



SAN FRANCISCO for Democracy

September 12, 2006 Minutes
San Francisco for Democracy
Membership Meeting

I. Welcome from Tom Brown. Tom calls meeting in order.

II. Motion to approve minutes from the August 15, 2006 meeting. Minutes approved.

III. Overview of endorsement process

A. Bylaws call for 60% threshold of votes cast to pass a recommendation.

B. Local candidates in attendance called to speak - tentatively scheduled to arrive throughout meeting.

1. Barry Hermanson, Green candidate for 12th AD in CA State Assembly. Supports Prop. 89. Characterizes himself as potential future legislator. Worked for legislation (Prop. L in 2003) to raising living wage.

2. Kim Knox for SF School Board. Advocates investing more in schools, esp. early childhood education. Rep. Leland Yee's representative Eric weighs in in support of Kim.

3. Emily Drennen is running for BART Director. Seeks to put a stronger advocate for San Francisco on the BART board.

4. Jaynry Mak running for Supervisor, District 4. Advocate for working class - esp. affordable housing, neighborhood safety, and green technologies.

5. Vilma Guinto Peoro running for Supervisor, District 2. Would like the opportunity to prove herself and contribute to her community. Strong supporter of affordable housing. Also seeks to address neighborhood safety issues.

IV. Discussion: SF Propositions - Positions detailed on flyer "The Steering Committee Recommendations on the November 2006 Local Ballot Initiatives"

A. \$450M school bond and tax rate - Tim presents Coordinators' Council's YES recommendation.

B. Allow meeting participation by teleconference due to pregnancy - Tim presents Coordinators' Council's YES recommendation.

C. Procedure for setting salaries of certain local elected officials - Tim presents Coordinators' Council's YES recommendation.

D. Restricting disclosure of private information - Jeff presents Coordinators' Council's YES recommendation.

E. Parking tax ordinance - Tim presents Coordinators' Council's NO RECOMMENDATION DETERMINED because neither side reached 60% threshold.

F. Paid sick leave ordinance - Rainah presents Coordinators' Council's YES recommendation.

G. Limitations on formula retail stores - Tom presents Coordinators' Council's YES recommendation.

H. Relocation assistance for no fault tenant removal - Joni presents Coordinators' Council's YES recommendation.

I. Require mayor to appear monthly at Board of Supervisors Mtg. - Tom presents Coordinators' Council's NO recommendation.

J. Call for impeachment of Pres. Bush & Vice President Cheney - Tim presents Coordinators' Council's YES recommendation.

K. Housing Needs of seniors and disabled adults - Tom presents Coordinators' Council's NO ENDORSEMENT recommendation. (No Endorsement requires a 60% vote and is an alternative to voting yes or no, meaning we abstain from recommending either.) The Prop. sets policy, doesn't create new programs, and SF for Democracy believes this type of proposition should not be on the ballot.

V. Request for vote "by acclamation" to endorse in un-contested races:

A. Jeff Adachi for SF Public Defender - Steph Feiring presents case for Jeff Adachi, describes him as very hands-on and grassroots. Will move to pass by acclamation. Membership unanimously endorses by acclamation.

B. Phil Ting for SF Assessor/Recorder - Tom presents case for Phil Ting. Will move to pass by acclamation. Tom seconds. Membership unanimously endorses by acclamation.

VI. Local Candidates Discussion - details on flyer "Candidate Endorsements: Recommendations of the Coordinators' Council"

A. Membership discusses stance on no endorsements.

B. District 4, 6, and 10 Supervisor election discussed as well as candidate performances at candidate forum.

C. Board of Education election discussed.

D. College Board election discussed.

E. State AD 12 election discussed.

F. BART Director election discussed.

VII. Statewide Candidates Discussion

A. Lieutenant Governor - positive remarks on John Garamendi

B. Controller - positive remarks on John Chiang.

VIII. Committee Reports

A. Administration - no new news.

B. Program - Susan states they're working M&M on meetups.

C. Membership - 95 members.

D. Political Affairs

E. Outreach - Jeff states he's a little short of volunteers for this weekend.

F. Communications - Friends list grew to 1900. Constant Contact setup working well. New software for calendars and forums. Website is up to date.

IX. Count Votes & Adjourn

Total voters = 18 or 17 (one one-sided)

60% Threshold Needed To Pass (i.e. 11 for 17 or 18 non-abstaining votes)

Prop. A	Yes (16) , No endorse (1) , abstain (1)
Prop. B	Yes (14) , No (3), abstain (1)
Prop. C	Yes (16) , No endorse (1), abstain (1)
Prop. D	Yes (17) , abstain (1)
Prop. E	No recommendation: Yes (10), No (4), No endorse (3), abstain (1)
Prop. F	Yes (16) , No (1), abstain (1)
Prop. G	Yes (16) , No (1), abstain (1)
Prop. H	Yes (14) , No (3), abstain (1)
Prop. I	No (11) , Yes (4), No endorse (2), abstain (1)
Prop. J	Yes (16) , No endorse (1), abstain (1)
Prop. K	No endorse (11) , Yes (5), No (1) , abstain (1)

SF Public Defender Adachi recommended by acclamation

SF Assessor/Recorder Ting recommended by acclamation

Sup. Dist. 2 **No endorse (12)**, Alioto-Pier (3), Peoro (2), abstain (1)

Sup. Dist. 4 **Mak (11)**, No endorse (2), Dudum (2), Zheng (2), Chan (1)

Sup. Dist. 6 **Daly (12)**, Black(4), No endorse (1), abstain (1)

Sup. Dist. 8 **Rosenthal (13)**, Dufty (2), No endorse (2), abstain (1)

Sup. Dist. 10 **Maxwell (13)**, No endorse (2), Harrison (1), Jusino (1), abstain (1)

Board of Education **Knox (14), Kim (15), Maufus (11)**, Mendoza (6), Kelly (2), Twomey (2), Pang (1), Tom (1), Fong (1)

College Board **Rizzo (15), Carter (14), Wolfe (12)**, Grier (9), Wong (2)

CA State AD 12 **Hermanson (13)**, Ma (5)
BART Director **Drennan (16)**, Fang (1), No endorse (1)

Lt. Gov. **Garamendi (13)**, Warren (3), abstain (2)
Controller **Chiang (10)**, Wells (5), abstain (3)