

Minutes of the Regular Meeting Potrero Hill Democratic Club Held April 1, 2014

- The regular meeting of the Potrero Hill Democratic Club (the “Club”) was held at the Potrero Hill Neighborhood House on April 1, 2014.
- Joni Eisen, president of the Club, called the meeting to order at 7:12 pm local time.
- The Club, at Ms. Eisen’s request, approved the agenda for the meeting by acclamation. The Club further approved, as presented, the minutes for the March 5, 2014 meeting of the Club.
- Club member Jim Wachob brought up the issue of whether, during the endorsement process for ballot propositions, members of other political parties should continue to be allowed to present the case for or against a proposition. The discussion was tabled until a later date.
- The Club heard presentations regarding the Democratic candidates for Controller. Bill Barnes presented on behalf of Assembly Speaker John Pérez. Betty Yee, State Board of Equalization Member, presented on behalf of herself.
- Mr. Barnes then presented in favor of Proposition A, the Earthquake Safety and Emergency Response Bond.
- The Club then hosted a debate between Democratic candidates for Secretary of State. Derek Cressman, a political reform activist, appeared on behalf of himself. Former San Francisco Supervisor Christina Olague appeared on behalf of State Senator Alex Padilla. J.R. Eppler, the Club’s secretary, moderated the debate.
- Candidates for San Francisco County Superior Judge Seat 20 presented to the Club. Kimberly Williams, Carol Kingsley and Daniel Flores each made their case for the Club’s endorsement.
- The Club then heard arguments for and against Proposition 42, the legislative constitutional amendment regarding public records, open meetings and state reimbursement to local agencies. Mr. Eppler presented in favor of the proposition. Kate Eppler, a Club executive committee member-at-large, presented in opposition to the proposition.
- Ms. Eisen then read arguments in opposition to Proposition 41, the Veterans Housing and Homeless Prevention Bond Act of 2014.
- Aubrey Freedman, a member of the Libertarian Party, presented in opposition to Proposition A, the Earthquake Safety and Emergency Response Bond.
- Michael Blecker, executive director of Swords to Plowshares, presented in favor of Proposition 41, the Veterans Housing and Homeless Prevention Bond Act of 2014.
- Ms. Eisen then announced that on Friday, April 11, there would be a breakfast fundraiser hosted by the San Francisco Democratic County Central Committee for Representative Jackie Speier at the Intercontinental Hotel, 888 Howard Street. Ms. Eisen also announced that the next meeting of the Club would be on Tuesday, May 6.
- There being no further business before the Club, Ms. Eisen collected endorsement ballots and adjourned the meeting at 9:30 pm.
- Following the meeting, the executive committee of the Club counted the endorsement ballots. The Club endorsed Derek Cressman for Secretary of State, Betty Yee for Controller, and yes positions for

Propositions A, 41 and 42. The Club took no position for Seat 20 of the San Francisco County Superior Court, the vote having been so close among the three candidates that no one garnered the requisite 60%.

Respectfully submitted,

J.R. Eppler, Secretary