



SAN MATEO COUNTY DEMOCRATS

Dear Democrats,

Welcome to February!

It must be said, though, that we Democrats closed out January *in style* with the over 200 folks who joined us for Cocktails and Candidates 2020, our election year kickoff and fundraiser for our Carole Dorshkind Memorial Headquarters (which will open later in the year.) It was a legendary night, and we were able to hear from some awesome speakers, like **Lieutenant Governor Eleni Kounalakis** and **Young Democrat Raymond Larios**, who talked about what the Democratic Party means to them. It was an inspirational evening - the perfect tone to start what we hope will be a very successful 2020 for Democrats!

If you could not make it, but still want to donate to our Headquarters Fund, please visit:
<https://smcdcc.nationbuilder.com/contribute>.

A few thank you's to those who led the efforts on our fundraiser:

- **Nancy Yarbrough**, for coordinating RSVP's and money management and so many other administrative tasks,
- **Harini Krishnan**, for being a superstar food, drink, decoration and volunteer coordinating goddess, and for donating so much of her money, time and energy to this project,
- **Chelsea Bonini**, for coordinating resource tables, and to **all of the clubs and progressive club representatives** who staffed tables for the night,
- **April Vargas & Nancy Calibjo**, for leading a seamless check-in team and coordinating setup,
- **All of our splendid volunteers**, who helped with setting up the venue, serving food, checking in, and taking down,
- **Eric Dentler**, who volunteered his spectacular photography skills (check out our Facebook page or webpage to check out the photos)
- **Mike Aydelott**, who took care of all graphics and promotions,
- **Mitch Oster**, who coordinated social media and other promotion,
- **David Burruto**, who helped coordinate fundraising and our speakers,

- **Sharrie Kriger**, who facilitated getting leftovers from the event to Samaritan House's Safe Harbor shelter,
- Our friends at **Devil's Canyon Brewing Company**, for being a wonderful small business to work with and allowing use their venue for a second time.
- And last, but certainly not least, all of our generous sponsors, without whom we would not be able to open up a headquarters in 2020.

Defenders of the Democracy

Josh Becker, candidate for State Senate District 13
Supervisor David Canepa**
Congresswoman Anna Eshoo**
Ground Floor Public Affairs
Senator Jerry Hill
Speaker pro Tem Kevin Mullin**
Congresswoman Jackie Speier**
Assemblymember Phil Ting **
International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 617

Advocates for Equality

Assemblymember Marc Berman**

Leaders of the Resistance

California Teachers Association
Chelsea Bonini, candidate for San Mateo County Board of Education
Councilmember Rick Bonilla of San Mateo**
Michael Duncheon
Trustee Rod Hsiao, San Mateo County Board of Education**
Harini Krishnan
Karen Maki
Trustee Dave Mandelkern, San Mateo County Community College District**
Councilmember Juslyn Manalo of Daly City**
Lisa Diaz Nash, candidate for San Mateo City Council
Councilmember Diane Papan of San Mateo**
Trustee Joe Ross, San Mateo County Board of Education**
Vice Mayor Charles Stone of Belmont, candidate for County Supervisor 2022
Senator Scott Wiener**

*All titles are for identification purposes only.

**Indicates incumbent and running for re-election

March Primary!

It's a big February, leading into our March primaries. Ballots are being mailed the *first week in February*. As a reminder, here is our SMCDEMS Endorsements for the March 2020 ballot:

Endorsed Candidates

Member, Board of Supervisors, 1st District: **Dave Pine**

Member, Board of Supervisors, 4th District: **Warren Slocum**

Member, Board of Supervisors, 5th District: **David J Canepa**

Ballot Measures

Measure J – Jefferson Union High School District Bond Measure: **Endorse**

Measure K – Brisbane School District Bond Measure: **Endorse**

Measure L – San Mateo Union High School District Bond Measure: **Endorse**

Measure M – La Honda-Pescadero Unified School District Parcel Tax Measure: **Endorse**

Measure N – San Carlos School District Parcel Tax Measure: **Endorse**

Measure O – Burlingame Elementary School District Bond Measure: **Endorse**

Measure P – Portola Valley School District Parcel Tax Measure: **Endorse**

Voter Registration Needs Your Help!

Help our voter registration team make San Mateo County even more blue! We have local weekend events where you can be trained to register voters! Please email smcdemsvr@gmail.com for more information about opportunities and trainings.

New Meeting Location and February Preview!

Please remember that we move to our new meeting location this month at **IBEW 617 at 1701 Leslie Street, San Mateo**. Countless thanks to District 3 Member Steven Booker and the IBEW family for allowing us use of the space.

We will have our special guest speaker, State Senator Jerry Hill, discussing all things PG&E. Social ½ hour at 7pm, Jerry at 7:30pm, and business meeting promptly at 8pm!

Other Dates You Should Know

2/9/20 - Region 6 Meeting, 12pm-2pm, IBEW 617 Hall, 1701 Leslie Street. If you are a member of the Democratic State Central Committee, you should come to learn more about what is happening within the Party in anticipation of the big March executive board meeting. Please contact Region 6 Director Hene Kelly (heneKelly@aol.com) for more information.

3/3/20 - SUPER TUESDAY! Remember to turn in your vote-by-mail ballot or vote in person at a designated voting location. Central Committee members are on the ballot, so vote down ballot and #votelocal! More information about voting locations and ballots, visit <https://www.smcacre.org/elections>. Additionally, if you are a “no party preference” (NPP) voter, please also visit that website if you are interested in obtaining a Democratic ballot.

Stay awesome, folks!

Sincerely,
Nicole Fernandez
Chair, SMCDEMS