

**San Mateo County**  
**Democratic Central Committee**  
**General Meeting Minutes**  
**November 19, 2020**

**Prior to Meeting**

- Marisa Lagos was introduced by Francesca Segre. Marisa talked about CA state politics, including ballot measures. Political Breakdowns Podcast Twitter: mlagos

**Call to Order, Adoption of Agenda & Approval of Minutes**

- The call to order occurred at 7:36pm by Committee Chair, Nicole Fernandez.
- The November 2020 meeting agenda was adopted.
- The October 2020 meeting minutes were approved.
- Lightning round at end of meeting, ADEM elections.
- Check in on Social Media, I want people to know that we exist even when there isn't an election happening.

**Election of District 3 Member to Fill Vacancy**

- We will have a Roll Call vote.
- Helen Wolter reported that District 3 committee met and recommends Victoria Sanchez De Alba.
- Victoria spoke: I believe in social justice, giving voice to the underserved, to really engage our Democratic Party in advocating for our Latino community. I created Farmworkers Affairs Committee, worked on resolutions, including with Dan Stegink.
- Nicole Wolter nominated Victoria, seconded by Jon Levinson.
- State Senator-Elect Josh Becker recommended Victoria, as did April Vargas.
- Victoria Sanchez de Alba elected as District 3 Member.

**Executive Board Reports**

**Chair (Nicole Fernandez):**

- We had a vacancy on EBoard because Brigid was told she could not serve because she was not an elected DCC member; appointed Erin Chazer to serve through Jan. 2021. Thank you to Brigid for all her work—she did a great job bringing info from Sacramento to SMC

**Rudy Espinoza-Murray, Coordinated Campaign Director**

- SMC was a sleeping giant: over 10,000 volunteer shifts, over 5 million calls made, leading office in California, one of leading offices in the country.

- Recognized April Vargas, Bertha, Ray Larios
- Formed huge coalition on Peninsula: Stonewall, FilAm Dems, Labor, Joyful Warriors
- Had teen volunteers and volunteers in their 90s
- Thank you for the opportunity to serve
- Thank you to the new Associate Members

**Hene Kelly, Regional Director:** ADEMS

- Every two years we have an election in Assembly District—14 Assembly Delegates 7 self-identified females and 7 people of other self identification
- [ADEM.CADEM.org](http://ADEM.CADEM.org) to apply for delegate position, also to register to vote in ADEM elections. Will receive ballot in the mail.
- Nov. 15- Dec. 15 complete online application. Will do candidate statement, and can make candidate video. It is up to you to get your friends and neighbors to vote. \$30 registration fee to be a candidate, but there is a waiver.
- We asked Rules Committee to make this change, Nicole Fernandez is Vice Chair of Rules Committee—thanks to Nicole.
- Still a chance to help in Georgia Senate run-off election: Reach out to Rudy; phone bank and give money—do not fly to Georgia!

**Northern Vice Chair (Cliff Robbins):**

- No report.

**Southern Vice Chair (Karen Maki):**

- No report.

**Controller (Nancy Yarbrough):**

- Thanked TJ and Denton, still compiling invoices, shout-out on signs to Nancy Calibjo, Martha Jenkins, Bill Wessell
- Made \$2200 on swag purchases: can now buy post-election Victory pins, face masks
- PAC funds: made \$37,000 on SMC
- Cash for Operations, Opening Balance: \$73,806
- Net Change in Operating Cash: +\$6,411
- Ending Balance: \$80,217

**Recording Secretary (April Northrup):**

- No report. Over 80 associate members.

**Corresponding Secretary (Alexis Lewis):**

- Virtual Holiday Party: Rather than have a Virtual Holiday Party, let's donate to Samaritan House and Life Moves the money that we would have spent on a Holiday Party

## Standing Committee Reports

### **Endorsements (Karen Maki, Chair):**

- 80% of our endorsed measures went our way
- Candidates: 75 applications, 44 were endorsed, 33 won
- <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1XSOMM-4tuoBrod67gJaiRCRNoFQtWtWWXVYsZYGGLCs/edit?usp=sharing>

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

- Nancy: No report.

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

- Harini: No report.

### **Resolutions (David Burruto, Chair):**

- David: No report.

### **Bylaws (Cliff Robbins, Chair):**

- No report

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

- No report.

### **Voter Registration (April Vargas, Chair):**

- Nancy Calibjo: Wanted to do GOTV —thank John Woodell for list of 1,650 voters. We called them and left messages. We left 843 messages. We spoke to 423 people on the phone—57% had voted—19 people had not received their ballot —we helped them reach out to get their ballots. People were very happy that we reached out to them. We all shared a worksheet online, 13 volunteers, 4 Spanish-speaking, including a volunteer who had moved to Seattle. We started from scratch.

### **Programs & Education (Brigid O'Farrell, Chair):**

- Brigid O'Farrell: Making plans for 2021.

### **Climate (Nicole Kemeny, Chair):**

- No report.

### **Farm Workers (Victoria De Alba, Chair):**

- Victoria: Farmworker Bus: bring technology to the farms
- COVID 19 response: Alles provide COVID testing and flu shots

## **Ad Hoc Committee Reports**

### **Leadership Development (Robert Bernardo, Chair):**

- No report.

### **Clubs Liaison (Chelsea Bonini, Chair):**

- No report.

### **Volunteer Services (Eric Siegel):**

- No report.

### **Congressional Watch (Greg Loew):**

- *No report.*

## **Regional Director, Legislative, and Clubs Reports**

### **Region 6 Director:**

- Gave report earlier in meeting.

### **Congresswoman Jackie Speier (CA-14):**

- Brian Perkins: Congresswoman asked GSA administrator for an accounting—to release funds for transition to Biden

### **Congresswoman Anna Eshoo (CA-18):**

- Greg Loew: Anna had call with constituents today.
- Ad Hoc report: Focus on helping get Democratic Senators elected: vote by mail—have to re-register to receive mail-in ballot

### **State Senator Scott Wiener (SD-11):**

- Jeff Sparks: The Senator's office has been working with the EDD and helping constituents.

### **State Senator Jerry Hill (SD-13):**

- Joan Dentler: Sen. Hill being honored, staff working until Dec. 4th. Peaceful transition to Senator-Elect Becker. Have enjoyed being alternate to this committee.

**Assemblymember Phil Ting (AD-19):**

- Alex Walker: Assemblymember participated in a Town Hall on education, panelists included Kalimah Salahuddin.

**Assemblymember Kevin Mullin (AD-22):**

- No report.

**Assemblymember Marc Berman (AD-24):**

- No report.

**FilAm Dems:**

- Had endorsement Zoom for candidates.
- There have been really bad typhoons in the Philippines, we are raising funds to help: [https://www.facebook.com/donate/992032461278258/?fundraiser\\_source=external\\_url](https://www.facebook.com/donate/992032461278258/?fundraiser_source=external_url)

**North Peninsula Democratic Club:**

- Dan Stegink: 7pm Thurs Dec 10 2020 "Resolutions are your secret superpower!"
- RSVP: NorthDemsChair@gmail.com
- As of last night 90.4% of our 21 Endorsees were leading their respective races.
- FOUR STATE-LEVEL NPDC RESOLUTIONS PASSED BY CADEM EXEC BOARD NOV 15
- 20-11.20 TAKING THE HATE OUT OF HOMEOWNERSHIP
- 20-11.04 MAINTAIN CASH RETAIL
- 20-11.13 PROVIDING BASIC LIFE SAVING MEASURES FOR DETAINEES, ARRESTEES AND PRISONERS
- 20-11.26 OPPOSING THE SALE OF DANGEROUS FIREWORKS FOR NON-COMMERCIAL USE

**Pacifica-Daly City Democrats:**

- No report.

**Peninsula Democratic Coalition:**

- Chelsea Bonini: Looking for a Treasurer, nomination process is open. Will have an event for Georgia for fundraising, calling, and writing.

**Peninsula Young Democrats:**

- No report.

**San Mateo County Democracy for America:**

- Diana Reddy: Zoom Holiday Party, performers, participants to tell favorite story about Biden and Harris. Greg Loew: Club had Jerry Hill as guest of honor.

### **LatinX Club**

- Ray Larios: 19 of our 21 candidates endorsed won their races. Elmer Martinez Political Director, have a spot on the Exec Board of Latino Caucus
- Next Tuesday General meeting

### **Stonewall Democrats Club**

- Chris Sturken: Quick endorsement process: 12 of 14 endorsed candidates won. Meet 3rd Wednesday of every month 6-7:30pm. Follow us on Facebook: <https://m.facebook.com/SMCStonewallDems/>

### **Lightning Round**

- Alexis Lewis: New housing development will name street Harriet Tubman Way. Along with Michael Smith, Alexis will select art to honor Harriet Tubman.
- Susan Pfeifer: running for ADEM district in Phil Ting's District, 19. Currently ADEM. Open enrollment has started, goes until Jan. 30th
- Sandra Lang: equity in transit, PPE for drivers, Transport Workers Union—have lost many drivers due to COVID.
- John Woodell: War Production Act—Tyson benefitted from not being held liable. Generated list of non-voters: people who registered but didn't vote in the primary.
- Denton Murphy: working on resolution condemning Tyson company, managers bet on which workers would die of COVID.
- Jack Flinchbaugh: field lead on Josh Becker campaign.
- Ray Larios: running for ADEM District 22: immigrant, came to US a little over a decade ago, became a citizen in 2018, bring new voices, native Spanish speaker.
- Alex Melendrez: joined Peninsula Clean Energy citizens advisory committee—test drive electric vehicles.
- Chelsea Bonini: Women of Courage award in honor of Jackie Speier—\$25,000 award to young woman between ages of 18-30 [venturesfoundation.org](http://venturesfoundation.org) Running for ADEMS and E-board rep, active with bylaws committee and disabilities caucus: resolutions on education, disabilities, criminal justice reform.
- Greg Loew: Homelessness—people getting kicked out of hotels—suggest Ad Hoc committee on Homelessness.

### **Adjournment**

- Brian Perkins: Tom Mohr was selected by Jackie Speier as alternate because of his big heart. Tom always talked about the capacity of human beings to learn, a big part of democracy.
- The meeting adjourned at 9:22pm in memory of Tom Mohr. Advocate of public education, former Community College District trustee. We are making a donation to his family's chosen charity, San Mateo County Community College Foundation.