



San Mateo County Democratic Party
Chair's Letter
May 2019

Dear Democrats,

We live in difficult times. It seems like everyday brings us a new tragedy, from innocent people losing their lives to gun violence in their place of worship, to international bombings by hate groups attacking innocent tourists, to aggressive Nazi attacks against communities of color, to the next headline to the next headline to the next...

All of this can be overwhelming, I know. The build up of violence, hatred and animosity we witness in the world can make us want to lay down our defenses, give up the fight to improve this nation by electing good Democrats, and just allow the apathy wash over us.

For those of you teetering on that edge of giving in to your momentary indifference, I implore you - don't give up now. Not when we have the potential to help chart the course of this nation by helping good Democrats represent us locally, statewide and nationally. Your time, your goodwill, and your passion are so needed by the San Mateo County Democratic Party, and our fellow progressive organizations, like Sister District, Indivisible, Swing Left, Flippable, and other resistance groups. If we fail in 2020, we fail together, but more than that - if we succeed in 2020, we succeed together.

Please read below for things you should know:

SMCDEMS Activities

- Our **Dems Lead! Speaker Series** had a very successful first month! The group meets twice a month (**first and third Monday of the month**). We were so lucky to hear from Councilmember Mark Nagales of SSF and Mayor Davina Hurt of Belmont, talking about why they chose to run for office. Our second session featured Councilmember Giselle Hale of Redwood City and Trustee Noelia Corzo of San Mateo-Foster City School District who discussed how they established their "political brands." The program runs through July, and we have 6 sessions to go with lots of great stories to hear from experienced Peninsula political voices. Please join us by signing up here: <https://bit.ly/2I5DFyD>
- The **California Democratic Party convention** is upon us (**May 31-June 2**), right here in San Francisco! All eyes will be on our convention, as, according to early reports, most of the major presidential candidates will be joining us - with more names to be announced.
- What's more exciting than the Convention? The **Annual San Mateo County Democratic Party Convention Luncheon**, of course! It will be taking place on **Saturday, June 1** at the SF Table Top Tap Room across the street from Moscone West. You can purchase single tickets here:

<http://www.smcdeems.org/19convlunc>, and you can learn more about luncheon sponsorship opportunities here: <https://smcdcc.nationbuilder.com/19convluncspons>

- **Keep an eye on this space in upcoming Chair's Letters to learn about other events we hope to announce soon!**

May Meeting Preview

Our regular May meeting will take place on Thursday, May 16th at the Transport Workers Union Hall at 1521 Rollins Road in Burlingame. We are pleased to welcome candidate for chair of the California Democratic Party Kimberly Ellis to speak at 7:30pm, following our social hour at 7pm. At our May meeting, the committee will be considering the recommendations of the Endorsements Committee to improve our endorsements process in anticipation of the 2019 election season. 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,
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Chair, SMCDEMS