

# SANTA CLARA COUNTY DEMOCRATIC CENTRAL COMMITTEE

7 PM, County Building, 70 W Hedding St, San Jose

*(Our meeting is open to the public, but we reserve the right to remove guests who disrupt the meeting. Video and audio recording not permitted without prior approval. Photos permitted unless the subject objects. **To use the elevator to access our meeting, please arrive between 6:50pm-7:10pm, at which time the security gate to the elevator lobby will be open. After 7:10pm, if you need the gate opened please see the deputy or maintenance staff for assistance.)***

## AGENDA FOR Thursday, March 7, 2019

### 1. CALL TO ORDER

### 2. ROLL CALL

### 3. IDENTIFICATION OF VISITORS

### 4. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

### 5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. Thursday, February 7, 2019

### 6. OLD BUSINESS

*On sale now!* : Annual Democratic Victory Dinner, Friday, May 17, 2019  
5:30pm-9pm, Hayes Mansion

### 7. NEW BUSINESS

- a. CDP Chair candidate Rusty Hicks
- b. Announce vacancy on SCCDCC (AD30)
- c. Fill vacancy on SCCDCC (AD27)
- d. Elect Youth Representative to SCCDCC
- e. Update: SC County Commission on the Status of Women
- f. Resolution: Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women
- g. Resolution: Supporting Agriculture in South County by Maintaining Current Water Rates
- h. Resolution: Supporting Lowering the Voting Age to 17

- i. Resolution: Public Banking

### 8. REPORTS

- a. Executive Board/Chair: Bill James
- b. Vice Chair: Jean Cohen
- c. Treasurer: Angelica Ramos
- d. Secretary: Helen Chapman
- e. Issues: Michael Vargas
- f. Community Services and Voter Registration: Judy Pipkin
- g. Finance: Prameela Bartholomeusz
- h. Endorsements: Clarence Madrilejos
- i. Communications: John Comiskey
- j. Gender Equity and the Status of Women: Shay Franco-Clausen
- k. Campaign Services: Titus Lin
- l. Clubs: Alex Wara
- m. Regional Director Report(s)
- n. Democratic National Committee: Otto Lee
- o. DTV Report: Steve Chessin
- p. Pro-Choice Coalition: Claudia Shope

### 9. ANNOUNCEMENTS

### 10. EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING:

Mar 20, 2019, 6-7:30pm, Moorpark

### 11. ADJOURNMENT

## **Resolution to Adopt Principles from the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW).**

WHEREAS the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW) is a comprehensive international women's rights treaty that calls for appropriate measures, such as legislation, to ensure women's rights and equality in all aspects of life, including in the political, social, economic, cultural, and civil fields; and the CEDAW was adopted by the United Nations General Assembly in 1979 and ratified by 187 countries but the United States remains one of only six countries that have not ratified the treaty.

WHEREAS the formation of a grassroots network, Cities for CEDAW, has worked to apply the principles of CEDAW to address gender disparities at the local level, and successfully passed CEDAW ordinances in 2017 in both the County of Santa Clara and the City of San Jose; in 1998, San Francisco was the first city to pass a CEDAW ordinance and has seen reduced homicides of women, increased collaboration to address human trafficking and support survivors, improved working conditions for parents and caregivers, and CEDAW ordinances include establishing an oversight body, measuring disparities via a gender analysis of government department and operations, and allocating appropriate funds.

WHEREAS there are vast gender disparities at the local, state, and national level; women, particularly women of color, disabled women, Native women, immigrant women, trans women, and women from marginalized communities suffer from unequal pay in Santa Clara County; intimate partner violence impacts tens of thousands of individuals in Santa Clara County with 178 domestic violence-related deaths between 2000 and 2018; sexual assault is also at epidemic levels in Santa Clara County particularly for college-age women, and there has been a 263% increase in reported sexual assaults in San Jose over the past decade, even as sexual violence rates have declined nationally during the same period;

BE IT RESOLVED the Santa Clara County Democratic Central Committee adopts the principles outlined in the CEDAW and supports the implementation of these principles through local ordinances and state laws, including the United Nations Convention precept that "[Discrimination is any] distinction, exclusion, or restriction made on the basis of sex which has the effect or purpose of impairing or nullifying the recognition, enjoyment, or exercise by women, irrespective of their marital status, on a basis of equality of men and women, of human rights and fundamental freedoms in the political, economic, social, cultural, civil, or any other field;"

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Santa Clara County Democratic Party will ensure that the principles of CEDAW are reflected and advanced through the activities of the Party, including without limitation in the endorsement decisions of the Party and the expectations the Party has for those candidates who seek its endorsement that they will support the adoption and implementation of CEDAW ordinances; call on local cities to adopt a CEDAW ordinance modeled after the SF CEDAW ordinance; form an ad hoc committee to be appointed by the Chair; and call on the U.S. Senate to ratify the CEDAW.

Author: Michele Dauber, SCCDCC voting member from Silicon Valley Democratic Club, and CADEM Delegate (Appointed by Rep. Ro Khanna); and Jennie Hutchinson, Vice President and Chair of Women's Caucus, SVDC and CADEM Delegate (Appointed by Evan Low).

## Resolution Supporting Agriculture in South County by Maintaining Current Water Rates

WHEREAS Santa Clara County Democrats support Santa Clara County's policy goals of preserving open space and promoting the active and productive use of agricultural property; and

WHEREAS Santa Clara County Democrats support the individuals, small businesses, and others who are actively engaged in agriculture in South County and understand that they face significant challenges to the continued economic viability of agricultural businesses, including increased costs, limits on available markets, unfair competition, availability of necessary labor; and

WHEREAS Santa Clara County Democrats understand that a strong agricultural economy provides jobs, revenues, and opportunity, and do not support increasing costs to certain agricultural businesses which will result in a significant negative impact to these businesses without providing significant benefit to the Santa Clara Valley Water District.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Santa Clara County Democratic Party calls on the Santa Clara Valley Water District to continue to support the promotion of agriculture in Santa Clara County by maintaining the current agricultural water rates for all agricultural properties and not implement different water rates for different agricultural properties.

Authored: Kyle McElroy

## **Resolution Supporting Lowering the Voting Age to 17**

WHEREAS voters ages 18-24 in California have the lowest turnout rate of any age demographic, with only 27.5% of eligible young people voting in California's 2018 general election, and, according to the California Civic Engagement Project at USC Price School of Public Policy, the difference in turnout rate between young voters and the total population has remained about the same in 2018 compared to 2014—22 percentage points; and

WHEREAS due to low voter turnout, young adults are drastically underrepresented in our democratic processes, in November 2018 making up only 7.6% of those who voted, but were 13.8% of the eligible voting population, and strong young adult electoral participation is critical to achieving a fully representative democracy; and

WHEREAS research has shown that the earlier in life a person votes, the more likely they are to form a lifelong habit of voting, and for most young adults, their first contact with the political process is in their high school government classes or through volunteering on campaigns for service credit;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Santa Clara County Democratic Party supports lowering the voting age to 17 to capture young adult voters at a more stable time in their lives and to promote a lifelong habit of voting and civic engagement; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution will be provided to the California Democratic Party, Members of the Legislature representing Santa Clara County, the Secretary of State, and the Governor.

Submitted by: Assemblymember Evan Low (AD28)

## **Resolution to Support Public Banking**

*WHEREAS, the California cities of L.A., S.F. , Oakland and others are working towards the creation of Municipal Public Banks that could redirect funds to affordable housing and other needs of their Cities; and*

*WHEREAS, socially responsible Public Banks have the ability to address the needs of the public they serve by returning profits back into the community, including affordable housing, renewable energy, local infrastructure and other public services;*

*THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Santa Clara County Democratic Party supports the creation of state-chartered public banks and calls for such financial entities to responsibly serve the public and the interests of economic, racial and environmental justice; and*

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Santa Clara County Democratic Party supports the creation of a regional public bank or network of public banks within Santa Clara County, to provide cost-saving services to public entities and to serve local needs including affordable housing, transportation and education investment adhering to principles of economic, racial and environmental justice.*