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Platform

Join MGO Members and Friends
For an evening of
Fun, Schmoozing and Gossip
At the lovely
Lake Merritt Hotel,
1800 Madison St.
At 18th St.
Just off the Lake.
7 to 9 p.m.
Monday, June 25th

We'll have food, a no-host bar, and time to distill our collective wisdom about the primary election just finished, the November races to come and where that leaves the liberal Democrats of Oakland and the East Bay. Several Councilmembers and candidates will be there, so you can get their ears if you're quick!

Come for conversations you just don't want to miss in a place with a beautiful view of the Lake, and a vintage Oakland elegance.

Be there!

REPORT OF THE MGO 2012 NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The MGO Nominating Committee submits to the club membership its nominations for club officers and executive board members for the program year July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013. President Joe Trapp, who served as an ex-officio member of the committee, appointed former club president Gary Sirbu to chair the committee. The following club officers and members participated in the committee's discussions and decisions: Judy Cox (immediate past president), Chris Dobbins, and Gretchen White (MGO vice-chair).

The MGO Constitution requires the Nominating Committee to nominate candidates for club president, vice-president, treasurer, and secretary and also requires that it nominate at least seven at-large candidates. The Committee has not yet selected candidates for the positions of president and secretary; however, our bylaws provide that the committee may during the year nominate additional persons to serve on the executive board, subject to ratification by the membership, and the committee intends to do so. Joe Trapp has agreed to serve as acting president until a president has been nominated and elected.

The Committee nominates the following persons:

Officers

Joe Trapp, Acting President
Gretchen White, Vice-President
Steve Statler, Treasurer

Executive Board Members

Greg Chan
Judy Cox (Immediate Past President)
Howard Egerman
Nicolas Heidorn
Dan Kalb
Nancy Sidebotham
Gary Sirbu

All of the nominees are E-Board incumbents who indicated a desire to continue their service on the Board and who have committed to regular attendance and board and membership meetings. The names of all nominees will be published in the June issue of *The Platform*. Additional nominations, if any, may be made from the floor at the June membership meeting. The election of club officers and executive board members will then occur at the July meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Gary Sirbu, Chair
MGO Nominating Committee

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Call yourself a Democrat? Get out there and prove it by getting involved!!!

Abel Guillen, MGO member endorsed by MGO for the 18th AD race, has asked for our help with his campaign, to do phone banking and precinct walking. The weekly schedule is:

- Saturday precinct walking: 10 till 2
- Sunday precinct walking: 12 till 4
- M/T/W/Th phone banking: 5:30 to 8:30

Campaign office is 1773 Broadway in Oakland. [Call Mira at 703 731 3786](tel:7037313786) for more information.

Dan Kalb, MGO member and board member, is kicking off his campaign for City Council in District 1 on

- Saturday June 23rd from 4 to 6 p.m. at Lois the Pie Queen restaurant in North Oakland. Donation is \$45—and up. [RSVP to Dan at dank1@well.com](mailto:dank1@well.com).

Barbara Parker, City Attorney running for re-election, is holding her campaign kick-off on

- Saturday June 23rd from 10 until 11:30 am at Barry Epstein's home, 4609 Dolores Ave., Oakland. RSVP to BarbararParker2012@gmail.com. Kick off is followed by precinct walking and flyering at farmer's markets, so dress accordingly.

Safe California Act, the initiative which replaces the state's death penalty with life without parole and which MGO endorsed, is moving its campaign into high gear and needs funding and volunteers. To contribute, contact Beth Weinberger at bethw0104@mindspring.com

A SURVEY IS COMING YOUR WAY....

MGO IS GOING THROUGH A PROCESS OF ASSESSMENT AND CHANGE.

A SURVEY HAS BEEN DESIGNED WHICH MEASURES WHAT MEMBERS THINK AND HOPE ABOUT THE CLUB.

YOU"LL RECEIVE ONE VERY SOON IN THE MAIL.

PLEASE COMPLETE IT AND RETURN IT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, SO THE BOARD CAN COMPILE THE RESULTS AND SEE WHERE WE WANT TO TAKE OUR CLUB IN THE CYBER AGE!