

**SANTA CLARA COUNTY DEMOCRATIC CENTRAL COMMITTEE**  
6:45 PM, County Building Cafeteria, 70 W. Hedding St., San Jose  
**MINUTES FOR Thursday, April 1, 2010**

**1. CALL TO ORDER: 7:20pm**

**2. ROLL CALL**

Absent: Ron Lind, Eric Larson, James Rowen, Dan Kenney, Denise Alejandro, Tony Alexander, Alberto Torrico, Joe Coto, Bill Monning, Anna Caballero, Joe Simitian, Anna Eshoo, Marie Highby, Wanda Bryan, and Andy Parker.  
Alternates For: Marsha Grilli, Ira Ruskin, Jim Beall, Ellen Corbett, Elaine Alquist, Mike Honda, Zoe Lofgren, Rena Modell, Juan Vergara, Andre Macapinlac and Elaine Coombs.

**3. IDENTIFICATION OF VISITORS**

Sophia Quattlebaum, Rudy Rodriguez-San Jose City Council District 7 Candidate, Carlotta Castillo, Rich Gordan-21<sup>st</sup> Assembly District Candidate, Magdalena Carrasco-City of San Jose District 5 Candidate, Owen Jackman-CDP Region 3, Daniel Nguyen, Donald Rocha-Cambrian School District Board Member and San Jose City Council District 9 Candidate, Tamela J. Craft, Sheli Moearahima, Renee Reid, Gabriela Chavez-Lopez, Aaron Williamson, Giselle Schmitz, J. Manuel Herrera-East Side Union High School District Board Member and City of San Jose District 5 Candidate, Assemblymember Dave Jones, Marc Wiesner, and Aaron Quigley.

Speakers:

- a. Hope Cahan/Ann Mack: JJ Dinner is May 7<sup>th</sup>. Go to website for registration. Madge Overhouse Annual Volunteer Award – Deadline for Nominations is April 23.
- b. Dave Jones: Candidate for State Insurance Commissioner. Legal Aid Attorney. Worked for U. S. Attorney General Janet Reno for 3 years. Served as Sacramento City Councilmember and is currently an Assemblymember for the 9<sup>th</sup> District in Sacramento. Has a 100% consumer voting record-only candidate that has that. Would like to go towards single-payer healthcare reform. Committed to holding office for 2 terms. Website: Davejones 2010.com.

**4. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

- a. Motion to Approve; Seconded; Motion Approved.

**5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES** (Minutes are/will be posted at sccdp.org)

- a. March 4, 2010 Minutes
  - i. Motion to Approve; Seconded; Motion approved.

**6. NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Jon Kessler informed attendees the Interview Committee's recommendations for Candidates and Local Ballot Measures and also recognized Interview Committee members.
- b. Primary Races: County and City of San Jose.
  - Martin Monica – Candidate for Sheriff. Retired Chief of Police.
  - District 1 County Supervisor Candidates:
    - a. Forrest Williams - 28 years of public service; worked for IBM for 41 years; previously a City of San Jose Councilmember supporting the South County and San Jose.
    - b. Teresa Alvarado - Active in community for several years. Worked in government relations at PG&E.
    - c. Peter Arrellano - Active Democrat, physician and 2-term councilmember. Brings progressive and proven experience.
  - District 4 County Supervisor Candidate:
    - a. Ken Yeager - Running for re-election and only candidate. Has done a lot in public outreach.

- San Jose City Council Candidates:
  - a. District 1: Tom Johnston –Only Democrat running against incumbent Pete Constant.
  - b. District 3: No Endorsement
  - c. District 5:
    - Xavier Campos - Lifelong resident of San Jose. Has served 7 ½ years on the City of San Jose Planning Commission.
    - Magdalena Torasco - Has dedicated the past 20 years to work with families in crisis. Worked in Social Services.
    - Manuel Herrera - Has experience working with City Manager. Currently serves as a Board Member of the East Side Union High School District.
  - d. District 7:
    - Madison Nguyen-Incumbent
    - Rudy Rodriguez – Chair of small business development of San Jose; Currently on City of San Jose Commission.
  - e. District 9:
    - Donald Rocha: San Jose City Councilmember Judy Chirco has endorsed him. Currently a Board Member of the Cambrian School District.
    - Jim Cogan: Has served 10 years on the board of Crime Stoppers
    - Sam Liccardo: Currently representing District 7. Fighting for affordable housing. Chair of VTA.
- c. Interview Committee Recommendations:
  - Santa Clara County Tax Assessor – Larry Stone
  - Santa Clara County District Attorney – Jeff Rosen
  - Santa Clara County Sheriff – No Endorsement
  - Santa Clara County Supervisor
    - a. District 1 – Forrest Williams, Teresa Alvarado, and Peter Arellano
    - b. District 3 – No Endorsement
    - c. District 4 – Ken Yeager
  - San Jose City Council
    - a. District 1 – No Endorsement
    - b. District 3 – No Endorsement
    - c. District 5 – Xavier Campos
    - d. District 7 – Madison Nguyen
    - e. District 9 – Jim Cogan and Donald Rocha
  - Races Pulled:
    - a. Santa Clara County Sheriff, San Jose City Council Seats – District 3 and 5.
  - Motion to Accept Consent Recommendations; Seconded; Consent Approved Unanimously
  - Member Discussion on Pulled Races.
    - a. Santa Clara County Sheriff
      - Motion to Endorse Martin Monica; Seconded
      - Call for Question; Seconded; Call for Question Approved
      - Endorsement for Martin Monica – 28; Opposed – 17; Endorsement Fails
    - b. San Jose City Council District 3
      - Motion to refer to E-Board; Seconded; Motion Failed
      - Motion to Endorse Sam Liccardo; Seconded: Approve – 34; Opposed – 13; Endorsement Approved.
    - c. San Jose City Council District 5
      - Motion for sole Endorsement of Xavier Campos; Seconded: Approve – 33; Opposed – 7; Sole Endorsement of Xavier Campos Approved.
  - Local Measures
    - a. Mountain View-Los Altos Union High School District; Oak Grove School District; Los Gatos Union School District, Campbell Union Elementary School District, Mount Pleasant Elementary

School District, Alum Rock Elementary School District, City of San Jose (Cardroom Measure), and North County Library Authority.

- b. Move to Endorse all local measures; Seconded; Motion Approved

## 7. OLD BUSINESS

## 8. REPORTS FROM OFFICERS AND OTHERS

- a. **Executive Board: Margie Mitchell**
  - a. Held a virtual meeting – discussed endorsements. Senator Barbara Boxer and Speaker of the House John Perez have been invited to be JJ Dinner’s Keynote Speakers.
  - b. Wal-mart Expansion to be placed on E-board Agenda.
- b. **Chair: Steve Preminger**
  - a. A link to Judicial Democratic candidates will be on the SCCDC website. Call-to-Action was fabulous.
- c. **Vice Chair: Clark Williams**
  - a. No Report
- d. **Treasurer: Drina Collins**
  - a. Account balance is the same as March.
- e. **Secretary: Margie Mitchell**
  - a. No Report
- f. **Issues: James Kim**
  - a. No Report
- g. **Community Services and Voter Registration: Judy Pipkin**
  - a. No Report
- h. **Finance: Hope Cahan**
  - a. Reminded attendees of upcoming JJ Dinner.
- i. **Candidate Recruitment and Endorsement: Jon Kessler**
  - a. No additional report.
- j. **Communications: David Cohen**
  - a. Reminded attendees to keep putting items on SCCDC calendar.
- k. **Campaign Services: Tom Cochran**
  - a. No Report
- l. **Political Outreach (Clubs): Diane Rolfe**
  - a. March 13 was the first Council of Clubs meeting. 19 of the 21 clubs were present. Call-To-Action was held on March 27. The event was attended by approximately 175 people. Thanked presenters of the training sessions, guest speakers Congresswoman Zoe Lofgren, Assemblymember Joe Coto and John Laird (Candidate for 27<sup>th</sup> AD) and all volunteers.
  - b. The Next meeting of Council of Clubs will be held on May 15 from 1:00-3:00pm at the residence of Darcie Green.
- m. **Regional Director: Emy Thurber**
  - a. Asked attendees if anyone has a proxy or anyone who wants to go to Democratic Convention, let her know.
- n. **Democratic National Committee: Chris Stampolis**
  - a. Evan Low was appointed to DNC-At-Large. Asked members to write letters to editors informing them the passage of the healthcare bill is important. Recognized Galen Swain of Organizing in America, who was in attendance.
- o. **Pro-Choice Coalition: Claudia Shope**
  - a. The Planned Parenthood Capitol Day is May 5. E-mail or call (795-3768) Fran Linkin for additional information.
- p. **DTV Report: Steve Chessin**
  - a. March guest was Clark Williams; April Guest – TBA.
- q. **CDC Report: Jay Jackman**
  - a. No Report

## 11. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. Ann Mack – 21<sup>st</sup> Century Club’s Annual Luncheon is next Friday. The speaker will be Jeff Rosen, Candidate for District Attorney.
- b. Jim Brady – Asked members to support his 2 upcoming bike rides for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. June 5 will be a 100 mile ride and July 17 and 18 will be a 200 mile ride. RSVP - d21stsc.com.

## 12. EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

## 13. ADJOURNMENT 9:35pm

### **Club Reports:**

SVYD: Annual Spring Fling will be held on May 30 at the residence of Congresswoman Zoe Lofgren.

DemClub of Sunnyvale: Next meeting will be discussing the state budget.

PDC: Candidate forum for 21<sup>st</sup> AD to be held on March 15. Upcoming annual retreat will be held to discuss events for next year.

Santa Clara Co. DemClub: Next meeting will be April 19 at Carrows. Guest speaker will be Jeff Rosen, Candidate for District Attorney.

SJSU: Currently on Spring Break; held a Census Rally. April 21 will be the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Young and In Politics event.

DAWN: Dues are due. Carol Garvey has remit envelopes. Brunch on April 18 will be held at the SEIU office to elect board members and discuss late endorsements. Invited members to Wine and Chocolate Pairing Fundraiser, which will be at the residence of Teresa O’Neil. Cost: \$35.

SVDC: Club will purchase 1 table for the JJ Dinner. A Meet and Greet Mixer will be held on April 28 from 6:00-8:30 at the Sonoma Chicken Coop in Campbell.

South County DemClub: Will be doing endorsements for County Supervisor at the upcoming meeting.

East San Jose DemClub: Had good turnout to protest against Steve Poisner.

Obama DemClub: Participated in Call-to-Action; Assembly Jim Beall will be having a town hall meeting at Willow Glen Community Center on April 8 from 6:30 to 8:30.

DemClub at the Villages: Participated in the Call-to-Action and Council of Clubs; Rally of Prop15. Nora Campos and Dave Cortese will be speaking at the next meeting on April 16. Louis Alejo invited to attend the next Executive Board meeting.

BAID: March 20 is Persion New Year. April 14 will be the next meeting at the Campbell Community Center. San Jose City Councilman, Ash Kalra will be the guest speaker.

West Valley for Change: At the March meeting, Megan Fluke from the Sierra Club was the guest speaker. The Club ratified its by-laws and officers. March 26 Event: Bags for Vets.