SANTA CLARA COUNTY DEMOCRATIC CENTRAL COMMITTEE
6:45 PM, County Building Cafeteria, 70 W. Hedding St., San Jose
Meeting will start at 7:00 pm sharp.
MINUTES FOR Thursday, December 6th, 2012

1. CALL TO ORDER
7:05pm

2. ROLL CALL


3. IDENTIFICATION OF VISITORS
Teresa Cox
Nicholas and Timothy Stampolis
Cynthia Foley
Tim Orozco
Forrest Williams- Thank you for supporting the re-election of President Obama. Grassroots OFA efforts locally. Fired up, ready to go!

Dennis Chiu, won El Camino Hospital Board seat 408-390-8018. El Camino Hospital swearing-in ON MONDAY 10TH.
Andres Quintero- Appointed to Alum Rock school Board.

Ben Field- Recap on SBLC’s efforts in the last election. Measure A, B, and D passed. Progressive candidates elected. 30 passed, 32 failed.

Abramowitz- Thank you for the financial donations.
Swanee- Bill Monning elected to State Senate.

Herb- Three Congressional races were worked on; Ami Bera(win), Jose Hernandez(lost), Raul Ruiz (win).

Chris Stampolis- Mission City provided the food; many successful Dems elected in Santa Clara.

4. ADOPTION OF AGENDA
Move to add discussion of Shirakawa Issue
Motion seconded; approved

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (Minutes are/will be posted at sccdp.org)
a. October 4 , 2012 Minutes

6. NEW BUSINESS
a. Discussion/Action: Resolution on the “Fiscal Cliff” (see back of the agenda)

Dunkerly presented Resolution

Herb: Note “Medicaid” mispelled
Motion made; seconded; passed

b. Discussion on Shirakawa issue

Bill Ferguson: Would like to hear what members have to say about this issue.
Swanee: Ashamed of the actions of the Supervisor.
Gerry: As a CPA, it is unfortunate that the County has maintained poor oversight.
Brian O’Neill: Disappointed in the Mercury News about how they personally attack people affiliated with Labor. Let’s wait for the process to be done.
Forrest Williams: Merc is biased against Labor and minorities.
Jacquie Hefner- The issue is how he used taxpayer expenses for Democratic Party events. We need accountability.
Tony Alexander- We’ve all crossed the line one way or another. The people in his district should hold him accountable.
Kessler- We should not be taking this as an issue; Chuck Reed had to pay back $40,000 to the city in 2006.
Omar Torres- Never trusted the Mercury News. Shirakawa, Diaz and Gonzalez should not be lumped to reflect minority community.
Steve Chessin- Suggest letter writing campaign to Merc regarding Reed double standard.
David Cohen- What standards should we hold our elected officials? We as a party should hold them accountable.
Emilie Gatfield- This incident highlights a major problem in county government.
Ross- Nothing illegal about what Reed did.
Drina- How many of you lived in District 7? I was there since George’s father was Councilmember. They were both excellent councilmembers.
Herb- We should hold other in highest ethical standards. But the media can take things way out of proportion.
Swanee- It’s not just the Mercury News; FPPC and DA looking into it also.
Jordan Eldridge- We look stupid as a Party if we support someone before they go to jail.

7. OLD BUSINESS

9. REPORTS FROM OFFICERS AND OTHERS
   a. Executive Board: Andrae Macapinlac
   b. Chair: Steve Preminger
      Holiday Party Fundraiser and Toy Drive
   c. Vice Chair: Clark Williams
   d. Treasurer: Drina Collins
      $302.37
   e. Secretary: Andrae Macapinlac
   f. Issues: Jon Kessler
   g. Community Services and Voter Registration: Judy Pipkin
      Thank you to all the volunteers during the campaign.
   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
      Thanks to Mission City Dems; ESJDC next month dinner.

Clubs
WVFC- Phonebanking for supporting President Obama in the “fiscal cliff”.
SVDC- Saturday Evening Democratic Party Holiday Party.
BA4C: Alyson Abromowitz gave report
Sunnyvale Dem Club: Looking to expand club; looking for VP of Messaging. Holiday Party on December 16th.
DC at The Villages: Election Night party.
PDC: Holiday Party on the 15th of December.
SVYD: Holiday Party on Monday, December 17th.
Dean Democratic Club: Hobees near Deanza on Jan 14th: next meeting

m. Regional Director: Emy Thurber
59.3% of vote for Obama in CA.
In September and October, over 1.5 million new voters registered.
Change in Regions
Convention in April.
ADEM election January 12 and 13.

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 September was Cindy Chavez, Executive Director of the South Bay AFL-CIO Labor Council.
Our guest in October was Mountain View City Council member Margaret Abe-Koga.
Our guest in November was State Senator-elect Jim Beall from SD15, with guest host Hope Cahan.
Our guest in December 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
Open House of Planned Parenthood Mar Monte Clinic; Alvin Ave in San Jose.

r. CDC Report: Emilie Gatfield
Met during EBoard; post-election, not much activity. Starting next year, CDC restructuring.

11. ANNOUNCEMENTS
Dan Hoffman: MLK Freedom Train
Jim Brady: Century Club Holiday Luncheon on December 14th.
Ross Gomez: 8am next Thursday picket at Hyatt Santa Clara
Jeff Cardenas: Senator Jerry Hill’s new District Office

12. EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

13. ADJOURNMENT
8:36pm
"Fiscal Cliff" Resolution

WHEREAS President Barack Obama has decisively won re-election with the aid of thousands of volunteers nationwide who supported his plan to end the massive tax breaks for the wealthiest Americans enacted under President George W. Bush, while preserving the current tax rates for those earning less than $250,000, and preserving Medicare, Medicaid, and Social Security benefits, and

WHEREAS over 2/3 of voters polled, including over 1/2 of Republicans (most of whom didn't vote for him), support the president's plan, and

WHEREAS "negotiations" are currently underway to avoid the so-called "Fiscal Cliff," which will occur on January 1, 2013 when all tax rates are scheduled to go up for all Americans,

THEREFORE be it now resolved the Santa Clara Democratic Party urges President Obama and the Democratic representatives in Congress who are currently engaged in these negotiations to adhere to the president's original plan and strongly resist any attempts to change or weaken it, or otherwise prevent the wealthiest among us from paying their fair share of taxes, and

THEREFORE be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution shall be delivered to all members of the California Congressional delegation and California's 2 United States Senators.

Respectfully submitted by

Dan Hoffman, Craig Dunkerley & the Executive Board of the SCC Democratic Club