

San Mateo County Democratic Central Committee
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
June 17, 2021

6:45 PM - Log in Time

7:00 PM - Speaker - Daniel Herriges, Senior Editor of Strong Town

- Auros Harman, Co-Chair of the Housing Taskforce, introduces Mr. Daniel Herriges. Mr. Herriges' presentation, "Making Normal Neighborhoods Legal Again", advocating for the revival of traditional development modes to increase housing supply.

7:30 PM - Call to Order

Adoption of June General Meeting agenda

Approval of May General Meeting minutes

- Motioned by Andrea Reyna, seconded by Jon Levinson, and the motion passes unanimously.

7:35 PM - Executive Board Reports

- Chair Maki reports the following updates:
 - Donations to six community organizations have been distributed , and a press release has been issued on the matter.
 - Peninsula Democratic Coalition, the San Mateo County Democratic Party, and many local democratic clubs will be hosting a virtual Anti-Recall event on June 29th at 4:30 pm, where Gov. Gavin Newsom will be making an appearance. See <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1tK2tWZfULkXGC0QVtguFS-ES0xSU9gEk> .
 - Deadline for Central Committee members and alternates to renew their membership will be on July 15th.

- Chair Maki will close out the meeting in honor of Landis Marttila as well as the victims of the VTA San Jose shooting.

7:45 PM - Standards of Conduct or Norms

- The Executive Board is reviewing potential language for a Membership Code of Conduct (posted below). If any members have suggestions, they should contact Chair Maki.

SMCDems Standard of Conduct excerpt

“We are committed to providing a welcoming, respectful, friendly, safe, supportive, and harassment-free environment for members, employees, and all others associated with the CDP and the SMCDCC.”

Endorsement Committee Norms

1. *Engage in open, honest discussion*
2. *Make sure you understand the point the speaker is making.*
3. *Be fully present during the meeting.*
4. *Offer support when needed.*
5. *Make your case supporting a policy, proposal, or candidate. Do not disparage the opposing viewpoint, candidate or proponent.*
6. *Disagree, but do not be disagreeable.*
7. *No postings publicly, on social media or otherwise, with unsupported or scurrilous claims.*
8. *Keep endorsement committee correspondence and meeting discussion confidential.*
9. *Be concise, be respectful and stay on point.*

7:55 PM - May Finance Report

- Treasurer Nancy Yarbrough shares a financial report for the month of April:
 - The Central Committee began the month with \$74,193, but following the donations to community organizations, the committee now has a total of \$61,392. The Events and Development Committee will begin planning a fundraising event for this fall.
- *“Campaign & Political Club Finance 101”* by Fair Practices Political Commission on Monday, Jun 21, at 7PM PST bit.ly/SMCDemsFPPCWebinar

8:00 PM Club Rechartering due at 7/15 meeting

- Chair Maki advises club members that they will be contacted by Sarah Fields, Rudy Espinoza or Steven Booker for rechartering. Clubs will need a list of officers with (contact information), club members, a copy of the club by-laws, and \$1 per every club member residing in San Mateo County.
- Treasurer Yarbrough reminds everyone that the clubs must pay their \$1 per club member requirement via personal checks due to legal FPPC requirements.

8:05 PM Membership Renewal

- Treasurer Yarbrough shares that DCC's yearly membership dues are owed by July 1st, and hardship waivers are available if necessary. Renewal should be completed by the 7/15 Central Committee meeting.

8:10 PM - Emergency Resolution

- Authors Victoria Sanchez De Alba and Rudy Espinoza presented the resolution and shared the urgency behind reaching the 8 million Latino voters in California in opposition to the recall.
- Moved by Rudy Espinoza, and seconded by Jon Levinson. With unanimous support, the resolution (posted below) is passed.

Latino Democrats Against Recalling California Governor Gavin Newsom

WHEREAS The Republican Party, Trump donors, and violent White Supremacists who attacked our nation's Capitol on January 6th have joined forces to recall California Governor Gavin Newsom and oppose what he has done to fight the pandemic; and

WHEREAS Latinos in California make-up more than 8 million eligible voters and turned out to vote in record numbers for the 2020 Presidential Election, this recall must be defeated to ensure a Democratic majority in the U.S. Senate that will support President Joe Biden's agenda, and if a Republican takes Newsom's place, will possess the power to appoint a Republican replacement to the U.S. Senate if either California U.S. Senator Alex Padilla or Dianne Feinstein does not complete their term; and

WHEREAS Governor Newsom has shown outstanding leadership during the unprecedented pandemic crisis, impacting all Californians, including the Latino population disproportionately affected and killed by COVID-19, Latinos are 55% of the essential front-line workers, including 92% of farmworkers, 78% of construction workers, and 70% of cooks, has championed financial and medical support for immigrant workers including rent, food security, and vaccines, Newsom also appointed the first-ever Latino

to the United States Senate from California, Alex Padilla, and the first Latino Attorney General in California's 171-year history;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the San Mateo County Democratic Central Committee urges the California Democratic Party (CDP) to invest in reaching out to Latino and other key Democratic voters of color to vote 'no' on the recall to ensure that Democratic core bases turn out to vote in record numbers to protect the progressive values of our state;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the San Mateo Democratic County Central Committee will send copies of this resolution to Governor Gavin Newsom, California Democratic Party, California State Legislature, and California's Congressional delegation, and the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors.

8:20 PM - Resolution in Support of Medicare for All Act of 2021, H.R. 1976

- Motioned by Andrea Reyna, seconded by Jon Levinson. With 20 votes in support, the resolution passes.

San Mateo County Democratic Central Committee Resolution in Support of the Medicare for All Act of 2021, H.R. 1976

WHEREAS the United States, the wealthiest country in the world, has worse health outcomes than the other 36 industrialized nations (according to the World Health Organization), with higher infant mortality, higher maternal mortality, and more avoidable deaths, yet costs more than twice as much per capita as in those other countries which provide every member of their population with healthcare; and

WHEREAS physician groups attribute high burnout rates to the administrative time/cost burden of fighting with thousands of private insurance companies for care their patients need, and more than 40% of personal bankruptcies are due to medical costs, with a third of patients not filling prescriptions due to cost, and businesses describing healthcare costs as the single most inefficient line item in their cost structure damaging their ability to compete internationally; and

WHEREAS employer-based insurance amplifies egregious health inequities in the United States, (as Martin Luther King, Jr. noted, "Of all the forms of inequality, injustice in health care is the most shocking and inhumane."), leaving nearly 100 million Americans un-insured or under-insured;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the San Mateo County Democratic Central Committee support H.R. 1976, calling upon Congress to rectify this untenable patchwork of absurd, immoral, expensive healthcare by adopting a single payer universal healthcare system, to improve care, save costs, and increase access; and

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be provided to Congresswoman Pramila Jayapal (sponsor), Congresswoman Debbie Dingell (sponsor), Congresswoman Anna G. Eshoo, Congresswoman Jackie Speier (thanking her for co-sponsoring H.R. 1976), Senator Dianne Feinstein, Senator Alex Padilla, HHS Secretary Xavier Becerra, Vice President Kamala Harris and President Joseph Biden.

8:25 PM - Standing Committee and Task Force Plans

See plans [here](#)

Climate Committee

- Nicole Kimeney presents the resolution and explains the changes made since the last presentation.
- Motioned by Harini Krishnan, seconded by Andrea Reyna. With 15 members in support, the committee's goals are approved.

Police Reform Task Force

- James Lawrence presents the resolution on behalf of the task force.
- Motioned by James Lawrence, seconded by Andrea Reyna. With 12 votes in support, 1 vote in opposition, and 1 abstention, the resolution passes.

8:40 PM Diversity Pledge Report

- The Equity Pledge coalition will be meeting on June 27th, and more updates will follow after that meeting.

8:45 PM Standing Committee Reports - Please send reports to Recording Secretary Elmer Martinez at elmermartinez17@yahoo.com. We will ask for volunteers for 1-minute reports.

- On behalf of the Farmworkers Affairs Cmte, Rudy shares the following updates from the committee:
 - Joaquin Jimenez provided a tour of four farms to BOS Horsley's legislative team including a successful farmworker housing project as well as problems. Supervisor Horsley has mentioned that there is funding for the farmworker housing program under Measure K, which his office will be reaching out to the farm owners.

- There is an urgent need for a Mobile Health Clinic Program because there's a large number of farmworkers on the North Coast and they are needing more opportunities for medical support and health check-ups.
- The City of HMB has been working on an ongoing community policing initiative. On May 4, the City Council passed the Yanira Serrano Presente! Implementation Plan to improve police and community relations and fund mental health services. And on May 28, the City Council issued a policy paper called The Jimenez-Rarback Report on Policing and Public Safety in Half Moon Bay, drafted by City Councilmembers Joaquin Jimenez and Harvey Rarback.

8:50 PM Regional Director and Legislative Reports -

- On behalf of Congresswoman Speier, Brian Perkins reports that the Congresswoman's legislation to provide 25 million for 5 years in SF Bay restoration is on its way to the U.S. Senate.

9:00 PM Club Reports - Please send reports to Recording Secretary Elmer Martinez at elmermartinez17@yahoo.com. We will ask for volunteers for 1-minute reports.

Please provide information about meetings to calendar@smcdems.org.

- On behalf of Democracy for America, Ashley Evans shares that the club's next meeting will take place on Weds., July 7, Zoom entitled: "Healthcare Reform, Medicare for All, and the Fierce Urgency of COVID-19" with featured speaker: Dr. Bill Honigman. Contact for Zoom link: asevans2002@aol.com
- Ray Larios announces the next SMC Latinx meeting will be on June 29th at 7 pm.
- Juslyn Manalo shares that the FilAm Democrats will be hosting a BBQ on July 4th; more details to follow.
- Erin Chazer celebrates the PYD Flag Day party's success, and shares that the next general meeting will be in mid-July. Andrea Reyna will be the featured speaker of the month, and will present on the California Teachers Association.

9:05 PM Lightning Round One-minute announcements

- Andrea Reyna announces that Corresponding Secretary Rudy Espinoza is now her first alternate.

- Dan Stegink thanks Councilmember Rarback and Jimenez for their work on the Half Moon Bay policing report.
- Harvey Rarback shares that the HMB City Council will be hosting a meeting on Police Reform on July 6th.
- Ray Larios shares his work to have the Board of Supervisors pass a resolution in honor of Immigrant Heritage Month and welcomes people to speak in support of the document.
- Jon Levinson celebrates Juneteenth's official observation.

9:15 PM Adjournment

- Motioned to close by Rudy Espinoza, and seconded by Andrea Reyna.
Meeting ends at 9:05 pm.