

**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 6<sup>th</sup>, 2012****1. CALL TO ORDER****7:05pm****2. ROLL CALL**

Absent: Marsha Grilli, Joseph Tran, Brandon Sulser, Gilbert Wong, Aldyth Parle, David Parker, Carol Garvey, Tom Cochran, Ken Yeager, Hope Cahan, Pierluigi Oliverio, Rosemary Kamei, Dan Kenney, Alex Kennett, Jeremy Barousse, Denise Alejandro, Melinda Chacon, Rich Gordon, Bill Monning, Elaine Alquist, Evan Low, Kerri Hamilton, Mertyl Ferrande, Herlinda Aguirre, Sally Armendariz, Clarence Madrilejos.

Alternates for: Bob Wieckowski, Jim Beall, Nora Campos, Luis Alejo, John Laird, Ellen Corbett, Joe Simitian, Rena Modell, Josh Barousse.

**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 10<sup>TH</sup>.

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](http://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" misspelled

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.

Jacque 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**

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**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

SCCDC-Dan Hoffman gave report. Holiday Party on December 15<sup>th</sup>.

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 16<sup>th</sup>.

DC at The Villages: Election Night party.

PDC: Holiday Party on the 15<sup>th</sup> of December.

SVYD: Holiday Party on Monday, December 17<sup>th</sup>.

Dean Democratic Club: Hobeas near Deanza on Jan 14<sup>th</sup>; 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 14<sup>th</sup>.

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**