

## **San Mateo County Democratic Central Committee Hybrid Meeting Minutes - October 19, 2023**

### **7:00 PM - Speaker - Belinda Arriaga, ALAS Director**

- Featured guest Belinda Arriaga, ALAS Director, spoke about the mission and work of ALAS.

### **7:30 PM - Call to Order**

- Motion made and seconded to approve the October General Meeting Agenda; motion approved with majority vote and no objections.
- Motion made and seconded to approve the September General Meeting Minutes; motion approved with majority vote and no objections.

### **7:35 PM - E-Board Reports**

- Chair's Report
  - Chair Maki reported that the Central Committee will only need to vote for pre-endorsements in AD19; otherwise most endorsement will be on consent
  - Chair Maki discussed the Supervisors endorsement process: Questionnaires will be available November 20; they must be returned by December 20; interviews will be the week of January 7; voting will be at the January Central Committee meeting.
  - Chair Maki reminded members that Central Committee members will be on the March ballot and nomination papers are due for Central Committee on December 8<sup>th</sup>
  - Chair Maki noted that because of the November convention, this will be the last meeting of 2023
  - Chair Maki informed the committee that the holiday party will be Friday December 1<sup>st</sup>. Aleix Lexis Lewis has generously agreed to organize it. We will send RSVP details.
  - Finally, the E-board requested that we aim to have all meetings end by 9pm; in order to accomplish this, we recommend that only actionable resolutions be brought forward for discussion and that values-based resolutions aligning with our Democratic values be placed on the consent calendar. Chair Maki has created a new listserv for online discussion [smcdems-members-alternates-discussion@googlegroups.com](mailto:smcdems-members-alternates-discussion@googlegroups.com) and comments may be placed in the meeting chat and Chair Maki will publish them after the meeting.
- Vice Chairs Report
  - Southern Vice Chair Diana Reddy and Northern Vice Chair Victoria Sanchez De Alba noted the horrific tragedy occurring in Israel and Gaza.
- Nicole Fernandez discussed the November convention luncheon happening at Mojo's Loco. Information is available on our website. Cost is \$40 including your choice of 1 of 3 lunch items; please donate if you are able.

### **7:54 PM - Election of Corresponding Secretary**

- Chair Maki reported that Alexis Lewis has volunteered to fill the empty role on the E-Board of Corresponding Secretary. Chair Maki asked for other nominations.

- Seeing no other nominations, John Woodell motioned to support the resolution; second by Southern Vice Chair Diana Reddy.
- Motion to support election of Alexis Lewis as Corresponding Secretary passes
  - 17 yes, 0 no, 0 abstentions

### **7:55 PM Finance Report**

- Controller Denton Murphy reported that we will likely need ~\$45K if mailing a full mailer for the November 2024 election (due to district elections); mailer cost for primary election in March 2024 is ~\$5K
- We would like to have about \$37K in the federal account and we currently have ~\$25K; about \$28.5K with deposits.
- Therefore, our accounts are about \$7K short for March mailer
- Denton requested all members work to gather donations for the November luncheon fundraiser

### **8:05 PM Election Committee**

- April Vargas reported that this weekend Lisa Diaz Nash is hosting a house party
- There was good engagement at the Half Moon Bay pumpkin festival; lots of videos and donations
- Will have at least one event at Hillsdale mall during holiday season; will email details

### **8:08 PM - Introduction - Proposed Bylaws Headquarters Change**

- In Nick Akers absence, Chair Maki read the following proposed change (changing “shall maintain a headquarters” to “may maintain a headquarters”

#### **ARTICLE XII. PUBLIC OUTREACH**

The San Mateo County Democratic Central Committee shall maintain a mailing address, telephone number, and email address, which shall be listed on a web page accessible to the public. It may also maintain a headquarters or engage in other outreach activities.

- This will be brought for a vote at the January meeting.

### **8:10 PM - First Reading - Resolution against trans and non-binary violence**

- Gladwyn D'Souza read the draft resolution and thanked the Stonewall Democratic Club including Caiti Busch, Chris Sturken and Andrea Reyna for their collaboration and support on this.
- Following brief discussion about making this an urgent resolution, John Woodell motioned to keep the resolution as a first reading; seconded by Ashleigh Evans.
- Motion to keep the resolution as a first reading passes
  - 18 yes, 0 no, 0 abstentions

### **8:22 PM - Urgent Vote- Resolution to Urge Board of Supervisors to Approve Tenant Protection Ordinance**

- Diana Reddy introduced the resolution and thanked Supervisors Corzo and Slocum for their hard work on this.

- See Board of Supervisors document [here](#).
- After brief discussion, Southern Vice Chair Diana Reddy motioned to support the resolution; second by Gladwyn D'Souza.
- Motion to support the Resolution to Urge Board of Supervisors to Approve Tenant Protection Ordinance passes
  - o 17 yes, 1 no (Stacey Jimenez for Assemblymember Papen), 0 abstentions

**8:35 PM - Standing Committee Reports, Regional Director and Legislative Reports, Club Reports** Please send reports to Recording Secretary Heather Zimmerman at [heathermzimmerman@gmail.com](mailto:heathermzimmerman@gmail.com). Please provide information about meetings to [calendar@smcdems.org](mailto:calendar@smcdems.org). (2-minutes per speaker)

- Southern Vice Chair Diana Reddy reported that the Democracy for America monthly meeting is Wednesday, November 4<sup>th</sup> at 7pm
- Nicole Fernandez mentioned the upcoming November 3<sup>rd</sup> Diwali event hosted by the new AAPI alliance. It will be in Foster cCity with food and dancing. Please attend and consider sponsoring the event: <https://secure.actblue.com/donate/smcdiwalifor>
- Communications Director Alex Melendrez mentioned that Tuesday October 24<sup>th</sup> at 5pm is the last day to register for the California Democratic convention.

#### **8:55 PM - Lightning Round**

- San Mateo Councilmember Rich Hedges mentioned his sponsorship of the AAPI Alliance Diwali event and encouraged everyone to attend.
- April Vargas reported that on October 24<sup>th</sup> the supervisors are having a study session about civilian oversight for the Sheriff's Office and encouraged members to come out to support the effort or make public comments ahead of the meeting.
- Ashleigh Evans emphasized the importance of independent oversight versus the current proposal from our supervisors who instead want an advisory council.
- John Woodell thanked Chair Maki for the hybrid meeting and asked members to send suggestions regarding how to improve these hybrid members; John also thanked DFA members for wearing Halloween costumes to the meeting.
- Chair Maki thanked everyone who brought food for the meeting and Steve Booker for use of the IBEW space.

#### **9:05 PM - Adjournment**

- Steve Booker moved to adjourn and Chair Maki adjourned the meeting.