

SANTA CLARA COUNTY DEMOCRATIC CENTRAL COMMITTEE
7 PM, **Alternate Location UA Local 393, 6150 Cottle Rd, San Jose, CA 95123**

(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, January 9, 2020

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL

3. IDENTIFICATION OF VISITORS

4. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. Thursday, December 5, 2019

6. OLD BUSINESS

7. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Election to fill vacancy on SCCDCC (AD29)
- b. Endorsements: Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors, Districts 2 and 5; Milpitas Unified School District.
- c. Endorsements: local Measures D, E, and G-V
- d. Resolution in Support of SB 636, the Ballot DISCLOSE Act
- e. Notice of proposed amendments to bylaws and Endorsement Act to incorporate CDP Code of Conduct (to be voted on in February)
- f. [Proposed Emergency] Resolution Opposing Military Action Against Iran

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

2020 meeting calendar: first Thursday
except January and July 2020
when we'll meet the second
Thursday (i.e., Jan 9 and July 9)

10. EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

Next meeting January 15, 2020,
6-7:30pm, Moorpark

11. ADJOURNMENT

Resolution in Support of SB 636, the *Ballot DISCLOSE Act*

WHEREAS one of the things voters most want to know about ballot measures is who supports and opposes them, but many voters don't know that information for all the state ballot measures they vote on; and

WHEREAS ballot measure campaigns supported by organizations people trust often don't have the financial resources to effectively communicate that information to voters, giving an unfair advantage to campaigns backed by wealthy interests; and

WHEREAS voters can find key supporters and opponents of ballot measures in the voter information guide by looking at who signed the official arguments in favor and against them, but many voters haven't read or may not remember or have handy all that information when they go to vote because the voter guide is usually very long and dense;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Santa Clara County Democratic Central Committee supports SB 636 (Stern), which will add 15 words listing the supporters and 15 words listing the opponents who signed the official arguments for and against each proposition in the voter information guide to the current title, summary, and fiscal analysis shown on the actual ballot for state ballot measures, giving voters information they need when they vote while adding minimal amounts to the current 75 word summaries on the ballot.

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be provided to the Governor, Assembly Speaker Anthony Rendon, Senate President pro Tem Toni Atkins, Assembly Elections Committee Chair Marc Berman, Assembly Appropriations Committee Chair Lorena Gonzalez, Senate Elections Committee Chair Tom Umberg, Senate Appropriations Committee Chair Anthony Portantino, Senator Henry Stern, and to our area's members of the California Legislature.

Respectfully submitted by
Craig Dunkerley
Southbay Coordinator
California Clean Money Campaign

[Draft] 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 Opposing Military Action Against Iran

WHEREAS, on the Morning of Friday, January 3, 2020, the United States military, by order of the President of the United States, assassinated a high ranking official of the country of Iran;

WHEREAS, this action has been condemned by our allies around the world, has dramatically increased tensions with Iran and the surrounding region, has raised serious questions about the President's motivations following his impeachment, and has invited almost universal scorn from the foreign policy community as a dangerous, and potentially illegal, act of aggression likely to cause a costly and bloody war; and

WHEREAS, in order to prevent further unjustified military action likely to draw American into a war with Iran that the public does not support, Democratic members of Congress have taken the following actions: Sen. Tim Kaine has submitted a resolution under the War Powers Act to block further military action against Iran; and Sen. Bernie Sander and Rep. Ro Khanna has submitted bills to block appropriations of funds to support any further military action against Iran.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Santa Clara County Democratic Party opposes the use of military force against the country and people of Iran, supports the Congressional actions to prevent such conflict currently authored by Tim Kaine, Bernie Sanders, Ro Khanna, and other Members of Congress, and strongly supports further action as necessary to prevent military action against Iran; and

BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED, that the Santa Clara County Democratic Party will inform our congressional delegation of our position and encourage them to support the Kaine, Sanders, and Khanna resolutions, and any other actions as may arise to prevent military action against Iran, and encourages the State and National Democratic Parties to take a similar position opposing military action in Iran.