



San Mateo County Democratic Party

Chair's Letter

October 2019

Dear Democrats,

Welcome to October, to fall, to the leaves turning, or - as I call it - Impeachment Autumn. There is far too much going in Washington DC to cover in one Chair's Letter, so let's focus on our local politics.

San Mateo County is one of the last Bay Area jurisdictions with odd year elections, and, for most, serves as a preamble to our BIG YEAR OF 2020.

Do yourself and your community a favor, and honor those candidates and propositions that are on the ballot in November 2019 by voting. It takes a lot to put yourself out there.

I've provided a list of SMCDEMS' Endorsements for November 2019 below:

Endorsed Candidates

Burlingame City Council: Emily Beach, Mike Dunham

San Bruno City Council: Stephan Marshall, Irene O'Connell

San Mateo Foster City School District: Ken Chin, Alison Proctor

Ballot Measures

Brisbane Measure B — Uniform Transient Occupancy Tax Measure: Endorse

Brisbane Measure C — Liquid Storage Facilities Business License Tax: Endorse

Brisbane Measure E — Cannabis Business License Tax Measure: Endorse

Cabrillo Unified School District Measure I — Parcel Tax Measure: Endorse

Redwood City School District Measure H — Parcel Tax Measure: Endorse

San Bruno Measure G — Transactions and Use (Sales) Tax Measure: Endorse

Free Training for Club and Campaign Treasurers!

SMCDEMS is pleased to partner with our neighbors to the south, the Santa Clara County Democratic Party to bring you a **FREE** campaign finance training from the Fair Political Practices Commission aimed at campaign and club treasurers, entitled "**Don't Go To Jail For Your Campaign Finances!**"

This would be a good thing to attend if you are thinking of running for office in 2020, currently serving as a club or campaign treasurer or need a refresher on campaign and club financial best practices. There is no cost but space is limited. [Please RSVP here.](#)

Provide Comment to the California Democratic Party on the ADEM Election Process!

I was named to Chair Rusty Hicks' ADEM Election Ad Hoc Committee, looking to improve the process around how we elect ADEM delegates. Right now, the California Democratic Party is looking for feedback from delegates and other Democratic activists on the ADEM Election Process. Assembly Delegate Election Meetings (ADEM) are where activists elect individuals to represent their community on the Democratic State Central Committee. Whether you have run for an ADEM position, voted in an ADEM election or volunteered at an ADEM election, the CDP wants your thoughts! [Please submit feedback online at this link](#) through December 1, 2019.

Upcoming Dates!

Please also note these upcoming dates for the San Mateo County Democratic Party. (You can always check our website at SMCDems.org or our [Facebook page](#) or the most up-to-date information):

Saturday, October 6 - California Democratic Party Region 6 Pre-Endorsement Conference, IBEW Hall, 1701 Leslie Street, San Mateo, 1-5pm (**NOTE: updated start time at 1PM!**)

Thursday, October 17 - October General Meeting, 7pm Social Half Hour, 7:30pm Business Meeting (featuring speaker Rita Bosworth, Executive Director of Sister District - last regular meeting of the year)

-->Prior to the October 17 meeting, check out Assemblymember Kevin Mullin's demonstration of the new voting machine from the Registration & Elections Division of San Mateo County. The hand-on demonstration will be on Thursday, October 17, 2019 from 4:00 pm to 5:30 pm at the District Office located at 1528 South El Camino Real, San Mateo. Call his office for more information: 650-349-2200.

No regular meeting in November due to California Democratic Party Nominating Convention!

Friday, November 15-November 17 - California Democratic Party Convention in Long Beach. The California Democratic Party is still looking for volunteers. [Sign up here](#).

Saturday, November 16 - SMCDEMS Nominating Convention Luncheon, [George's Greek Cafe, Long Beach](#) from 11:45-1:15pm. Lunch tickets are \$60. [Please click on this link to purchase a ticket](#). Hurry up! They go fast!

Thursday, December 12 - SMCDEMS Holiday Party + Potluck, 7pm-9pm, IBEW Hall, 1701 Leslie Street, San Mateo. Reach out to Alexis Lewis or me (chair@smcdems.org) if interested in helping out, and please bring a potluck item to share.

No regular meeting in December due to the Holiday Party!

Thursday, January 16 - January General Meeting, 7pm Social Half Hour, 7:30 Business Meeting (featuring speaker Secretary of State Alex Padilla!)

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

Sincerely,
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