

San Mateo County
Democratic Central Committee
General Meeting Minutes
August 2020

Prior to Meeting

- Rachita Rawal, campaign organizer from Evolve, spoke in support of Prop. 15, the Schools and Communities First ballot initiative.
- Prop. 15 will not affect any residential properties.
- Prop. 15 will affect large corporate properties like Disneyland and Chevron.
- Some large commercial properties rarely change ownership, they avoid paying their fair share.
- If no one buys more than 50% of the property, then technically the property doesn't change hands (ex. Michael Dell).
- CA has highest income and sales tax in the country.
- Recently, percentage of local ballot measures passing dropped precipitously.
- Prop. 15
 - Reclaims \$12 billion annually for schools and communities.
 - Protects all residential property.
 - closes commercial tax loopholes.
 - Funding for San Mateo County: increase of \$833.7 million

Lies promoted by Prop 15 opponents:

1. will affect residential property
2. will cause businesses to leave the state (no, most business owners are already paying their fair share)
3. will increase cost of consumer goods (no, cost of consumer goods is determined by supply and demand)

Nearly every other place in the country taxes commercial property at fair market value.
Prop. 15 maintains protections for ALL residential property

If commercial property is valued below \$3 million, your property will be exempt.
Prop. 15: Will eliminate personal business property tax—personal business property tax makes business owners count up their possessions

Rudy: There are phonebanks that we are supporting.

Rachita: Please sign the petition to encourage Gov. Newsom to endorse Prop. 15

Call to Order, Adoption of Agenda & Approval of Minutes

- The call to order occurred at 7:28pm by Committee Chair, Nicole Fernandez.
- The August 2020 meeting agenda was adopted with amendments.
- The July 2020 meeting minutes were approved.
- Please check in on social media.

Lightning Round: Candidates Seeking Dem Endorsement, Endorsements DCC Meeting will be on Sept. 10

- Janet Borgens: Redwood City Council
- Lisa Petrides: SMC Community College District, Trustee Area 1
- Lisa Hicks-Dumanske: SMC Community College District, Trustee Area 5
- Bronwyn Alexander: Ravenswood School District
- Dave Mandelkern: SMC Community College District, Trustee Area 3
- Sam Hindi: Foster City City Council
- You You Xue: Millbrae City Council
- Tom McCune: Belmont City Council
- Ligia Andrade Zunigia: School Board
- JT Eden: San Carlos City Council
- Chris Rasmussen: Redwood City Council, District 7
- Rod Hsiao: SMC Board of Education
- James Coleman: South San Francisco City Council, District 5
- Joaquin Jimenez: Half Moon Bay City Council, District 3
- John Pimental: SMC Community College District, Trustee Area 5
- Lee Fernandez: SMC Harbor District, District 4
- Isabella Chu: Redwood City City Council, District 3
- Gina Papan: Millbrae City Council
- Juslyn Manalo: Daly City City Council
- Eugene Whitlock: SMC Community College District, Trustee Area 1
- Anders Fung: Millbrae City Council
- Larry Moody: East Palo Alto City Council

Executive Board Reports

Chair (Nicole Fernandez):

- Next meeting Sept. 10: Endorsements Meeting
- Democratic merchandise
- Make a donation: Get out of Zoom free card
<https://smcdcc.nationbuilder.com/2020ccd>
- No headquarters opening

Coordinated Campaign Updates

Cecilia Minalga:

Neighborhood Captain Program:

- Virtually talk to neighbors, provide them info, answer their questions, provide them volunteer opportunities, help them with their voting plans.
- CADEM Party will provide you all the info you need.
- We have periodic meetings and a network of captains.
- We use a mobile app, PDI app on the go. You don't need to call your Republican neighbors.
- We provide the training. You reach out to neighbors, share what you learned with other captains, help neighbors with their voting plan.
- About the Neighborhood Captain Program

<https://dochub.com/cminalga/xP5Lz0jKa1Be7MDK7ZDIO3/final-bay-area-neighborhood-captain-infographic-pdf?dt=YSzYTVpgYzhHY-ypkB5p>

CADEM Neighborhood Captain Agreement Form

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd7_vb3haND19HqVLe20xmigBZ38tpJ7UY4AjQlu22HbijsgA/viewform

Rudy Espinoza-Murray:

- Peninsula Virtual Action Center on Facebook: will launch tonight
- Share videos and photos
- Centerpiece for volunteering
- We will have phone banks and trainings almost every day
- Swing State Sundays: U.S. Senate campaigns: support flippable campaigns across the U.S.
- Monday: Phone Banks in Spanish
- Tuesdays: Auto Dialer training, and Phone Bank training
- Wednesdays: Labor in Support of Prop. 15 and Against Prop. 22
- Thursdays: Call for Biden Harris campaign, supporting Prop. 15 and Prop. 16
- We hold a training during every phone bank. It is advised that you get some training before making calls.
- Fridays: Recruiting volunteers
- We have 100 volunteers registered
- Sign Up at Virtual Action Center
- <https://www.facebook.com/Peninsula-Virtual-Action-Center-110900860730465>
- Please share with family, relatives, friends

Northern Vice Chair (Cliff Robbins):

- No report.

Southern Vice Chair (Karen Maki):

- No report.

Controller (Nancy Yarbrough):

- Finance Report: created by TJ and Denton
- Ending Balance: \$101,606
- Please pay your dues if you haven't paid yet. If you are an elected member and you have not paid your dues, the bylaws mean you can't vote on Endorsements
- Be part of the No Zoom fundraiser

Recording Secretary (April Northrup):

- No report.

Corresponding Secretary (Alexis Lewis):

- Submitted Resolution in Opposition to Prop. 22 to CADEM Party Chair Rusty Hicks

Standing Committee Reports

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

- Please see Controller's Report

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

- No Report

Resolutions (David Burruto, Chair):

- Resolution in favor of Mayor's Pledge to Reform Police Use of Force Policies: Introduced by April Vargas and Nancy Yarbrough. Passed Unanimously.
- Resolution in favor of Removing Racially Restrictive Covenants: Introduced by Dan Stegink. Passed with none opposed, one abstention, and all other votes in favor.

Bylaws (Cliff Robbins, Chair):

- No report

Technology & Data Management/Communications (Chair: April Northrup):

- Virtual Action Center on website as well.

Voter Registration (April Vargas, Chair):

- Nancy Calibjo: spoke with Elections Office, I've been told SMC is the gold standard in regards to vote centers
- Elections office is prepared to open more vote centers and add more ballot drop boxes if necessary
- Recruitment flyers in different languages: any one that would like to post recruitment flyers for poll workers, let Nancy know

- They will open ballots 9 days before Election Day, but numbers will not be provided until 8pm on Election Night
- SMC Elections office will accept ballots up to 17 days after the Election if they are postmarked by Nov. 3

Programs & Education (Francesca Segre & Alexander Melendrez, Co-Chairs):

- Sept. 10 no speaker due to endorsements. No meeting on Sept. 17

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

- Committee is busy reading questionnaires and doing research on the candidates.
- Interviews will be occurring virtually.
- Endorsement Committee Recommendations will be released a week before Sept. 10.

Climate (Nicole Kemeny, Karen Maki,):

- No report.

Farm Workers (Victoria De Alba, Chair):

- Victoria: Two resolutions passed at CADEM E-board meeting.
- Dan Stegink, Victoria, and Nicole Fernandez authored resolution.
- Met with Supervisor Horsley—he asked us to send him a list of what farm owners should be providing to their workers, such as water and hand sanitizer.
- Providing assistance to people who are affected by the south coast fire.

Ad Hoc Committee Reports

Leadership Development (Robert Bernardo, Chair):

- No report.

Clubs Liaison (Chelsea Bonini, Chair):

- Sent email to Club chairs to ask them if we should update their info on website.

Volunteer Services (Eric Siegel):

- No report.

Congressional Watch (Greg Loew):

- No report.

Regional Director, Legislative, and Clubs Reports

Region 6 Director (Hene Kelly):

- No report.

Congresswoman Jackie Speier (CA-14):

- No report.

Congresswoman Anna Eshoo (CA-18):

- No report.

State Senator Scott Wiener (SD-11):

- No report.

State Senator Jerry Hill (SD-13):

- Legislative session will wrap up by Aug. 31, then Sen. Hill will be back in the District
- SB 793: ban of flavored tobacco will now go to the Assembly floor
- District office has been focusing on helping constituents with unemployment claims, and those affected by South Bay fires

Assemblymember Phil Ting (AD-19):

- No report.

Assemblymember Kevin Mullin (AD-22):

- No report.

Assemblymember Marc Berman (AD-24):

- No report.

Coastside Democratic Club:

- Sept. 3 Endorsements meeting.
- Holding virtual watch parties for the convention.

North Peninsula Democratic Club:

- No report.

Pacifica-Daly City Democrats:

- No report.

Peninsula Democratic Coalition:

- **Chelsea Bonini:** The Peninsula Democratic Coalition (PDC) is holding its annual summer picnic fundraiser as a Virtual Brunch & Fundraiser this year... and it's

coming up on Sunday! We have quite a line-up of speakers via video and in person on Zoom. It's the perfect follow-up event to a week of the exciting Democratic National Convention! :)

You can register or become an event sponsor at: <https://www.peninsulademocrats.com>

Peninsula Young Democrats:

- Erin Chazer: Going through Endorsement process
- Updated language to re-prioritize funding away from police and towards other public agencies

San Mateo County Democracy for America:

- Ashleigh Evans: August 5 Zoom meeting: "Building Progressive Power in States" with speaker Rita Bosworth, founder and executive director of the Sister District Project.

LatinX Club

- Elmer Martinez: Political Director for LatinX Dems
 - Elected our exec board, excited to mobilize LatinX community
 - Endorsement application available
 - Look for us on Facebook and DCC website

Stonewall Democrats Club

- Election will be next Wednesday.

Adjournment

- The meeting adjourned at 9:02pm, in support of the Biden-Harris campaign.