

# San Francisco Democratic County Central Committee

Wednesday, February 27, 2019

6:30pm

Tenderloin Community Elementary School

627 Turk Street

San Francisco, CA

## 10 Day Meeting Agenda

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### 1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Call to Order by Chair, David Campos. Roll Call of Members: Alysabeth Alexander, Angela Alioto, Keith Baraka, Tami Bryant, David Campos, Jen Chan, Petra DeJesus, Bevan Dufty, Sandra Lee Fewer, Peter Gallotta, Kelly Groth, Pratima Gupta, Frances Hsieh, Tom Hsieh, Mary Jung, Jane Kim, Leah LaCroix, Meagan Levitan, Jen Low, Honey Mahogany, Rafael Mandelman, Sophie Maxwell, Rachel Norton, Sarah Souza. Ex-Officio Members: U.S. Senator Dianne Feinstein; Speaker of the House of Representatives Nancy Pelosi; U.S. House Representative Jackie Speier; Lieutenant Governor Eleni Kounalakis, State Treasurer Fiona Ma; Board of Equalization Member Malia Cohen, State Senator Scott Wiener; Assemblymember Phil Ting and Assemblymember David Chiu.

### 2. Approval of Meeting Agenda (Discussion and possible action)

Discussion and possible action regarding the approval of this agenda.

### 3. Approval of Meeting Minutes (Discussion and possible action)

Approval of the minutes of the DCCC's meeting of January 23, 2019 (minutes attached).

### 4. General Public Comment (2 minutes per speaker)

The DCCC will take public comment on all items on the agenda and, in addition, other matters germane to party business but not on the agenda.

### 5. Reports (Discussion and possible action) (25 minutes)

DCCC member reports, including discussion and possible actions, to offer updates on work assignments and discuss ongoing objectives.

a) Chair (Campos)

b) Finance (DeJesus)

c) Voter Registration (Baraka)

d) Club Chartering (Gupta)

e) Outreach (LaCroix)

f) Treasurer (Alexander)

g) Partnerships (Maxwell)

h) Committees

Communications (Gallotta)

Internship (Gupta)

i) Executive Director (Zou)

j) CDP Region 6 Update (Kelly)

**6. Presentation on the Assembly District Election Meeting (ADEM) Process and Discussion of Potential Reforms** (Gallotta) (Discussion and possible action) (20 minutes) *Speaker: Hene Kelly, CDP Region 6 Director*

**7. Resolution Supporting Anchor Brewing Company Workers Organizing their Workplace with the International Longshore and Warehouse Union** (Alexander) (Discussion and possible action) (5 minutes)

**8. Resolution Supporting the San Francisco Veterinary Specialists and Veterinary Centers of America Union and their Bargaining Efforts with Mars, Inc.** (Alexander) (Discussion and possible action) (5 minutes)

**9. Resolution Calling for an End to Homeless Encampment Sweeps** (Groth) (Discussion and possible action) (5 minutes)

**10. Resolution Opposing U.S. Military Intervention in Venezuela** (DeJesus) (Discussion and possible action) (5 minutes)

**11. Resolution Urging Congress to Pass a National Fee on Fossil Fuels and Hold Hearings on the Green New Deal** (Gallotta) (Discussion and possible action) (5 minutes)

**12. New Business** (Discussion and possible action)

The DCCC is unable to discuss or take action on items not on this agenda when those discussions pertain to matters within the jurisdiction of the San Francisco Board of Supervisors. The limited exception is to discuss and take action in deciding whether to calendar such items for a future meeting.

### **13. Adjournment**

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# San Francisco Democratic County Central Committee

Wednesday, January 23, 2019  
6:30pm  
Tenderloin Community Elementary School  
627 Turk Street  
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## DRAFT Meeting Minutes

A recording of the meeting can be found online at:  
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### 1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Meeting called to order at 6:46 pm by Chair, David Campos  
Chair Campos welcomed attendees and introduced new Ex-Officio Members.  
Roll Call by Recording Secretary F. Hsieh

*Members present:* Alysabeth Alexander, Angela Alioto (proxy: Angela Alioto, Jr.), Keith Baraka, Tami Bryant, David Campos, Jen Chan, Petra DeJesus, Bevan Dufty (proxy: David Campos), Sandra Lee Fewer, Peter Gallotta, Kelly Groth, Pratima Gupta, Frances Hsieh, Tom Hsieh, Mary Jung, Jane Kim, Leah LaCroix, Meagan Levitan, Jen Low, Honey Mahogany, Rafael Mandelman, Sophie Maxwell, Rachel Norton.

*Ex-Officio Members:* U.S. Senator Dianne Feinstein (proxy: Dale Carlson); Speaker of the House of Representatives Nancy Pelosi (proxy: Dan Bernal); U.S. House Representative Jackie Speier (proxy: Brian Perkins); Lieutenant Governor Eleni Kounalakis (proxy: Kate Maeder); State Senator Scott Wiener (proxy: Matthew Rothschild); Assemblymember Phil Ting (proxy: Alex Walker); Assemblymember David Chiu (proxy: Bruce Agid)

*Members absent/excused:* State Treasurer Fiona Ma; Board of Equalization Member Malia Cohen

30 members present, 2 members absent

### 2. Approval of Meeting Agenda

*Motion to approve:* Member Wiener; *Second:* Member DeJesus  
*Vote Count:* Approved by Acclamation

### 3. Approval of Meeting Minutes

*Motion to approve:* Member Gallotta; *Second:* Member Baraka  
*Vote Count:* Approved by Acclamation

### 4. General Public Comment

Chair Campos invited people to speak who were attending to support appointment to vacancy in AD 17 of Sarah Souza.

*Public Comment began at 6:52 pm*

*Susan Pfeiffer* (Democracy Now) thanked SFDCCC for support for Red to Blue office, including Speaker Pelosi and Membe Maxwell, thanked volunteers who are the backbone of the Democratic Party; *Brandon Harami* (RDDC) thanked for appointment as delegate to CDP convention and priorities of universal healthcare and housing for the unhoused, congratulated E.D. Mehis, invited people to RDDC membership renewal event on Thursday, January 24th at Bella Trattoria, 3854 Geary Boulevard; *Xavier Abucon-Mendoza* (AD19 Delegate) Thanked SFDCCC for delegate appointment to CDP, thanked E.D. Mehis; *Brigitte Davila* (D11DC & LDC) spoke in support of Sarah Souza's historic appointment; *Amy Farrah-Weiss* (St. Francis Homeless Project) spoke about Shelter Crisis Declaration in 2016, state changes in building code regarding temporary shelter standards; *Bahlam Vigil* spoke in support of Sarah Souza as a leader, teacher, for her work in the community; *Kevin Ortiz* (LDC) spoke in support of Sarah Souza, as a strong immigrant voice when community is under attack, is a strong, resilient, consistent voice; *Jim Salinas* as a native San Franciscan in the Mission and life-long Democrat, labor voice, hasn't always felt welcome/represented by democrats, excited to see support for sister Souza, urged support; *Rosario Cervantez* (D11DC) spoke in support of Sarah Souza, 100% committed, SF being on the right side of history, thanked E.D. Mehis for his work; *Bivett Brackett* spoke in support of Sarah Souza, in the current political climate to help bridge the gap with marginalized communities; *Carlos Bocanegra* spoke in support of Sarah Souza, as dynamic, proactive, amazing leader, empowers community around her and uplift voices

*Public Comment closed at 7:07 pm*

## **5. Reports**

**a) Chair** (Campos) *Chair Campos* spoke about changes to the SFDCCC, election of Member Cohen to Board of Equalization moves seat to Ex-Officio status, spoke with Member Cohen who wanted a D10 representative, looked for gaps in representation, especially with national political climate towards immigrants and DACA recipients who are being used as hostages during government shutdown, Speaker Pelosi has held strong, DACA recipients should have a voice and be heard, CDP/SFDCCC bylaws are not clear whether appointing DACA recipient prohibited, bylaws allow for appointment of someone with the intent to register as Democrat when able to do so, Sarah Souza has been a committed democrat, dedicated time on LDC, volunteered at Red to Blue, Speaker Pelosi has worked to enable appointment of DACA recipient at National Democratic Party level, SF should do the same, understands shared experience in being undocumented, pride in a ability and commitment from a young person who is willing to make commitment despite uncertainty of future; *Sarah Souza* thanked Chair Campos for opportunity, acknowledged work of Speaker Pelosi, leadership of group and trust in her ability, thanked/honored mother for sacrifice, undocumented are under attack, so her appointment represents 11 million vulnerable undocumented who do not have a seat at the table, strengthen party to focus on more inclusive, equitable party and government of all of us, thanked all her supporters for showing up, spoke about hope in this crisis where we are faced with many challenges, her story illustrates the hope of the American dream, and ability for everyone to access a

pathway to education, jobs, housing, business, looks forward to getting to know everyone and their priorities together and bringing forward community voices; *Member Bryant* spoke about her history with Sarah Souza and her work and history, excited to bring her onto SFDCCC as a move towards inclusivity and equity; *Member Alexander* thanked Chair Campos for pushing the SF Democratic Party, this is the kind of just fight to have and risk for, and hope to be replicated across the state; *Member DeJesus* spoke in support of Sarah's volunteerism, and recognized the constant struggle of DACA recipients, we cannot speak for them, they should speak for themselves.

*Motion to approve:* Chair Campos; *Second:* Member DeJesus  
*Vote Count:* Approved by Acclamation

*Chair Campos* administered the Oath of Office to Sarah Souza

Welcomed new Ex-Officio Member Kounalakis; Thanked outgoing Executive Director Mehis who has stepped up to demand and helped all members be successful in their roles; *Member Gupta* spoke about E.D. Mehis's organization and ability, excitement for future, in appreciation of work presented gift from all members; *Member Mandelman* presented Certificate of Honor for E.D. Mehis' incredible head of hair; *Member Fewer* presented Certificate of Honor for E.D. Mehis' stylish hair-do; *Almost former Executive Director Mehis* thanked the SFDCCC for opportunity to be at the table, homage to Shirley Chisholm, thanked for love, support, and friendship, recognized the promise of the members, will always treasure opportunity.

**b) Finance** *Member DeJesus* stated that there is a lot to look forward to, need funding to support SFDCCC plans and activities, reminded finance committee members of responsibility, including: Members Cohen, Alioto, DeJesus, Jung, Kim, Dufty, Levitan

**c) Voter Registration** *Member Baraka* expressed interest in fundraising, working on converting more DTS to D, more to follow

**d) Club Chartering** *Member Gupta* invited everyone to next Leadership Circle, open to all chartered club leaders and members this Sunday at 10 am, at Manny's, program includes Chair Campos with election recap and what's to come in 2019, locally and nationally

**e) Outreach** *Member LaCroix* talked about two upcoming mixers for AD19/AD17 to showcase new elected and appointed delegates; thinking about presence at May CDP convention and engaging with new members

**f) Treasurer** *Member Alexander* struggling with new staff at treasury, apologizes that there is no report this month, will make sure to email out as soon as have details, currently approximately \$50-60,000 in state fund

**g) Partnerships** *Member Maxwell* Sister District not able to make it, many upcoming events, plan to go after Senate this year, thanked E.D. Mehis as a treasure

#### **h) Committees**

Internship - *Member Gupta* is starting to recruit for summer internship program, 6 interns; applications will go out when there is a new Executive Director, asked for committee participants; deadline for E.D. applications this Friday, January 25th at 5:00 pm

**i) Executive Director** (Mehis) warning to new E.D. that there is CDP paperwork due next month, thanked everyone's work at Red to Blue and in national conversation

**j) CDP Region 6 Update** (Kelly) *Chair Campos* expressed desire to help reform rules for ADEM elections, thanked Director Kelly for her work; San Mateo and Santa Clara County

ADEM elections are this weekend; spoke about herculean effort for ADEM election, thanked volunteers, election was historic, broke a rule by having multi-lingual ballot; *Member Gallotta* thanked Director Kelly for her work, process needs to change and improve, longer hours, will propose in New Business a February hearing on ways to improve the process; *Member DeJesus* asked if any laws were broken *Director Kelly* stated no rules were broken because there are no rules

## **6. Ratifying Appointed Delegates to the California Democratic Party**

*Chair Campos* apologized for not having list printed, has limited appointed seats, asked for collective help to improve process, there are additional opportunities for those interested in being involved as proxies, and working with state party for opportunities, appointment of delegates showcases San Francisco's diversity

Proposed appointments:

- Francesca Gallardo (Member Sandra Lee Fewer)
- Shanti Singh (Member Peter Gallotta)
- Matthew Rothschild (Member Rachel Norton)
- Mia Satya
- Kevin Ortiz
- Natalie Gee
- Zhihan Zou
- Jane Martin
- Hae Min Cho
- Kimshree Maufas
- Xavier Aubuchon Mendoza
- Brandon Harami

*Motion to approve:* Member DeJesus; *Second:* Member Baraka

*Vote Count:* Approved Unanimously

**7. Update and Presentation from Sister District** - Speaker was not able to attend, ceded time to Congressional members for update on shutdown; *Speaker Pelosi* was thrilled to participate in the Women's March, was invigorated and inspired by San Francisco, shutdown is at 33 days, 800,000 federal employees about to miss second paycheck, 1.6 million paychecks vs. 1 SOTU speech, spoke of Leader's support for DREAMers and Temporary Protected Status individuals who are escaping violence; *Member Speier* disappointment in current state, spoke about the everyday stories and struggles of federal government workers; *Member Ting* thanked members of Congress for holding strong, Governor Newsom has announced that EDD will support federal workers, and those depending on federal support services, *Speaker Pelosi* announced Day of action tomorrow for Senate to vote on bills to reopen government; *Member Maxwell* stated that we have to participate, that Speaker Pelosi looked specifically for that we have to show up, have to be there

## **8. New Business**

*Chair Campos* announced creation of ad hoc committee to engage democrats for CDP

Convention, members added include Low, Alexander, Groth, Chan, Gallotta, Souza, Gupta, Director Kelly, LaCroix, F. Hsieh; *Member Gallotta* requested agenda item for February meeting for a discussion on current ADEM rules and how we can change/improve process

Room sang "Happy Birthday" to SFDCCC babies who just celebrated 1st birthdays - Rowan and Marcella.

## **9. Adjournment**

*Meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm with a final picture with Adam Mehis.*



**Resolution Supporting Anchor Brewing Company Workers Organizing their Workplace with the International Longshore and Warehouse Union**

Sponsors: *Alexander, Groth, Gallotta*

WHEREAS, a majority of the 70 employees of Anchor Brewing Company (“Anchor Workers”) have signed union cards and publicly declared their intention to organize their workplace with the International Longshore and Warehouse Union; and

WHEREAS, on February 7, 2019, the Anchor Workers petitioned and have been ignored by parent company Japan’s Sapporo Holdings, Limited for union recognition and thus filed for an election with the National Labor Relations Board; and

WHEREAS, the fight of the Anchor Workers is the same fight as thousands of others across our city: to combat the incredible gap in wealth and income inequality by forming a union to collectively bargain for a livable wage, healthcare, retirement, and fair working conditions; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the San Francisco Democratic County Central Committee calls on Sapporo Holdings, Limited to remain neutral and allow the anchor workers to vote in a National Labor Relations Board election without threats or intimidation;

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the San Francisco Democratic County Central Committee calls on Sapporo Holdings, Limited to act in good faith and take no retaliatory action against any worker perceived as supporting the union or engaging in federally protected union activity.

**Resolution Supporting the San Francisco Veterinary Specialists and Veterinary Centers of America Union and their Bargaining Efforts with Mars, Inc.**

Sponsors: *Alexander, F. Hsieh*

WHEREAS, the workers of San Francisco Veterinary Specialists/Veterinary Centers of America ("SFVS/VCA") made history in April 2018 by becoming the first large group of private sector veterinary workers in the United States to form their own union by affiliating with the international Longshore and Warehouse Union; and

WHEREAS, the fact that SFVS/VCA is owned by Mars, Inc., most famous for the candy bar, who hired notorious anti-union law firm Jackson Lewis to bargain the contract and has only agreed to meet once a month since May 2018 has raised concerns that the company intends to "surface bargain" with the hopes of delaying bargaining while waiting worker turnover and at a later date encouraging workers to "decertify" the union; and

WHEREAS, the SFVS/VCA workers, like thousands of San Franciscans, formed a union to address the affordability crisis and fight for fair working conditions and the ability to provide the highest quality services to their customers; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the San Francisco Democratic County Central Committee call on SFVS/VCA and parent company Mars Inc. to engage in good faith bargaining and swiftly come to an agreement with the workers on wages, benefits and working conditions; and

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the San Francisco Democratic County Central Committee stands in solidarity with SFVS/VCA workers and customers in asking the company to address any concerns over the quality of care and treatment of animals.

## **Resolution Calling for an End to Homeless Encampment Sweeps**

Sponsors: *Groth, Gallotta*

WHEREAS California is facing a statewide housing crisis, with rental costs increasing by 25% since 2000, leaving an estimated 134,000 people unsheltered and living on the streets in 2017 alone, a 14% population growth from the previous year, and many homeless residents resigned to living on the streets with little to no shelter, and the treatment of homeless people in the Bay Area having been deemed “cruel and inhumane” by a United Nations expert on housing; and

WHEREAS the passage of Proposition Q in November 2016 states that the City and County of San Francisco may move homeless individuals from the streets into shelters if a shelter bed becomes available, however in recent news the forcible removal of homeless individuals’ tents and belongings has not been followed with an offer for a shelter bed or any other form of shelter for the individuals, with approximately 4,200 homeless residents in San Francisco and a waiting list of approximately 1,000 individuals seeking shelter; and

WHEREAS the Bay Area has recently been subject to harsh climate conditions including wildfire smoke, rainstorms, and cold weather, little emergency shelter has been provided, with the expansion of shelter offered during the rainstorms in mid-January 2019 reaching approximately 170 temporary mats or beds; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the San Francisco Democratic County Central Committee condemns the sweeps of homeless living quarters and removal of their tents, especially if there is no alternative shelter offered or provided, and the San Francisco Democratic County Central Committee urges San Francisco to expedite building navigation centers with services such as showers, bathrooms, and medical care for those without homes to reside until permanent shelter is provided.

## **Resolution Opposing U.S. Military Intervention in Venezuela**

Sponsors: *DeJesus, Campos, Souza, Gallotta*

WHEREAS, the United States Congress and many voters have expressed concerns regarding foreign governments potentially interfering with 2016 elections for the President of the United States; and

WHEREAS, the United States government has a long, ignominious and disastrous history in intervening in the affairs of other nations, particularly in the Americas, by military, economic and other means; and

WHEREAS, the national interest requires the increased use of our national wealth and resources for domestic purposes rather than their diversion toward increased military adventures abroad; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the San Francisco Democratic County Central Committee recognizes that it is the sole right of the Venezuelan people to determine their own destiny and therefore opposes any military intervention in Venezuela along with all covert interference in that nation's affairs, the use of economic sanctions and assets seizures designed to further immiserate its people, and all further measures designed to impose a so-called "regime change" from Washington; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the San Francisco Democratic County Central Committee calls upon our elected representatives in Congress to vigorously oppose such policies.

## **Resolution Urging Congress to Pass a National Fee on Fossil Fuels and Hold Hearings on the Green New Deal**

Sponsor: *Gallotta, Campos, F. Hsieh, Groth*

**WHEREAS**, in 2018 the United Nations' Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change and the U.S. Government's Fourth Annual Climate Assessment reported, respectively, that limiting global warming to 1.5°C will be necessary in order to avoid the most catastrophic impacts of climate change, and that the effects of climate change such as increased and intensifying wildfires, floods, rising seas, diseases, droughts and extreme weather are already present and will continue to wreak havoc while massively threatening the American economy; and

**WHEREAS**, the extraction, distribution, and use of fossil fuels is directly contributing to climate change, yet the the environmental, health, and social costs of carbon emissions are not currently included in prices paid for fossil fuels and instead are borne by everyone, especially frontline communities, low-income communities, and communities of color, while poor air quality causes an estimated 114,000 U.S. deaths each year and sickens thousands more; and

**WHEREAS**, national scale policies limiting greenhouse gases are urgently necessary to address the climate crisis, such as the Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act of 2019, which would implement a fee on fossil fuels at the well, mine, or port, starting at \$15/metric ton CO<sub>2</sub> equivalent emissions and increasing by at least \$10/metric ton each year, with all net revenue allocated as equal monthly per-person dividend payments to all American households, thereby protecting low- and middle-income Americans from the economic impacts of rising prices due to the carbon fee; and

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the San Francisco Democratic County Central Committee urges the United States Congress to enact without delay H.R. 763, the Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act of 2019; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the San Francisco Democratic Party believes urgent, national scale climate action policies are necessary to address the climate emergency and urges the House and the Senate to hold committee hearings on other policy proposals, including the Green New Deal, to develop a comprehensive national strategy to create local green jobs and move the United States on an accelerated path toward carbon neutrality.