



**San Mateo County Democratic Party**

**Chair's Letter**

**June 2020**

Dear Democrats,

It is a time of great growth and transition for our nation.

In the aftermath of the senseless murder of George Floyd by members of the Minneapolis Police Department, on top of all of other Black victims of violence, like Ahmaud Arbery and Breonna Taylor, our nation has never been more conscious of the fact that so many of our brothers and sisters in the African-American community have been denied justice for so long.

It heartens me to see images of the rallies of hundreds and thousands demanding reform, but devastating to witness how quickly some of these peaceful demonstrations have turned in to violent clashes - often in the face of law enforcement's severe reactions to protesters.

I have hope as we see so many leaders in the Black community guiding our nation with their words, ideas, and energy to create a Black Lives Matter movement centered *on* the Black community and Black victims of violence.

With growth and transition comes challenges and obstacles. It does not help when we, as a nation, lack a leader with vision, ethics and morals to lead us through this challenging time. Our Weasel in the White House spends more time on Twitter criticizing the Black Lives Matter movement than he does in developing strategies to help eliminate government-propped police violence and racism. My hope is that we will be on a more peaceful path once Trump is voted out in November.

As a nation, we will fall many times before we reach our American ideal of “a more perfect union” - one where each and every Black life matters, one where systemic racism towards Black people (and all people of color) has been eradicated.

It is up to us to get up each every time we stumble.

***Read on for more things you should know:***

### **General Meetings Start at 7PM for June, July and August!**

SMCDEMS General Meetings will commence at 7pm for June, July and August 2020. Please update your calendars and newsletters (electronic and otherwise) to reflect this.

### **Club Chartering/Re-Chartering in Progress!**

Are you interested in organizing a Democratic club to help spread word about your political activities going in to the November election? Are you in club leadership and want to re-charter with the San Mateo County Democratic Party?

Now is the time!

All chartering materials must be turned in to the Chair by the July 2020 meeting. Learn more here: <http://www.smcdems.org/clubs> or email me: [chair@smcdems.org](mailto:chair@smcdems.org)

## **CDP's Day of Action for Mark Kelly for Senate in Arizona - June 14!**

Let's put some California Dem muscle behind Mark Kelly's campaign in Arizona and help flip the Senate! The Day of Action will be kicked off with a Town Hall with CA Democratic Party Chair Rusty Hicks on Sunday, June 14, 1:00 pm. The virtual rally will be followed by an immediate action to make calls to voters in key Arizona districts:

<https://www.mobilize.us/cadems/event/275230/>

### **Virtual House Parties!**

Looking for a way to help spread the word about the [California Democratic Party](#) and our Democratic candidates while sheltering in place?

Think about hosting a virtual house party in partnership with the CDP! All you have to do is invite some of your nearest and dearest Democrats to log on and learn more. The CDP will help train you up, provide topics for discussion, and you'll be helping Democrats succeed!

The CDP has a goal of holding 1000 virtual house parties across the state. Let's see if San Mateo County Democrats can do our part(y)!

Find out more at: <https://www.cadem.org/take-action/host-a-virtual-house-party>

### **Become an Associate Member!**

There are lots of ways to support the San Mateo County Democratic Party while sheltering in place, but one very simple way is to join us as an associate member. For \$25 per year, you'll receive all of our e-newsletters and be the first to learn about exciting ways you can help activate Democrats all over California. Simply visit our website:

[https://smcdcc.nationbuilder.com/associate\\_dues](https://smcdcc.nationbuilder.com/associate_dues)

### **June Meeting Preview!**

We will be meeting virtually on June 18th starting at 7:00pm (**NOTE: NEW START TIME**) via the Zoom online platform. Our speaker will be Christian Arana, Policy Director, Latino Community Foundation, who will be discussing issues facing the Latino community during the

COVID-19 pandemic. Anybody else who would like to attend, please email me at [chair@smcdems.org](mailto:chair@smcdems.org) for Zoom info.

Sincerely,

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