

SANTA CLARA COUNTY DEMOCRATIC CENTRAL COMMITTEE

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

MINUTES of the meeting on Thursday, May 1st, 2014**1. CALL TO ORDER** at 7:10pm**2. ROLL CALL**

Absent: Gilbert Wong, Chris Stampolis, Darcie Green, Pierluigi Oliverio, Jim Brady, Brian O'Neill, Bill Roth, Walt Glines, Paul Comacho, Asm Bob Wieckowski, Asm Mark Stone, Sen Ellen Corbett, Sen Jerry Hill, Rep Zoe Lofgren, Rep Sam Farr, Royce Kelley, Hene Kelly, Kelly Martinez, Elizabeth Birk, Tim Orozco, Robert Braunstein, Karina Dominguez, Rishi Kumar, Raul Colunga, Chris Kolterman, Herb Engstrom, Aimee Escobar, Josh Barousse, Sally Armendariz, Thomas Wang

Alternates for: Anna Song, Ken Yeager, Shaian Mohammadi, Rich Watterman, Asm Rich Gordon, Asm Luis Alejo, Sen Jim Beall, Sen Bill Monning, Rep Mike Honda, Rep Anna Eshoo, David Wessel

3. IDENTIFICATION OF VISITORS

- **Jodi Muirhead – Santa Clara Unified School District candidate**
- **Charlotte ____ - member of the public seeking to get involved**
- **Karen Maki from San Mateo County Democratic Central Committee**
- **Nicole Soderbund (?)**
- **Noelani Sallings – Santa Clara Unified School District candidate**
- **Kathy Sutherland – SJ city council candidate**
- **Jim Griffith – Mayor of Sunnyvale**
- **Robert Cortese – forming Dem club for Cambrian neighborhood in San Jose**
- **Nasreen Rahim – running for President for Bangladeshi Am. Dem. Coalition (BADC)**
- **_____ - running for Secretary of BADC**

4. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved/Second/Approved (M/S/A)

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (Minutes as posted at sccdp.org)a. Thursday, April 3rd, 2014 – M/S/A**6. NEW BUSINESS**

a. Sargent-at Arms position. Recommendation to appoint Betty Duong

M/S/A

b. Sunnyvale recall effort. Request for support

Richard Kolber spoke regarding effort to recall Sunnyvale Council Member Pat Meyering

Disruptive and uncooperative behavior on council

Abuse of colleagues, staff; disclosure of confidential information to make a point

Members directed to further information at <http://recallpatmeyering.org/>

M/S to endorse the effort to recall Sunnyvale Council Member Pat Meyering

Some members expressed concern they did not have enough information to act

Some members expressed concern about SCCDCC supporting recall efforts; maybe better to focus on efforts to identify officeholders who behave badly and ensure good Democrats run against them

Vote: motion failed

Steve Chessin expressed he voted “no” because lack of information, and if petition to put recall on ballot is successful movants could come back to SCCDCC to seek support; other members supported that sentiment

c. Fracking moratorium resolution. Request for support

Marcene van Dierendonck requested the committee pass a resolution to support SB 1132. Noted Senate Environmental Quality Committee chaired by Sen Jerry Hill passed SB 1132 with amendments; bill moves to the Senate Appropriations Committee for consideration

Chair noted SCCDCC executive board proposed an alternative version on the agenda, which did not refer specifically to SB 1132, prior to the Senate Environmental Quality Committee’s action on SB 1132; now believes the executive board would support motion specifically referring to SB 1132, as brought forward by Marcene.

M/S/A Resolution to Support SB 1132 (omitting reference to a provision removed from the bill in committee which would have afforded members of the public an opportunity to comment on the study SB 1132 would require.)

d. Butt Out of Our Bars campaign. Request for endorsement

A representative of the campaign (Brian Davis) provided background, explained why this is an issue for the LGBT community, and asked for endorsement; San Jose councilmember Ash Kalra also spoke in support.

M/S/A to endorse the Butt Out of Our Bars campaign

e. JJ Dinner

Hope Cahan and Drina Collins spoke about the dinner, program ads, ticket sales, encouraged clubs to purchase tables

7. OLD BUSINESS

None.

8. REPORTS FROM OFFICERS AND OTHERS

a. Executive Board: Andrae Macapinlac (given by Chair)

b. Chair: Steve Preminger

c. Vice Chair: Bill James

d. Treasurer: Forrest Williams

e. Secretary: Andrae Macapinlac (no report/not present)

f. Issues: Andres Quintero

g. Community Services and Voter Registration: Judy Pipkin

14 workers supported Ready for Hillary event

Call to action to support Rep Mike Honda at upcoming debate in Fremont

Office busy with campaign phone banking and precinct walking; Dem club meetings

h. Finance: Emy Thurber

State account income and expenditures were reported

Federal account (e.g., JJ dinner) income and expenditures were reported

Checking account balance was reported.

i. Candidate Recruitment and Endorsement: Darcie Green (no report/not present)

j. Communications: David Cohen

Can register JJ dinner via our website using Act Blue

Need more volunteers to help with website, newsletter articles

k. Campaign Services: Ann Grabowski (no report/not present)

l. Political Outreach (Clubs): Diane Rolfe

m. Regional Director:

1) Royce Kelley, Region 5

2) Hene Kelley, Region 6

3) Kelly Martinez, Region 7

o. Democratic National Committee: Chris Stampolis

p. DTV Report: Steve Chessin

Democratic Television Producer Emeritus Steve Chessin reported that our guest in March was San Jose District 9 City Councilmember Don Rocha who is running for re-election. Our guest in April was Santa Clara County District 3 Supervisor Dave Cortese who is the Democratic Party endorsed candidate for Mayor of San Jose.

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 (no report)

r. CDC Report: Emilie Gatfield (no report)

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS

10. EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING (not discussed)

11. ADJOURNMENT

Adjourned at 8:30pm