

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting Potrero Hill Democratic Club
Held June 4, 2013**

1. The regular meeting of the Potrero Hill Democratic Club (the "Club") was held at the Potrero Hill Neighborhood House on June 4, 2013.
2. Joni Eisen, President of the Club, called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm local time.
3. The Club, at Ms. Eisen's request, approved by acclamation the minutes of the May 7, 2013, meeting of the Club. The Club further approved by acclamation the agenda for the current meeting without amendment.
4. Monisha Mustapha, the Club's Vice President and Chair of Membership, delivered the Membership Report. She reported that the Club had 68 paid members to date. Of these members, 14 were new members.
5. Ms. Eisen then delivered the Political Action Report. She reported that the resolution approved by the Club at its May 7, 2013 meeting regarding an adjustment to the calculation of the inflation rate for Social Security and other governmental programs had been forwarded on to our congressional representatives and would further be forwarded to the state party. A copy of the letter is attached as Addendum A hereto. Ms. Eisen then stated that the Club would be engaged in voter registration efforts at the Sunday Streets event to be held on June 9, 2013, and passed a sign-up sheet to Club members regarding same. Ms. Eisen also announced that the DISCLOSE Act had passed the California State Senate, and circulated a petition supporting the Act's passage in the Assembly.
6. Ms. Mustapha then reported on her trip to visit the Hetch Hetchy reservoir that she had taken with the Public Utilities Commission.
7. Ms. Eisen then introduced the first program for the meeting. Dave Massen, the SF Group Leader for the Citizens Climate Lobby and Jeff Whittington, also of the Citizens Climate Lobby presented their Carbon fee and dividend proposal intended to be a revenue-neutral way to cut greenhouse gas emissions. Following the presentation and discussion by the members of the Club, the Club resolved, on a duly made and seconded motion, to sign on to the letter presented by Messrs. Massen and Whittington by a vote of 14 voting members in favor of, and none either against or abstaining from voting on, the motion. A copy of the letter is attached as Addendum B hereto.
8. Ms. Eisen then introduced the second program for the meeting. Art Agnos, former Mayor of San Francisco and a member of the SF Waterfront Alliance, argued against the current timeline for the development of Piers 30 and 32 as proposed by the management team of the Golden State Warriors. Rick Welts, the President and Chief Operating Officer of the Golden State Warriors, presented the Warriors' proposal and argued for the development's current timeline. Messrs. Agnos and Welt participated in a vigorous discussion of the matter with the members and friends of the Club.
9. Ms. Eisen announced that the next meeting of the Club would take place on July 3, 2013, with a topic to be determined (Update: Instead of a July 3 meeting, the Club's Executive Committee decided to have a voter registration table July 4th in Dolores Park.) There being no further business before the Club, Ms. Eisen adjourned the meeting at 9:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
J.R. Eppler, Secretary

ADDENDUM A

Resolution in Opposition to Cuts in Social Security Benefits

WHEREAS, Social Security was established to provide economic security to Americans through benefits earned based on contributions made over the lifetime of the worker, that Social Security has accumulated assets of \$2,700,000,000,000 and does not contribute to the Federal budget deficit, and is designed to ensure that benefits keep pace with inflation through cost-of-living adjustments (COLAs);

WHEREAS, even the current COLAs don't reflect that Social Security beneficiaries spend more of their income proportionally on health care than regular wage earners, and thus already underestimate increases in the cost of living of Social Security beneficiaries;

WHEREAS, using the Chained CPI (Consumer Price Index) formula would further reduce Social Security benefits, and would also reduce benefits to disabled veterans, and would also cut the benefits of more than 350,000 surviving spouses and children;

WHEREAS, any earned income over the current cap of \$113,700 is not subject to Social Security taxes;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Potrero Hill Democratic Club calls upon the President and Congress not to use the Chained Consumer Price Index to calculate cost-of-living adjustments for Social Security or veterans' benefits, thereby increasing the tax burden on low- and middle-income taxpayers, and instead to lift – or scrap - the cap on income subject to Social Security taxes, ensuring that the wealthy pay their fair share.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be submitted to the San Francisco Democratic County Central Committee, our Congressional Representative, our U.S. Senators, and to President Obama.

Addendum to the Resolution in Opposition to Cuts in Social Security Benefits

The following is hereby incorporated into the attached Resolution:

President Obama said, in a speech to the AARP Convention on Sept. 6, 2008, "McCain's campaign has suggested that the best answer to the growing pressure on Social Security might be to cut cost-of-living adjustments or raise the retirement age. I will do neither." Potrero Hill Democratic Club helped to get President Obama elected, and its members expect him to keep his word.

Passed by Potrero Hill Democratic Club, May 7, 2013, San Francisco, California

ADDENDUM B

Congress: Put a tax on carbon to curb climate change

Nearly all the scientific experts agree on the basics of climate change. The Earth is warming. Humans are doing it. It's already harming us and other species. If we continue burning fossil fuels at recent rates, it poses far more dangerous and significant risks for our children and grandchildren. We are approaching a dangerous threshold whereby, if it is crossed, the earth will simply take the controls out of our hands, and tropical

forests, peat bogs, permafrost and the oceans will switch from absorbing carbon to releasing it

We still have time to act—if we start now. We know what to do. We have affordable, practical solutions that don't require great sacrifice. We can adopt a balanced approach. We can cut energy demand with efficiency innovations and some additional conservation, and we can scale up energy supplies with existing alternative technologies that don't burn carbon.

Our first step has to be a big one. We can avoid the worst impacts of global warming if we put a federal, revenue neutral carbon tax on fossil fuels that reflects their true costs to society.

There is an emerging consensus among economists that the smartest approach is to enact a consumer-friendly carbon tax in the following way:

- **Goal.** Reduce emissions to 80 % below 2005 levels by 2050. • **Start small, Increase predictably.** Increase the tax slowly but steadily until we hit our emissions goal. Businesses need predictable energy prices. The economy needs a smooth transition.

- **Easy to administer at home and to emulate abroad.** The tax is collected only once—at the first point of sale—the mine, wellhead or border crossing.

- **Revenue neutral.** All the revenue is returned to citizens to mitigate the economic impact. Government keeps none of the funds.

- **Protects the vulnerable.** For lower-income Americans, the refunds match or exceed increased energy costs.

- **Protects business** from unfair domestic and international competition using border taxes and credits.

- **Doesn't play favorites.** Lets markets and localities pick the winning technologies.

For the good of our nation, and to preserve a livable world for future generations, we urge you to enact this revenue-neutral tax on carbon.

Potrero Hill Democratic Club signed on to this letter June 4, 2013, San Francisco, CA