

# BAY AREA INDIAN AMERICAN DEMOCRATIC CLUB

# FOUNDER: RISHI KUMAR organizational Meeting JAN 27, 2013

Saratoga Public Library



## Agenda

- Introductions
- Function & Purpose
- Charter
- Keynote address by State Senator Jim Beall
- Approval of Charter & ByLaws
- Officers
- Club Name, Meeting Times, Dues
- Pictures
- Next Steps



## Function & Purpose (from Bylaws)

- Cooperate and communicate with other Democratic Associations, Committees and Clubs, to assist Democratic functions in San Francisco Bay Area
- Engage in legislative, political, educational, civic, welfare and other activities as will further the interests of the membership of the organization,
- Equal Opportunity: Advance ethical standards in the political system, and promote equal participation in the political process without regard to race, religion, nationality, physical disability, creed, gender, sexual orientation, age, ethnic origin or economic status.
- All activities of the BAIADC shall be in conformance with State law and the basic principles of the Democratic Party.

have an uptick in registered Democrats, and get the Indian community engaged with the Democratic party, and also address the needs of the Indian American community via this club



#### Charter (from Bylaws)

- Consistent with the Bylaws of the California Democratic Party, BAIADC strives to:
- a. Act as a vehicle to **disseminate Democratic Party values** and **implement policies of the Party** in the Bay Area Indian American communities;
- b. Provide a forum to address **political concerns** of the Bay Area Indian American;
- c. Enhance visibility of the Bay Area Indian American;
- d. Promote participation and representation of its members in the legislative executive, judicial and political process of California;
- e. **Recruit**, train and support candidates of the Bay Area Indian American origin to run for public office.





- Born in San Jose, he has lived his entire life in the city
- San Jose City Planning Commission @ 24
- Elected to San Jose City Council, at age 28 (youngest ever)
- Elected to Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors in 1994.
- Elected to CA State Assembly in 2006
- Elected to CA State Senate in 2012
  - Public education one of his top priorities
  - Launched county's Children's Health Initiative resulting in affordable and comprehensive health coverage for low-income children and saving taxpayers millions in public medical costs
  - Served two decades on the Metropolitan Transportation Commission,
  - Championed traffic improvement projects like Highways 85 and 87
  - Laid the foundation for bringing **BART to the South Bay**.
  - Maximized state dollars by working to make state programs more efficient and effective.
  - Partnered with food banks to pry \$1 million in forgotten funds from an overlooked state emergency account to buy thousands of pounds of food to feed the hungry.
  - Worked for jobs and transitional housing for emancipated foster care youth
  - Secured funding for day care centers, parks, and hospitals and to Preserve our open space.



## Charter

- Changes / Additions to Charter?
- Discussion for approval
- Pass Motion
- Sign Off







## By Laws

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### Officers

- Elective officers of BAIADC shall be
  - President
  - Vice President
  - Treasurer
  - Recording Secretary
  - Corresponding Secretary





## The President

- A. Shall preside at all regular and special meetings of BAIADC and Executive Board.
- B. Shall preserve order and enforce the constitution and bylaws of BAIADC.
- C. Shall be an ex-officio member of all committees
- D. Shall appoint, subject to the approval of the membership at a meeting, members of committees, when election is not called for.
- E. Shall be responsible to the Executive Board for his or her actions.
- F. Shall be a delegate to all bodies to which BAIADC sends a delegate or shall appoint delegates to attend functions or meetings of other organizations as official representatives of BAIADC, unless a membership meeting decides an election shall be held.
- G. Shall represent this organization at public and/or political functions within Santa Clara County, or to appoint delegates to attend such functions, unless a membership meeting decides an election should be held.
- H. Shall appoint a nominating committee at the regular meeting two months prior to the November election meeting. Members in good standing may volunteer to be members of the nominating committee. All appointments by the President and all volunteers shall be subject to approval of the members attending the general meeting. The nominating committee shall elect its chairperson



### Vice President

- A. Shall assist the President in the performance of all duties and act in his or her absence.
- B. Shall become the Acting President on



#### Treasurer

- A. Shall collect dues, donations or other funds and shall keep and maintain an accurate record of all financial transactions of this organization and summarize such transactions in a report at the regular membership meeting.
- B. Shall pay all bills and disbursements authorized by the Executive Board.
- C. Shall prepare a report of the financial status of the organization annually in written form which shall be kept in a file accessible to all members for at least seven (7) years.
- D. Shall complete and file all financial reports required by law and government regulations.
- E. Shall maintain an accurate membership list.



### **Recording Secretary**

- A . Shall take minutes and distribute the agenda of regular, special, annual and Executive Board meetings.
- B. Shall ensure that all members sign an attendance sheet at each meeting.



## **Corresponding Secretary**

- A. Shall conduct correspondence as directed by the President, Executive Board or by the majority of the membership, and to read all correspondence or summary thereof at meetings.
- B. Shall perform any other such duties with the approval of the Executive Board as may be necessary for the proper and effective administration of the affairs of BAIADC.



### **Executive Board**

- The Executive Board shall consist of the five officers (President, VP, Treasurer, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary)
- AND
- Ten Board Members elected at large.





## **Membership Dues**

To be set by Executive Board





### Define regular meeting date/location





## **Take Pictures**



## Next Steps

- Employer Identification Number (EIN) from the IRS.
- P O BOX
- Bank Account
- EIN, file as a non-profit political organization with the IRS.???
- File Form 410 with the Secretary of State. http://www.sos.ca.gov/prd/forms/410.pdf
- File FEC Form 1 with the FEC (if needed).
- Form 1120-POL ?http://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/f1120pol.pdf



## **Action Item**

- Voter Registration
- Turn Independents into Democrats
- Can we have voter registration in your city?
  - Saratoga Hindu Temple meeting Feb 15<sup>th</sup>
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### **Definition of Quorum**

A quorum shall be the lesser of ten (10) voting members or twenty five percent (25%) of the membership, one of whom shall be an officer, and no official business of the BAIADC shall be taken in the absence of a quorum.

