



**San Mateo County Democratic Central Committee
General Meeting Minutes
May 21, 2020**

Prior to Meeting

- Chair introduced Kate Gordon, Governor Newsom's Director of the Office of Planning and Research addressed the Committee.
- Chair stated that Ms. Gordon has worked for many years at the intersection of climate change, energy policy and economic development. Previously, she has worked as a community organizer with experience in both law and regional development. She was a founding member of the Risky Business Project, a nonprofit researching the impacts of climate change, energy demands, crop yields and coastal infrastructure.

Kate Gordon:

- Topic will be a high level overview on the state's approach to climate change, and how state policy is changing due to Covid-19, and the role of the Governor's Office of Planning and Research.
- The GOPAR is focused on long range planning, issues that are multi-decadal, land use and planning including housing and transportation, land conservation and working lands, climate resiliency and guidance for local governments for local plan and the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).
- Gordon serves as the Governor's advisor on climate change and as chair of the Strategic Growth Council, affordable housing community's development program and the climate community's program.
- California's emission pathway is not a pathway we want to be on.
- Work has brought emissions down but only holding stable. This is good in relation to population growth the state has experienced but there is a need for significant reduction.
- Even with all of the strategies we have for emissions reduction and renewable energy we have to remove carbon from the atmosphere at the same time.

- Emissions primarily come from transportation. California is unusual in that as worldwide the top emitters are buildings and industry. Largely due to the amount of driving (vehicle miles traveled), what they drive - the vehicles.
- Part of why California is such a Global leader is due to AB 32 (cap & trade program) passed under Governor Schwarzenegger in conjunction with our renewable energy standard and low carbon fuel standard codified, expanded under Jerry Brown. Brown also put in place goals such as achieving 100% renewable energy use by 2045, carbon neutrality by 2045 and doubling energy efficiency by 2030. Among hundreds of goals.
- Gov. Newsom is now focused on implementation, achieving those goals.
- State investments must be aligned with climate goals by leveraging investments in transit and real estate.
- Signed executive order to affirm auto emissions standards despite federal rollback. State entered into a multi state compact, joining with other states to align standards.
- Aligned housing policy with climate goals by providing funding for infill infrastructure, supporting city infrastructure to support housing density.
- The administration's approach is to make climate change a mainstream issue. Thinking through the risks of state investments and programs relative to climate change and the opportunities for new investments and innovation.
- Approach includes assessment of how investments and programs are reducing risks associated with climate change and what new opportunities are there to grow the economy.
- There are two categories of risk: Transition risk, the risk that the state will not get ahead of the transition to a carbon neutral economy such as investing in assets that will not be useful or competitive in the future, litigation due to climate change or investments that will not meet regulatory standards.
- The second are physical risks: This is investment in assets that will be physically threatened and potentially destroyed due to climate change impacts.
- In the context of such risks, the GOPAR pursues opportunities for innovations in efficiency; renewable energy; switching from combustion engines to electric vehicles; in new markets for utilities and new structures for utilities; investments in resiliency for water reclamation and quality. These are particularly important in the context of a constrained state budget. Climate change is an investment issue.
- California faces a number of risks such as wildfire, flooding, extreme heat and drought.
- Climate assessment for the state predicts:
 - A snowpack reduction of two thirds by 2100 which will impact water supplies.
 - Heat waves by 2050 could cause two to three times the number of annual deaths.
 - By 2100, the state could see an increase of 77% in the average area burned annually.
- PG&E bankruptcy, fundamental example of financial risk due to climate change. This was driven in part due to our housing crisis as more people were driven farther out of areas like the Bay Area and utilities were stretched to remote areas which are often high risk fire areas, and the utilities are then held liable for fires started due to equipment failures.
- This led to PG&E's bankruptcy but also the downgrading of the state's other utilities by rating agencies, making debt more expensive and ultimately energy more costly.

- California has high fire risk areas throughout the state and 11 million people reside in high fire risk areas.
- Any investment in these areas must be weighed against the risk of fire as it must be in areas threatened by sea level rise or extreme heat.
- State is focused both on climate resilience as well as lowering emissions into the future.
- Next climate challenges will be resultant from emissions now and that is why it is urgent to decarbonize as quickly as possible.
- To do that, simply, we must all do the following: Use electricity instead of fossil fuels, use electricity efficiently as possible and generate electricity from renewable sources.
- State has a huge number of policies oriented toward those goals, including the electrification of the transportation sector.
- Caltrain electrification project is one example of getting away from fossil fuels.
- Others include electrifying bus fleets.
- Such efforts generate jobs, drive markets for renewable energy and promote innovation.
- Emissions in the state have remained flat largely due to these efforts over the past 5-10 years even with population increases.
- Historic moment now for the economy: How do we think about an economic recovery that decarbonizes the economy and is more resilient?
- Near term economic forecasts unemployment rates in the state at 18-24 percent in the next year or more.
- The state has expended \$12 billion in two months on unemployment.
- The state has a projected \$54 billion deficit.
- May revised budget proposed by the Governor will prioritize social safety net services such as Medi-cal, CalWorks, unemployment insurance among others. The effort is to help protect the most vulnerable during this period.
- This will necessitate cuts to other programs. This will include cuts to climate programs.
- Key goal for the Governor is how to maintain critical programs that protect our most vulnerable while maintaining climate programs.
- For the Cap & Trade funds, investments will focus on forest health and wildfire prevention, improved air quality for disadvantaged communities and safe and affordable drinking water. Some funds for affordable housing and transit will continue in existing programs.
- Next steps include forecasting employment trends, potential for supply chain disruption and change in buying habits.
- We anticipate more freight traffic and warehousing jobs as buying habits shift. We expect to see a construction decline.
- Despite the economic challenges this is a moment to promote a resilient future economy, to rebuild better and address weaknesses and equity issues.
- This could include improved transit; affordable housing development; promotion of remote working; securing our food system; exploring universal broadband service to improve the economy, create better jobs and resilience.
- Federal support will be critical in this time as the state will need flexible federal funding.
- The state is also looking for private sector funding to help support projects to catalyze those investments.

- Nicole Kemmeny question in chat: Is there a consciousness of fundamental structural climate issues? C&T price floor very low; we lack a comprehensive implementation plan to get off fossil fuel.
- Gordon: The administration approach is to integrate policy with our climate agenda. Land use policy is an important part of climate policy. This is in part a technology issue but it is also a land use issue, a behavioral change issue, many fundamental pieces. My job at OPR is to bring agencies together to align them on issues. Getting the Department of Transportation, for example, to align its investments in roads and active transportation for example. Very challenging. We have the goals and framework but it is challenging to align.
- Helen Wolter: What do we do to get local leaders resistant engaged?
- Gordon: Knowing your audience, knowing where they are. City managers are trying to maintain finances and support core programs. My approach is always to come in with the numbers, for every \$1 spent on resilience it saves \$6 dollars later. Whether that's a stormwater system or fleet vehicles etc those systems will be better prepared for climate challenges like floods and or save dollars with electrification. Climate change arguments are not always about the environment or health, you must meet people where they are.
- Mike Dunham: Is there any way that the state can meet its climate goals without urbanizing job rich counties like San Mateo County.
- Yes, there is enormous opportunity for growth in places like the central valley. Those folks want to work closer to home, have walkable cities and affordable housing. Still plenty of land for infill in existing cities. Go to those boards and argue for housing projects. If we don't reduce the amount we drive down our emissions by 25% we will not meet our climate goals. There are opportunities in other parts of the state for economic development while building smartly in our existing cities.
- Chair ended the Q&A and thanked Kate Gordon for her presentation.
- Gordon will answer additional questions via email sent by the Chair.

Chair asked for introductions on chats

Dave Mandelkern introduced himself, Trustee of the San Mateo County Community College District.

Call to Order, Adoption of Agenda & Approval of Minutes

- The call to order occurred at 8:15 pm by Committee Chair, Nicole Fernandez.
- Chair asked for members to check in on social media.
- Chair explained how to vote. All items will be accepted by default and any member or alternate representing a member or ex officio member are required to declare a vote in the negative or abstention.
- The May 2020 meeting agenda was adopted.
- The April 2020 meeting minutes were approved.
- Roster check was requested by the chair. Acting Recording Secretary David Burruto called a roll with members to answer by chat.
- There were 66 participants in the Zoom meeting.

- Chair explained the delegate appointment process for the SMCDCC, offered a motion to elect all elected members of the SMCDCC as CDP delegates and for the two additional delegates to remain as delegates through January 2021.
- All elected members of the SMCDCC elected as delegates as well as alternates Erin Chazer and Alex Melendrez through January of 2021.

Executive Board Reports

Chair (Nicole Fernandez):

- Eboard decided to sponsor the virtual COPE banquet for the San Mateo County Central Labor Council for \$500. Sponsorships still available.
- New Committee assignments coming after the meeting by email.
- Two new committees approved by the EBoard, a climate and environmental committee, Nicole Kemeny and Karen Maki to chair. Committee slots open, just contact the chair if interested.
- Nicole: Two goals for the new committee. Insert question in the endorsement questionnaire and to cast a wide net among experts for issues to focus on for the SMCDCC for this year.
- Farmworker Affairs Committee chaired by Victoria Sanchez De Alba.
- Victoria Sanchez De Alba: Committee will provide a forum for the farmworkers, committee will include farmworkers. Vulnerable population targeted by the administration. Committee will amplify and raise issues of concern and raised to the SMCDCC for action locally. Recent resolution on PPE and protecting farmworkers.
- 3 main issues: Protecting farmworkers with PPE, engaging farmworkers and children to increase voter reg and voting, 2020 census, encouraging all to fill out the form.
- Chair: please pay dues, can do online. New alternates and members.
- New HQ possible soon. Unsure of a physical HQ or if it will be more virtual. CDP is interested in partnering with the SMCDCC. Will be speaking with the CDP chair tomorrow regarding how we will do this.
- Leadership vacancies: Please email at chair@smcdems.org: Deputy Controller under Nancy Yarbrough.
- Virtual Action Coordinator, need virtual house parties and days of action in conjunction with the CDp efforts.
- Clubs: Charters and rechartes are due soon. Bylaws, roster and \$1 per member are due by our July meeting. Interested in restarting our Latinx Club or LGBTQ club. We will help with the club and appreciate the activism.
- Request from new members about beginning earlier in the evening. Eboard will start experiment this summer for 7 pm for the June, July and August mtg and see how it goes.

Northern Vice Chair (Cliff Robbins):

- Robbins: Bylaws committee, new sexual harassment policy to dovetail with CDP. Making policy statement for consideration with links to the CDP Code of Conduct. So both bylaws amendment and policy statement that will be presented in the next month or two.

Southern Vice Chair (Karen Maki):

- No Report

Controller (Nancy Yarbrough):

- Cash for Operations, Opening Balance: \$116,000

Will be sending a note about dues. Associates are \$25, alt \$35 and member \$70 a year. Anything paid now will be counted as paid for the entire year.

Recording Secretary (Mitchell Oster):

- No report (David Burruto acting as Recording Secretary)

Corresponding Secretary (Alexis Lewis):

- Chelsea Bonini (on behalf of Alexis Lewis): Farmworkers resolution on PPE was sent on April 30 to all local legislative offices, the Board of Supervisors and both members of Congress.

Standing Committee Reports

Finance (Nancy Yarbrough & TJ Glauthier, Co-Chairs):

- Chair made pitch for Deputy Controller volunteers.

Events & Development (Harini Krishnan & Nancy Yarbrough, Co-Chairs):

- Chair: Due to the SIP have not had events.
- Group of local Democrats to create the at home Saalon. Hosted virtual events for Senate candidates (6) and raised over \$600K.
- District delegate elections are happening for DNC delegates virtually.

Resolutions (David Burruto, Chair):

- Chair: Introduction of resolution relative to the San Mateo County Community College District for first reading.

Resolution Supporting Public Use of Community College Facilities

Whereas, San Mateo County taxpayers have invested billions to build and operate the three campuses of the San Mateo County Community College District including Skyline College, the College of San Mateo and Canada College requiring no state funding; and

Whereas, SMCCCD policy endorses public use and enjoyment of community college facilities when not required for instructional purposes; and

Whereas, the SMCCCD has contracted out operation of athletic facilities at CSM to a private, for-profit company, removing union jobs from the bargaining union representing college employees, effectively pricing out thousands of county residents including students, with high fees, and without notice to the public that the District intended to build and operate athletic clubs including a new facility proposed to be similarly operated at Canada College; and

Therefore, be it Resolved, that the SMCDCC supports and urges the San Mateo County Community College District to make its recreational/athletic facilities available to the public for use and enjoyment at low or no cost, and that said facilities be operated and maintained by public employees; and

Be it further Resolved, that a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the SMCCCD Board of Trustees.

- The author, Bill Collins, spoke to the issues raised in the resolution. Mr. Collins and others raised concerns with board of trustees of the SMCCCD regarding the College of San Mateo athletic club, a taxpayer funded facility that Mr. Collins is concerned charges fees too high for students and members of the public at large. He did explain that recently the contract for the management of the facility was up for bid and the district board agreed to seek new bids as a means of potentially identifying a manager that may agree to improved fee structures potentially and hire represented employees for some of the positions of concern.
- Dave Mandelkern, a trustee with the SMCCCD, stated that the COVID-19 pandemic has stalled the contracting process. Also asked to correct some issues in the resolution about the district not receiving state funding stating that the district does receive such funding. He also stated the potentially affected union that could have positions at the facility include AFSCME and CSEA.

- Chair introduced a resolution introduced by Juslyn Manalo requested as an urgency item.

Resolution to Denounce Stigmatization, Xenophobia, Hateful Racism arisen from COVID19 Pandemic & to Honor Asian Americans during Asian Pacific Islander Month

WHEREAS, the fear and uncertainty around COVID-19, coupled with hateful political rhetoric at the federal level, has led to a sharp increase in violence, hateful acts of racism and stigmatization of Asians/Asian Americans; and

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization (WHO) has indicated that attaching locations or ethnicity to the disease is dangerous. The official name for the disease was deliberately chosen to avoid stigmatization – the “co” stands for Corona, “vi” for virus and “d” for disease, and 19 for the emergence of the disease in 2019. It is not a “Chinese virus,” “Asian virus” or “Wuhan virus; and

WHEREAS, according to 2019 estimates, approximately 30 percent of San Mateo County’s 766,570 residents are of Asian heritage, compared with 15.3 percent for the State of California and have contributed greatly to fabric of the United States nationally and locally in San Mateo County bringing talent, diversity, and community service in fields of law, education, agricultural, science and technology, government, non-profit sectors, building and trades, hospitality & retail industry ; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the San Mateo County Democratic Central Committee that it does hereby denounce stigmatization, hateful racism and xenophobia during the covid-19 pandemic, against particular groups of people, notably Asian Americans; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the San Mateo County Democratic Central Committee will stand by justice honoring the contributions of Asian Pacific Islander Community by uniting to stand firm against Xenophobia and celebrate the expansive contributions the Asian American and Pacific Islander community during May with the rest of country.

- Ms. Manalo explained that there have been a number of recent incidents and attacks against API individuals due to the Covid-19 pandemic and the vitriol promoted by the President.
- Ms. Manalo explained that a number of local agencies have adopted a similar resolution.
- Chair called for the vote.
- The resolution passed with one no vote by Alexis Lewis via her alternate Chelsea Bonini.

Bylaws (Cliff Robbins, Chair):

- No report.

Technology & Data Management/Communications (Mitchell Oster, Chair):

- No report.

Voter Registration (April Vargas, Chair):

- Vargas: No report

Programs & Education (Francesca Segre & Brigid O’Farrell, Co-Chairs):

- Brigid: Next month is Christian Arana, Policy Director with the Latino Community Foundation, will talk about Latino voter turnout.
- July Suzanne Gordon to talk about the VA health system and the November election. VA hospitals and homes are centers for the COVID outbreaks,

Endorsements (Karen Maki & Alexander Melendrez, Co-Chairs):

- Karen: Have been confirming committee members continuing. Setting up panels. 10 people on the committee now and need 10-15 additional interviewers for endorsement panels.
- In June we will begin working on the questionnaire and review with the committee.
- In July we will begin training for committee researchers and interviewees as well as candidates.
- Chair: we need folks, but not if you're a candidate. If you are an elected or alt member would like you. Thanked Alex and Karen.

Climate Action

Goals of our committee:

1. Endorsements: open-ended questions to elicit more genuine response. Do they know the issues? Have they thought about it seriously? Do they have any plans?
 1. For Legislators: Please describe your top three climate change goals and your implementation strategies.
 2. For school board: Please discuss how you would incorporate climate change into your tenure
2. Find 1-2 major climate issues to focus on, possibly develop resolutions. Conducting outreach and discussions with experts now to cast a wide net for potential issues, and then focus where we think we can have an impact.

Farmworker Affairs

See above

Welcoming & Orientation Committee (Sharrie Kriger, Chair):

- No report.

Ad Hoc Committee Reports

Leadership Development (Robert Bernardo, Chair):

- Chair: Due to COVID-19 no candidate training seminar is happening this spring.

Clubs Liaison (Chelsea Bonini, Chair):

- I will reach out to all Clubs to remind them of rechartering and to ask if they are organizing volunteer campaign activities that they'd like to invite others to join & if they have any other information (including virtual event or meeting links) that they would like posted on the SMCDEMs website.

Volunteer Services (Eric Siegel):

- Eric: Postcard to voters still happening. Will need to start coaling voters to clean up contact lists.
- Swing left has two new efforts, vote forward, template letters to encourage voter reg. Big effort for Arizona.
- Blue Print, donation assigned fund for local donors.

Chair: Brigid O'Farrell: Alternate training

Brigid: Did training for delegates and alternates in a one hour Zoom session. Would appreciate feedback. Easier to reach many more people.

Congressional Watch (Greg Loew):

- Greg:

US Senate seats that Democrats may pick up in 2020

DFA 2020 Elections Task Force, May 20th, 2020

Current Senate: 53 Republicans, 47 Democrats (including 2 Independents)

Democrats in 2020 are defending 12 seats, Republicans are defending 22 seats. Democrats need to pick up 3 or 4 seats to regain the majority. New Democratic seats shown in bold (non- incumbents) may be the most winnable. The \$ sign indicates they need financial support.

Several states are still waiting for their primaries. Where they are known, they show a (P).

Democrats Republicans

Alabama: Doug Jones, [J. Rogers] Jeff Sessions

Alaska: Al Gross Dan Sullivan

Arizona Mark Kelly [\$] Martha McSally [Vulnerable]

Arkansas: Joshua Mahony Tom Cotton

Colorado: J. Hickenlooper, A. Romanoff (P6/20) Cory Gardner [Vulnerable]

Delaware : Chris Coons

Georgia: John Ossoff David Perdue

Raphael Warnock

Matt Lieberman (P.6/9) Johnny Isakson (retiring)

Idaho: Nancy Harris Jim Risch

Illinois: Dick Durbin

Iowa: Theresa Greenfield [\$] (P.6/2) Joni Ernst [Vulnerable]

Kansas: Barbara Bollier Open seat (Republican Pat Roberts ret.) retiring

Kentucky: Amy McGrath, Mike Broihier (P.6/2) Mitch McConnell

Louisiana: ? Bill Cassidy

Maine: Sara Gideon [\$] Susan Collins [Vulnerable]

Massachusetts: Ed Markey, [Joe Kennedy?]

Michigan: Gary Peters

Minnesota: Tina Smith

Mississippi: Mike Espy Cindy Hyde-Smith

Montana: **Steve Bullock** Steve Daines

Nebraska: ? Ben Sasse

New Hampshire: Jeanne Shaheen

New Jersey: Cory Booker

New Mexico: Ben Lujan?

No. Carolina: Cal Cunningham [\$] Thom Tillis [Vulnerable]

Oklahoma: Jim Inhofe

- No report.

State Senator Jerry Hill (SD-13):

- Joan Dentler: Senator will be hosting tele town hall with Lara May 28 at 1 pm. - 2pm. For small businesses during the pandemic, insurance implications. Require an RSVP.
- Sen. Hill Tele-Town Hall w/ Insurance Commish Ricardo Laura Thurs. May 28 1:00 p.m. For more info email joan.dentler@sen.ca.gov

Assemblymember Phil Ting (AD-19):

- Alex Walker: In the middle of the State Budget process. Assemblymember Ting is the Budget Committee Chair in Assembly. May Revise was issued last week and was a very different budget situation than in January. Between now and June 15th many tough decisions will need to be made. Will have many hearings. One today on EDD, unemployment. June 15 is the Constitutional deadline but the tax deadline is now June 15 so moves the timeline up. Will do brief update next month as the budget will be passed.
- Assemblymember Ting is coauthoring ACR 165 with all the SMC delegation and other members to rename State Route 35 in Daly City for Alice Boulos. Tita Alice was a significant leader in the Fil-Am community. The resolution passed out of committee unanimously and is headed for a floor vote. He will be working with Caltrans to erect a sign.

Assemblymember Kevin Mullin (AD-22):

- No report.

Assemblymember Marc Berman (AD-24):

- No report.

Club Reports:

Coastside Democratic Club:

- The Coastside Democrats host a virtual Happy Hour on Wednesdays from 5-6 pm. Please contact April to be added to the guest list. aprilsmcdemocrats@gmail.com

Fil-Am Democratic Club:

Juslyn: Have been meeting virtually. Had a Mother's Day Event, responding to food insecurity in north county and Daly City. Hosted a feed for the community and utilized the event to promote the 2020 Census. Provided over 1500 meals. Exploring another event.

Hillsborough Democratic Club:

- No report.

North Peninsula Democratic Club:

- Anne Schnieder: The Club has not held virtual events. Anyone on the call from San MAteo and Daly City. I am up for reelection and a conflict for me to run our endorsement processes. Need help with that.
- Get tested: Projectbaseline.com and sign up, testing is free.

Pacifica-Daly City Democrats:

- No report.

Peninsula Democratic Coalition:

- Chelsea Bonini: PDC: Our Annual Fundraising Picnic has been rescheduled as a Virtual Brunch on August 23 from 11am-2pm. We will have Democratic Leaders calling in for Q&A with our members. Please consider sponsoring: <https://secure.actblue.com/donate/pdc2020virtualbrunch>

Peninsula Young Democrats:

- Alex melendrez: Will be participating in a voting registration event and virtual text banking phone calls in Arizona to register potential voters for an early mail voting. Has been a major target. Next meeting on May 28th, Facebook event will be posted. Guest Speaker will be Josh Becker, SD 13 candidate.

San Mateo County Democracy for America:

- Ashleigh Evans: San Mateo County Democracy for America Zoom Meeting, Wednesday, June 3, 7:00 pm: "COVID-19: A Primer on the Pandemic and Politics" Speakers: Tony Holtzman, Emeritus Professor of Pediatrics, Public Health and Epidemiology at Johns Hopkins University of Medicine; Marshall Dinowitz, retired from Genentech where he was responsible for viral safety in biotechnology production. Marshall has a PhD in Pathobiology and Virology from Johns Hopkins and taught virology and medical microbiology on the faculty of the Arizona Medical Center. Both speakers are also political activists. Contact Ashleigh Evans for your Zoom invitation: asevans2002@aol.com

Chair: Start a club!

Lightning Round (one-minute announcements/remarks)

- John Pimentel announced that he is running for SMCCCD District 5. District 5 includes Redwood City, East Palo Alto, North Fair Oaks and the eastern side of Menlo Park. My top priorities will be to increase transparency in the Board's operations and refocus the

District on improving student outcomes by providing affordable, efficient transfer to university, and offering more relevant and useful career and vocational training that improve earning potential. I believe the District's resources must be especially focused on serving disadvantaged communities and first generation college students who can use the community colleges to access the first rung on the ladder of upward economic mobility. I would like to speak with anyone who has a point of view on the SMC Community College District's past performance and how the District can better serve our local residents. I can be reached at jpimentel2020@gmail.com 650-269-8933

- Harini: Held fundraisers for Steve Bullock, Cal Cunningham and Sara Gideon. The Josh Harder campaign looking for volunteers. Thanks PYD for their support Christy Smith.
- Chris Sturken: Community Outreach Spec for Human Investment Project (HIP). Annual luncheon was cancelled due to COVID-19. Rescheduled Event is on Thursday, June 18 at noon. Visit hiphousing.org/virtualevent to tune in. HIP Housing helps 1,400 people keep their homes or find housing each year in San Mateo County.
- Brent Turner: Open Source software. Did speak with Sen Feinstein's Office. Taken the most intense look at the federal level. Pushing Gov Newsom or SF. COVID has hit budget for new systems. Will circle back after 2020 election.
- Shika Hamilton: The CA legislature has been on hold since March due to the pandemic and recently reconvened on Tuesday May 19th for a very limited number of bills. I represent Brady United Against Gun Violence and one of our priority bills, AB 2847, authored by Assemblymember David Chiu, was included in the hearings. The bill requires commencing July 1, 2022 all semiautomatic pistols not already listed on the Department of Justice (DOJ) roster of not unsafe handguns be equipped with chamber load indicators, magazine disconnect mechanisms, and microstamping technology. This bill passed the public safety committee on the 19th and now it will move forward and eventually to the Assembly floor in June. This bill is critical to save lives and track gun crimes. A chamber load indicator signifies when the firearm is loaded; and a magazine disconnect mechanism prevents the gun from firing when a detachable magazine is removed. Many families have had loved ones taken from them by gun violence and often the shooter is not caught or released because law enforcement can't connect the gun to the shooter. Microstamping technology could enable law enforcement to match cartridges found at crime scenes directly to the gun that fired them. Please help us pass this bill into law by contacting your Assemblymember and let them know you want them to support AB 2847. Thank you. If you have any questions, you may contact Shikha Hamilton, shamilton@bradyunited.org
- Chair: Please pass the HEROES Act. Support kids during this crisis. Contact Andrea Reyna.
- Anne Schneider: Recycling markets in Cal have dried up, many closed. Last year 1783 statewide. Governor has created a Statewide Commission on Recycling Markets and Curbside Recycling of which she is now a new commissioner. Buyback centers have disappeared which many low income people relied upon for income as well as green jobs and materials recycling.
- You You Xue: Please continue supporting your local small businesses, federal programs don't reflect the extended period of time. My own business has experienced revenue declines over 60%. Please spend your money locally.

- Gina Papan: As a member of the MTC she has been appointed to the blue ribbon transportation recovery committee helping to allocate funds to bring back transit in a way people want to take it. If you have any ideas please send them along. Thank you to Congress Members Speier and Eshoo bring millions to the state for public transit.

Adjournment

- The meeting adjourned at 9:30 pm in memory of all those lost to Covid-19.