

**SANTA CLARA COUNTY DEMOCRATIC CENTRAL COMMITTEE**  
6:45 PM, County Building Cafeteria, 70 W. Hedding St., San Jose  
**MINUTES FOR Thursday, September 16, 2010**  
**SPECIAL MEETING**

**1. CALL TO ORDER: 7:15pm**

**2. ROLL CALL**

Absent: Ira Ruskin, Jim Beall, Bill Monning, Anna Caballero, Ellen Corbett, Joe Simitian, Elaine Alquist, Jerry McNerney, Anna Eshoo, Mike Honda, Deepka Lalwani, Ron Lind, Eric Larson, Marsha Grilli, Bill James, Francis LaPol, James Rowen, David Parker, Xavier Campos, Sousan Manteghi-Safakish, Rosemary Kamei, Dan Kenney, Alex Kennett, Denise Alejandro, Tony Alexander, Peter Arellano, Marie Highby, Nancy Smith, Jordan Eldridge, Martin Monica, Rob Means, Swanee Edwards, James Kim, and Andy Parker.

Alternates For: Alberto Torrico, Paul Fong, Zoe Lofgren, Ken Yeager, Hope Cahan, David Cohen, Alyson Abramowitz, Wanda Bryan, Juan Vergara, Rena Modell, and Clarence Madrilejos.

**3. IDENTIFICATION OF VISITORS**

**4. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

- a. Motion to strike reports and move to announcements; Seconded; Motion Approved.

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

- a. September 2, 2010 Minutes
- b. September 16, 2010 Minutes

**6. NEW BUSINESS**

**a. New Headquarters – Judy Pipkin.**

- i. New Office has been moved and will be completed next Tuesday. Staff, Jerry Brown and Barbara Boxer campaigns, MOE and Jill Chessler will be working out this location. Campaign Office is located at the Labor Temple in Suite 112. An Open House and Brown/Whitman Debate Night will be held at the new office on September 28.

**b. Additional Endorsements – Jon Kessler**

**i. Acknowledged Endorsement Committee Members.**

**ii. Candidates Present:**

- 1. San Jose/Evergreen - Area 4: Maria Fuentes and Andres Quintero.
- 2. San Jose/Evergreen - Area 6: Jeffrey Lease and Richard Hobbs
- 3. West Valley/Mission: Jack Lucas and Maggie Wong
- 4. Santa Clara County Office of Education - Area 6: Craig Mann
- 5. Water District/Area 4: Linda Lezotte
- 6. Water District/Area 7: Brian Schmidt
- 7. East Side Union High SD: Derek Grasty
- 8. Berryessa SD: David Cohen and David Hernandez
- 9. Franklin McKinley SD: Buu Thai

**iii. Endorsement Committee Recommendations:**

- 1. San Jose/Evergreen - Area 4: Maria Fuentes and Andres Quintero  
Area 6: Richard Hobbs
- 2. West Valley/Mission College – Area 1: Jack Lucas  
Area 2: Buck Polk
- 3. Santa Clara County Office of Education - Area2: Michael Chang

Area 6: Craig Mann

Area 7: Adam Escoto

4. Santa Clara Valley Water District – Area 4: Linda Lezotte  
Area 6: No Endorsement  
Area 7: Brian Schmidt
5. East Side Union High School District: Frank Biehl, Manuel Herrera, and  
Leo Cortez
6. Alum Rock School District: Darcie Green
7. Berryessa School District: David Cohen and David Hernandez
8. Franklin-McKinley School District: Buu Thai
9. Evergreen School District: Sylvia Alvarez and Merrilee Claverie

**iv. The following endorsement recommendations were pulled:**

1. West Valley/Mission College – Areas 1 and 2, Berryessa School District, San Jose/Evergreen College Areas 4 and 6, Santa Clara Valley Water District Area 4.
- v. Motion to Approve Balance of Endorsement Committee Recommendations, Seconded;
  1. Yes: 31 No: 8
  2. Endorsement Committee Recommendations Approved.
- vi. San Jose/Evergreen - Area 6: Pulled
  1. Discussion
  2. Motion to Approve Endorsement Committee Recommendation of Richard Hobbs; Seconded; Motion Approved; 2 Abstaining
- vii. West Valley/Mission College – Area 1: Pulled
  1. Discussion
  2. Motion to approve Endorsement Committee Recommendation of Jack Lucas; Seconded; Motion Approved
- viii. West Valley/Mission College – Area 2: Pulled
  1. Discussion of a dual endorsement - Buck Polk and Maggie Wong
  2. Motion to Table Discussion; Seconded;
  3. Yes: 18 No: 15
  4. Motion Fails
  5. Motion to Postpone to October 7 Meeting; Seconded; Motion Approved to Postpone
- ix. Santa Clara Valley Water District/Seat 4: Pulled
  1. Discussion
  2. Motion to Approve Endorsement Committee Recommendation of Linda Lezotte; Seconded; Motion approved.
- x. Berryessa School District: Pulled
  1. Discussion
  2. Motion to Approve Endorsement Committee Recommendation of Dual Endorsement of David Cohen and David Hernandez
  3. Yes: 21 No: 17
  4. Motion Fails
  5. Motion to Approve Sole Endorsement of David Cohen; Seconded; Motion Approved.

c. South County Endorsement information will be going out tomorrow, September 17, 2010.

## **7. OLD BUSINESS**

## **8. REPORTS FROM OFFICERS AND OTHERS**

- a. **Executive Board: Margie Mitchell**
- b. **Chair: Steve Preminger**

- c. **Vice Chair: Clark Williams**
- d. **Treasurer: Drina Collins**
- e. **Secretary: Margie Mitchell**
- f. **Issues: James Kim**
- g. **Community Services and Voter Registration: Judy Pipkin**
- h. **Finance: Jim Thurber**
- i. **Candidate Recruitment and Endorsement: Jon Kessler**
- j. **Communications: David Cohen**
- k. **Campaign Services: Tom Cochran**
- l. **Political Outreach (Clubs): Diane Rolfe**
- m. **Regional Director: Emy Thurber**
- n. **Democratic National Committee: Chris Stampolis**
- o. **Pro-Choice Coalition: Claudia Shope**
- p. **DTV Report: Steve Chessin**
- q. **CDC Report: Jay Jackman**

## 11. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. Nora Campos would like to invite Central Committee members and Clubs to a breakfast event on September 24 at 9:00. Guest speaker is John Perez. Central Committee members and clubs will get a special discounted rate for the event.
- b. Tom and Parris Cochran are hosting a fundraiser for Madison Nguyen on September 29 from 6-8pm.
- c. BAMEC dinner is next Friday evening. See Clark Williams for tickets.
- d. Donate to State Party. Monies can be spent on Federal elections.
- e. SVYD will have an after party after the BAMEC dinner. A Young Professional fundraiser will be held for Andres Quintero on September 27.
- f. Jim and Emy Thurber are hosting a fundraiser for Gavin Newson on September 24. Cost: \$100.00
- g. Diane Rolfe thanked SVAPADC for the evening's refreshments. Next month's refreshments will be provided by the Santa Clara Democratic Club.
- h. A Meeting of the Clubs will be held at the residence of Darcie Green on September 25 from 11 to 12:30. Would like 1 member from each club to attend.
- i. Carol Garvey informed attendees that Doug Winslow's trailer had burned down in middle of night; everything was lost. Asking anyone to donate to Sam's Downtown Feed Store in Doug Winslow's name.
- j. Rock the Vote will be held at San Jose State University on October 7.
- k. Darcie Green thanked committee members for their sole endorsement.
- l. Kristen Johnson – Graphic designer and can assist with any campaign graphics.
- m. Santa Clara County Democratic Club has a rapid response team. Has media guide and facts available to attendees. Martin Luther King brunch will be held on October 2 at Hays Mansion.

## 12. EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

## 13. ADJOURNMENT

- a. Motion to Adjourn; Seconded; Motion Approved

## 14. Next Central Committee Meeting: October 7, 2010