

SMC Dems Give Recommendations

Rationale:

- Build and maintain community connections
- Support underserved communities during a pandemic
- Build the brand of the Democratic Party by showing we talk and act

*Donations are \$2,000 per district/organization with District 3 being a \$1,000 donation for two groups

District 1:

Home and Hope:

<https://www.homeandhope.net/>

Home & Hope is a non-profit organization based in Burlingame that provides food, shelter, case management, and mentoring to homeless families through a paid professional staff in partnership with a volunteer, interfaith network of religious institutions that provide overnight shelter and meals at their sites. Families rotate among member congregations throughout the year. Information regarding current funders, and supporting congregations, is available at <https://www.homeandhope.net/partners/>.

District 2:

(awaiting confirmation)

LifeMoves:

<https://www.lifemoves.org/>

District 3:

ALAS and Coastside Hope

<https://www.alashmb.org/>

<https://coastsidehope.org/>

ALAS -Ayudandos Latinos A Soñar

Translation: Helping Latinos to Dream

ALAS became a non-profit in 2017 after forming as a local cultural organization. They serve the LatinX community on the San Mateo Co Coast between Montara and Half Moon Bay. They provide mental health services to essential workers and the working poor as well as assistance to farm workers, whose basic needs and legally mandated worker protections are not being adequately provided by their employers. ALAS distributes PPE and clean drinking water at local work sites and helps organize Covid-19 screening and services for those testing positive. Their board is multicultural.

Note: ALAS founder and Executive Director is Dr. Belinda Arriaga, a SMCDCC alternate. ALAS staff member, Jose Jiminez, is also an alternate on the Central Committee. To avoid any conflict of interest, we recommend that Belinda and Jose be precluded from voting to adopt the charitable donation recommendations at the Central Committee meeting even if the members they represent are not present and voting.

Coastside Hope was founded in 1976 under the name Coastside Opportunity Center. Their goal is to reduce the level and severity of poverty and to create future opportunities for low-income residents. Their programs aim to achieve three long-term outcomes: increase economic security, increase food security and increase housing security. 70% of the over 3200 families and individuals they serve each year are LatinX members of the Coastside community. They recently started a Farmworker Fund to provide support for rent and other living expenses for workers after one local agricultural employer failed to pay employees for almost 2 months before the state shut the business down . Their board is not particularly diverse however their Executive Director, Judith Guerrero, is LatinX. They work collaboratively with ALAS whenever possible to expand the outreach and effectiveness of both organizations.

District 4:

Ravenswood Family Health Network

The Ravenswood Family Health Network has been a critical resource to communities such as East Palo Alto and Belle Haven/Menlo Park during the Covid pandemic. They are on the ground with testing clinics and now vaccine clinics.

<https://ravenswoodfhc.org/>

District 5:

Daly City Partnership

<https://www.dcpartnership.org/>

Ideas for outreach/PR:

- Press release
- Social media campaign
- Opportunities to volunteer coupled with contribution
- Email the entire SMC Dems listserv