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**Democratic Party of the San Fernando Valley
Executive Board Meeting
Monday, June 7, 2010
State Building Auditorium
Minutes**

Meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm.

I AGENDA

The Agenda was approved by unanimous voice vote.

II MINUTES (Damian Carroll)

Minutes for May will be presented next month.

III ASSISTANT TREASURER'S REPORT (Larry Furman)

DPSFV has \$161,000 total, \$118,000 Federal, \$35,000 Non-Federal, and \$8000 in the Slate Mailer Account.

IV CHAIR'S REPORT (Agi Kessler)

Agi welcomed Mark Edwards from the West Hollywood Democratic Club.

Vacancy in the 38th AD: Next month will be a caucus to fill this vacant seat, chaired by Mike Kulka, immediately preceding the E-Board meeting.

Officers and Chairs: A letter was sent by O&C to Councilmember Paul Krekorian urging him to endorse Mike Gatto. A discussion took place regarding the role of DPSFV members in the upcoming election headquarters. After the report a discussion will take place regarding the election headquarters and members' volunteer hours. (Ed. Note: this discussion was postponed to next month following a prolonged Bylaws report.)

LACDP: Roosevelt Event: Every year LACDP recognizes one man and one woman from each AD as Democrats of the Year. This year's dinner will take place in August. The names have recently been announced, including many E-board and DPSFV members.

Slate Mailer Discussion: Many Democrats are upset by the proliferation of misleading and conflicting slate mailers. This year's slate mailer saved the LACDP money by overlapping its Valley area.

Agi thanked Sheldon Kadish for visiting the DPSFV post office box weekly, and keeping time at every endorsement meeting. Agi thanked Tauby Ross and all the volunteers who helped organize this year's picnic.

Mike Gatto's campaign reminded everyone that they can use help at tomorrow's election. Roz Teller can tell folks the location of the campaign headquarters.

Upcoming Events:

Club President's Lunch: Scheduled for June 26th at Maggiano's in Woodland Hills.

Sherman Oaks Street Fair: October 17th

Truman Awards will take place on December 5th - Clubs should start thinking of who their nominees will be for their Volunteers of the Year, as well as an award for the Truman Award and the Art Torres Award.

General Assembly: February 5th, 2011

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Motion: DPSFV shall have a booth at the Sherman Oaks Street Fair, at a cost of \$600. PASSED by unanimous voice vote.				
Motion	Second	Aye	Nay	Abstentions
Lyn Klein	Various	Unanimous		

V CREDENTIALS REPORT (Roz Teller)

There were 40 E-board members present and 4 observers.

VI BYLAWS COMMITTEE REPORT (Damian Carroll)

Following a first reading of language proposed by the bylaws committee last month, the Committee moved that proposed language be adopted by DPSFV. Damian recommended that a motion be made substituting language submitted by Garry Shay and Officers and Chairs for the second item.

Motion: Pass the changes recommended in Item I (attached) – PASSED by 60% majority voice vote.				
Motion	Second	Aye	Nay	Abstentions
Bylaws Committee		60% majority		

Motion: Substitute language submitted by Garry Shay and the Officers and Chairs (attached) for Article IV General Membership Item 5. Motion subsequently DIVIDED per below.				
Motion	Second	Aye	Nay	Abstentions
Various	Various			

Motion: Substitute the word “may” for “shall” in the language to read “Once affiliated, all club members on the list submitted <i>may</i> be considered members of DP/SFV.” Motion PASSED by 60% supermajority.				
Motion	Second	Aye	Nay	Abstentions
Various	Various	60% supermajority		

Motion: Divide the question, separating out the last paragraph of Item II. PASSED by majority voice vote				
Motion	Second	Ayes	Nay	Abstentions
Bruce McFarland	Various	17	<17	

Motion: Pass the first portion of Item II, (minus the last paragraph) (attached)				
Motion	Second	Aye	Nay	Abstentions
Bylaws	Various	60% majority		

Motion: Postpone the second portion of Item II (the last paragraph) to the next meeting. PASSED by majority voice vote				
Motion	Second	Aye	Nay	Abstentions
Bruce McFarland	Ken Silk	Majority		

VII PAC COMMITTEE (Damian Carroll)

Motion: Add DPSFV to the organizations supporting a Resolution to End Death Sentencing in Los Angeles County. PASSED by unanimous voice vote.				
Motion	Second	Aye	Nay	Abstentions
Tauby Ross	Various	Unanimous		1

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VIII OLD BUSINESS

IX NEW BUSINESS.

X ADJOURNMENT – meeting adjourned at 8:35pm.

NEXT EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING – July 5, 2010 @ 7:00 pm

ATTACHMENT:

Democratic Party of the San Fernando Valley
Bylaws Adoption Report
June 7, 2010

The DPSFV Executive Board met June 7th and voted on two proposed bylaws changes, as recommended by the Bylaws Committee and Officers and Chairs.

The following items were taken up:

Item I - moving responsibility for managing DP/SFV's campaign or other offices from the 1st Vice Chair to the Officers as a group.

Changes (**Adopted by unanimous vote**):

ARTICLE VI OFFICERS AND DUTIES

1. The Officers of DP/SFV shall be:
 - a. Chair, who shall preside over meetings, serve as external spokesperson, propose the annual budget and calendar, and supervise all activities of DP/SFV and its committees. At the conclusion of the term of office for the Chair, that Chair, unless reelected, shall be known as the Immediate Past Chair, and will become an Ex officio member of the Executive Board, with full voting rights.
 - b. First Vice Chair, who shall preside in the absence of the Chair, ~~shall be responsible for administration of any office of DP/SFV and its budget.~~ In addition, the First Vice Chair shall be responsible, at the direction of the Chair, for the functioning of certain standing and special committees. In the absence or disability of the Chair, the First Vice Chair shall perform the duties of the Chair.
 - c. Second Vice Chair, who shall be responsible, at the direction of the Chair, for the functioning of certain standing and special committees. In the

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absence or disability of the Chair and the First Vice Chair, the Second Vice Chair shall perform the duties of the Chair.

- d. Recording Secretary, who shall record minutes, and assist in the preparation of the agenda of the Executive Board.
 - e. Corresponding Secretary, responsible for preparing and transmitting DP/SFV authorized notices.
 - f. Treasurer, appointed by the Chair and subject to approval by a majority of the Executive Board present and voting. If the Treasurer is not a member of the Executive Board, then the Treasurer shall be an at will employee of DP/SFV subject to termination by the Chair and a majority of the Executive Board present and voting. The Treasurer shall be responsible for preparing all required government reports and maintaining the financial records of DP/SFV in conformity with local, state, and federal law. The Treasurer, if a member of the Executive Board, shall receive and disburse funds and maintain the financial records of DP/SFV. The Treasurer shall report to the Executive Board and any Assistant Treasurer.
 - g. Assistant Treasurer, a member of the Executive Board appointed by the Chair and subject to approval by a majority of the Executive Board present and voting, if the Treasurer is not a member of the Executive Board. The Assistant Treasurer shall receive and disburse funds, maintain the financial records of DP/SFV, and transmit funds and financial information to the Treasurer, if any, of DP/SFV. The Assistant Treasurer shall assume and carry out all of the duties of the Treasurer, including making required government financial reports, whenever DP/SFV does not have an appointed Treasurer.
2. The Officers shall be responsible for the budget and administration of any office of DP/SFV.
 3. The Chair may appoint a parliamentarian from among the General Members.

Item II - Clarifying that affiliation is an annual process that clubs must complete in order to appoint a voting club rep.

Changes (**Adopted by supermajority vote**):

ARTICLE III DEFINITIONS

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3. Affiliated Clubs -- Chartered Democratic Clubs that ~~are acknowledged by DP/SFV as affiliates.~~ have satisfied DP/SFV's annual affiliation requirements.

ARTICLE IV GENERAL MEMBERSHIP

5. ~~A Chartered Democratic Club may affiliate with DP/SFV by payment of an affiliation fee as determined by the Executive Board. Under this procedure, all club members may~~

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~~become members of DP/SFV. A Chartered Democratic club that has been unable to be affiliated timely due to an unforeseen procedural problem that was not due to the club's incompetence or qualifications may appeal to the Executive Board for a waiver to allow its members full voting privileges, such appeal to be submitted to the Executive Board in time for consideration at least two months prior to the general meeting;~~

5. In order to affiliate with DP/SFV, a Democratic Club must:

1. be Chartered by either the California Democratic Party, or a County Democratic Party,
2. pay annual affiliation fees as determined by the Executive Board,
3. provide a current list of its club officers including name, address, phone number, email address (or statement indicating the officer either does not wish to provide his or her email address or does not have one), and title of the office the officer holds in the Club, and,
4. provide a current list of its members including name, address, and phone number.

The mere provision of an email address pursuant to the above rule does not constitute consent to receive notice by email.

Once affiliated, all club members on the list submitted may be considered members of DP/SFV.

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Proposed Changes (**Postponed to next meeting**):

DP/SFV may use an affiliated club's membership list to notify members of the General Membership meeting as well as fundraising and educational events planned by DP/SFV. DP/SFV may only use an affiliated Club's membership list for other purposes in a manner specifically approved by the President of the affiliated club; however, if the affiliate club has endorsed a different candidate than DP/SFV, the affiliated club's membership list shall not be used in any manner in which the primary purpose is to support or promote DP/SFV endorsed candidates or position on a ballot measure nor oppose the affiliated club's endorsed candidates or positions on ballot measures. These limits shall not apply to e-mail addresses possessed by DP/SFV prior to the adoption of this bylaw, or obtained by DP/SFV via the personal consent of an individual.