

**San Francisco for Democracy General Membership Meeting
Mission District Police Station
September 10, 2009**

Members attending: Tim Durning, Greg Kamin, Steph Feiring, Glenn Davis, Tom Brown, Peter Wong, Terrie Frye, Michael Goldstein, Maxine Anderson and Tim Hsu

Non-members: Debra Walker, Paul Hogarth, Milo Henke, Didi Workman

As members showed up, they were given secret ballots to vote in the subsequent PAC endorsements meeting, with the understanding the ballots would be tabulated at the end of the meeting at 9:00 pm.

President Tim Durning called the meeting to order at 7:15

1. Nominations for Political Director: Nominations were opened for Political Director. Glenn Davis was nominated by Tom Brown, seconded by Steph Feiring. There were no other nominations. Glenn Davis was elected unanimously.

2. Announcements: Peter Wong reported on the upcoming October meetup. He said that we have a speaker lined up from the Center for Biological Diversity so far.

Adjournment: Tim Durning adjourned the meeting at 7:30.

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Newly elected Political Director Glenn Davis called the meeting to order at 7:30. Proponents and opponents of local propositions were called on to speak for about 5 minutes each. One of the candidates for city office also spoke.

1. Former Director of San Francisco Beautiful, Didi Workman, spoke in favor of Proposition D, which would create a special sign district on Market Street between 5th and 7th streets.

2. Milo Henke, the current President of San Francisco Beautiful, spoke against Proposition D.

3. Jose Cisneros, the unchallenged candidate for re-election to the San Francisco Treasurer position, spoke about some of his accomplishments while in office. He talked about how he took hotel owners to court who were avoiding paying all the hotel tax the city was due for their employees. He also reported on the success of his "Bank on San

Francisco” program which reaches out to poor families in San Francisco in order to help them get bank accounts, rather than paying exorbitant check cashing fees.

4. Paul Hogarth, managing editor of Beyond Chron, spoke about the importance of opposing Maine’s Proposition 1, which would rescind marriage equality rights in that state. He has worked with Obama campaign people to create a website called “Travel for Change” and will be travelling to Maine himself the first week of October.

5. Robert Epstein, Chair of the SF Republican Party, spoke against Proposition B, which would remove the cap on hiring no more than two aids for each SF Supervisor.

6. Nicholas Cain, an aid for Supervisor Bevan Dufty, spoke in favor of Proposition B, arguing that the workload for supervisors’ aids warrants more than just 2 full time positions.

7. Nicholas Cain also spoke in favor of Proposition C, which would allow the city to sell naming rights for Candlestick Park. 50% of the revenue received would fund city-operated recreation centers, which is why he feels the measure should be adopted.

8. Milo Henke spoke against Proposition C, arguing that the sale of naming rights for Candlestick Park wouldn’t raise that much money and could result in names city residents wouldn’t be too happy with.

There was general discussion about the pros and cons of Proposition A among the members, but no official speakers showed up to advocate for or against the measure, which would create a two-year rolling budget process for the city.

Results of balloting:

City Attorney: Denis Herrera endorsed for re-election (7 yes, 3 blanks)

City Treasurer: Jose Cisneros endorsed for re-election (7 yes, 3 blanks)

Proposition A: No Position (1 yes, 5 no, 4 no-endorsement)

Proposition B: YES (9 yes, 1 no)

Proposition C: NO (4 yes, 6 no)

Proposition D: No Position (4 yes, 5 no, 1 no endorsement)

Proposition E YES (9 Yes, 1 No)

Should San Francisco for Democracy Oppose Maine’s Proposition 1? YES, by a unanimous vote.

Minutes submitted by Tom Brown

