

SANTA CLARA COUNTY DEMOCRATIC CENTRAL COMMITTEE
6:45 PM, County Building Cafeteria, 70 W. Hedding St., San Jose
MINUTES FOR Thursday, September 2, 2010

1. CALL TO ORDER: 7:15pm

2. ROLL CALL

- a. Absent: Ron Lind, Eric Larson, Jim Thurber, David Parker, Xavier Campos, Sousan Manteghi-Safakish, Alex Kennett, Bruce Morasca, Joe Coto, Jim Beall, Bill Monning, Anna Caballero, Joe Simitian, Elaine Alquist, Martin Monica, Juan Vergara, Kristen Johnson, James Kim, Andy Parker, Andres Quintero, and Elaine Coombs.
- b. Alternates For: Anne Mack, Hope Cahan, Alberto Torrico, Ira Ruskin, Paul Fong, Ellen Corbett, Jerry McNerney, Anna Eshoo, Mike Honda, Zoe Lofgren, Nancy Smith, and Jon Graff.
- c. Excused: Peter Chiu
- d. Proxy For: Jim Brady

3. IDENTIFICATION OF VISITORS

4. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

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

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

- a. Postpone approval to next meeting.

6. NEW BUSINESS

- a. John Laird
 - i. Thanked attendees for their work towards his campaign. Flipped Santa Clara County by 2%.
 - ii. Had over 1,000 volunteers that worked on campaign.
- b. Josh Becker
 - i. Proposition 23: Discussed content of Prop 23. Proposition is funded by 2 Texas oil companies. If the proposition passes, it would lead to more air pollution and would also destroys billions of dollars of clean energy investments and jobs.
- c. Endorsements – Local Races & County Ballot Measures A thru W.
 - i. Acknowledgement of Endorsement Committee members.
 - ii. Candidates Present at Meeting:
 - 1. City Councils: Brian Brennan – City of Campbell; Rich Waterman – City of Campbell; Rob Means - Milpitas Mayor; Pete Hugh – Milpitas Mayor; Bill Ferguson – Milpitas City Council; Nancy Mendizabal – Milpitas City Council; Rich Constantine – Morgan Hill City Council; Margaret Abe-Koba – Mountain View City Council; Ronit Bryant – Mountain View City Council; Jac Siegel – Mountain View City Council; Chris Stampolis – City of Santa Clara Mayor; Teresa O’Neill - City of Santa Clara/Seat 5; Yan Zhao – Saratoga City Council; Bob Wieckowski – State Assembly/District 20; Peter Leroe-Munoz – Gilroy City Council.
- d. Educational and Special Endorsements to be held on September 16, 2010.
- f. Endorsement Committee Recommendations:
 - i. City of Campbell: Evan Low and Rich Waterman
 - ii. City of Gilroy: Art Barron, Peter Leroe-Munoz, and Peter Arellano

- iii. City of Los Altos: Matt Sweeney
- iv. City of Milpitas/Mayor: Pete McHugh
- v. City of Milpitas/Council: Nancy Mendizabal and Althea Polanski
- vi. City of Morgan Hill/Mayor: No Endorsement
- vii. City of Morgan Hill/Council: Rich Constantine and Gordon Siebert
- viii. City of Mountain View: Jac Siegel, Margaret Abe-Koba, and Ronit Bryant
- ix. City of Santa Clara/Mayor: Chris Stampolis and Jamie Matthews
- x. City of Santa Clara/Council Seat 2: Mohammed Nadeem
- xi. City of Santa Clara/Council Seat 5: Teresa O'Neill and Patricia Mahan
- xii. City of Saratoga: Pragati Grover and Yan Zhao

g. City of Milpitas/City Council – Pulled.

h. Motion to Approve Remaining Endorsement Committee Recommendations; Seconded, Motion Approved.

i. City of Milpitas/City Council (Pulled)

i. Recommendation from floor to endorse Bill Ferguson.

ii. Discussion regarding endorsement.

iii. Motion to Approve Endorsement Committee Recommendation; Seconded

1) Yes: 24 No: 15

2) Motion Fails

iv. Motion to Approve Endorsement Committee Recommendations plus Bill Ferguson (multiple endorsement);
Seconded

1) Yes: 19 No: 17

2) Motion Fails

v. Motion to Endorse Nancy Mendizabal; Seconded

1) Yes: 36 No: 4

2) Motion Passes

vi. Motion to Endorse Bill Ferguson; Seconded

1) Yes: 18 No: 17

2) Motion Fails

vii. Motion to Endorse Althea Polanski; Seconded

1) Yes: 34 No: 6

2) Motion Passes

j. Local Measure on Ballot:

i. Measure A – Santa Clara County Children’s Health Protection: Recommendation: Yes

Measure B – Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority: Recommendation: Yes

Measure C – Santa Clara Valley Water District: Recommendation: Yes

Measure E – Foothill-DeAnza Community College District: Recommendation: Yes

Measure G – San Jose-Evergreen Community College District/Bonds: Recommendation: Yes

Measure H – Santa Clara Unified School District/Bonds: Recommendation: Yes

Measure I - East Side Union High School District: Recommendation: Yes

Measure J – Franklin-McKinley School District: Recommendation: Yes

Measure K – Moreland School District/Bonds: Recommendation: Yes

Measure L – Cambrian School District: Recommendation: Yes

Measure M – City of Campbell/Modify existing business license tax....: Recommendation: Yes

Measure N – City of Campbell/Increase existing transient occupancy tax charged to hotel guests....:

Recommendation: Yes

Measure O – City of Campbell/Offices of City Clerk and City Treasurer be appointive: Recommendation:

Yes

Measure P – City of Morgan Hill/Offices of City Clerk and City Treasurer be appointive: Recommendation:

Yes

Measure Q – City of Saratoga: No Position

- Measure R – City of Palo Alto/Require City to maintain at least the number of Fire Department Personnel.....: No Position
- Measure S – City of Palo Alto/Consolidate with county and state elections.....: Recommendation: Yes
- Measure T – City of Mountain View: Recommendation: Yes
- Measure U – City of San Jose/Impose a tax at a rate of up to 10% of gross receipts of marijuana business.....: Recommendation: Yes
- Measure V – City of San Jose/Charter be amended to permit binding arbitration only if outside arbitrators are.....: Recommendation: No
- Measure W – City of San Jose/Charter be amended to allow Council to exclude any officer or employee hired.....: Recommendation: No

- ii. Measures C and G Pulled
- iii. Motion to Approve Balance of Endorsement Committee Recommendation on Measures; Seconded; Motion Approved.
- iv. Measures C and G (Pulled)
 - 1) Discussion from floor on both measures.
 - 1. Motion to Endorse Measure C; Seconded
 - a. Yes: 14 No: 16
 - b. Motion Fails
 - 2. Motion to Endorse Measure G; Seconded; Motion Approved.

7. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Resolution on Full Employment
 - i. Established a committee to look at full employment. Unanimous conclusion written by committee members. Motion to Adopt Resolution and send to various elected officials. Position paper to be put on website but only as a personal view of the author (Herb Engstrom) and to invite members of Central Committee to add comments to website.
 - ii. Motion to Approve; Seconded; Motion Approved.

8. REPORTS FROM OFFICERS AND OTHERS

- a. **Executive Board: Margie Mitchell**
 - a. Nothing to Report
- b. **Chair: Steve Preminger**
 - a. Two UDC offices. Working to enlarge the UDC office at the Labor Temple. Clubs are discussing having another office in San Jose.
 - b. MOE is a State party database which will be a principal way for outreach to voters.
 - c. Regular e-mails will be sent to Central Committee members on a weekly basis.
- c. **Vice Chair: Clark Williams**
 - a. Currently serving as the Liason with Brown and Boxer campaign.
- d. **Treasurer: Drina Collins**
 - a. Balance: \$320.23
- e. **Secretary: Margie Mitchell**
 - a. Informed attendees that effort will be made to post minutes within 1 week of meeting.
- f. **Issues: James Kim**
 - a. Nothing to Report.
- g. **Community Services and Voter Registration: Judy Pipkin**
 - a. Nothing to Report.
- h. **Finance: Hope Cahan**
 - a. JJ Dinner - \$66,000 in receipts; expenditures was \$48,000.
 - b. UDC Account: Balance is approximately \$20,000; Federal Account is approximately \$8,000.
- i. **Candidate Recruitment and Endorsement: Jon Kessler**
- j. **Communications: David Cohen**

- a. Nothing to Report
- k. Campaign Services: Tom Cochran**
 - a. Nothing to Report
- l. Political Outreach (Clubs): Diane Rolfe**
 - a. Club reports will be given at September 16, 2010 meeting.
Motion to Delay; Seconded; Motion Approved.
 - b. Thanked LGBT for refreshments. SVAPADC will be responsible for refreshments at the September 16 meeting.
 - c. Acknowledged team effort for John Laird Campaign.
- m. Regional Director: Emy Thurber**
 - a. Nothing to Report
- n. Democratic National Committee: Chris Stampolis**
 - a. St. Louis Meeting – Discussion regarding a Resolution about receiving postage on returned ballots.
Discussion of Resolution will be done at next meeting, which will include a proposed revision by U. S. Postal Service.
- o. Pro-Choice Coalition: Claudia Shope**
 - a. Nothing to Report
- p. DTV Report: Steve Chessin**
 - a. August Guest – Assemblyman Rich Gordon. September Guest – TBD.
- q. CDC Report: Jay Jackman**
 - a. Announcement of CDC Annual Convention at SF State University.

11. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. Upcoming interviews: Candidates and committee members for educational seats and special districts – Calendars and questionnaires will be mailed out tomorrow.
- b. Nora Campos will be hosting a fundraising event for Senator Barbara Boxer on September 7 in San Jose. Contact Javier Gonzalez for information.
- c. Thanked Steve Preminger for working on Forrest Williams’ statement.
- d. Carol Garvey – DAWN Brunch will be held on October 3.
- e. Assemblyman Paul Fong fundraiser to be held at Dynasty Restaurant on September 30.
- f. Jay Jackman – Forum on President’s Healthcare legislation to be held on September 28 at Stanford University.
- g. Forrest Williams and Peter Arellano joint fundraising kickoff will be on September 4 at 7th and Monterey in Gilroy. Forrest will be having a fundraiser on September 9 at the Beshoff Infinity Showroom from 7 to 9.
- h. Century Club – Monthly Lunch will be held on September 10. Neal Struthers will be speaker.
- i. Jill Chessler – Trying to get Democratic Office in East San Jose.

12. EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

13. ADJOURNMENT – 9:45pm

***NOTE: A Special Central Committee Meeting will be held on Thursday, September 16, to review additional endorsement recommendations. All Central Committee Members are encouraged to attend.**