

SANTA CLARA COUNTY DEMOCRATIC CENTRAL COMMITTEE

7 PM, Note Room: Isaac Newton Senter Auditorium, County Bldg, 70 W Hedding St, San Jose

(Our meeting is open to the public, but we reserve the right to remove guests who disrupt the meeting. Video and audio recording not permitted without prior authorization, photos permitted if subject doesn't object.)

AGENDA FOR Thursday, December 5, 2019

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL

3. IDENTIFICATION OF VISITORS

4. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. Thursday, November 7, 2019

6. OLD BUSINESS

7. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Announce vacancy on SCCDCC (AD29)
- b. Endorsement: San Jose City Council, District 6
- c. Discuss and adopt Local Platform
- d. Resolution Endorsing March for Our Lives Peace Plan
- e. Resolution to Eliminate Treating So-Called "Spousal" Rape Differently than other Rape under California Law

8. REPORTS

- a. Executive Board/Chair: Bill James
- b. Vice Chair: Jean Cohen
- c. Treasurer: Angelica Ramos
- d. Secretary: Helen Chapman
- e. Issues: Michael Vargas
- f. Community Services and Voter Registration: Judy Pipkin
- g. Finance: Vacant
- h. Endorsements: Clarence Madrilejos
- i. Communications: John Comiskey

j. Gender Equity and the Status of Women: Shay Franco-Clausen

k. Campaign Services: Titus Lin

l. Clubs: Alex Wara

m. Regional Director Report(s)

n. DNC: Otto Lee

o. DTV Report: Steve Chessin

p. Pro-Choice Coalition: Claudia Shope

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS/REMINDERS

- Deadline to file for SCCDCC: Dec 6
- January 2020 SCCDCC: Jan 9, 2020
- **NOTICE:** SCCDCC will consider endorsements in SCC Supervisor Districts 2 & 5 at our Jan 9, 2020 meeting
- 2020 meeting calendar: first Thursday *except* January 9 and July 9, 2020

10. EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

Next meeting December 18, 2019,
6-7:30pm, Moorpark

11. ADJOURNMENT

In Memory of Parris Correa

Resolution to Endorse the March for Our Lives Peace Plan

WHEREAS according to the Giffords Law Center, annually 36,000 Americans are killed and 100,000 Americans are harmed by guns; and

WHEREAS according to CNN, there have been 45 school shootings this year, most recently at Saugus High School in Santa Clarita, CA; and

WHEREAS this Central Committee has supported in the past resolutions to support common sense measures to reduce gun violence, such as the Resolution to Support Common Sense Gun Laws and the Resolution on Gun Violence Prevention in San Jose;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Santa Clara County Democratic Party Central Committee endorses the March for Our Lives Peace Plan, a comprehensive approach to preventing gun violence, as summarized by the acronym CHANGE, standing for

1. Change the standards of gun ownership by “rais[ing] the national standard for gun ownership” including implementing “a national licensing and registry system that promotes responsible gun ownership; a ban on assault weapons, high-capacity magazines, and other weapons of war; policies to disarm gun owners who pose a risk to themselves or others; and a national gun buy-back program to reduce the estimated 265-393 million firearms in circulation by at least 30%”
2. Halve the rate of gun deaths in 10 years by bolstering federal response and “declar[ing] a national emergency around gun violence”
3. Accountability for the gun lobby and industry by “reexamin[ing] the District of Columbia v. Heller interpretation of the Second Amendment; initiat[ing] both FEC and IRS investigations into the NRA, and fully repeal[ing] the Protection of Lawful Commerce in Arms Act”
4. Name a Director of Gun Violence Prevention who will increase federal spending on gun violence prevention and “report directly to the President, with the mandate to operationalize our federal goals and empower existing federal agencies such as the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives (ATF), the Department of Health and Human Services, and the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) – agencies that have all been structurally weakened by the gun lobby”
5. Generate Community-Based Solutions by “fully fund[ing] targeted interventions addressing the intersectional dimensions of gun violence, including community-based urban violence reduction programs, suicide prevention programs, domestic violence prevention programs, mental and behavioral health service programs, and programs to address police violence in our communities”
6. Empower the Next Generation by establishing a “Safety Corps” focused on gun violence prevention and “automatically register[ing] eligible voters and mail[ing] voter registration cards to all Americans when they turn 18”; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution will be provided to Members of the California Legislature and the United States Congress representing Santa Clara County.

Submitted by Sryia Prathuri, Youth Representative, Santa Clara County Democratic Central Committee

Resolution to Repeal “Spousal Rape” Distinction

WHEREAS California has a “spousal rape exception” under which a separate section of the Penal Code (CA Penal Code Section 262) applies to rape of a spouse as opposed to all other rape (CA Penal Code 261). Under this exception, individuals convicted of rape of a spouse is eligible for probation whereas an individual convicted of rape of a non-spouse is not; an individual convicted of rape of a spouse is not required to register as a sex offender unless force and violence is used but not in cases of rape of an intoxicated or unconscious victim. Under these archaic laws, in California so-called “spousal rape” is treated less seriously than other similar sex offenses and a completed spousal rape is treated as less serious than the attempted rape of a non-spouse; and

WHEREAS, few states continue to make a distinction between rape of a spouse and rape of another individual, and the distinction within CA law leads to unfair treatment of survivors depending upon their relationship to the perpetrator; and these distinctions are harmful to women and to survivors of sexual assault and domestic abuse; and

WHEREAS there is no legitimate state interest that is advanced by treating the rape of a spouse as less serious than the rape of a non-spouse, including the rape of an intimate partner, acquaintance, or stranger. The message sent by these distinctions does not serve the public interest. Rather a legitimate state purpose is advanced by eliminating this distinction in law to send the message that rape is rape regardless of the relationship of lack thereof between the parties;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Santa Clara County Democratic Party Central Committee does hereby endorse and support legislative efforts to repeal CA Penal Code 262 and to treat so-called spousal rape as equal in every way to non-spousal rape under the law.

Submitted by Michele Dauber