



SAN MATEO COUNTY DEMOCRATS

Dear Democrats,

Welcome to 2020!

We have a lot of work to do this year to help restore sanity and credibility back in to our White House. If you, like me, are ready to roll up your sleeves and get to work, then, please, stay plugged in to your SMCDEMS and our allied organizations. You can always stay on top of what we are doing via our website (smcdems.org) and our social media channels. (Facebook and Twitter).

Beyond the craziness coming out of the White House, there are going to be dozens of *local* offices up for election in 2019. Between the March primary and the general election in November, there will be so many opportunities in which you can get involved to help shape government and policy right here in your backyard! Stay tuned for more information on what to expect.

Read on for things you should know:

Important January 2020 Dates!

January 16, January General Meeting, 7:15pm, Transit Workers Union, 1521 Rollins Rd, Burlingame, CA 94010: January General Meeting featuring speaker Secretary Alex Padilla. *Note earlier start time.* We will start the business portion at the conclusion of Speaker Padilla's comments, including taking up the Endorsements Committee's recommendations for the March primary. For more info, check out our website at smcdems.org. All Democrats are welcome to attend.

January 30, Cocktails and Candidates, 7-9pm, Devil's Canyon Brewery, 935 Washington St, San Carlos, CA 94070: Our 2020 election kickoff and fundraiser for our Carole Dorshkind Memorial Headquarters is back for a 2nd year! Come spend some time with the best Democrats in San Mateo County, while supporting a local independent business. Tickets and sponsorships are still available (and you get one free drink with every ticket purchased in advance!) You can find out more at our website at smcdems.org.

We'd like to thank our sponsors for their early support of our event! (Visit smcdems.org if you want to explore sponsorship opportunities.)

*Congresswoman Anna Eshoo***

Senator Jerry Hill

*Assemblymember Kevin Mullin***

*Assemblymember Phil Ting***

*Assemblymember Marc Berman***

Chelsea Bonini, candidate for County Board of Education 2020

Vice Mayor Charles Stone of Belmont, candidate for County Supervisor 2022

*Trustee Dave Mandelkern, San Mateo County Community College District***

Harini Krishnan

California Teachers Association

**incumbent and candidate 2020

Change of Location for DCC Meetings Starting February 2020

The location of our monthly SMCDEMS meetings will be changing effective February 2020. Our January meeting featuring Secretary of State Alex Padilla will be the last one at the Transit Workers Union Hall in Burlingame. **From February 2020, meetings will be held at IBEW 617 Hall, 1701 Leslie Street, San Mateo.**

We would like to thank TWU for their kindness in allowing us use of their hall over the past few years, but look forward to our new partnership moving forward with IBEW. Much thanks to District 3 Member and IBEW Political Director Steven Booker for arranging use of their venue.

Holiday Party Fun!

We had a very successful holiday party to close up 2019. Over 150 dedicated Democrats were in attendance, with lots of merriment and strategizing about how we take back the White House and the Senate!

Congratulations to our Endorsement Committee Co-Chairs Karen Maki and Brigid O'Farrell on being named Volunteers of the Year for 2019 for their commitment to our SMCDEMS over the past few years. If you have been to any event or been involved in anything around our endorsements committee, you have no doubt encountered Karen and Brigid in their element - organized, dedicated, efficient and thoughtful. These two represent the best parts of our Party, truly.

Many thanks to District 2 Member and E-Board Member Alexis Lewis and our merry band of volunteers for helping coordinate a spirited holiday event, and to Steven Booker and IBEW Family for allowing us use of the hall to hold the event.

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

Sincerely,
Nicole Fernandez
Chair, SMCDEMS