

## **Minutes of the Potrero Hill Democratic Club Meeting May 3, 2011**

1. The meeting of the Potrero Hill Democratic Club (the "PHDC") was held at the Potrero Hill Neighborhood House on May 3, 2011.
2. Joni Eisen called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm local time.
3. Ms. Eisen announced the PHDC membership drive and asked members to take and distribute membership forms to interested non-members, and reminded current members to renew if they had not yet done so.
4. The agenda for the current meeting and the minutes of the April 5, 2011 meeting of the PHDC, were approved by acclamation.
5. Monisha Mustapha issued a request for volunteers for the Sunday May 8<sup>th</sup> Sunday Streets event.
6. Ms. Eisen welcomed to the meeting the presidents of other SF democratic clubs: Jane Bernard-Powell, SF Democratic Women in Action; Emily Salgado, District 3 Democratic Club; Jane Morrison, past Chair of the SF Democratic Party and longtime Democratic leader and activist.
7. Jane Bernard-Powell gave a report about her experience at the State Democratic Convention. She reported that the progressive caucus made a good showing, and turned out a full room of delegates.
8. Sandra Schwartz, of The Campaign for New Priorities, a grass-roots effort to change federal spending focus from overseas military involvement to domestic issues, returned for a second time to ask the PHDC to endorse the Campaign's mission statement (the vote was tabled at the April 5<sup>th</sup> meeting). The Club voted to endorse with 11 (eleven) Ayes, 0 (zero) Nays, and 1 (one) Abstention.
9. Ms. Eisen gave an update on the California DISCLOSE Act (AB 1148), stating that the bill will go before the legislature next year, in the hopes of getting it on the 2014 ballot. There is a chance the campaign will go for a ballot initiative, which, if successful, would place the bill on the 2012 ballot. Ms. Eisen asked for the Club's endorsement of AB 1148, and the Club voted to endorse with 13 (thirteen) Ayes, 0 (Zero) Nays, and 1 (one) Abstention.
10. Jane Bernard-Powell announced a roundtable event on May 7<sup>th</sup> sponsored by The Democratic Women's Forum and Democratic Women in Action, inviting all to attend.

11. After an introduction by Ms. Eisen, the Club briefly discussed whether to amend the Club's bylaws to include specific language for an endorsement process for resolutions and non-election issues. The discussion was tabled due to the arrival of guest speakers.
12. Assembly member Cathleen Galgiani of Merced County began speaking at 7:40pm about the current state of the California High-Speed Rail project. She was joined at 8:10pm by Dominic Spaethling, the CA High-Speed Rail Authority Project Manager for the San Francisco-San Jose corridor. The presentation and Q&A concluded at 8.50 pm.
13. Announcements:
  - Member Dick Millet announced that the annual Potrero Hill Boosters dinner will be held on May 31<sup>st</sup> and will feature the installation of the new Boosters' Executive Committee. All are encouraged to attend.
14. There being no further business before the PHDC, Ms. Eisen announced that the next meeting would take place on June 7, 2011 and, at 8:57 pm, adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,  
Hilary Cohen, Treasurer and Acting Secretary