

# San Francisco Democratic County Central Committee

Wednesday, March 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 February 27, 2019 (minutes attached).

### 4. General Public Comment (1 minute 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. Presentations from Candidates for California Democratic Party Chair (Campos) (Discussion)

(30 minutes) Candidates will be invited to each make 10 minute presentations to the Committee, including Q&A. *Speakers: Kimberly Ellis, Rusty Hicks, Daraka Larimore-Hall*

### 6. Reports (Discussion and possible action) (20 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**

Convention Planning (Souza)

- Communications (Gallotta)
- Internship (Gupta)
- i) Executive Director (Zou)**
- j) CDP Region 6 Update (Kelly)**

**7. Resolution Calling on the Secretary of State to Increase Awareness of the Voting Rules for No Party Preference (NPP) Voters During the 2020 Democratic Primary (Baraka, Gallotta)**  
(Discussion and possible action) (3 minutes)

**8. Resolution in Support of a Fair and Equitable Contract for City and County of San Francisco Employees (Alexander, F. Hsieh)** (Discussion and possible action) (3 minutes)

**9. Resolution to Extend Democratic Party Membership to Non-Citizens (Souza, Campos, DeJesus)** (Discussion and possible action) (3 minutes)

**10. Resolution in Support of the Medicare for All Act (H.R. 1384) (Baraka)** (Discussion and possible action) (3 minutes)

**11. Resolution Condemning Title X Restrictions (“The Domestic Gag Rule”) (Gupta, F. Hsieh, Groth, DeJesus)** (Discussion and possible action) (3 minutes)

**12. Resolution Supporting State Senate Bill 233 to Establish Protections for Sex Workers When Reporting a Crime (Gallotta, Wiener, Gupta, Baraka, F. Hsieh, Groth)** (Discussion and possible action) (3 minutes)

**13. Resolution in Support of Congressional Hearings and Possible Sanctions Against the Sudanese Government (Alexander)** (Discussion and possible action) (3 minutes)

**14. Resolution Calling For More Rent Subsidies For Supportive Housing Residents (Groth)**  
(Discussion and possible action) (3 minutes)

**15. Resolution Supporting the California Schools and Local Communities Funding Act of 2020 (Campos, Gallotta)** (Discussion and possible action) (3 minutes)

**16. 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.

**17. Adjournment**

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## DRAFT Meeting Minutes

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### 1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Meeting called to order at 6:32 pm by Chair, David Campos

Roll Call by Recording Secretary F. Hsieh

*Members present:* Alysabeth Alexander, Angela Alioto, Keith Baraka (proxy: Leah LaCroix), Tami Bryant, David Campos, Jen Chan, Petra DeJesus, Sandra Lee Fewer, Peter Gallotta, Kelly Groth, Pratima Gupta, Frances Hsieh, Tom Hsieh, Mary Jung, Leah LaCroix, Jen Low, Honey Mahogany, Sophie Maxwell, Sarah Souza

*Ex-Officio Members:* Senator Dianne Feinstein (proxy: Kathleen Dowling-McDonough); Lieutenant Governor Eleni Kounalakis (proxy: Kate Maeder); Board of Equalization Member Malia Cohen (proxy: Victor Olivieri); State Senator Scott Wiener (proxy: Matthew Rothschild); Assemblymember Phil Ting (proxy: Alex Walker); Assemblymember David Chiu (proxy: )

*Members absent/excused:* Bevan Dufty, Jane Kim, Meagan Levitan, Rafael Mandelman, Rachel Norton, U.S. Speaker of the House of Representatives Nancy Pelosi, U.S. House Representative Jackie Speier, Treasurer Fiona Ma

25 members present, 8 members absent

### 2. Approval of Meeting Agenda

*Motion to approve:* Member Wiener; *Second:* Member Alioto

*Vote Count:* Approved by Acclamation

### 3. Approval of Meeting Minutes

*Motion to approve:* Member Souza; *Second:* Member Gallotta

*Vote Count:* Approved by Acclamation

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

*Public Comment began at 6:35 pm*

*Susan Pfeifer; Joni Eisen* spoke in support of HR 763 and item 11 resolution; *Gloria Berry* (AD17 delegate) spoke about issues with ADEMS time constraint, that a 2 hour voting window was too short; *Helena Birecki* of Citizens Climate Lobby and Sunrise Movement spoke in support of Carbon Fee and Green New Deal; *Cassandra Jaime* in support of HR 763; *Neil Sims* spoke about ADEM elections being cumbersome and difficult, would like to opportunity to facilitate a better process; *Bri DeLibertis* support in West Coast Pet Care workers and efforts to unionize; *Laura Ternto*, a Vet care worker in support of item 8 resolution; *Helena Birecki* of Citizens Climate Lobby spoke in support for Green New Deal and HR 763; *Barbara Wilson* of Citizens Climate Lobby in support of Energy Innovation Act; *Garrett Kelly* as Anchor Steam worker in support of resolution on unionization; *Augustin Ramirez* of ILWU spoke in support of resolution supporting Anchor workers; *Alan Kenny Wong* raised concern about accessibility of the ADEM/CADEM website with candidate statements and there should be more time to vote than 2 hours; *Mary Leatherman* suggested that ADEM elections should be more inclusive of everyone in process

*Public Comment closed at 6:50 pm*

## 5. Reports

**a) Chair** (Campos) - asked people support our federal account, challenge everyone to make a donation, invited everyone to upcoming breakfast fundraiser hosted by new Supervisors Mar, Haney & Walton on Thursday, March 7th at 8:00 am at Original Joes in North Beach

**b) Finance** (DeJesus) - reiterated the need for committee report to support fundraising efforts and difficulty of raising into the federal account, which requires donations from individuals

**c) Voter Registration** (Baraka) - spoke about successful voter outreach last weekend at Chinese New Years street fair, great volunteer turnout, if people want to reach Keith to volunteer, comment on the live feed on Facebook

**d) Club Chartering** (Gupta) - recent Leadership Circle had a great turn out, nice format, Chair Campos gave an update and there were new attendees who had just gotten involved in clubs, should be hearing about new clubs forming soon

**e) Outreach** (LaCroix) - will be working Director Zhou on an outreach plans for next few weeks

**f) Treasurer** (Alexander) - reviewed financial statements, including year end report and year to date reports, and expenses and payables for both state and federal accounts

**g) Partnerships** (Maxwell) - Partnership groups are interested in participating in convention, has invited Sister District to give presentation; *Natalie Burdick* spoke about efforts to flip other regions blue or hold new wins, focus has been outside of Bay Area and California, on small races where a small investment has big impact, to work in states like Louisiana, Mississippi, Washington State blue trifecta and has passed progressive laws, has won 7 out of 10 targeted races; Virginia in 2017 one seat to flipping House and State Senate, visit [sisterdistrict.com](http://sisterdistrict.com) for more information.

### **h) Committees**

*Communications* (*Gallotta*) - Adam Miller is designer for website, for launch in early April; have been working on communications and collateral items for convention, including palm card, t-shirts, banners, bring ideas for brand identity and communicate our message to next meeting on Monday, March 18, 6-7:30 pm at Muddy Waters on Valencia

*Internship* (*Gupta*) - applications now available; 2 high school, 4 college-age interns; \$300/\$500 per month, 10-15 hours/month, encourage people to apply, deadline is

March 31; Current committee members: Frances Hsieh, Mary Jung, Keith Baraka, Leah LaCroix, Honey Mahogany

- i) **Executive Director** (Zou) - excited to make this year a big one, step up our game
- j) **CDP Region 6 Update** (Kelly) - not present

## **6. Presentation on the Assembly District Election Meeting (ADEM) Process and Discussion of Potential Reforms** (Gallotta)

*Member Gallotta* apologized that Regional Director Kelly was unable to attend to make a planned presentation, gave some background on the reason for item, about abundance of interest for this election in San Francisco, but these types of elections were not designed for the level of participation seen in SF, while event is still fresh in our minds, wanted community to suggest improvements that could be moved as resolutions at this year's convention, please send comments and suggestions to [info@sfdemocrats.org](mailto:info@sfdemocrats.org).

## **7. Resolution Supporting Anchor Brewing Company Workers Organizing their Workplace with the International Longshore and Warehouse Union** (Alexander)

*Member Alexander* spoke about current situation for workers attempting to unionize, employer has used closed door negotiation tactics, this resolution is important to demonstrate SF Democratic Party's strong stance in support of workers and their right to unionize without threats and intimidation.

*Amendment(s):* Members requesting to be added as co-sponsors: Maxwell, Mahogany, Bryant, Chan, Low, Groth, F. Hsieh, DeJesus, LaCroix, Alioto, Fewer, Jung

*Motion to approve:* Member LaCroix; *Second:* Member Mahogany

*Vote Count:* Approved by acclamation with the following abstentions: Feinstein, Kounalakis

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

*Member Alexander* spoke about how VCA workers employers were using different tactic to discourage unionization, employer Mars, Inc. using delay tactics, bargain fairly without harassment or to force another election in hopes for decertification.

*Amendment(s):* Members requesting to be added as co-sponsors: Maxwell, Mahogany, Bryant, Chan, Low, Campos, Gallotta, Groth, Fewer, Gupta DeJesus, LaCroix, Alioto, Fewer, Jung

*Motion to approve:* Member Gupta; *Second:* Member Wiener

*Vote Count:* Approved by acclamation with the following abstentions: Feinstein, Kounalakis, Cohen

## **9. Resolution Calling for an End to Homeless Encampment Sweeps** (Groth)

*Member Groth* gave background about the inhumane situation unhoused are facing on San Francisco streets, particularly given recent weather, lack of emergency shelters, over 400 people that have died since 2016, 1,204 people are on shelter waitlist in February, most homeless were previously housed in SF before becoming homeless; organizations have provided tents that were immediately taken away in the middle of storms; *Member T. Hsieh* expressed concern about supporting right of encampment not the answer, 30 years spoke

about Camp Agnos, unsustainable and health epidemic and typhus outbreak in Los Angeles and other diseases; *Member Souza* spoke behalf of families that don't have alternatives, cost of housing unbearable, this is a human rights issue and must stand with families who don't have alternatives; *Member Groth* clarified that resolution was not about supporting encampments, but about building navigation centers, and having a plan in poor weather to open more shelters and provide services; *Member Bryant* spoke in support of the resolution and spoke to experience as Human Service Agency worker and the experience of the people she works with, role of the City during this crisis, not enough being done and Department Homeless and Housing Services should step it up during current weather; *Chair Campos* commented that he would not support a resolution that supported right of encampment, they are not safe, but not humane or good public policy to remove encampments without giving people a place to go, just moving problem from place to place, don't want encampments, but before you remove, please give people a place to go.

*Amendment(s):* Changing all instances of "homeless people" or "homeless residents" to "homeless individuals" for consistency; Adding "declare emergency plans to open up 1,000 beds in poor weather conditions" in last sentence after "urges San Francisco to"; Member Low requested that a resolved clause be added to send resolution to SF Board of Supervisors; Members requesting to be added as co-sponsors: Mahogany, Chen, Low, F. Hsieh, DeJesus, Souza, Alioto, Campos, Bryant

*Motion to amended:* Member Souza; *Second:* Member Gallotta

*Vote Count:* Approved by acclamation

*Motion to Approve:* Member Souza; *Second:* Member Mahogany

*Vote Count:*

*Ayes:* Alexander, Alioto, Baraka, Bryant, Campos. Chan, DeJesus, Fewer, Gallotta, Groth, Gupta, F. Hsieh, LaCroix, Low, Mahogany, MAXwell, Souza

*Nayes:* T. Hsieh, Wiener

*Abstentions:* Jung, Feinstein, Kounalakis, Cohen, Ting, Chiu

## **10. Resolution Opposing U.S. Military Intervention in Venezuela (DeJesus)**

*Member DeJesus* read resolution and minor amendments, invited Tom Gallagher to speak to resolution; *Tom Gallagher*, Venezuelan politics is complicated to understand, but it is important for U.S. citizens to know what is being done with our money and in our names, and spoke to actions of U.S. government officials and hiding information from the public, humanitarian crisis, and the economic pressures and resources in Venezuela, disgraceful history of U.S. interfering with other countries and elections, this resolution is need.

*Amendment(s):* Third WHEREAS clause, third line change "adventures" to "ventures" and at end of same clause, change "and" to "now"; Members requesting to be added as co-sponsors: Souza, Campos, Low, Chan, Groth, Alexander, Mahogany, Alioto, LaCroix, Maxwell, F. Hsieh

*Motion to Amend:* Member Maxwell; *Second:* Member Alexander

*Vote Count:* Approved by acclamation

*Motion to approve:* Member Groth; *Second:* Member Mahogany



*Vote Count:* Approved by acclamation with following abstentions: Jung, T. Hsieh, Feinstein, Kounalakis, Cohen, Wiener, Ting, Chiu

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

*Member Gallotta* gave background on resolution and climate crisis, thanked Citizen's Climate Lobby for their advocacy on bill with bipartisan support, reintroduced this year, thanked Congresswoman Speier for co-sponsorship and work of Joni Eisen for her efforts to bring issue forward

*Amendment(s):* Members requesting to be added as cosponsors: Campos, Alioto, Souza, DeJesus, Chan, Fewer, Maxwell, Bryant, LaCroix, Mahogany, Alexander

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

*Vote Count:* Approved by Acclamation with following abstentions: T. Hsieh, Feinstein, Kounalakis, Cohen

**12. New Business**

Chair Campos reminder about upcoming breakfast fundraiser, spoke about Jeff Adachi's legacy, touched so many lives, particularly those who are disenfranchised, suffering, poor invited people to go to his memorial; *Member DeJesus* worked with him in 1986 and talked about his support for his staff, growth of department, innovative in services and policies, expanded services, fighter and progressive thinker; *Member T. Hsieh* spoke about Adachi as both a fighter for downtrodden and amazing talent, documentary "You Don't Know Jack" about Jack Hsu, beacon in Asian American community; *Member Bryant* know that districts are safer, spoke about BMagic, keep up the fight to honor his legacy; *Member Alioto* stated he a class act, never criticized people behind his back, spoke about Wonder Bread case and his talent in front of a jury for closing arguments, she will people in their place if they speak badly about him

**13. Adjournment in memory of Jeff Adachi**

*Meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.*

## **Resolution Calling on the Secretary of State to Increase Awareness of the Voting Rules for No Party Preference (NPP) Voters During the 2020 Democratic Primary**

*Sponsor: Baraka, Gallotta*

WHEREAS, with the implementation of California's "Top Two Primary" where the two top candidates, regardless of party, advance to the final ballot, many California voters remain unaware of the requirement for declaring a "party preference" when voting in the California Presidential Primary or that Democrats will allow No Party Preference (NPP) voters to vote in their primary but Republicans will not; and

WHEREAS, voter registration for those choosing the Democratic Party has remained steady at 43% since 2014, while Republican registration has declined by 4% from 28.1% in 2014 to 24% in 2018 and No Party Preference (NPP) registration grew from 23.3% to 27.5% from 2014 - 2018, nearly rivaling Republican registration and making it possibly the fastest growing segment of voter registration; and

WHEREAS: the California Democratic Party is committed to providing everyone eligible to vote with an opportunity to cast a vote in our party's Presidential Primary. and thousands of California voters, including many millennial and first-time voters who were registered as NPP, were unaware of these rules and were thus not able to vote as Democrats in the 2016 California Presidential Primary, which is why it is critical that NPP vote-by-mail voters are informed in a timely manner that they need to re-register as a Democrat so the Secretary of State knows to mail the Democratic Party ballot with their vote-by-mail information for the 2020 California Presidential Primary election; and therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the San Francisco Democratic Party requests that the California Secretary of State exhaust all means available, both paid and non-paid, to notify California NPP voters of their options regarding voting by mail in the 2020 California Presidential Primary, including broadcast media, advertising, newspaper editorials and articles, and social media.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the San Francisco Democratic Party will transmit this resolution to the Secretary of State and urges the California Democratic Party to pass a resolution in support of this request.

*Resolution submitted by ADEM 19 E-Board Representative, Susan Pfeifer*

**Resolution in Support of a Fair and Equitable  
Contract for City and County of San Francisco Employees**

*Sponsors: Alexander, F. Hsieh, Gallotta*

WHEREAS, the middle class is the backbone of any healthy economy, providing a stable tax base that sustains strong budgets, but in San Francisco, the middle class has shrunk from 52% of households to just 45% since 2010, making the City and County of San Francisco the international symbol of “hyper-gentrification” with one of the highest levels of income inequality in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the City and County of San Francisco’s accrued budget surplus has swelled to over \$5 billion since 2005 and its annual investment in its workers has shrunk from 44% to just 41% of its annual budget, and since 2012, the City and County of San Francisco has more than tripled its annual spending on outsourcing of public services to private firms who often pay their workers less; and

WHEREAS, the City’s middle class workforce is almost two-thirds women and people of color and provides a range of critical services for those who live in or visit San Francisco, all while struggling to live in one of the most expensive cities in the world, (the US Department of Housing and Urban Development defines “low-income” for a family of four in San Francisco at \$117,400 per year); now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the San Francisco Democratic Central Committee stands with the public employee unions of the City and County of San Francisco and calls upon the Mayor to negotiate a fair and equitable contract with the 30 public sector unions currently in negotiations; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we call upon the Mayor and the City to reduce inequality and displacement by negotiating a wage proposal that will help City employees live and thrive in the City they serve.

## **Resolution to Extend Democratic Party Membership to Non-Citizens**

*Sponsors: Souza, Campos, DeJesus, Gallotta*

WHEREAS, the United States Government has been using the politics of fear to silence the voices of immigrants by directly threatening the safety, security, and livelihood of immigrants in California and the United States, and California's non-Citizen population is more than 5 million of the more than 38 million residents of California, and the California Democratic Party is stronger when we utilize talents of all our residents; and

WHEREAS, Sarah Souza, President of the San Francisco Latino Democratic Club, an institution with a 40 year history of empowering the Latino community, currently serves as an appointed Member of the San Francisco Democratic County Central Committee, is the first DACA recipient in California to hold that distinction has a term that expires in March 2020, and the San Francisco Latino Democratic Club believes that the best voices on behalf of immigrants are immigrants themselves, and the California Democratic Party's duty is to amplify that voice; and;

WHEREAS, state election code only requires residents to be "affiliated" or "register a preference" to be recognized as "Registered Democrats." Senate Bill 174 (Lara) passed through the California State Legislature and intended to amend existing state law to allow the appointment of any resident over the age of 18 to a civil office regardless of citizenship or immigration status to benefit the people of California; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the San Francisco Democratic County Central Committee recognizes that any resident over the age of 18, regardless of citizenship or immigration status, has the right to fully participate in the California Democratic Party; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the San Francisco Democratic County Central Committee calls upon our elected representatives in the California State Legislature and the California Democratic Party to create a secure means for non-citizens to register a recognized preference with the California Democratic Party.

## **Resolution in Support of the Medicare for All Act (H.R. 1384)**

*Sponsors: Baraka*

WHEREAS, 55 percent of Americans who are uninsured are people of color, while African Americans suffer higher death rates than whites at an earlier age due to heart disease, diabetes, cancer, HIV, and infant mortality and African-American women are three to four times more likely than white women to die in childbirth, and African-American and Latinx students are more likely to experience health risks due to exposure to toxins and air pollution at school; and

WHEREAS, employer-provided health benefits are declining and employees' costs are increasing through cost-shifting to workers, including increased cost of premiums for workers covered by employer-paid insurance, which have risen by an average of 65 percent, and deductibles have risen by an average of 212 percent over the past decade; and

WHEREAS, the Medicare for All Act, H.R. 1384, would:

- Establish guaranteed, universal health care for all U.S. residents
- Provide comprehensive health care, including all primary care, hospital and outpatient services, dental, vision, audiology, maternity and newborn care, women's reproductive services, mental health, prescription drugs, and long-term care services
- Eliminate all costs for premiums, deductibles, copays, and other out-of-pocket costs that have caused such a crisis for tens of millions of people
- Ensure genuine patient choice of any doctor, hospital, clinic, or other provider a patient chooses without the restrictions imposed by private insurers
- Sharply reduce the cost of prescription drugs by authorizing Medicare to negotiate lower drug prices as most of the rest of the world does
- Protect the ability of service veterans to continue to receive their specialized care through the Veterans Administration if they choose, and Native Americans to receive their medical benefits through the Indian Health Service if they choose

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the San Francisco Democratic County Central Committee (SF DCCC) affirms that healthcare is a human right that should be guaranteed to all U.S. residents;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the SF DCCC endorses H.R. 1384, the Medicare for All Act, which will expand health coverage and health security, eliminate health disparities, and lower healthcare costs for all of our community residents, and the SF DCCC will notify San Francisco's Congressional leaders of this endorsement, and encourages all of our residents to contact their member of Congress to encourage them to support or co-sponsor H.R. 1384.

## **Resolution Condemning Title X Restrictions ("The Domestic Gag Rule")**

*Sponsors:* Gupta, F Hsieh, Groth, DeJesus

WHEREAS, On March 4, 2019, the Trump administration published Title X regulations in the Federal Register (scheduled to go into effect 60 days later) representing some of the most extreme policy changes proposed since Title X was established by a bipartisan Congress in 1970, and Title X is the only federal grant program dedicated solely to providing individuals with comprehensive family planning and related preventive health services and these rules deny patients information on and referral for abortion and require that all pregnant patients be referred for prenatal care regardless of their own wishes; and

WHEREAS, California is home to the largest, most comprehensive Title X provider network in the nation and Title X funding supports the delivery of high-quality family planning services at community health centers, city and county health departments, urban health centers, rural health clinics, universities, Planned Parenthood affiliates and stand-alone women's health clinics that collectively serve 1,000,000 low-income individuals each year, which represents over 25% of all Title X patients nationwide; and

WHEREAS, These regulations will result in increased wait times and delays in patient access to time-sensitive care throughout the state, and these rules advance the Trump administration's overarching ideological agenda, stigmatize sexually active minors and threaten their ability to obtain confidential care; and therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the San Francisco Democratic Party condemns the Title X restrictions as they threaten to reverse decades of public health advancements and they are harmful, unlawful, and inconsistent with Title X's mandate to make comprehensive sexual and reproductive health care services available for all; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the San Francisco Democratic Party supports the lawsuit from the State of California against these restrictions and encourage members of Congress to vigorously oppose such blatant attacks on the health of families.

## **Resolution Supporting State Senate Bill 233 to Establish Protections for Sex Workers When Reporting a Crime**

*Sponsors:* Gallotta, Wiener, Gupta, Baraka, F. Hsieh, Groth

WHEREAS, Sex workers have a well-founded fear of arrest or harassment by police officers that often prevents them from reporting crimes, and those most impacted by violence against sex workers are predominantly women of color, transgender women, the poor, and immigrants, and sex workers are often targets of violence because the illegality of their work makes reporting a natural threat; and

WHEREAS, in 2019, State Senator Scott Wiener (D-11) introduced Senate Bill No. 233 (SB 233) which will change state law to protect sex-workers from arrest, harassment, or coercion when reporting a crime, and also prevent the number of condoms an individual carries as being used as evidence of prostitution and probable cause for arrest, given that the only just approach is to make access to safer sex supplies available to all; and

WHEREAS, the San Francisco Democratic Party has a history of supporting the dignity and rights of sex workers as evidenced by the Party's endorsement in 2008 of Proposition K, a local ballot measure to decriminalize prostitution and enforce laws against coercion, extortion, battery, rape and other violent crimes, regardless of the victim's status as a sex worker; and therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the San Francisco Democratic Party strongly supports the passage of SB 233 and the safety and dignity of sex workers; and therefore

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the San Francisco Democratic Party urges the California Democratic Party and the California state legislature to support SB 233, and for Governor Newsom to sign this bill into law upon passage.

## **Resolution in Support of Congressional Hearings and Possible Sanctions Against the Sudanese Government**

*Sponsors: Alexander*

WHEREAS, the Sudanese government's crimes against humanity are well documented and include the violent repression of civil and political rights, observation of religious freedom, freedom of speech and freedom of the press; and

WHEREAS, President Omar al-Bashir is wanted by the international criminal court for crimes against humanity, the pro-al Bashir Parliament suspended the constitutions to allow for the sitting dictator to be "re-elected" for life; and

WHEREAS, in December 2018, peaceful protests began throughout the country and are ongoing today, beginning as a call for affordable bread, and expanding for freedom, equity, and justice; and therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the San Francisco Democratic County Central Committee (SF DCCC) supports the call for congressional hearings and an evaluations of actions such as targeted sanctions against Sudanese regime members; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the SF DCCC will recommend that this position become the official position of the California Democratic Party.



## **Resolution Calling For More Rent Subsidies For Supportive Housing Residents**

*Sponsors: Groth*

WHEREAS, The City and County of San Francisco has made significant investments in permanent supportive housing for formerly homeless individuals, utilizing a mixture of single-room occupancy hotels and apartments to meet this criteria; and

WHEREAS, even though the US Department of Housing And Urban Development (HUD) considers those paying more than 30% of their income towards rent to be rent-burdened, tenants in these buildings regularly pay half or more of their income towards rent, which has had a detrimental impact on being able to afford food, clothing, and other necessities; and

WHEREAS, Proposition C, passed in November 2018, increased our investment in homelessness and supportive housing and with the Educational Revenue Augmentation Fund (ERAF) windfall, our city has the means to make subsidies a priority; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the San Francisco Democratic County Central Committee calls on San Francisco to allocate more funding for subsidies for tenants in permanent supportive housing in this year's and subsequent year's budgets, so that each tenant is paying no more than 30% of their income towards rent, in accordance with HUD guidelines; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the SF DCCC calls for the city to "buy out" master-leased buildings when they are at risk of evicting tenants to keep supportive housing permanently affordable and off of the speculative market.

**Resolution Supporting the California Schools and  
Local Communities Funding Act of 2020**

*Sponsors: Campos, Gallotta*

WHEREAS, since the passage of Proposition 13 in 1978, cities and counties have faced significant limitations in their main source of funding, the property tax; and

WHEREAS, while the intent of Proposition 13 is to help homeowners, loopholes in the system have permitted major commercial and industrial properties to avoid reassessment, a windfall to commercial property owners at the expense of vital public services, and

WHEREAS, estimates by academic researchers at USC have identified that reassessing commercial property will bring \$11.4 billion in property taxes to cities, counties, special districts, and schools and nearly 80% of the revenue will come from just 8% of large properties, owned by corporations and wealthy investors, many of them out-of-state; and

BE IT RESOLVED that the San Francisco Democratic Central Committee support the Schools and Local Communities Funding Act already qualified for the November 2020 ballot that will establish the regular and fair reassessment of commercial and industrial property to market value while protecting small businesses and maintaining Proposition 13 protections for all residential properties including homeowners and renters; and

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Democratic Central Committee of San Francisco will communicate this position to Democratic elected officials and delegates to the California Democratic Party Convention.