30pm.** Many thanks to Brigid O'Farrell and Ashleigh Evans for coordinating Ms. Rey's appearance at our meeting.

At this meeting, we will be discussing committee assignments, and other business. A survey was recently sent out to our elected, alternate and associate members to indicate committee preferences to your chair. If you are interested in serving, please click here to complete they survey before February 15.

Sincerely, Nicole Fernandez Chair, San Mateo County Democratic Party