

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, October 1st, 2015****1. CALL TO ORDER**

7:09

2. ROLL CALL

Absent: Diane Rolfe, Andres Quintero, Chris Stampolis, Emilie Gatfield, Ken Yeager, Jim Brady, Rebecca Scheel, Bruce Morasca, Dan Kenney, Paul Comacho, Kansen Chu, Luis Alejo, Jerry Hill, Mike Honda, Zoe Lofgren, Sam Farr, Nasrim Raheem, Andrew Heaton, David Wessel.

Alternates for: Gilbert Wong, Anna Song, Darcie Green, Omar Torres, Shaian Mohamadi, Rich Watterman, Brian O'Neil, Evan Low, Mark Stone, Anna Eshoo, Rishi Kumar, Ellen Kamei, Bob Wiekowski, Jim Beall.

3. IDENTIFICATION OF VISITORS**Priya Murthy and Josh Barousse.****Vendi, AD 28 delegate.**

Senate Majority Leader Bill Monning spoke to the committee; spoke on budget, passed legislation, transportation and infrastructure. Served in Health Committee in extraordinary session.

2016 important election; important swing districts in the state that can turn Republican seats blue.

4. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion to Approve; seconded; approved

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

Motion to approve; seconded; approved.

6. NEW BUSINESSa. Discussion on Resolution to support a 28th Amendment regarding Citizens United ruling

1. Rob means presented the resolution calling for Amendment to remove rights of corporation as rights of people.

2. Motion made; seconded; discussion

-Bill James expressed concern to the wording and scope of the language of the resolution.

- Gerry Hunt: Constitution was written for people, not unnatural people.

- Heffner: Careful to consider the wording of this resolution.

- Engstrom: At the time of passage of bill of rights, corporations were severely restricted, political parties were not.

- Bill James: Rebutted that bill of rights protects minority rights from majority.

- Marcene: Supports resolution as written.

Yes- 19

No-11

- Resolution Passes

b. Discussion on Resolution regarding Santa Clara County policy on ICE

1. Jeremy and Priya presented resolution (see below)

2. Strengthen county policy in entangling with ICE

3. ICE programs have no accountability

4. San Francisco Dem Central Committee passed reso similar to this.

5. Discussion:

- Edwards: Expressed concerns of sanctuary cities/counties, supports comprehensive immigration reform.

- Heffner: If someone is a violent felon, they are clearly a threat. Violent multiple felons should be turned in to ICE; they should be exempt from sanctuary.

- Sousan: Question re: Miranda-Oliveras ruling on due process and 4th amendment.

- Priya: Constitution applies to individuals in this regard.

6. Issue deferred to Executive Board.

c. Election to fill vacancies in 27th and 30th AD's

1. Emy Thurber nominates Emilie Gatfield for AD 27

2. Aimee Escobar nominates Anna Ko for AD 27

3. Tony Alexander nominates Claudia Shoppe for AD 27.

Claudia: 2

Anna: 14

Emilie:16

1. Jill Chessler nominates Swanee Edwards

Swanee by acclamation.

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**

1. \$2567.11

2. \$2,500 for website revamp

e. Secretary: Andrae Macapinlac**f. Issues: VACANT**

g. Community Services and Voter Registration: Judy Pipkin**h. Finance: Emy Thurber**

1. \$2500 in FEC
2. \$14k in FPPC
3. \$17,000 in restricted use

i. Candidate Recruitment and Endorsement: Ann Grabowski

1. Sat October 10th to go through interview process at Party HQ at 10am

j. Communications: David Cohen

1. Website launched in the next 10 days.
2. Mobile website will also be launched.

k. Gender Equity and the Status of Women: Darcie Green**l. Campaign Services: Angelica Ramos****m. Political Outreach (Clubs): Alex Wara**

1. SVYD brought dinner tonight.

SVYD: Charles made announcement. Liquid Lounge post-BAYMEC afterparty.

SCCDC: The Santa Clara County Democratic Club featured Dave Cortese, president of the county Board of Supervisors, at its September meeting. He has made ending homelessness his top priority during his tenure as president of the Board. His guiding principle he said, quoting Einstein, is "In the middle of difficulty lies opportunity." He described some of the problems the Homeless face. He mentioned a number of possible sources of financial support aimed at getting the homeless into shelters and with care as soon as possible and other ways of providing care.

Following Dave's presentation the Club raised \$2,020 for its campaign fund thanks in large part to a \$1,000 challenge grant from Club member Dan Hoffman. The members of the Club authorized an expenditure of \$250 to support Russ Feingold's run to recapture his Senate seat, which he lost in 2010. We also donated \$500 to the California Democratic Council.

We have invited both Democratic candidates for the 17th congressional District, Ro Khanna and incumbent Mike Honda, to be featured speakers at different Club meetings. Ro has accepted for our October meeting to take place on the 19th at Harry's Hofbrau. Mike's scheduler has indicated that he is likely to be able to speak at the January meeting, but if not, a staff member will speak instead.

Bay Area Indian-American Democratic Club: Indian Prime Minister Modhi came to Silicon Valley last week.

Century Club: Next guest speaker is Supervisor Cindy Chavez.

Dean Dem Club of SV: DFA Link Meeting, Letter Writing

Wrote 100+ letters supporting the local fight against Human Trafficking, with Sally Lieber

WHEN:

September 14, 2015 @ 6:30 pm – 9:00 pm

Dean Club working meeting

Various items, see dfasv.org

WHEN:

September 28, 2015 @ 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm

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Russ Feingold Fund Raiser, see dfasv.org

WHEN:

October 4, 2015 @ 3:00 pm – 6:00 pm

WHERE:

Home of Stephanie Grossman

1121 Harriet Street, Palo Alto, CA 94301

DFA Link Meeting

Senator Jerry Hill

WHEN:

October 12, 2015 @ 6:30 pm – 9:00 pm

WHERE:

Home of Alice Smith

4284 Los Palos Circle

Palo Alto, CA 94306

Dean Club working meeting

WHEN:

October 26, 2015 @ 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm

WHERE:

Marie Callender's

Hacienda Shopping Center

751 East El Camino Real, Sunnyvale, CA 94087

DFA Link Meeting

Senator Jim Beall

WHEN:

November 9, 2015 @ 6:30 pm – 9:00 pm

WHERE:

TBD

Dean Club working meeting

WHEN:

November 23, 2015 @ 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm

WHERE:

Marie Callender's

Hacienda Shopping Center

751 East El Camino Real, Sunnyvale, CA 94087SVAPADC: Annual Dinner on October 16th

BNSJ: October 22nd meeting on the topic

South County: September 17. Reso prohibiting oil extraction in Santa Clara County. Registered Dozens of new voters.

PDC: Sunday, Nov 15th: Forum with 4 mayors of North County. Supervisor Simitian to be moderator.

n. Sgt at Arms: Betty Duong

o. Regional Director:

1) Royce Kelley, Region 5

2) Hene Kelley, Region 6

-Chessin gave report on August Executive Board meeting

3) Omar Torres, Region 7

p. Democratic National Committee: Chris Stampolis

q. DTV Report: Steve Chessin

Democratic Television Producer Emeritus Steve Chessin reported that Our guest in September was Andrae Macapinlac, the Community Liaison for State Senator Bob Wieckowski's office (District 10).

Our guest in October is Lenny Sigel. 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

1. Horrible attacks on women's health by the Right. Dems must fight back.

s. CDC Report: Emilie Gatfield

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. **Bill Ferguson: Milpitas commission on Campaign Finance Reform. Developers can't make campaign contributions when business in on the dais. Recommending \$15,000 campaign cap for council, \$25,000 for mayor.**

2. **Noellani spoke on Emerge California. Applications due on November 9th.**

10. EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

11. ADJOURNMENT

Adjourned at 5:45pm

WHEREAS, on October 18, 2011, Santa Clara County instituted a policy not to submit to any detainer requests from the Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), effectively separating local law enforcement from federal immigration enforcement. This policy promotes equal treatment of everyone in the justice system and prevents a two-tiered system where criminal cases involving immigrants are treated more harshly and denied constitutional protections, giving rise to the notion that immigrants are inherently more dangerous than U.S. citizens;

and WHEREAS, detaining individuals and notifying ICE of their presence facilitates their detention in denial of their due process rights and access to rehabilitative programs will not further promote public safety as safeguards already exist in our criminal justice system. The District Attorney and Judge have ample opportunities to protect public safety by considering charges to be made, bail decisions and sentencing in each case;

and WHEREAS, in the absence of federal comprehensive immigration reform and a pathway to citizenship, the Santa Clara County Democratic Party has been a national leader in supporting policies that help foster an environment that promotes meaningful cultural, economic, community, and civic participation by immigrants who might otherwise be at risk of removal and separation from their families, ensuring that immigrant families have access to quality services such as healthcare and education, and setting an example that has since been adopted by more than 200 cities around the country;

and WHEREAS, there is a paucity of information regarding the implementation of ICE's new "Priority Enforcement Program" as the program is yet to be tested and ICE has a track record of failing to provide accurate information regarding its enforcement efforts;

now therefore be it RESOLVED, that the Party condemns in the strongest terms possible attacks against immigrant families and calls for the passing of comprehensive immigration reform that, in the words of Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi, "is humane, does not divide families, and addresses the growing disconnect between our nation's policy and the reality on the ground in cities and communities across our country."

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Santa Clara County Democratic Party supports strengthening the current Santa Clara County Detainer policy to further disentangle local law enforcement activities from federal immigration enforcement by rejecting all detainers, rejecting all notifications, and rejecting the County's participation in the Priority Enforcement Program.