

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 8:40pm so that we are out of the building before 9 pm
MINUTES FOR Thursday, May 3rd, 2012

1. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm

2. ROLL CALL

Absences: Andrae Macapinlac, Marsha Grilli, Omar Torres, David Parker, Carol Garvey, Rosemary Kamei, Alex Kennett, Jeremy Barrousse, Denise Alejandro, Melinda Chacon, Asm. Nora Campos, Sen. Joe Simitian, John Laird, Royce Kelley, Shawn Bagley, Evan Low, Kerri Hamilton, Meryll Ferrande, Augustina Armendariz.

3. IDENTIFICATION OF VISITORS

Cynthia Sevely -Running for superior court judge , seat 7, prosecutor for 26 years, elder homicides, law clerk program, COPE endorsed, 13 law enforcement agencies including PORAC.

Paul Colin -Running for superior court judge in seat 5 with three men. Currently is Deputy DA. Poster child for career change. Businessman then went to law school. Only candidate supported by incumbent. Endorsed by the South Bay Labor Council.

Alexis Surile - Paul's opposition. Lead research attorney at hall of justice. Chief assistant to the judges. Endorsed by South Bay Labor Council and La Raza Lawyers.

Asm. Rich Gordon -Thank you everyone that helped collect sigs for Governor's Tax Initiate. Have enough now to qualify for the ballot. Latest projections, revenue is down from what we had anticipated. It was down 9 billion, and we are 11 or 12 billion in the hole. Will have to devastate safety net of human services, taking care of people who are ill, devastate our schools.

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

a. April 5th , 2012 Minutes

6. NEW BUSINESS**Carol Baker for Prop 29 -**

28 yr volunteer at American Cancer Society. Hoping to get endorsement for Prop 29. Party has already on record for supporting it.

Puts a 1 dollar tax on every tobacco product. Deter kids from wanting to smoke in first place.

Bring us up to 13th place in the nation for putting a tax on cigs. User fee.

We need to have the public hear you.

Money will stay in CA. Some of the finest research institutions in CA. 60% will fund Cancer and other smoking research, not just tobacco cancers.

Unlike what the opposition says a huge bureaucracy will not be created and it will have oversight.

Plan to counter opposition?

Endorse, tell friends and neighbors to endorse. They don't have money to run adds, so volunteer to phone bank.

On Facebook? Yes www.Californiansforcure.org

Supporters: Live Strong, CMA

Peter Allen - San Jose Libraries Measure:

Can be qualified as an emergency type situation. Save CA Libraries. . . on ballot in San Jose. Mayor is not very happy about it.

Library funding has dropped 25% in three years.

Council made non binding reso to fund at 3.77%.

The number that that council would have to reach is 4.6%

Branches are open half days.

Reopen and build another branch.

25% reduction in staffing over the last few years.

No guarantees that libraries won't be further reduced. What other cities do. . .take % of assessed prop values and use that as base line for funding libraries.

Surveys tell us that people want their libraries open. . .libraries are a great equalizing force, balancing.

2 to 4 weeks left to get 40,000 sigs to city clerk.

Looking for volunteers to gather sigs. . .money to pay signature gatherers.

Clarify any questions you may have.

www.savesanjoselibraries.org

www.savesjlibraries.org

On Facebook and on Twitter @savesjlibraries

Create new revenue streams to fund this?

Not saying it has to come from one revenue stream.

Economy is slowly improving. Long term sustainability tied with an economic factor. . .property values.

Property values go up and down with economy.

Restore the services we need now.

This measure would dedicate 4.6% of GF.

Now it only 2.5% of GF

Other funding for the libraries comes from fees, gifts, donations, and parcel tax.

2013-14 budget. . .no way to tell what will look like. . .what will be taken out to support libraries.

7. OLD BUSINESS

8. REPORTS FROM OFFICERS AND OTHERS

a. Executive Board: Andrae Macapinlac

b. Chair: Steve Preminger

Coalition to reduce pay day loans before planning commission. Predatory loans.

Recommended much more stringent loans than was recommended by planning commission.

c. Vice Chair: Clark Williams

Wisconsin to campaign for recall of Scott Walker

Dems one vote shy of taking over Wisc. State Senate

Don't have absentee ballots in state.

Same day voter registration.

Mainly GOTV, not a lot of persuasion.

In Madison for election night.

How much money for and against recall?

Scott walker has raised 20 million dollars. 15 of which was raised across the country. . . a lot in Texas.

People can give unlimited amounts of money.

Dem Party is a coordinated campaign.

Set tenor of 2012 elections. . . say a lot about tea party and dem organization.

d. Treasurer: Drina Collins

e. Secretary: Andrae Macapinlac

f. Issues: Jon Kessler

Elections we have to go and work on. . . Asm. Paul Fong. Need your involvement and help.

Same thing in council races.

g. Community Services and Voter Registration: Judy Pipkin.

Lot of events. . . sent to electeds. Obama stuff coming to office. Shirts in July. Barackobama.com and order from store.

h. Finance: Hope Cahan

Glitch at post office. A couple checks that were mailed back.

Next Friday is the Jeferson Jackson Dinner at Fairmont.

Fed account: \$16,669.13 state account: \$23,113.16

i. Candidate Recruitment and Endorsement: Darcie Green

East side Dems to organize voter reg/engagement in East SJ. Allow for other precincts as well. 100 precincts within east San Jose. 4,000 voters. . . low propensity voters.

Sign up to volunteer. . . walk precincts. . . precinct captains. . . east side dems and neighbors.

j. Communications: David Cohen

Please go to Santa Clara County Dem Party website and select "like." Sending out two newsletters a month to keep people updated on local elections. Fill out volunteer forms. 5,000 right now. Subscribe volunteers to newsletter. Double #'s between now and Fall.

Steve Preminger: Like us on Facebook. Help raise our profile. Serious campaign year.

k. Campaign Services: Tom Cochran

l. Political Outreach (Clubs): Diane Rolfe

Soon will have Silicon Valley AA Dem Club that will be joining us in June. Dem club at Villages for dinner: Bay Area for change. . . every 18th of the month. . . dinner and drinks.

Otto Lee running for Congress in red Fresno area. Fundraiser in Saratoga May 4th. Send Otto money.

Dem 21st Century Club: Rich Gordon will be at the next meeting.

Santa Clara County Dem Club: Submitted report.

Latino Dem Form: Working on voter reg.

Peninsula Dem Coalition: Will have Roe Khanna speak at the next meeting.

Silicon Valley Asian Pacific Dem Club and Silicon Valley Latino Dem Forum are hosting: Speaker Series Gill Cedillo and Paul Fong.

So. County Dem Club: Mushroom Marti Gras May 26th and 27th.

CADem Council: cdc-ca.org for endorsement results.

m. Regional Director: Emy Thurber

Delegates to Dem National Convention in Charlotte were selected last week and the chosen delegates are all listed at cadem.org.

n. Regional Director: Shawn Bagley

o. Democratic National Committee: Chris Stampolis

p. DTV Report: Steve Chessin

Democratic Television Producer Emeritus Steve Chessin reported that our guest in April was Steve Kline, candidate for San Jose City Council from District Six.

Our guest in May is TBD.

See the sccdp web site for the schedule, and to view our shows.

We could still use more good Democrats on the crew. No prior video experience is necessary.

q. Pro-Choice Coalition: Claudia Shope

Had a rally in Sac.

r. CDC Report: Emilie Gatfield

11. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Paul Fong - Kickoff May 12th 4-6 at Cupertino Inn. I'll take anything from you. . . also students. . . can donate anything you can. Challenger is DTS, former Republican.

Jon Dimisnki - Walk for Jim Beall on Sunday May 20th. RSVP to Alex Wara.

Lamar Heysteck - Welcomes campaign volunteers. www.Mikehonda.com click on 17th district. . . find out who your district representatives will be.

12. EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

13. ADJOURNMENT