

# **SANTA CLARA COUNTY DEMOCRATIC CENTRAL COMMITTEE**

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

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## **AGENDA FOR Thursday, August 1, 2019**

### **1. CALL TO ORDER**

### **2. ROLL CALL**

### **3. IDENTIFICATION OF VISITORS**

### **4. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

### **5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- a. Thursday, July 11, 2019

### **6. OLD BUSINESS**

- a. Resolution Supporting Decriminalization of Sex Work

### **7. NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Action Response to Mass Shooting at the Gilroy Garlic Festival
- b. Resolution re Climate Debate
- c. Proposed Policy re Single Use Plastic Bottles and Straws at SCCDP events
- d. Update re Director of Inclusion and Diversity

### **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. DNC: Otto Lee

o. DTV Report: Steve Chessin

p. Pro-Choice Coalition: Claudia Shope

### **9. ANNOUNCEMENTS/REMINDERS**

### **10. EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING**

Next Meeting August 21, 2019,  
6-7:30pm, Moorpark

### **11. ADJOURNMENT**

*In Memory of Eitan Fenson and Victims  
and Survivors of the Gilroy Garlic  
Festival Shooting*

## **Resolution in Support of the Decriminalization of Sex Work**

WHEREAS the Democratic Party has long recognized that bans on abortion result in illegal abortions that threaten the health of women requiring them. The criminalization of prostitution creates similar exploitive and dangerous working conditions; and,

WHEREAS Democrats know that all women should have the right to control their own bodies without government interference; and,

WHEREAS local police and district attorneys continue to arrest and charge prostitution offenses primarily against people of color, LGBT, homeless, and youth including sex trafficking victims;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Santa Clara County Democratic Party supports policies to expand the rights of adults involved in prostitution to access equal protection under the law and employ safety measures on those jobs; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Santa Clara County California Democratic Party supports the complete decriminalization of prostitution.

*Submitted by Herb Engstrom, representative of Assembly District 28, Santa Clara County Democratic Party*

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***Proposed amendment to the above resolution (submitted by Jennie Richardson):***

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Santa Clara County Democratic Party supports policies to expand the rights of sex workers ~~adults involved in prostitution~~ to access equal protection under the law ~~and employ safety measures on those jobs~~; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Santa Clara County California Democratic Party supports the ~~complete~~ decriminalization with respect to sex workers only of selling sex prostitution.

## **RESOLUTION CALLING FOR CLIMATE DEBATE**

WHEREAS, the climate crisis represents an urgent and existential threat to civilization, with an international consensus of scientists agreeing that humanity must drastically reduce greenhouse gas emissions 45 percent by 2030 and net zero emissions by 2050 if the world is to limit warming to 1.5 degrees Celsius; and

WHEREAS, Climate change is not a single issue but rather a multifaceted, complex crisis intersecting with public health, foreign policy, jobs and the economy, labor, civil rights, immigration, agriculture, housing, transit, outdoor recreation, and every facet of American lives; and

WHEREAS, despite calls to host a debate or forum specifically on the topic of climate change, the DNC has declined to host a climate debate, allocated only 6 minutes to this issue in the first two debates, and has discouraged candidate participation in non-DNC forums on the issue;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT:

RESOLVED, that the Santa Clara County Democratic Party believes that a climate debate or forum would draw needed attention to this important national issue and require our Presidential candidates to demonstrate their mastery of this important policy area, and as such, we join Chair Rusty Hicks, Christine Pelosi, and other leaders of the California Democratic Party in calling upon the DNC to host a debate or forum on the issue of climate change at its earliest possible convenience; and

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the Central Committee of the Santa Clara County Democratic Party hereby empowers the Chair and the executive board of the SCCDP to add the name of our organization to any such resolution as they may deem appropriate, including the Podlowski resolution, that is now or may in the future be before the DNC calling for a debate or forum on the important issue of climate change, and to urge our local and state representatives to the DNC to support such resolution.

*Submitted by Roxanne Bohren (AD27)*

## **Director of Inclusion and Diversity Update**

Draft proposal to amend the Executive Board Duties and Responsibilities Act  
Amend the to add Section II.M. as follows:

### **II.M. Director of Inclusion and Diversity**

II.M.1. To ensure the many and diverse communities of Santa Clara County are represented and have voice, status, power, and influence in the Santa Clara County Democratic Party and in elected office and appointed commissions in Santa Clara County.

II.M.2. To broaden the base of support, volunteers, and activists of the Santa Clara County Democratic Party through outreach to the diverse communities of Santa Clara County.

II.M.3. To promote the interests of, among, and across the diverse communities of Santa Clara County in and through the work of the Santa Clara County Democratic Party.

II.M.4. To compile once every two years a report of the current number and percentage of historically under-represented groups in elected office and appointed commissions in Santa Clara County and to report annually on the status of efforts to improve and ensure such representation.