

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, February 4th, 2016****1. CALL TO ORDER****7:05pm****2. ROLL CALL**

Absent: Chris Stampolis (ex), Darcie Green, Jim Brady, Brian O'Neil, Paul Camacho, Kansen Chu, Bill Monning, Zoe Lofgren, Sam Farr, Tim Orozco, Rishi Kumar, Andrew Heaton, Justin Carvalho

Alternates for: Anna Song, Jim Thurber, Ken Yeager, Shaian Mohammadi, Hope Cahan, Rich Gordon, Luis Alejo, Bob Wieckowski, Jim Beall, Jerry Hill, Anna Eshoo, Mike Honda, Geri Hunt.

3. IDENTIFICATION OF VISITORS**Howard Epstein, from New York City****Julie Hutchison, Morgan Hill****Dr. Teresa Cox. Ohlone Trustee****Marlene Zepada****Vicki Veenker, Candidate for 24th Assembly District****Ash Kalra, Candidate for 27th Assembly District****4. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Chapman: Reso on coastal commission

Motion to adopt as amended; seconded; approved

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (Minutes are/will be posted at sccdp.org)a. Thursday, January 7th, 2015

Moved to approve; seconded; approved

6. NEW BUSINESS

a. Sally Lieber's report on her current work with refugees.

- Will be speaking at Century Club about her experience in volunteering in Lesbos with refugees.

- We as Dems and Americans should care for those displaced by violence.

- Wanted to take action after seeing image of dead 3-year old refugee.

b. Central Committee election discussion.

SEE RESO

- Proposal came about discussion from Executive Board to get feedback and input from the body.

- Proportional to populations within the County

- State election code would need to be changed via legislation

- Change composition by changing bylaws by adding members.

- Chessin: We can adopt a resolution instead of amending the bylaws every 10 years.

- Cohen: Intent was not to decrease number of districts, but to increase. Proposal is a good compromise. Make change before election.

- Swanee: Proud of south county for coming together by this issue.

- James: Members should take time to look at the proposal; would be happy to hear feedback.

c. Two Resolutions on South County development

SEE RESO LANGUAGE

- Rebecca, Swanee and Julie presented.

- Land use issues in Gilroy and Morgan Hill; would double size of Gilroy. Market rate housing on annexed land.

- Urge LAFCO to discourage urban sprawl (Gilroy)

- Motion made to support Gilroy resolution; seconded; discussion; approved unanimously

- Urge LAFCO Southeast quadrant annexation opposition for Morgan Hill.

- Motion made to support Morgan Hill resolution; seconded; discussion; approved unanimously

d. Emergency resolution urging opposition to removal of Dr. Charles Lester from CA Coastal Commission

Motion made; seconded; discussion; approved

7. OLD BUSINESS

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

Jaquie Hefner Save the Date flyer for JJ Dinner on 5-6-16

Assemblymember Evan Low gave report on convention event. 9pm on Friday at Tech Museum.

c. Vice Chair: Bill James**- Some conflicting information on Central Committee candidate booklet re: ballot designation****d. Treasurer: Forrest Williams****- \$13.71****e. Secretary: Andrae Macapinlac****f. Issues: VACANT****g. Community Services and Voter Registration: Judy Pipkin****- Office been busy with volunteers; students with volunteer hours****- 6 days a week open starting in March.****- Surpassed amount of volunteers needed at Convention****h. Finance: Emy Thurber****i. Candidate Recruitment and Endorsement: Ann Grabowski****j. Communications: David Cohen****- Many people signing up online to volunteer****k. Gender Equity and the Status of Women: Darcie Green****l. Campaign Services: Angelica Ramos****m. Political Outreach (Clubs): Alex Wara****- Thank the SV Latino Dem Forum for dinner****SCCDP:**

The Santa Clara County Democratic Club held two meetings in January. In the first, on January 18th, Congressman Mike Honda spoke to the Club on the subject of "Working for Silicon Valley." At the second meeting, one week later, the Club held an endorsement vote for the 17th CD race between Honda and challenger Ro Khanna. County District Attorney Jeff Rosen urged a vote for Khanna citing his values. Rod Diridon, Sr. spoke for Honda citing his experience and progressive record. A spirited discussion followed. When the votes were counted, Khanna received 80 and Honda 51. Neither reached the required two thirds majority, so there was no endorsement.

The February 15th meeting will see another endorsement vote, this time in the 27th Assembly District race to replace current officeholder Nora Campos. So far Democrats applying for the endorsement are Cong Do, Darcie Green, Esau Herrera, Ash Kalra, Madison Nguyen. The meeting will be at Harry's Hofbrau beginning at 7 p.m.

We plan another endorsement vote at the March meeting. This time it will be for the San José City Council race in the very popular District 6.

PDC: 21st of February Los Altos Youth Center PDC/PYD annual meeting**SVYD: Feb candidate meet n greet. March endorsements****Sunnyvale: Meeting on election diversity****Santa Clara City: Had first meeting****Dean:****DFA Link Meeting****Debate Watch****WHEN:****January 17, 2015 @ 6:30 pm – 9:00 pm****Dean Club working meeting****Endorsements and Goal Setting**

WHEN:**January 25, 2015 @ 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm****DFA Link Meeting****Book Study featuring George Lakoff's****The Little Blue Book: The Essential Guide to Thinking and Talking Democratic****WHEN:****February 8, 2016 @ 6:30 pm – 9:00 pm****WHERE:****233 Loucks Ave, Los Altos, CA 94022****Dean Club working meeting****Endorsements and Goal Setting****WHEN:****February 22, 2016 @ 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm****WHERE:****Marie Callender's, Hacienda Shopping Center****751 East El Camino Real, Sunnyvale, CA 94087****DFA Link Meeting****Derecka Mehrens, Executive Director of Working Partnerships****WHEN:****March 14, 2016 @ 6:30 pm – 9:00 pm****WHERE:****1131 Seena Ave, Los Altos, 94024****Dean Club working meeting****Endorsements****Century Club: Sally Lieber guest speaker. March is Madalena Carasco. April DA Rosen****South County: Jan 16th club meeting; Endorsement meeting.****DAWN: Potluck and Eboard election brunch on Sunday March 6th at SEIU 521.****n. Sgt at Arms: Betty Duong****o. Regional Director:****1) Royce Kelley, Region 5****Andrae Macapinlac gave report****2) Hene Kelley, Region 6****Steve Chessin gave report****3) Omar Torres, Region 7****Endorsement of Jimmy Panetta, Ash Kalra and Karina Cervantes Alejo****Next is April 9th in San Benido County****p. Democratic National Committee: Chris Stampolis****q. DTV Report: Steve Chessin**

Democratic Television Producer Emeritus Steve Chessin reported that our guest in January was Mountain View Mayor Pat Showalter.

Our guest in February will be former Assemblymember Sally Lieber, who will talk about her experiences in Greece helping refugees.

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**

CDC and Emerge California event**9. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- **Josh Becker for AD 24**

- **Eric Hernandez for Chris Roth for SJ council district 6. Got endorsed by Lt Gov Gavin Newsom.**

10. EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING**11. ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 8:37pm.

Proposed Bylaws Change Regarding SCCDCC Elected MembersBackground

The 2010 redistricting resulted in Santa Clara County having six Assembly districts within the County, instead of seven, which had the effect of reducing the number of elected members of the Santa Clara County Democratic Central Committee (SCCDCC) from 42 to 36.

The number and apportionment of members of party central committees is governed by state law, see Cal. Elections Code section 7201 et seq. It has been proposed that the SCCDCC request that the legislature change how elected members of the SCCDCC are apportioned to achieve more equal representation by population.

Proposal

The committee appointed to consider the question of possible changes to how SCCDCC elected representatives are apportioned will present the following proposal for discussion by the full SCCDCC. If SCCDCC members indicate a willingness to consider the proposal more formally, the committee would prepare and present to the SCCDCC for consideration at a subsequent meeting a proposed bylaws amendment to implement the change, which would not require a change in state law.

1. The SCCDCC would amend the SCCDCC bylaws to create for each of at least a subset of AD's that have higher populations within Santa Clara County than at least one or more other AD's a specified additional number of appointed members who would be selected based on election results. For example, if up to 3 additional members were to be added in a given AD, then up to the next 3 candidates in election result order (e.g., those who finished 7th, 8th, and 9th in order) would be appointed.
 - a. Under one proposal, the two AD's wholly within the County, i.e., AD27 and AD28, would each receive up to 3 additional members, and others would remain the same
 - i. Elected members would increase from 36 to 42
 - b. Under another proposal, AD24, 25, 27, and 28 would receive an additional 2, 1, 4, and 4 members, respectively, based on population, and AD29 and 30 would remain unchanged
 - i. Elected members would increase from 36 to 47
2. The bylaws would specify that members so appointed would have all the rights of an elected member and would be treated the same as elected members for purposes of any benefits or privileges that may be afforded to elected members, such as state central committee membership.
3. In a DSCC appointment period for which the number of elected or equivalent SCCDCC members exceeded the number of available DSCC positions, we would need to determine and use a fair way to decide which elected and appointed-elected members would be appointed.