

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, April 3rd, 2015****1. CALL TO ORDER****2. ROLL CALL**

Absent: Gilbert Wong (exc), Chris Stampolis (exc), Javier Gonzalez, Bruce Morasca, Rebecca Scheel, Paul Camacho, Dan Kenney, Nora Campos, Jerry Hill, Jim Beall, Zoe Lofgren, Rishi Kumar, Amy Pearl, Buu Thai, Sousan Mantegi-Safakish (exc)

Alternates for: Anna Song, Ken Yeager, Rich Gordon, Kansen Chu, Evan Low, Bob Wieckowski, Bill Monning, Mark Stone, Luis Alejo, Mike Honda, Anna Eshoo, Sam Farr, Tim Orozco, Swanee Edwards

3. IDENTIFICATION OF VISITORS

Rosemary Kamei, Vacancy SCCBOE Area 3

Jonathan, guest of Clarence Madrilejos

Councilmember Raul Peralez shared his thoughts on fallen officer Michael Johnson. Mother of Officer Johnson is an activist advocating on behalf of mental health. Johnson and police officers showed what a true public servant is.

Tim Orozco gives update in his race for San Jose City Council District 4. GOTV efforts for Tuesday, April 7th.

4. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Preminger: Add Resolution on California Universal Voter Registration

Motion to adopt; seconded; approved.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (Minutes are/will be posted at sccdp.org)

a. Thursday, March 5th, 2015

Maria Marraquin was guest in March.

6. NEW BUSINESS

a. Resolution: Only Human Beings have Constitutional Rights
Dunkerley presented the resolution. To be presented to the city of San Jose.
In short, corporations should not have the same rights guaranteed under the Constitution.

Clarifying question: Do you have any idea of what other corporate laws would be annulled?

Craig: Corporations can be useful, but not inalienable by virtue of the Constitution.

Bill James: The entity in question do not have rights shared by the individual. Opposed to the resolution, as the solution should not be amending the Constitution.

Clarifying question: Would the wording be amended to say the Democratic Party of Santa Clara County urges San Jose to adopt the resolution?

Craig: Yes.

Engstrom: Larilarl sued to keep advertising in front of schools based on 1st amendment.....

Moved; Seconded; resolution approved.

b. Resolution: Support for the Disclose Act, AB 700

Moved; Seconded; Approved

c. Schools Parcel Tax, Support Palo Alto Measure A, on May 5 special election

Corey Walbach presented.

Motion made; seconded; approved.

d. California Universal Voter Registration

Steve Chessin presents

Stressed low turnout partly due to having to sign up to register to vote in California, not automatic.

Some Western Europe has got turnout up to 63% due to universal voter registration.

Motion moved; seconded; passed.

7. OLD BUSINESS**8. REPORTS FROM OFFICERS AND OTHERS**

a. Executive Board: Andrae Macapinlac

- Talked about JJ Dinner.

-Discussed agenda items.

b. Chair: Steve Preminger

- E-Board retreat on April 11th

c. Vice Chair: Bill James

- Met with Emy and Alyson regarding the Chair's Fund.

d. Treasurer: Forrest Williams

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e. Secretary: Andrae Macapinlac

f. Issues: Dennis Raj

g. Community Services and Voter Registration: Judy Pipkin

h. Finance: Emy Thurber

1. Hope Cahan gave report on JJ Dinner. Need more ads for program and tables to be filled.

i. Candidate Recruitment and Endorsement: Ann Grabowski

- Thanks everyone for the committee's approval.

- Steering Committee being formed early for 2015 November election and 2016 elections. (North, Central and South divisions)

Patrick Ahrens, Angelica Ramos and Ellen Kamei on the committee so far.

j. Communications: David Cohen

k. Gender Equity and the Status of Women: Darcie Green

l. Campaign Services: Jeff Cardenas

- Looking forward to mobilizing members on issues it cares about.

m. Political Outreach (Clubs): Alex Wara

Thanks BNSJ for bringing the dinner tonight.

SVLDF: JJ Dinner after-party at Fairmont. Participating in Friday May 1st Rally for service workers.

Sunnyvale Democratic Club: Saturday, April 18 meeting at Fairbrae Swim Club, panel on affordability. Panelists were Gustav Larssen and Lenny Segal. Moderator Adina Levin. Co-hosted by PYD.

Dean Democratic Club: April 11 DFA Summit. April 13 DFA Link meeting. Business Meeting April 27.

SVYD: JJ Dinner after-party and fundraiser at Mosaic.

SCCDC: At our March 16 meeting former Supervisor Rod Diridon, Sr. spoke to the Club about High speed rail in California and its benefits in countering global warming.

Our April 20 meeting (Harry's Hofbrau, 7 p.m.) will feature Dr. Scott Myers-Lipton, Professor of Sociology at San José State University. He the author of *Ending Extreme Inequality: An Economic Bill of Rights Approach to Eliminate Poverty*. He will speak on "Disparity Between the 1% and the 99%: Causes and Solutions."

The Club held an endorsement vote in the San José District 4 City Council race but found it impossible to convince all Democrats in that race even to apply for endorsement. The Club showed concern that Democratic activists should reach out more to all registered Democrats, and eventually two, Tim Orozco and Alex Torres, applied. Both were endorsed.

Century Club: April 10th lunch, Jim Beall will speak.

South County Democratic Club: Purchased table at JJ Dinner and Ad. Awarded \$250 scholarship to two Gavilan College students for the next school term. Giving support to Sierra Club's planned letter to board of supervisors against fracking.

SVAPADC: API Heritage Month in May 28th . Supporting Tim Orozco

CDC: Emilie Gatfield now President of California Democratic Council. John Comiskey also elected.

D10: Living Wage event

n. Sgt at Arms: Betty Duong

o. Regional Director:

1) Royce Kelley, Region 5

2) Hene Kelley, Region 6

3) Kelly Martinez, Region 7

p. Democratic National Committee: Chris Stampolis

q. DTV Report: Steve Chessin

Democratic Television Producer Emeritus Steve Chessin reported that our guest in March was Kathleen Krenek, Executive Director of Next Door Solutions to Domestic Violence.

Our guest in April 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.

r. Pro-Choice Coalition: Claudia Shope

s. CDC Report: Emilie Gatfield

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS

10. EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

11. ADJOURNMENT

Adjourn in memory of San Jose Police Officer Michael Johnson