



**San Mateo County Democratic Party
Chair's Letter
April 2019**

Dear Democrats,

It is April and I have been your chair for a little over 6 months. What a learning experience it has been for me! I continue to be incredibly proud of this organization and the work that this (committed!) committee is accomplishing to streamline and improve our internal and external processes.

We're Improving Things!

Among some of the things different committees are currently working on during the first quarter of 2019:

- Reviewing and improving our endorsements processes in time for the bite-sized 2019 election cycle (Endorsements Committee)
- Examining and modernizing our communications strategies, including exploring tools to improve distribution of information, and updating our webpage and social media presences (Communications Committee)
- Establishing protocols to create an inviting atmosphere for visitors and members to our Central Committee, and work to increase their understanding of our body's rules and functions (Welcome and Orientation Committee)
- Creating a new, easier-to-understand budget under the auspices of a recently established Finance Committee
- Continuing to invite compelling speakers to educate us on issues of importance in our community (Programs and Education Committee)
- Maintaining our robust voter registration program (Voter Registration Committee)

Beyond that, I am hopeful we will be able to get a strong events and fundraising plan off the ground, increase our relationships with our chartered clubs, and prepare NOW in 2019 to ensure we have a Democratic blue 2020.

Many thanks to all our SMCDEMS members who continue to volunteer their time. They truly are the heart and soul of the party here in San Mateo County. (Associate membership is always available if you want to be part of our Central Committee. Click [here](#) to find out more.)

Dates You Should Know

- Our inaugural DEMS LEAD! Speaker Series is taking place April through July, the first and third Monday of the month. Would you like to learn more about running for office or network with other aspiring candidates and current elected officials? Please click here to get on the mailing list for speakers and topics: <https://bit.ly/2I5DFyD>
- April 17 - SMCDEMS is proud to co-sponsor Congresswoman Anna Eshoo's 3rd Annual Activist Summit in Palo Alto (2020: What's Ahead? What's the Plan?). Topics include how you can get involved, how you can work a candidate, and how you can become a delegate. [You can register to attend at this link.](#)
- May 31-June 2 - We are pleased to California Democratic Party to San Francisco. [You can learn more here.](#)
- June 1 - SMCDEMS is pleased to hold our annual San Mateo County Democrats Luncheon on the Saturday of convention. Keep an eye on this space, our website (smcdems.org) or on our social media ([Facebook](#) and [@SMCDEMS](#) on Twitter) for details.

April Meeting Preview

Our regular April meeting will take place on Thursday, April 18th at the Transport Workers Union Hall at 1521 Rollins Road in Burlingame. We are pleased to welcome State Senator Scott Wiener for a legislative update at 7:30pm, following our social hour at 7pm. At our April meeting, we will be considering approval of our 2019 budget, while also taking up pending resolutions. Please join us. All Democrats are invited.

I remain available if you have any feedback on our SMCDEMS. You can reach me at chair@smcdems.org.

Sincerely,
Nicole Fernandez
Chair, SMCDEMS