

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, September 5th, 2013****1. CALL TO ORDER****7:16pm****2. ROLL CALL**

Absent: Gilbert Wong (exc), Christ Stampolis (exc), Ash Kalra (exc), Evan Low, Ross Gomez, Paul Comacho (exc), Bill Roth, Majorie Friedman, Sousan Manteghi Safakish (exc)

Alternates for: Zoe Lofgren, Mike Honda, Jerry Hill, Anna Eshoo, Sam Farr, Jim BEall, Ellen Corbett, Bill Monning, Rich Gordon, Bob Wieckowski, Paul Fong, Nora Campos, Luis Alejo, Mark Stone, Ken Yeager, Josh BArousse, Anna Song.

3. IDENTIFICATION OF VISITORS

Armando Gomez

4. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Adding Free trade reso

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (Minutes are/will be posted at sccdp.org)a. August 1st, 2013 Minutes

Moved; seconded; approved

6. NEW BUSINESSa. Discussion/Action on Endorsement Committee Recommendations for November 4th, 2013 Election

Candidates for City Council heard: Gustav Larsen, Jim Griffith.

Committee Recommendations:

Sunnyvale Council:

Seat 1: Gustav Larsen

Seat 2: No Endorsement

Seat 3: Jim Griffith

Sunnyvale Measure A- Even Year Elections: YES

Sunnyvale Measure B- Transient Occupancy Tax: YES

Sunnyvale Measure C- Firearms Regulation: YES

Palo Alto Measure D: Affordable Housing: YES

Campbell Union: YES

Sunnyvale : YES

Loma Prieta: YES

Discussion:

Moylan: Sunnyvale Dem Club endorsed Larsen and Magana.

Torres: Asked when the last time a Latino served on Sunnyvale Council.

Comiskey: Supports recommendation of Magana.

Jim Griffith endorsement: moved, seconded, passed.

Gustav Larsen endorsement: moved, seconded, passed.

Gustavo Magana endorsement: moved, second, motion fails. 9 support-12 opposed

Discussion:

Dunkerley: We should follow Sunnyvale Club's recommendation.

Sulser: Served on Sunnyvale Commission; gave insight to each candidates.

Thurber: Opposes recommendation.

Chessin: Not either/or. We can take Magana under our wing.

Hoffman: If no qualified Democrat in a race, no need to endorse.

Andres: Stand by the argument against recommendation.

Motion to endorse all three ballot measure in Sunnyvale

Palo Alto Measure D: Motion made; seconded; approved.

b. Discussion/Action on Support for S.B 131 (California Coalition Against Sexual Assault)

This bill would give the victim of past sexual assault to sue the perpetrator, if organization is a private one. Call to action; calling Senators who are on the fence.

Motion moved; seconded; passed.

c. Discussion/Action on Resolution regarding Caltrans (See back)

Lucas Ramirez presents: SVYD, PYD, PDC have endorsed the resolution. Mountain View and Palo Alto have sent letters of support.

Motion to support made; seconded; passed.

d. Emergency Resolution- Free Trade issue

Opposing the fast track of Trans-Pacific Partnership.

Motion to support Resolution moved; seconded; approved.

7. OLD BUSINESS

8. REPORTS FROM OFFICERS AND OTHERS

a. Executive Board: Andrae Macapinlac

b. Chair: Steve Preminger

UDC Report: \$350,000 in primary and general to elect Chavez. Raised over \$200,000.

Evan Low vacated AD 28 central cmte seat due to DNC appointment.

Vice-Chair vacated due to Cindy Chavez elected to Supervisor.

c. Vice Chair: Cindy Chavez

d. Treasurer: Forrest Williams

\$2,083.97 in the bank.

e. Secretary: Andrae Macapinlac

f. Issues: Andres Quintero

Call to Action Recap with Ann Grabowski, Andres, and Darcie.

Trainings and breakout sessions were great.

Setting the local agenda was also set; platform.

- **Steering Committee to bring ideas together.**

Another important session was about candidate recruitment.

More engagement with clubs.

Two important steps: Updating website with these resources.

g. Community Services and Voter Registration: Judy Pipkin

- Open House for new HQ is September 26th from 6-8pm.

h. Finance: Emy Thurber

Meeting next week for sustaining fundraising plan.

i. Candidate Recruitment and Endorsement: Darcie Green

j. Communications: David Cohen

- Expanded communications committee

k. Campaign Services: Ann Grabowski

l. Political Outreach (Clubs): Diane Rolfe

Clubs:

-DAWN: Annual Brunch on Sunday the 8th

- Iranian Dem Club: Event at Billy Berk's re: issues in Iran, Oct 6th

- Berryessa: Next club meeting. October meeting. November elections meeting.

- The Villages: Discussion on Disclose Act, Zoe Lofgren and Jeff Rosen spoke.

- SVAPADC: Annual Dinner October 4th

-SCCDC: December 14th is Annual Holiday Party.

- Dean Club: Sept 19th, meeting in Palo Alto; Mark Armstrong speaking on banking regulation.

- Africa-American Dem Club: Echo March of March on Washington 50th Anniversary.

- PDC: Brunch with Asm Gordon on Sunday the 8th

- Century Club: Next

m. Regional Director: Kelly Martinez

o. Democratic National Committee: Chris Stampolis

p. DTV Report: Steve Chessin

Democratic Television Producer Emeritus Steve Chessin reported that our guests in March were Doron Cocerchero and Victoria Bernal from "Food What?!", a youth empowerment and food justice program based in the Watsonville area that uses food, through sustainable agriculture and health, as the vehicle for growing strong, healthy, and inspired teens. They partner with low-income and at-risk youth to grow, cook, eat, and distribute healthy, sustainably raised food and address food justice issues in their community.

Our guest in April was Cindy Chavez, candidate for Board of Supervisor District 2.

Our guest in May was the Reverend Jethroe Moore II, President of the San Jose Silicon Valley NAACP. He talked about his past, what led him to community action, and the issues affecting NAACP members and the broader community.

Our guest in June was Maria Noel Fernandez, the Associate Director of Organizing and Civic Engagement for Working Partnerships.

We had no July taping so we all could work on Cindy's campaign.

Our guests in August were Sunnyvale City Councilmember Jim Griffith and Sunnyvale City Planning Commissioner Gustav Larsson, candidates for city council seats in Sunnyvale. They discussed the contest, their thoughts on

community and involvement, and where they hope to lead the city.

Our guest in September is TBD.

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

q. Pro-Choice Coalition: Claudia Shope

- See Report: AN 154, SB 340 on Brown's desk.

r. CDC Report: Emilie Gatfield

- Trainings set up in Northern California soon.

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS

-Hoffman: MLK event Saturday Oct 12 at Flame's.

-Cardenas: Senator Hill update

- Johnston Tran: Gave announcement on behalf of Kansen Chu's candidacy for Assembly.

- Yes on C campaign having event in Sunnyvale.

10. EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

11. ADJOURNMENT

Adjourned at 7:45pm

Northern Santa Clara County Representation on the Caltrain Board

WHEREAS, Palo Alto and Mountain View have the second and third highest ridership stations on the Caltrain corridor and currently account for 57% of the average weekday boardings in Santa Clara County; and

WHEREAS, these and other northern Santa Clara County cities, including Los Altos and Los Altos Hills, currently lack representation on the Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Board (PCJPB), which owns and operates Caltrain; and

WHEREAS, the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) appoints all three of the PCJPB representatives from Santa Clara County;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Santa Clara County Democratic Party will support permanent representation on the Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Board for the "North County" group of cities, including Palo Alto, Mountain View, Los Altos, and Los Altos Hills.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Santa Clara County Democratic Party will encourage members of the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority to appoint a representative to the PCJPB from one of these "North County" cities.