

Minutes
San Francisco for Democracy General Membership Meeting
Mission District Police Station
November 27, 2007

- I. **Initial attendance:** Tom Brown, Susan Bryan, Steph Feiring, Marie Gaillac, Tim Hsu, Tim Mayer, Rainah Ruckert, John Trinkl, Brent Turner, Jeff Whittington, Peter Wong
- II. **Minutes from the September 19th General Membership Meeting and agenda approved,** 11-0-0.
- III. **Marriage Equality: Stuart Gaffney and John Lewis,** API Equality & Marriage Equality USA. (8:02-8:20)
 - a. Summarized personal history, reasons for changing law, current law.
 - b. (Arriving: Jim Cowan, Joni Eisen, Greg Kamin, Jim Soper) Membership approves statement of policy 15-0-0: “San Francisco for Democracy supports efforts to establish full civil marriage rights for LGBT couples. We also oppose efforts to deny LGBT couples legal recognition of their unions.”
- IV. **Federal ENDA legislation: Peter Wong** (8:20 – 8:30)
 - a. Summarized current status of ENDA (passed House, in Senate)
 - b. (Arriving: Maxine Anderson, Samuel Luo, Stephen Noetzel; not present for vote: Greg Kamin, Jim Soper) Membership approves statement of policy 16-0-0: “San Francisco for Democracy supports passage of a federal Employment Non-Discrimination Act which inclusively prohibits discrimination against LGBT employees.”
- V. **Stand up for Debra Bowen campaign: Vicki Cosgrove** (8:30-8:47)
 - a. Explained Bowen’s actions in support of voting integrity
 - b. Explained why Bowen requires political support in face of opposition (media, voting machine manufacturers, etc.) and complaints about “slow election results”
 - c. Suggested activities: Poll working, education, attending Board of Supervisors meeting Wed Dec 5
 - d. Membership approves statement of policy 18-0-0: “We stand firm with Debra Bowen in her work to achieve secure, accurate, and transparent elections.”
- VI. **Announcement from Ralph Miller** (8:47-8:49): SF4D has received a grant for \$1,500 from Latinos for America for a voter registration and education project in the

Mission District. Jeff Whittington and the Outreach Committee will be in charge of this project.

VII. **Attempts to end rent control: Jeff Whittington** (8:49-9:06)

- a. June 2008 ballot conservative ballot measure (and possible progressive countermeasure) explained.
- b. Possible future actions discussed; should include political activities committee.
- c. Membership approves policy statement 18-0-0: "San Francisco for Democracy is opposed to all efforts to end rent control in California."

VIII. **SF4Democracy Budget for FY 2007-2008** (9:06-9:20): Tom Brown

- a. Discussion of line items
- b. (Not present for vote: Maxine Anderson, Joni Eisen) Membership approves budget 16-0-0

IX. Meeting adjourned

Votes are in format (in favor)-(against)-(abstaining).

Minutes submitted by Tim Hsu

