

# San Francisco Democratic County Central Committee

Wednesday, October 27, 2021

6:30 pm

Virtual Meeting via Zoom Video Call

(More details to be provided)

## 10 Day Meeting Agenda

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### 1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Call to Order by Chair, Honey Mahogany. Roll Call of Members: John Avalos, Keith Baraka, Gloria Berry, David Campos, Queena Chen, Bevan Dufty, Peter Gallotta, Matt Haney, Anabel Ibáñez, Jane Kim, Leah LaCroix, Janice Li, Suzy Loftus, Li Miao Lovett, Honey Mahogany, Rafael Mandelman, Gordon Mar, Faaauga Moliga, Carolina Morales, Mano Raju, Hillary Ronen, Amar Thomas, Nancy Tung, Shanell Williams. 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 July 28th Meeting Minutes (Discussion and possible action)

(minutes attached).

### 4. General Public Comment (up to 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) (20 minutes) DCCC member reports, including discussion and possible actions, to offer updates on work assignments and discuss ongoing objectives.

a) Chair (Mahogany)

b) Outreach (LaCroix)

c) Voter Registration (Baraka)

d) Club Chartering (Mahogany)

- Rechartering Potrero Hill Democratic Club
- Rechartering Noe Valley Democratic Club

e) Issues & Resolutions (Lovett)

f) Partnerships (Gallotta)

g) Treasurer (Morales)

h) Committees

- i) Executive Director (Prager)
- j) CDP Region 6 Update (Kelly)

**6. Presentation from San Francisco Women’s Political Committee**

**7. Presentation from Planned Parenthood Action CA**

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

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**9. Adjournment**

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# San Francisco Democratic County Central Committee

September 22, 2021

6:30PM

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## DRAFT Meeting Minutes

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### 1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Meeting called to order at 6:36pm by Chair Honey Mahogany.

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Excused: Keith Baraka, Bevan Dufty, Rafael Mandelman, Amar Thomas.

Absent at time of roll call: Gordon Mar, Hillary Ronen.

### 2. Approval of Meeting Agenda

- Chair Mahogany motions to amend the agenda with the following: of item 7 given feedback from community groups that were impacted by the resolution who wanted to speak to this issue. Also motions to add item 9, which was brought forward by Safer Inside Coalition to support the implementation of overdose prevention sites. Also adds tabling of item 3 until minutes are ready.; seconded by ???. Motion passes by acclamation.
- Motion by Perkins to approve meeting agenda; seconded by Avalos.

### 3. Approval of August 25th Meeting Minutes

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### 4. General Public Comment

- Christine Pelosi: Thanks everyone for the summer of activism working with Susan Pfeifer and the Nancy Pelosi Intern Program turned out to beat back the recall effort. Pushes the need to keep Virginia blue and is asking for support through Virginia Turnout Project to support McAuliffe for Governor campaign. Also shouts out Chair Mahogany for her resolution to uphold reproductive rights.
- Susan Pfeifer: Thanks Chair Mahogany, Jackie Prager, Jason Park and many others to defeat the Gov. Newsom recall attempt. Thanks the SF Labor Council and SEIU on canvassing. Promotes fundraiser for XXX, asks that anyone interested to connect with her?
- Wesley Saver: Policy Manager for Glide; is very supportive of the resolution to implement overdose prevention sites. Implemented a successful demonstration site in 2018 and the urgent need to implement now to prevent deaths.

- Michael Rouppet: Urges support for resolution to implement overdose prevention sites, notes that there were more overdose deaths than people who passed away due to COVID last year. Speaks to the need for leadership and urgency on this issue.
- Anakh Sul Rama: Community organizer with HomeRise, expressing support for resolution to implement overdose prevention sites. States that DCCC support will give political will to save lives and to take action and address this “death crisis.”
- Jodie Hicks: President/CEO of Planned Parenthood California, asks for DCCC for support to table item 7 re: Fairness for Injured Patients Act so that they are able to share their arguments opposing this bill. Asks for time to be able to present and thanks DCCC for that consideration.
- Iowayna Peña: Speaking as Policy Co-Chair of Alice B Toklas LGBTQ Democratic Club, expressing support for item 9 re: implementation of overdose prevention sites. Speaks to the proven track record of these programs and reduction of HIV, Hep C, and overdose deaths. Had worked with now Mayor Breed on the Safe Injection Site Task Force in the past.
- Lydia Bransten: Supports supervised consumption sites. Was a member of the original task force and Safer Inside. Works with people who use drugs and speaks to the importance of these programs to provide a nonjudgmental space, make contact and refer people who are using drugs, with the top priority of preventing overdose deaths.
- Ruscal Cayangyang: Speaking on behalf of former State Assemblymember Mariko Yamada and Save Our Seniors statewide network. Thanks DCCC for prior support of AB 79, which is currently on Gov. Newsom’s desk.
- Zahra Hajee: Speaking as member of SFYD and SWANA Democratic Club; asks for resolution in support of Afghan refugees. Speaks to her own experience as a child of immigrants and the need to embrace Afghan refugees here in SF. Also supports item 9 to implement overdose prevention sites to improve public safety and increase access to resources for those who are drug-dependent.
- Mohamed Fakhreddine: Member of SWANA Democratic Club, expresses support of item 6 in support of Afghan refugees and the need to welcome refugees into our community.
- Miriam Zouzounis: Expresses support of resolution in support of Afghan refugees and the need to collect data and be able to provide resources to organizations supporting Afghan refugees.
- Paul Harkin: Have been working with people who use substances in SF for about 20 years, is shocked that there aren’t overdose prevention sites yet and notes there has never been an overdose death at this sort of facility ever. Also notes the track record of being able to transition people into treatment. Asks for DCCC’s support.

## 5. Reports

### a) Chair (Mahogany)

- i) Congrats Governor Newsom for successfully staying in office; also thanks all the Democratic volunteers, chartered clubs, labor partners and elected officials who stepped up to defeat the Republican recall effort. Specifically thanks SF Labor Council for their support with canvassing and Speaker Pelosi and Christine Pelosi who supported many phonebanks. Thanks Jason Park and Vice Chair

Gallotta who powered outreach and partnerships. Thanks Susan Pfeifer as the “backbone of this effort” in SF and across California. Thanks Mayor Breed who was very vocal in her support for Gov. Newsom, who showed up to a phonebank to defeat the recall. Lastly thanks Manny Yekutieli for opening his business Manny’s to host phonebanks and the election night party. Also! Thanks Jackie Prager for being our new executive director who jumped right into the efforts to defeat the recall.

- b) Outreach (LaCroix):
  - i) Echoes Chair Mahogany’s many thank yous. Speaks to her positive experience attending multiple phonebanks.
- c) Voter registration (Baraka)
  - i) Voter registration committee met earlier this month, thanks ED Prager, Susan Pfeifer and Member Tung for their attendance, decided on hosting monthly voter registration lit drops starting in October.
- d) Issues & Resolutions (Lovett)
  - i) Echoes what everyone else has said in defeating the Republican recall. Thanks sponsors for bringing forward the resolutions today. Speaks to former DCCC member Sarah Souza’s report back from a California delegation that’s been rallying and meeting with people in DC to push for immigration reform.
- e) Partnerships (Gallotta)
  - i) Echoes all the appreciation for everyone who turned the tide on the recall, especially given San Francisco’s numbers in a mid-September recall election. States these numbers showed the strength of organizing and the work the Democratic Party is doing. Thanks the coalition that came together to defeat the recall, including Swing Left and Democracy Action who powered phonebank operations. Also thanks SF Labor Council and Kim Tavaglione in particular for labor’s support. Thanks all the Democratic clubs who stepped up and showed up to events; thanks Team Pelosi for their support; and also thanks Manny’s for providing a space to gather and phonebank in person.
  - ii) CDP Vice Chair and Member Campos shares thank yous and shouts out Member Gallotta specifically for his immense amount of work to defeat the recall.
  - iii) Member Avalos shares thank yous to everyone who chipped in to defeat the recall.
- f) Treasurer (ED Prager on behalf of Member Morales)
  - i) Federal account has \$14,464 and state account has \$5,385 cash on hand.
  - ii) Member Thomas, fundraising committee chair, reports that the Finance Committee is meeting on a weekly basis on Tuesdays at 6pm. Thanks Members LaCroix, Gallotta, Morales and Sen. Feinstein’s proxy Kathleen McDonough. Confirming there is a holiday fundraiser tentatively scheduled for Dec 1st at Oasis and will be drag themed, hosted by Chair Mahogany. Goal is to raise \$20,000 net raised after expenses. Looking for members to volunteer to perform in drag for the event. Beyond events, Fundraising Committee has also discussed call time and have created a call time tracker. Notes that all but four DCCC members are now participating in regular small-dollar donations.

- g) Executive Director (Prager)
  - i) Congratulates everyone for defeating the recall. Gives a special thank you to volunteers and captains who helped train for phonebanks. Key priority in the coming months is on voter registration, especially to prepare for local recall elections that are expected.
- h) CDP Region 6 Update (Kelly): No report

## **6. Resolution in Support of Afghan Refugees. (Berry, Mahogany)**

Motion by XXX? Seconded by Ibanez.

Member Berry offers introductory remarks and to be in solidarity with Afghan refugees and other DCCCs around the Bay Area who have also supported similar resolutions. Thanks Alexander Melendrez who has been doing a lot of the organizing in support of this resolution. Introduces Harris Mojadedi.

Harris Mojadedi identifies himself as a community organizer and a member of the Afghan American community. Speaks to his personal experience of seeing his friends and family whose lives were tragically impacted. Feels for the first time that his community is being humanized and that they are being seen, and asks for DCCC's support of this resolution.

Chair Mahogany thanks Member Berry for bringing this forward. Notes the number of DCCC members who are immigrants or are children of immigrants and how personal this issue is.

Member Speier (proxy: Perkins) notes that her office has been very involved in helping to move Afghan refugees to safety. Also unfortunately recognizes that Afghan refugees are not always welcomed into our community and the need to be on record to express our support.

Member Thomas calls the question to vote by acclamation; seconded by Member Ibanez. Vote passes by acclamation.

Co-sponsors to be added: Thomas, Lovett, Williams, Mar, Avalos, Gallotta, Ibanez, Tung, LaCroix, Li

## **7. Resolution in Support of the Fairness for Injured Patients Act. (Mahogany, Berry) (Discussion and possible action)**

Tabled.

## **8. Resolution Upholding Reproductive Rights. (Mahogany, Berry)**

Motion by Member Williams to approve the resolution; seconded by Member Ibanez.

Chair Mahogany offers introductory remarks speaking to the Texas legislation blocking women from receiving abortions and that the Supreme Court failed their duty to deem the legislation unconstitutional. Asks DCCC for support to take a position in upholding reproductive rights.

Member Berry speaks from her personal experience of having a “back alley abortion” and that it’s a dangerous experience that no person should ever have to face.

Member Pelosi (proxy: Gary McCoy) notes that this resolution addresses a Congressional bill and will therefore be abstaining but supports reproductive rights.

Co-sponsors to be added: Thomas, Williams, Mar, Li, Ibanez,

### **9. Resolution Urging and Supporting Implementation of Overdose Prevention Sites (Mahogany)**

Chair Mahogany offers introductory remarks XXXXXXXX. Is supported by UDC, Young Latinx Dems, Latinx Dem Club, ENDC, Milk, SFYD, Alice Toklas. Chair Mahogany invites longtime advocate Laura Thomas from Drug Policy Alliance to speak on this resolution.

Laura Thomas notes the number of members on DCCC for their many years of support of supervised consumption sites; specifically thanks Gary McCoy for his advocacy, especially over the last few months including his hunger strike to bring attention to this issue. This resolution gives support to Mayor Breed for taking action. Notes that Sen. Wiener’s bill was stalled and will be reintroduced, but even if passed, implementation would still be years away. States the need for San Francisco to take action now.

Member Campos thanks Laura Thomas for her tireless advocacy. Notes that they traveled together to Vancouver to see a safe consumption site in-person, which helped convince him of benefits. States the need for political leadership to push envelope and not wait for state legislation.

Member Chen notes her desire to abstain to do more research. Does personally support this policy and in her day job at SF Public Library, helped train SFPL employees to administer Narcan/naloxone.

Member Mar (proxy: Edward Wright) expresses personal gratitude to Laura Thomas and Gary McCoy for their leadership and work in building consensus on this.

Member Thomas calls the question with a roll call vote; seconded by Member Williams. Motion passes unanimously with two abstentions from Members Chen and Feinstein.

Co-sponsors to be added: Moliga, Mar, Ibanez, Williams, Berry, Gallotta, Haney, Thomas, Campos, LaCroix



## **11. New Business**

- Member LaCroix asks DCCC whether it's appropriate to make a statement regarding the injustices against Haitian migrants; Chair Mahogany expresses her support for this.
  - Member Campos believes that DCCC should work on a resolution and in the meantime asks the executive committee to work on a statement.
  - Member Ibanez also agrees to putting out a statement.
  - Member Thomas also agrees and volunteers to help support.
  - Member Avalos asks whether organizing a press conference with members of the Haitian community to invite elected officials and other leaders.
- Member Thomas notes two active strikes, including one with Stationary Engineers Local ?? at Kaiser. Also notes Local 2 workers at SF Giants' Oracle Park who are also on strike. Welcomes other members to work with him on future resolutions.

## **13. Adjournment**

- Member Ibanez asks to adjourn in memory of Yolanda López, longtime Chicana/Latina artist in the Mission.
- Member Berry asks to adjourn in memory of Gail Packwood-Seagraves, an incredible Tenderloin leader who often volunteered in community events and electoral campaigns.
  - Chair Mahogany
- Chair Mahogany adjourns meeting at 8:06pm.