

San Mateo County
Democratic Central Committee
General Meeting Minutes
October 17, 2019

Prior to Meeting

- Rita Bosworth of Sister District Project gave her remarks on the topic of out of state efforts to flip state level districts in Virginia, as well as other pertinent electoral topics as we head into the 2020 election cycle.

Call to Order, Adoption of Agenda & Approval of Minutes

- The call to order occurred at 8:05pm by Committee Chair, Nicole Fernandez.
- The October, 2019 meeting agenda was adopted with the amendment of adjourning in memory of Rep. Elijah Cummings who passed away earlier today.
- The September, 2019 meeting minutes were approved.
- New visitors were asked to speak.
 - Ben Packer of Redwood City. Yes on H. Diana Reddy alternate.
 - Adrienne Zinnini, Pacifica, new alternate for Steven Booker.
 - Pat from Foster City

Executive Board Reports

Chair (Nicole Fernandez):

- Treasurer training in conjunction with Santa Clara DCC. Flyers available.
- No meeting in November because of the convention.
- CDP convention will have top 8 presidential candidates.
- Luncheon again at George's Greek Café. Website has tickets.
- Holiday party on Dec. 12 at the IBEW Hall in San Mateo. Thank you to Steven Booker. 7pm to 9pm. Alexis Lewis is organizing.
- In January, our speaker will be Secretary of State Alex Padilla.
- Fundraiser will be on Jan. 30 at Devil's Canyon. Candidates and Cocktails.

Northern Vice Chair (Cliff Robbins):

- No report.

Southern Vice Chair (Karen Maki):

- No report.

Controller (Nancy Yarbrough):

- No report.
- TJ Glauthier said that we are in good shape and looking forward to the fundraising.

Recording Secretary (Mitchell Oster):

- No report.

Corresponding Secretary (Alexis Lewis):

- Regarding Holiday Party. This year, I wanted to ask if we could change the charity to basic need items for Border Relief. The room agreed. We need help with set up and clean up. Gift cards are welcome for Border Relief.
- I sent the resolution for the <> and we asked they send to their City Councils.

Standing Committee Reports

Finance:

- No report.

Endorsements:

- Chair: Our endorsements are out. Please vote.

Events:

- Harini Krishnan: Food and décor will be taken care of. But I will do a sign up list for help. I have contacts with specific restaurants and have some appetizers donated. The venue is great and it's pretty straightforward.
- Chair: There will need to be help to set up and clean up and do check in. We also need help from our elected officials. We will need all hands on deck. It's a big endeavor. We'll set up a sign up list. This is our biggest fundraiser of the year.
- Brigid: Any candidate in March only?
- Chair: March or November is fine. Thursday, January 30. Evening.

Bylaws:

- No report.

Resolutions:

- No report.

Election Integrity:

- Brent Turner: The rollout of voting machines was today in San Mateo County. The design is good. There's a touch screen which also spits out paper and you then give it to the election official with a bar code and scanner. It's a good system. These are ballots that won't have voter intent issues. The problem is that they are still run on private software. A person could still tamper with the output. We have no oversight to the software. We can't see it. This is why we are trying to move to Open Source. Mark Church mentioned that he has an understanding of public software vs. private. We're not seeing much motion at the state level. Alex Padilla has promised change.

Voter Registration:

- Chair asked everyone to give applause to the volunteers who have been doing a great job in signing up voters. There was vigorous applause.
- April: We want to beat the 43 we had in San Carlos at our next event, Fog Fest.
- Because we are on private property at Pumpkin Fest, we can be partisan. We can put signs up.
- Thanks to our state senate candidates who came by. Josh Becker and Shelly Masur.

Welcoming Committee:

- Sharrie Kriger: We are putting together a list of ideas. Will send it to the Chair.

Communication & Technology:

- No report.

Leadership Development

- Chair: Dems Lead 2020 is happening. Ask me if you'd like to join.

Clubs Liaison

- No report.

Speaker Series

- Chair: Francesca and Alex are not here. But please thank them for doing a good job on our speakers.

Congressional Watch

- Greg Loew: Only 8 million people watched the debate.

New Business

- None.

Regional Director, Legislative, and Clubs Reports

Region 6 Director:

- Chair: We had our pre-endorsement caucus. No one in SD-13 reached enough to get endorsement. There will be no endorsement in that race. Shelly Masur was the top vote getter.
- The Convention is in one month. We have 60 spaces for the luncheon. It's a nice afternoon of camaraderie. It's right before the Presidential panel.
- There's going to be a training day on the Thursday before the convention. How to be a more effective grassroots activist. Reach out to me if you want the information.
- The party is taking feedback on the ADEMs process. Everything. Candidate, voter, convener, anything. You can leave a comment on the website. You can also just send me an email since I'm on the subcommittee. You can also go to our Facebook
- Diana Reddy: We stood in a bad line to get back into the room via security at the last convention. It was really bad. Is that going to happen again?
- Chair: I don't know, honestly.
- Dan Stegnik: Who can attend that panel?
- Chair: Anyone with a badge can attend.

Congresswoman Jackie Speier (CA-14):

- Brian Perkins: She's hard at work in the Intelligence Committee. A lot of what's been happening is criminal. It's a threat to our national security. This is going to make Richard Nixon look not so bad.
- She introduced a gun legislation bill. This bill would create more gun safety technology.
- Jeffrey Epstein was the man who was going to be convicted for sex trafficking. He had received a previous light sentence. The victims didn't even understand the result. She has introduced a Crime Victim's bill of rights bill.
- Brent Turner: Is there any more talk of the 25th Amendment?
- Brian Perkins: Speaker has been focused on self dealing corruption.
- Ashleigh Evans: We can't get that via the 25th Amendment.
- Brian: If he has a medical issue, then that's how he would be removed.

Congresswoman Anna Eshoo (CA-18):

- No report.

State Senator Scott Wiener (SD-11):

- No report.

State Senator Jerry Hill (SD-13):

- Joan Dentler: Sunday the 13th was the final day to sign legislation. I'll mention a couple of Sen. Hill's that were signed.
- SB223 Jo-Jo's Act. Disabled students who use medically prescribed cannabis. The bill was vetoed by Gov. Brown but signed by Gov. Newsom.
- SB222 – Get info from Joan Dentler.
- The PGE PSPS affected many in our district. Sen. Hill sent a letter to the PUC. There will be a meeting tomorrow. They have invited responses from PG&E. Many of the questions came from Sen. Hill and Sen. Mike McGuire.
- Today you may have seen the news conference with Gov. Newsom along with Sen. Hill and USGS representative. It was an announcement of an early detection system for earthquakes.
- Chair: Thanks to our Bay Area delegation the Lantos Tunnel was not shut down when it was initially scheduled to be shut.
- Brian Perkins: We sent a letter asking that a generator be installed.
- Joan Dentler: There will be a generator out there next spring.

Assemblymember Phil Ting (AD-19):

- No report.

Assemblymember Kevin Mullin (AD-22):

- No report.

Assemblymember Marc Berman (AD-24):

- Chair: Youth Town Hall event. Sunnyvale. Boba with Berman
- Birthday Bash fundraiser October in Menlo Park. You can find more info on his Facebook.

Coastside Democratic Club:

- April Vargas: We had a debate watch party.
- Voter reg this weekend.
- Holiday party coming up.

Hillsborough Democratic Club:

- No report.

North Peninsula Democratic Club:

- No report.

Pacifica-Daly City Democrats:

- No report.

Peninsula Democratic Coalition:

- No report.

Peninsula Young Democrats:

- Raymond Larios: We adopted a policy platform and endorsed Shelly Masur.

San Mateo County Democracy for America:

- Ashleigh Evans: Next meeting will feature Supervisor Dave Pine. Wednesday November 6. We'll find out about his leadership on the climate crisis. Flyers on table.

Lightning Round (one-minute announcements/remarks)

- Jason G: Spearhead Measure H. 3.5 million dollars for our local schools. If you live in the RWSD, please vote. It's the only thing on the ballot. Councilmember Reddy.
- Harini Krishnan: One year anniversary of Nicole chair. CERT announcements. If you have not replaced your kits, please do so. You can contact WEB. They do CERT trainings. Money goes to . I'm enrolled in the San Mateo County Civics 101. We toured the ROC. Please go visit. The county has invested in one of the most state of the art emergency facilities.
- Dan Stegnik: State dem CC. I woke up smiling every day last week. In front of 20 television cameras, Diana Reddy was called out for Faith in Action. It was a huge win. I was never more proud to see Jerry Hill next to Gavin Newsom.
- Sam Manneh: November is in the driveway it's approaching. Along with our amazing Chair. We have a spot for our Luncheon. The biggest splash. People always ask about. It's \$60. I want to see everyone there.
- Brigid O'Farrell: Two weekends ago I was in Minneapolis with electricians, workers. IBEW was well represented. I had dinner with Cecily Harris. She says hello to everyone. She seems to be totally involved there.
- Sandra Lang: I really want to give a shout out to Karen Maki who suggested we attend the wildlife event. Disaster preparedness, wildfires. Preeminent from San Jose State explained the relationship between ground winds. It reinforced the need to take care of defensible space. We can all take steps before anyone decides we have to chop down every tree.
- Ashleigh Evans: We're collecting signatures for Jackie Speier. Please raise your hand if you would like to sign.
- Jon Pimentel: I have a policy issue. I had been the Deputy Secretary of transportation in California. As the high speed rail issue has progressed there is an issue to see if anyone wants to talk to me. We've been spending money for the central valley piece of the line. We have 10 billion ready to be spent. They want to build that central valley first. I'm trying to build enthusiasm to reallocate those funds to grade separations here in the bay area or the ACE or Metrolink in SD. Instead of sinking it into a useless project and instead help here locally. If anyone is interested, please see me.

- Alexis Lewis: I want to remind everyone October 3 2017, Chinedu Okobi was tased to death. In America you can be shot in your own car, your own home, your own apartment.
- I want to thank John Woodell and Kirsten Keith who provided the snacks today.

Adjournment

- The meeting adjourned at 8:59pm in honor of Representative Elijah Cummings who passed earlier today.