

San Mateo County
Democratic Central Committee
General Meeting Minutes
June 20, 2019

Prior to Meeting

- Nick Lochrie, formerly an intern in Assemblymember Mullin’s office, was introduced by Alex Melendrez and presented his remarks regarding proposed legislation, ACA4—which would lower voting age to 16.
- Questions: April Vargas – Do you have any idea after this passes, which cycle it would take affect? 2020? Or 22?
- Lochrie – We hope that it can be put into affect by the March Primary. Appropriations Committee has some say. Also has to go to Senate.
- Sam Manneh: Thanks for coming. You are impressive. You should run for delegate to DNC next year. Do you think you can encourage those in other states not just in California. Are young people going to be engaged this next cycle?
- Lochrie: Have met so many young people who are even more involved than I am. We will have more people running for office and also those who are advocating for issues. Many of the candidates are talking about the issues. Happy to be involved.
- Lochrie: Letter has been passed around in support of ACA 4. If you could send to your
- Alex Melendrez: Next speaker is Rita Bosworth from Sister District.

Call to Order, Adoption of Agenda & Approval of Minutes

- The call to order occurred at 7:56pm by Committee Chair, Nicole Fernandez.
- The June, 2019 meeting agenda was adopted as modified with an addition for a first reading for new resolution.
- The May, 2019 meeting minutes were approved with modifications
- Announcement regarding upcoming Debate Watch Party.
- New visitors were asked to speak.
 - Josh Becker intern. Hope to have your support. From Menlo Park.
 - Pacifica, Serra HS, not as engaged as Nick. Work with Brownrigg. First competitive race for State Senate in a long time.
 - Jen Wallason (sp?), Menlo Park. Running for City Council in D3 in 2020.

- Chris (?), Redwood City, HIP Housing, happy to be here.
- Ray Larios, first meeting, PYD, advisory committee for PCE, second alternate for David Burruto.
- Please check in on social media.

Executive Board Reports

Chair (Nicole Fernandez):

- Thank you for everyone who attended convention. Thank you for those who came to the luncheon. Thanks to sponsors. Acknowledge Nancy Yarbrough, Sam Manneh, Mitchell Oster. Eshoo, Hill, Wiener, Berman, Mulling, Ting, Stone, Kumar, Krishnan, Masur, Mates, Lewis, GET OTHERS.
- Congratulations to Hene Kelly for being re-elected as Region 6 Director. Also congrats to new state chair, Rusty Hicks.
- Watch Party. The first night at IBEW 617 hall. Some snacks. Please come and support your candidate.
- Membership dues are upcoming July 1.
- Standing Committee deadline is coming up. Deadline July 1.
- If you're a club representative, recharter or charter, by our next meeting on July 18.
- Big fall fundraiser. Sept. 7, Saturday. POTUSCon, 1-4, afternoon, Event center. Volunteers are needed! Planning stages.
- Another convention in November. Nominating convention is Nov 15 in Long Beach. Many of the presidential candidates are attending and will be doing a debate/town hall. We will probably not be doing a convention. Maybe we will?

Northern Vice Chair (Cliff Robbins):

- Had a chance to shadow our chair and watch Nicole in action. It was very impressive.

Southern Vice Chair (Karen Maki):

- No report.

Controller (Nancy Yarbrough):

- Made money on the luncheon, compared to last 3, we made 3778, more than the two previous.
- Sponsors really did a lot. Sam also did a good job finding an affordable option.
- Dues on July 1. Emails went out this week. You can do it online, or mail check, also pay in two installments if you want.

Recording Secretary (Mitchell Oster):

- Reminder that we're taking attendance. Please make sure to check in on the sign in sheet.

- Also, if you are not able to make it to the meeting, please let the Chair know in advance, if possible.
- If you got the minutes or roster and there was something wrong, please let me know.
- Accuracy on the Lightning Round, you should email me.

Corresponding Secretary (Alexis Lewis):

- No report.

Standing Committee Reports

Finance:

- No report.

Endorsements:

- Brigid O’Farrell: (chair asked for a round of applause for the work the committee has been doing)
- Since the last meeting, we’ve had several meetings of our committee. Draft document is forthcoming. Want to be very clear and transparent. Guidelines to make it more clear for everyone on the committee during the process. We have just a few races this year. But we have updated questions based on our review process.
- Some new dates: July 15 pull papers date. Questionnaire July 22. August 8th candidate orientation meeting. Our first time doing it. Chair is working on that. Go over process. Make sure everyone knows what to expect. Not sure what it will look like, but will be developed. Other dates. August 28-29 in the evening. Won’t need as much time. Sept 5. Special DCC meeting to committee vote.
- Sandra Lang: Will interviews be open to the DCC?
- O’Farrell: Yes. Open to members.
- Jason Galisatus: Different process for measures?
- O’Farrell: No. Same process. Once we know what the qualified measures are, we’ll meet with people from measure campaigns.
- Sabrina Brennan: With the questionnaire, we had talked about the questions being voted on by the central committee.
- Chair: That’s never been part of the process.
- Diana Reddy: Things that were raised over the last
- Mitchell Oster: Can you summarize last meeting changes?
- O’Farrell: When registered as a Dem, Do away with criminal activity question, How to rescind an endorsement, Recusal procedures/guidelines/criteria.
- John Woodell: I want to counter what Sabrina said, the bylaws process is one thing, but mostly things go to the chair. This process is open and relies on the chair and communication.

- Sabrina Brennan: Will be questions be published?
- Chair: Yes. Available on website.
- O'Farrell: Interview questions will also be designed in advance.

Events:

- Nancy Yarbrough: Watch Party, a pub trivia night, and the big fall event.

Bylaws:

- Cliff Robbins: The 4 endorsement recommendations from the last meeting went to our committee and it's being reviewed/circulated. The changes are going to need to be signed off by the CDP. We incorporated those things into our process for the endorsements, but we included them now.

Resolutions:

- David Burruto: First reading of Richard Pan's SB 276 regarding vaccinations.
- Ashleigh Evans: I heard that just today they agreed to strike that part.
- Chair: If that's different, we'll update before the next reading.
- Tom Mohr: How are the medical groups coming down on this?
- Burruto: They are all on board.
- Brigid O'Farrell: There was a new/different immigration resolution at CDP convention so Ashleigh Evans and I agreed to withdraw ours. It was very good and similar.
- Ashleigh Evans: I want to add that we like our version better and we will keep working on it. Ours was directed to our local elected officials.
- Chair: I also want to recognize Dan Stegnik and Victoria(?) Di Alba passed a resolution regarding the Question on citizenship and it passed.

Election Integrity:

- No report.

Voter Registration:

- April Vargas: Voter Reg is happening. We didn't get a spot at Pride. Thanks to Mark and Gina we will be able to do Concerts in the Park in San Mateo. Going to reach out here to the committee. We need volunteers. Have a training. Staffing up for registration activities. NAACP is looking for a training. August 4 event. Interested in ACA4 passing. We need high school energy. After semester starts, we'll be doing stuff at College of San Mateo and their CSM Dems group. See me if you're interested volunteering.
- Chair: Want to recognize the work of this committee.

Welcoming Committee:

- Chair: Thank you to Sharrie for her work on this committee.

- Sharrie Kriger: We have to decide what is evergreen and doesn't change much and what will be changed regularly. I was at my niece's wedding. I would have loved to go to P on the website to find proxy info. E for endorsements, etc. Good step forward.

Communication & Technology:

- Had a nice meeting with Sharrie Kriger and we discussed ways to design the website in a way that will serve her committee, and hopefully the Central Committee, in a much more efficient way. We will have a focus on welcoming new Democrats who might be interested in what we are doing. But also a Member Area highlighted near the top that would have some of the "DCC 101" stuff that Sharrie has been talking about.
- Chair: Please check in on social media. #SMCDems.

Leadership Development

- Chair: SMC Dems LEAD! Program. Robert isn't here. We have two more sessions. In two weeks and then two weeks after that. Replicate it in 2020. What you need to run.

Clubs Liaison

- No report.

Speaker Program Committee

- New speaker coming up.
- Abortion rights speaker, veteran's affairs, if you have ideas, please see me.
- Chair: We've never had a separate forum program that wouldn't happen in conjunction with our DCC meetings.

Election Oversight Committee

- Greg Loew: We can win 3 senate seats. That gives us control if we have the white house.
- Mitch will put my report with the Minutes.

New Business

- None.

Regional Director, Legislative, and Clubs Reports

Region 6 Director:

- Hene Kelly: I had a call from the Democratic Party. The reason we are pushing out the deadline to July 1 for our Standing Committees. We want to make them

more of a vital part of the decision making process. How better to inform our officers. We are trying to get the committees to look like the party. There will be people of color, old people, LGBTQ, young people, disabilities, etc. It changes how the committee works because there are different views from different experiences.

- I have no choice about the committee I will serve on (applause ensued) because I have to make up the difference if they don't take money from people who are harming America. I will be auctioning off a Challah loaf tonight.
- We will have Aug 23-25 Eboard meeting. We need a Region 6 meeting in middle of July. So we can talk about what we want to talk about.
- Some of the clubs have sent in the materials they need to participate in the pre-endorsement meetings. I will be sending back the number of delegates you get. If we do this right, we can have grassroots clubs decide the endorsements. October 5 or 6 is the pre-endorsement meeting. The only convention. There won't be another in 2020. There will be eboard meetings.
- April Vargas asked about the difference between endorsements at pre-endorsement vs. convention and Hene Kelly explained it clearly.
- Hene: This is how clubs and the grassroots can exert influence over the endorsement process.
- Hene gave an explanation of her Challah effort. It was supposed to be a metaphor but the Vice Chair is holding me to it. Some people gave cash. Josh Becker won with a bid of \$90.

Congresswoman Jackie Speier (CA-14):

- No report.

Congresswoman Anna Eshoo (CA-18):

- No report.

State Senator Scott Wiener (SD-11):

- No report.

State Senator Jerry Hill (SD-13):

- No report.

Assemblymember Phil Ting (AD-19):

- No report.

Assemblymember Kevin Mullin (AD-22):

- No report.

Assemblymember Marc Berman (AD-24):

- No report.

Coastside Democratic Club:

- AV; May 19. KK new president. Doreen Garrity did a great job.
- AV new vice president. Voter reg and satellite phone banking.
- Debate Watch party on the Wednesday and the Thursday. Coastside people, please let me know. 5:30 snacks and drinks.
- On Aug 11, hosting forum with candidates for Sen dist. 13, 3/5 committed. One not available. One hasn't gotten back to yet. You should put a phone number on your website. Senate deals with Coastside issues.

Hillsborough Democratic Club:

- No report.

North Peninsula Democratic Club:

- Ann Schneider: We've had the Senate candidates come. We might be changing the date/time away from Saturday morning. Also want to give a shout out to Erin Chazer our new Vice Chair. Sally Lieber July 16. Annie Oliva also coming up.
- Maurice Goodman was at our last meeting discussing criminal justice reform.

Pacifica-Daly City Democrats:

- No report.

Peninsula Democratic Coalition:

- Chelsea Bonini: Fathers Day event was excellent.
- Looking for sponsors for picnic
- Nov. 3 California Climate Change
- Jan 12 Senate Dist. 13 forum

Peninsula Young Democrats:

- Alex Melendrez: DVC, PYD, PDC sponsoring. Debate Watch Party. First Congregational Church in Palo Alto. June 26th at 5:30.
- Picnic coming up. Sun, Aug. 18. Cuesta Park. Mt. View. 4-7

San Mateo County Democracy for America:

- Ashleigh Evans: Our next meeting would have been July 3, instead July 10. Annual midsummer nights event. Home of Diana Reddy. 123 Hillview Ave in RWC. Also want to mention our August meeting. Augusts 7. Regular meeting, first Wednesday. Christine Pelosi. Winning strategies for 2020. DCC sponsor maybe?

Lightning Round (one-minute announcements/remarks)

- Erin Chazer: Sen. Hill, java with jerry, Brisbane 8:30-9:30am sweet flyers, additionally, next month in Pescadero.

- Sam Manneh: Luncheon was best ever. Long Beach? Plan now. Have to have it. End of this meeting. Tara O’Sullivan EOW honor her tonight.
- Ann Schneider: Millbrae and Burlingame talking about teacher housing. People were speaking against it. Housing advocates made a difference with our two approved projects near BART.
- Mike Dunham: Peninsula Healthcare District site. Basement.
- Josh Becker: Coffees throughout the district. Emy Thurber’s house. 694 Benton....everyone welcome. Impromptu Shabbat maybe?
- Hene Kelly: 3 challahs. 581 dollars. Should have done this instead of going into teaching. Thank you for very much.
- Ashleigh Evans: At convention on Sunday afternoon. Most people had already left. Hene came up to that mic and called out the party. It was sponsors of the convention itself. Juul, uber, Advance America. Alex Rooker, acting chair, made her join the finance committee. Daraka proclaimed Hene the conscience of the democratic party.

Adjournment

- The meeting adjourned at 9:11pm in remembrance of Officer Tara O’Sullivan of the Sacramento Police Department, who died this last week.