

**SANTA CLARA COUNTY DEMOCRATIC CENTRAL COMMITTEE**  
**7 PM, Basement Cafeteria, 70 W Hedding St, San Jose CA**

*(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, February 6, 2020**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

**2. ROLL CALL**

**3. IDENTIFICATION OF VISITORS**

- a. Endorsed Candidates provide quick report and call to action

**4. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

**5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- a. Thursday, January 9, 2020

**6. OLD BUSINESS**

- a. Approve proposed amendments to bylaws and Endorsement Act to incorporate CDP Code of Conduct

**7. NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Democratic National Committee (DNC) candidates
- b. Endorsement: DNC candidates from Santa Clara County
- c. Resolution Calling on VTA Board to Address the Climate Crisis
- d. [proposed emergency] Resolution Opposing Certain UC Medical Center Affiliations

**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: James Kim

- 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**

**10. EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING**

Next meeting February 19, 2020,  
6-7:30pm, Moorpark

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

## **Proposed Amendments to implement CDP Code of Conduct at SCCDCC**

Amend SCCDCC Bylaws Article XIII at as follows:

### **ARTICLE XIII**

#### **Rules of Decorum**

A. Code of Conduct. Members shall conduct themselves at meetings of and events sponsored by the SCCDCC, and in their public and non-public dealings with other Members, in a manner that is consistent with our values as Democrats, including without limitation a respect for people of all genders, races, creeds, national origin, immigration status, gender identification, sexual orientation, or any other personal attribute or group identification. Conduct prohibited by the Code of Conduct for Democratic State Central Committee (DSCC) Members will be considered to violate the SCCDCC Code of Conduct, and SCCDCC members shall sign an acknowledgement of the Code of Conduct for Democratic State Central Committee (DSCC) Members upon becoming a Member of the SCCDCC and at least once during each two year organizational term of the SCCDCC.

B. Prohibition Against Ad Hominem Attacks. Members shall avoid *ad hominem* attacks on other Members or toward any person when acting in their capacity and role as a Member of the SCCDCC.

C. Prohibition Against Harassment or Abusive Conduct. Members shall not engage in sexual harassment or any other form of harassment or personal abuse either at meetings of the SCCDCC or when acting in their capacity and role as a Member of the SCCDCC.

D. Grounds for Censure. Members who violate these Rules of Decorum may be censured by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the SCCDCC, provided the notice and other procedural protections and requirements of Article VIII of these Bylaws have been followed.

Amend Endorsement in Local Races Act at I.B. as follows:

B. Criteria for Candidates.

1. The candidate must be a currently registered Democrat and file an endorsement application/questionnaire, ~~and~~ a signed SCCDCC Fair Campaign Pledge, and a signed SCCDCC Code of Conduct with the Director of Candidate Recruitment and Endorsements prior to the specified deadline on the application/questionnaire.

## **A Resolution in Support of Certain VTA Policy Changes**

WHEREAS, our world is in the midst of a climate change emergency, which can only be addressed by a massive mobilization of people demanding changes to our unsustainable practices in order to halt and reverse the causes and consequences of global warming;

WHEREAS, the transportation sector is responsible for over 52% of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions in Santa Clara County, which means that decreasing or eliminating the use of single-occupancy vehicles on the road by reprioritizing public transportation would have a significant impact on our region's carbon footprint and serve as an important contribution our region can make to arresting the progress of climate change; and

WHEREAS, unfortunately, due in part to years of policy drift and de-prioritization of services designed to target low income communities most in need of public transportation public transit ridership is declining in Santa Clara County and, in order to meet the climate needs articulated above, a refocus of public funding is needed to create a transit network that encourages ridership and directs funds where they are most needed;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Santa Clara County Democratic Party calls on the VTA Board to immediately declare a climate emergency that articulates VTA's commitment to providing targeted transportation options in Santa Clara County designed to mitigate or arrest the climate impact of single-occupancy vehicles; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Santa Clara County Democratic Party supports the following policy changes that, we believe, would meet the aforementioned goal: (1) adjusting transit service guidelines to retain service in areas with the highest need or no other transit options; (2) Reevaluate highway projects based on new CEQA (SB 743) standards that will take effect on July 1st, 2020; (3) Reallocate Measure B funds from highway projects not meeting the new standards toward transit operations that will improve bus service and restore routes; and (4) Develop a plan to rebuild the entire bus network with zero-emission vehicles and with the goal to increase the fleet to 750 buses, as approved by voters, within the next five years.

## **Resolution Opposing UC Medical Center Affiliations with Entities that Deny Care on Religious Grounds**

WHEREAS Dignity Health, a Catholic hospital chain and the largest hospital provider in California, has agreements with five out of six University of California (UC) medical centers, and these agreements explicitly restrict UC students and instructors from providing care that conflicts with religious doctrine issued by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) including reproductive and gender affirming care; e.g., USCCB doctrine includes the denial of the existence of transgender people and strict withholding of reproductive health care including contraception, sterilization, abortion and treatment for miscarriage and ectopic pregnancy; and

WHEREAS the UC as a public university system should not be engaging in activities that that constrain providers based on religion and denying care based on religious doctrine undermines UC's commitment to evidence based medicine and stands in stark opposition to UC's professed values of equity and inclusion; and

WHEREAS the UC President convened a Working Group on Comprehensive Access (WGCA) to review UC health system agreements where patient access to care might be limited due to policy restrictions on services, and the WGCA has now issued a report that presents two options, Option 1 to allow, subject to adherence to certain stated principles, affiliations with non-UC entities that prohibit certain services for women and LGBTQ+ people, or Option 2 to prohibit affiliations with non-UC entities that prohibit certain services for women and LGBTQ+ people, and human and civil rights advocates consider Option 1 to expose women and members of the LGBTQ+ community to the unacceptable likelihood of being denied medical care based on religious restrictions;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Santa Clara County Democratic Party calls on the UC Board of Regents to reject Option 1 of the WGCA Report and instead prohibit affiliations by UC medical centers with non-UC entities that prohibit certain services for women and LGBTQ+ people; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution will be provided to UC Board of Regents Chair Jon Perez and to Lt Governor Eleni Kounalakis, in her capacity as a UC Regent, and will urge Santa Clara County Democrats to urge rejection of Option 1 via public comment in response to the WGCA report.

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