

SANTA CLARA COUNTY DEMOCRATIC CENTRAL COMMITTEE

6:45 PM, County Building Cafeteria, 70 W. Hedding St., San Jose

MINUTES FOR Thursday, May 6, 2010

1. CALL TO ORDER: 7:15 pm

2. ROLL CALL

Absent: Ron Lind, Jey Surier, Eric Larson, Francis LaPoll, Tom Cochran, Jacquie Heffner, Rosemary Kamei, Alex Kennett, Peter Arellano, Marie Highby, Juan Vergara, Martin Monica, Swanee Edwards, Andy Parker, Andre Quintero, Ira Ruskin, Joe Coto, Jim Beall, Anna Caballero, Joe Simitian, and Elaine Alquist.

Alternates for: David Parker, Alberto Torrico, Ellen Corbett, Mike Honda, Zoe Lofgren, and Rena Modell.

Visitors: Gerry Hart, Lee Sturtevant, Peter Szego, Leslie Bamerman, Adan Luperio, Adam Horn, Barbara Hunt, Herlinda Aguirre, Alex Wang, and Andrew Crockett.

3. IDENTIFICATION OF VISITORS

4. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

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

- a. April 1, 2010 Minutes - approved

6. Bill Monning spoke

majority vote initiative is incremental step in right direction

special election in 15th SD – endorsed John Laird, lawsuit challenging special election timing, majority D registration in district

budget crisis – tried in past years to get increased fees but couldn't get 2/3

Luis Allejo, Mayor of Watsonville, endorsed by CDP and in tough primary

7. NEW BUSINESS

“Support Effort to Fight Predatory Payday Lending Efforts” (Available at Meeting)

Steve suggested Central Committee join coalition to lobby SJ Council to fight predatory payday lending

Motion – “Join coalition efforts to fight predatory payday lending” - passed

- b. Feedback on California Democratic Party Convention - April 16 thru 18, 2010

Herb Engstrom was “deserving” recipient of Region 5 volunteer of the year

Steve talked about workshops and MOE

Propositions 13,14,15,16,17, YES, NO, YES, NO, NO

Discussion of issues people had with convention

- c. State Senate Race – District 15

- d. Water District Redistricting

Item referred to Executive Board

- e. Majority Vote Signature Gathering

Central Committee has no authority to support initiative, but can support signature drive

Passed

- f. WalMart Expansion

Bill Ferguson asked that SCCDCC oppose expansion of Milpitas WalMart

Motion to refer to Executive Committee – defeated

Motion to oppose WalMart expansion - passed

- g. No on Prop 14

Steve Chessin explained impacts of Prop 14 (so-called “Open Primary”)

Danger of vote splitting amongst Democrats letting Republicans get elected in Democratic districts

StopTopTwo.org

8. OLD BUSINESS

9. REPORTS FROM OFFICERS AND OTHERS

- a. **Executive Board: Margie Mitchell**
always meet 4th Tuesday of every month
April – dinner, office expansion
- b. **Chair: Steve Preminger**
working on dinner program – John Perez will speak during reception
immigration march on May Day was successful – 5000-10000 people
- c. **Vice Chair: Clark Williams**
won't attend dinner
important to contribute to John Laird
- d. **Treasurer: Drina Collins**
no specific numbers, but small balance
- e. **Secretary: Margie Mitchell**
- f. **Issues: James Kim**
- g. **Community Services and Voter Registration: Judy Pipkin**
Rachel Sumi gave report
Cinco de Mayo festival registered 21 voters, lots of not yet citizens expressed future plans to register Democratic
Rachel will administer MOE program for county with Dale Nelson – need volunteers to get it going
- h. **Finance: Hope Cahan**
thanks to Hope for all her work on the dinner
- i. **Candidate Recruitment and Endorsement: Jon Kessler**
- j. **Communications: David Cohen**
“Suggest an Event” for the sccdp.org calendar
volunteers needed for newsletter
please get people to sign to receive newsletter
- k. **Campaign Services: Tom Cochran**
- l. **Political Outreach (Clubs): Diane Rolfe**
thanks to all clubs for attending the all-clubs meeting
next meeting May 16
 1. **Santa Clara County Democratic Club**
 2. **Silicon Valley Democratic Club**
 3. **Democratic Caucus at San Jose State**
 4. **Dean Democratic Club**
 5. **Obama Democratic Club**
 6. **Silicon Valley APA Democratic Club**
 7. **Milpitas Democratic Club**
 8. **Sunnyvale Democratic Club**
 9. **DAWN**
 10. **Peninsula Democratic Coalition**
 11. **West Valley for Change**
 12. **Bay Area for Change**
 13. **Silicon Valley Young Democrats**
 14. **South County Democratic Club**
 15. **Democratic Club at the Villages**
 16. **Silicon Valley Latino Democratic Forum**
 17. **D21st Century Club**
- m. **Regional Director: Emy Thurber**
Please join Dem2010 – monthly contributions to CDP
Regional DSCC meeting on June 19 in Los Altos
CDP trying to get more permanent absentee voters signed up
- n. **Democratic National Committee: Chris Stampolis**
Start contacting voters who don't vote in June to get turnout up for November
- o. **Pro-Choice Coalition: Claudia Shope**
Capital day for choice May 5 – 60 people were there from San Jose
Supports SB442 to facilitate process for opening new clinics
- p. **DTV Report: Steve Chessin**
April guest – Los Altos Hills Mayor Breene Kerr
See sccdp.org for schedule and to view show
- q. **CDC Report: Jay Jackman**

11. ANNOUNCEMENTS

May 22 – Harvey Milk Day event, door to door for marriage equality (EQCA.org)
Andre Macapinlac: support Alberto Torrico for AG
Jay Jackman hosting Rich Gordon house party
Herb Engstrom asks that folks clean up their papers before leaving
May 24 is voter registration deadline

12. EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

13. NEXT CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEETING: July 2, 2010

11. ADJOURNMENT: 8:59