

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, May 7th, 2015****1. CALL TO ORDER**

Meeting called to order at 7:10pm

2. ROLL CALL

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

Alternates for: Anna Song, Ken Yeager, Rich Gordon, Evan Low, Mark Stone, Luis Alejo, Bob Wiecekowski, Kansan Chu, Mike Honda, Anna Eshoo, Sam Farr, Tim Orozco

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

Amendment: Preminger adding Resolution opposing Fast track of TransPacific Partnership

Seconded; agenda passes.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (Minutes are/will be posted at sccdp.org)a. Thursday, April 3rd, 2015

Motion made; seconded; passes/

6. NEW BUSINESS

a. Resolution: Divestment from Fossil Fuel Companies

Discussion:

Motion made seconded; resolution passes

b. Resolution: Opposing Fast Track of TransPacific Partnership

Discussion: Speakers opposed to the agreement which would be bad for American jobs.

Motion made; seconded; resolution passes.

b. Vacancy on County Central Committee in AD29, vote at June meeting

c. Electing State E-Board positions at June meeting

7. OLD BUSINESS

Discussion/Feedback on JJ Dinner

- Debating different venue next time.

8. REPORTS FROM OFFICERS AND OTHERS**a. Executive Board: Andrae Macapinlac****b. Chair: Steve Preminger**

1) Report on Executive Board retreat

c. Vice Chair: Bill James

- Go2015 at JJ Dinner

- Social networking at JJ dinner

d. Treasurer: Forrest Williams

- \$3,504.11

e. Secretary: Andrae Macapinlac**f. Issues: Dennis Raj****g. Community Services and Voter Registration: Judy Pipkin**

- Helen Chpman gave report

- July 18th picnic at Ponderosa Park**h. Finance: Emy Thurber**

- State \$43,000

- Federal \$21,000

- Join GO2015 at \$10 a month

i. Candidate Recruitment and Endorsement: Ann Grabowski**j. Communications: David Cohen**

1) More help with website

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

1) Anna Ko gave report

- 202 elected women in Santa Clara County (57.8% men, 42.2% women)

2) Goals: 1. Gender Equity in elected offices in SCC

2. County status on women and girls 3. Statewide resolution from Party.

l. Campaign Services: Jeff Cardenas

1) Register Dems at naturalization ceremonies.

m. Political Outreach (Clubs): Alex Wara (John Comiskey gave report)

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.

SVAPADC: API Heritage Mixer on May28th at Liquid Lounge in downtown San Jose.

Dean Democratic Club: May 2 Garden Tour was a success and brought in \$910. May 11th DFA link meeting featuring Eric Snowden documentary. Co-hosting reception for Congressman McNeerney on June 6th. May 25th club meeting at Marie Callendar's in Sunnyvale.

PDC: June 6th reception for Congressman McNeerney. June 14th event with PYD.

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 wedid not tape a show in April. 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.

r. Pro-Choice Coalition: Claudia Shope

s. CDC Report: Emilie Gatfield

- 1) CDC co-hosting event at House of Blues with Emerge CA and Close the Gap in Anaheim during convention.

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ahmad Rafa starting a Santa Clara Democratic Club

Angelica Ramos and Omar Torres speak as candidates for Regional 7 Director of CDP.

Chessin announces vacancies at citizens Advisory Commission on elections

Patrick Ahrens announces hospitality suite at convention hosted by Asm Evan Low

10. EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

11. ADJOURNMENT

Adjourned at 8:35om

Resolution in Support of Divestment from Fossil Fuel Companies

WHEREAS the climate crisis is a severe threat to current and future generations and the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) Fourth Assessment Report found that global warming is already causing costly disruption of human and natural systems throughout the world including the melting of Arctic ice, the ocean's rise, increase in ocean's acidity, flooding and drought; and

WHEREAS, Almost every government in the world has agreed through the 2009 Copenhagen Accord that any warming above a 2°C (3.6°F) rise would be hazardous, and that if humans pour only about 565 more gigatons of carbon dioxide into the atmosphere this limit will be not possible to maintain; and

WHEREAS, For the purposes of this resolution, a "fossil fuel company" shall be defined as any of the 200 publicly traded companies with the largest coal, oil, and gas reserves as measured by the gigatons of carbon dioxide that would be emitted if those reserves were extracted and burned, as listed in Fossil Free Indexes' "The Carbon Underground 200" report (<http://fossilfreeindexes.com/research/the-carbon-underground/>), as updated; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the California Democratic Party calls upon the University of California and California State University endowments, and the University of California Retirement Plan, the California Public Employees' Retirement System (CALPERS), and the California State Teachers' Retirement System (CALSTRS) institutional pension funds, to immediately stop new investments in fossil fuel companies, to take steps to divest all holdings from the top 200 fossil fuel companies as determined by the Carbon Underground list within five years, and to release periodic updates to the public, detailing progress made toward full divestment; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the California Democratic Party send a copy of this resolution to the Governor of the State of California, the Board of Regents of the University of California, the Chancellor of the California State University system, members of the state Senate and state Assembly, asking support for institutional divestment from fossil fuels and for this resolution.

Sponsored by Region 2, Region 5, and Alameda, Alpine, Amador, Los Angeles, Marin, Placer, Sacramento, Santa Barbara, Santa Cruz, Sierra, Solano, Sonoma, Ventura, and Yolo counties, with more to come