

**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, June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2014****1. CALL TO ORDER****Called to order at 7:14pm****Supervisor Cortese thanked the Committee for its support in his race for San Jose Mayor. Pattie Cortese also spoke.****2. ROLL CALL**

Absent: Gilbert Wong (exc), Chris Stampolis, Andres Quintero, Omar Torres, Ash Kalra (exc), Jim Brady, Walt Glines, Bruce Morasca, Rebecca Scheel, Paul Camacho, Ellen Corbett, Elizabeth Birk, Zoe Lofgren, Sam Farr, Nasreem Rahim, Raul Colunga, Karina Dominguez, Rishi Kumar, Buu Thai, Thomas Wang, Augustina Aremandariz.

Alternates for: Diane Rolfe, Anna Song, Ken Yeager, Pierluigi Oliverio, Rich Wattermann, Mark Stone, Luis Alejo, Rich Gordon, Bob Wieckowski, Jerry Hill, Paul Fong, Jim Beall, Bill Monning, Anna Eshoo, Mike Honda, Chris Koltermann

**3. IDENTIFICATION OF VISITORS****4. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Moved; seconded approved.

**5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES** (Minutes are/will be posted at [sccdp.org](http://sccdp.org))a. Thursday, May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2014

Moved; seconded approved.

**6. NEW BUSINESS**

- Insurance Commissioner Dave Jones requests support of Health Insurance Rate Regulation ballot measure. Speakers for and against the measure will present their positions for possible vote.

Commissioner Dave Jones wants to have the Insurance Commissioner authority to have to regulate health insurance rate spikes.

- Gave examples of consumers who are paying too much for health care costs due to premium increases.
- Auto and home owner insurance rates are regulated by Dept of Insurance; wants same for health insurance premium.
- Will not harm Affordable Care Act.
- Lobbyists against this policy are with the big insurance companies.
- Large progressive coalition are backing this measure.
- Report done by John Kingsdale, who worked for Mitt Romney. Report showed negatives on the policy

Assemblymember Dario Fromer spoke in opposition to the measure.

- Has doubts that this is the right way to solve the health care cost problem.
- Advocates wanted this on the November 2012 ballot; auto insurance policy "snuck in".
- Covers a very small, 16%, will be affected.
- Why concerned about Covered CA? Gives Insurance Commissioner ability to second-guess rate. Allows anyone to intervene with rate review.
- Suggesting the Party should not get into this matter. Good arguments on both sides.

Questions:

Q: ACA limits profits of insurance companies to 20%? 80 cents to every dollar must go to healthcare services.

A: Yes, but it does not reign in rates. 35 other states do that.

Q: What's Peter Lee's position on it.

A: No position on it.

Q: Can large groups look after themselves for the time being?

Fromer: Rates are going up

Jones: 12 to 13 million Californians will be affected; not just the 16%.

Fromer: The other states that have this policy doesn't have the lengthy intervening process this measure prescribes.

Q: Is there an alternative to alter?

A: Fromer would have consolidate and DMHC would handle the other 90% of cases.

Q: Who does Mr. Former employed with?

A: He is volunteering his time with the campaign but previously worked for Blue Shield.

Q: Set rates vs. Review rates?

A: Similar to the PUC, sets up an intervener system. Had a dry-run with Covered CA.

Q: What if it doesn't work?

A: Prop 103 can make changes in law through super-majority vote of Legislature.

Emy moves to endorse 2014 Insurance Rate Public Justification and Accountability Act; Moved; Seconded.

Discussion:

- Paul Fong agrees that we should pass this.

- Abramowitz: Her insurance company raised rates 60%; Commissioner got it cut to 30%

- Cardenas: Supervisor Chavez supports the measure.

Motion Approved.

2. Proportional election system to SCCDCC—Discussion
- Herb: In 2012 election: Only two people ran for the 6 positions in 29<sup>th</sup> Assembly District. Contrast with 28<sup>th</sup> AD. 17 people ran for 6 positions. Suggests committee look into ways that are more fair.
3. Congressman Ami Bera's campaign gave a report on election results.
4. Book Drive for Women in Prison- State Assemblywoman Sally Lieber (Ret.) invites you to share the gift of reading with women in need. Softcover books and current magazines in good condition are needed for adults, teens and children. Small hardcover books are acceptable. Please note that there will be a collection box in the hallway just outside the Central Committee meeting. For more information, please visit [www.sallylieber.org](http://www.sallylieber.org)

## 7. OLD BUSINESS

### 8. REPORTS FROM OFFICERS AND OTHERS

**a. Executive Board: Andrae Macapinlac**

**b. Chair: Steve Preminger**

**c. Vice Chair: Bill James**

**d. Treasurer: Forrest Williams**

**\$2286 in bank.**

**e. Secretary: Andrae Macapinlac**

**f. Issues: Andres Quintero**

**g. Community Services and Voter Registration: Judy Pipkin**

**h. Finance: Emy Thurber**

**\$24,202 made from the JJ Dinner**

**i. Candidate Recruitment and Endorsement: Darcie Green**

**j. Communications: David Cohen**

**k. Campaign Services: Ann Grabowski**

**l. Political Outreach (Clubs): Diane Rolfe**

**Club Repts:**

**DAWN gave report**

**Century Club lunch on Friday the 13<sup>th</sup>. Larry Gerston Guest Speaker**

**DEAN Club- Two events coming up. Fundraiser for club with artist. June 21<sup>st</sup>, 11am Picnic.**

**SCCDC- June 28<sup>th</sup> event in Santa Clara**

**Sunnyvale Club- Rich Gordan & Recall of Pat Meyring on June 21<sup>st</sup>.**

**BNSJ- Cortese endorsed. Club recruitment. June 19<sup>th</sup> Meeting.**

**PDC- Fundraiser for Allyson Grimes, candidate against Mitch McConnell.**

**South County Club- August 17<sup>th</sup> picnic**

**Yes on AA campaign- Angelica Ramos reported that it is at 67%. More ballots to be counted.**

**Richard Nguyen running for Campbell Union High School District.**

**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 May was Margaret Okuzumi, winner of the Volunteer of the Year award at this year's Jefferson-Jackson Democratic dinner.

Our guest in June 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**

**r. CDC Report: Emilie Gatfield**

**- Re-organization of structure and member clubs.**

#### **9. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**- Ira Ruskin in serious care.**

**- Dr. Teresa Cox thanks committee, endorses Chu.**

#### **10. EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING**

#### **11. ADJOURNMENT**