

**San Francisco for Democracy General Membership Meeting
Mission District Police Station
May 24, 2010**

Members attending: Thomas Brown, Susan Bryan, Timothy Durning, Joni Eisen, Terrie Frye, Greg Kamin, Susan Pfeifer, Rainah Tremel, Jeff Whittington.

Non-members present: Laura Hahn, Matthew Villeneuve and Howard Grayson

President Tim Durning called the meeting to order at 7:20

1. Discussion and vote on change in by-laws regarding the modification/elimination of term limits for SF4D officers.

This change is recommended by the Steering Committee. It would delete the last line of Article IV, Section B. "Term" which reads: "No officer may serve more than two (2) consecutive terms in the same office with the exception of Treasurer." After discussion, Terrie Frye moved and Greg Kamin seconded that we approve the deletion of that sentence from the bylaws, thereby eliminating term limits for officers. The membership voted unanimously to adopt this change.

2. Discussion and vote on approval of co-sponsorship with the AIDS Housing Alliance/SF of a forum with SF Supervisory candidates regarding HIV/AIDS policies in San Francisco.

Howard Grayson said if he could vote he would vote for this providing that we could get representatives from the African American community. Tim Durning said that we would, and pointed out that District 10 would be one of the districts represented in the forum. Tim also pointed out that there may be some cost involved. Tom Brown moved and Terrie Frye seconded that we approve this co-sponsorship. The motion passed unanimously.

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1. Laura Hahn spoke on behalf of SF 4 Democracy PAC endorsed candidate for Lt. Governor, Councilwoman Janice Hahn of LA. She was asked and answered a number of questions concerning Councilwoman Hahn's qualifications and position on the issues.
2. Laura Hahn also spoke in favor of the Clean Power SF program, the city's Community Choice Aggregation Program which allows cities and counties to pool their citizen's purchasing power to buy electricity.

Opposed to Proposition 16, Laura explained how a recent vote by the California Public Utilities Commission to approve San Francisco's Clean Power implementation plan could protect this program from the 2/3 voter approval requirement of Proposition 16, should it pass on June 8th. When asked if any other steps would be taken to implement this program before June 8th, Laura said yes, they will be sending out notices to the residents of San Francisco concerning the implementation plan.

3. Matthew Villeneuve, an organizer for SF Assessor Phil Ting's "Close the Loophole" campaign, gave a presentation on how a split role modification of Proposition 13 would work. He said they are looking at a possible 2012 ballot initiative.

There was discussion on whether SF4D wanted to endorse a resolution which contained two Therefore Clauses. The first clause read: "Therefore be it resolved: That _____ supports a split-roll property tax reform that will amend the California Constitution to assign unique tax levels to corporations while maintaining residential property owners' protections under Proposition 13." Tom Brown pointed out that not all corporations which may own real property (eg: non-profits) have a great deal of money and that it was his understanding that the Close the Loophole campaign would only target business property owners of a certain size. Attempts were made to modify the wording so for a vote, but ultimately it was decided to table a vote on this resolution to the next meeting., when Matthew could return with better wording.

4. Joni Eisen gave an update on Proposition 15, the Clean Money/Fair Elections campaign in California. She reported that the proposition is polling in the high 60's.

5. Susan Pfeifer gave an update on the activities of Organizing for America. OFA volunteers have been lobbying Blue Dog Democrats to support health care and to gain support for designated candidates for the House and Senate. A new campaign will be kicked-off on June 5th. The goal is to contact all first-time voters (anyone who voted for the first time in 2008) in order to clean up the voter list and get people to the polls.

President Tim Durning adjourned the meeting at 9:00 pm.

Minutes submitted by Tom Brown