

SANTA CLARA COUNTY DEMOCRATIC CENTRAL COMMITTEE

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

Meeting will start at 7 pm sharp and MUST end by 8:45 so that we are out of the building before 9 PM**MINUTES FOR Thursday, October 6th, 2011****1. CALL TO ORDER:**

7:05pm

2. ROLL CALL

Absent: Jey Surier, Jim Thurber (excused), Megan Young, Dan Kenney, Alex Kennet, Jeremy Barousse, Melinda Chacon, Denise Alejandro, Tony Alexander, Elaine Alquist, Anna Eshoo, Emy Thurber (excused), Herlinda Aguirre, Martin Monica, Bea Mendez.

Alternates for: Bob Wieckowski, Nora Campos, Rich Gordon, Paul Fong, Jim Beall, Bill Monning, Luis Alejo, Ellen Corbett, Joe Simitian, John Laird, Jerry McNerney, Mike Honda, Zoe Lofgren, Kerri Hamilton.

3. IDENTIFICATION OF VISITORS**4. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Motion made; Seconded; Approved

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

- a. September 1, 2011 Minutes

Forrest Williams: Co-Chair Obama Coalition of Silicon Valley

6. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Kimberly Ellis, Executive Director, from Emerge California

In 8 other states.

7-month long program training women in political activities, networking, fundraising, etc.

December to June training, Class of 2012.

Application Deadline at the end of October.

- b. Rich Robinson: Emergency Resolution:

Motion approved; seconded; passed.

Repeal the ordinance in San Jose; all of the cannabis collectives would have to consolidate into 10.

Parker: As a downtown resident, has seen bad behavior by cannabis collectives.

Caludia: Not fair to collectives.

Peter: Unfortunate that the Council took the action it did.

Jacquie: Federal government said they will be cracking down on these businesses.

Omar: East Side and Downtown already has too many problems

Motion to support the petition drive.

Motion made; seconded; motion wins, 22-15.

c. Central Committee Elections

Assembly vs. Supervisorial District

Clark: How did this system develop? CA elections code.

7 Assembly Districts that are wholly or partially within a county; any county greater than 5 Assembly Districts MUST elect by Assembly District. If LESS than 5 Assembly Districts, a county committee shall be elected by supervisory districts.

In next election cycle, there will be 36 elected members, not 42.

Organizational meeting, we fill seats in Assembly District.

Discussion

Swanee: What happens when a district is led by a Republican?

Clark: Nothing to do with Party affiliation. San Mateo does supervisorial districts; more proportional.

Craig: Do we have a choice?

Clark: No.

Herb: Assembly districts not very proportional; best interest if we move to supervisorial district,

Jacquie: Can we increase the number to 8, if switched to supervisorial districts?

Clark: Yes, there is no maximum.

Rob: Any consistency in the size of districts?

Clark: Even in some rural areas, Supervisorial districts have a hard time filling seats.

Steve: In the 1990s, we had 6 Assembly Districts with 36 members.

Brandon Sulser: Concern about Supervisorial districts. Many in Sunnyvale do not like how their Supervisorial District is drawn; like Assembly District better,

Discussion: With open primary

Bill: We need to maintain an electoral process in delegate process.

Claudia: We have to think about cost. 4 years would be fine.

Swanee: What would we do for vacancies?

Alyson: Agree with original sentiment. 2 years is too short a term, since we run for re-election.

Chinyere: 4 year terms allow us for more people to get involved.

Clarence: New blood comes in every two years; no need for 4 year term.

Pierluigi: When is the deadline?

After our December meeting.

John Graff: 2 year cycle more representative than

Rob Means: 2 years preferable.

7. Old Businesses

No endorsement for Sunnyvale, Seat 7.

Fred Fowler withdrew his endorsement.

Bill James; motion to table the

Alice: Motion to approve Committee's recommendation; seconded; 60% needed.

motion not approved.

Bill James motions to refer to Endorsement committee to come back with report on accusations; seconded; majority vote required; motion passes. 25-14

Diane: November 13, 11-1, Brunch with Congressman Eshoo.

18th Dem Club, South Santa Clara County Latino Democratic Club.

Rebecca Almendariz: For Latino Democrats in the South County area. Hope to become more active in the Central cmte:

Motion made; seconded; passed.

8. REPORTS FROM OFFICERS AND OTHERS

a. **Executive Board: Andrae Macapinlac**

b. **Chair: Steve Preminger**

c. **Vice Chair: Clark Williams**

d. **Treasurer: Drina Collins**

\$716.25 in bank.

e. **Secretary: Andrae Macapinlac**

f. **Issues: Jon Kessler**

a. **Encourage Obama Administration Not to let banking industry off the hook.**

g. **Community Services and Voter Registration: Judy Pipkin**

h. **Finance: Hope Cahan**

i. **Candidate Recruitment and Endorsement: Darcie Green**

j. **Communications: David Cohen**

k. **Campaign Services: Tom Cochran**

l. **Political Outreach (Clubs): Diane Rolfe**

SCCDC: October mtg: LaDoris Codrell. Holiday Party Friday, December 16th.

Sunnyvale Dem Club. Nancy Smith: Event with Larry Stone, debunking the TEA Party

PDC: Marc Berman-Event with Dr. Ami Bera last month.

SVAPADC: Clarence, Annual Dinner at Dynasty in Cupertino. Honoring Liz Kniss, Mona Pasquil, and

West Valley for Change: Thomas Wang: Guest will be Senator Joe Simitian.

DC at the Villages: Jeff Rosen spoke to the club; this month, Craig Dunkerly spoke on AB 1148.

Dean Dem Club: October 17th is next working meeting. Sally Lieber spoke at last club.

South County Dem Club: October 17 Gilroy event for Bill Monning for Senate.

m. **Regional Director: Emy Thurber**

DEM 2012

Region 5 Region-October 8th meeting.

9:30-11:30

Guest Anna Eshoo.

Next E-Board: November 18 in Burlingame.

n. Regional Director: Shawn Bagley

o. Democratic National Committee: Chris Stampolis

Met in Chicago last month. National Association of Democratic Education Officials.

p. Pro-Choice Coalition: Claudia Shope

Insidious...Public Survey 2011-Main question is “do you want your children to be taught about gay issues>”

q. DTV Report: Steve Chessin

No taping in September. October's guest will be a young entrepreneur who uses social networking website to help people find jobs.

r. CDC Report: Herb Engstrom

11.ANNOUNCEMENTS

MLK Association/Kansen Chu: October 26 forum on domestic violence.

Shawn Bagley:October 22nd: “Haunted by the House” Halloween Party

Jim Brady: Crusade against Luchemia.

12. EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

13.ADJOURNMENT

Adjourned at 8:42pm