

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

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AGENDA FOR Thursday, March 5, 2020

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL

3. IDENTIFICATION OF VISITORS

4. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. Thursday, February 6, 2020

6. OLD BUSINESS

7. NEW BUSINESS

- a Endorsement: Local Measure A – Palo Alto Unified School District Parcel Tax – May 5, 2020 Election
- b. Resolution to Ban Burning of Coal and Petroleum-Coke in Santa Clara County
- c. Resolution on Lehigh Southwest Quarry Expansion Plan
- d. "Super Tuesday" Election Recap

8. REPORTS

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

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

- l. Campaign Services: Titus Lin

- m. Clubs: Alex Wara

- n. Regional Director Report(s)

- o. DNC: Otto Lee

- p. DTV Report: Steve Chessin

- q. Pro-Choice Coalition: Claudia Shope

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS/REMINDERS

10. EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

Next meeting March 18, 2020,
6-7:30pm, Moorpark

11. ADJOURNMENT

**LIST OF LOCAL MEASURES
SPECIAL ALL-MAIL BALLOT ELECTION
MAY 5, 2020**

SCHOOL MEASURES

MEASURE

Palo Alto Unified School District

Parcel Tax

2/3 Vote

To preserve excellence in academic programs, including science, math, reading, writing, arts/music with local funding that cannot be taken by the State; attract/retain qualified teachers; support at-risk students; keep class sizes small; shall Palo Alto Unified School District's measure be adopted, extending its current \$820 parcel tax for six years, increasing the rate by \$48, raising approximately \$17,000,000 annually with senior exemptions, 2% annual inflation adjustment, independent citizen oversight, all funds benefiting local students?

Yes

No

Resolution to Ban Burning of Coal and Petroleum-coke in Santa Clara County

WHEREAS, as devastating wildfires sweep across our state, fueled by climate-driven drought, extreme heat and high winds, the need for action on climate change has never been more urgent. To address this urgent issue, the Santa Clara County has made a declaration of a climate emergency; and

WHEREAS, Santa Clara County could greatly cut greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions from stationary sources if coal and petroleum-coke burning industries switch to carbon-free energy sources and advanced production technologies; and

WHEREAS, the largest single source GHG polluter in Santa Clara County is Lehigh Southwest Cement Plant, which uses petroleum-coke as a fuel source to manufacture cement, releasing nearly a million metric tons of GHG emissions per year based on its 2016 reported emissions;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Santa Clara County Democratic Party calls on Santa Clara County to compel Lehigh and others to convert to cleaner-burning fuels and advanced production technologies in order to lower GHG emissions and reduce toxic air pollutants; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Santa Clara County Democratic Party calls on Santa Clara County to ban burning of coal and petroleum-coke in Santa Clara County.

Submitted by Gary Latshaw, Linda Sell, and Hoi Poon on behalf of Bay Area for Clean Environment

Resolution on Lehigh Southwest Quarry Expansion Plan

WHEREAS, the Lehigh Southwest Cement Plant and Quarry is within five miles from over 200,000 residents of Santa Clara County; and

WHEREAS, Lehigh Southwest Cement Plant and Quarry has a history of potentially violating local and federal environmental laws, exposing residents to high levels of pollutants, contaminating our creeks and local environment and threatening endangered species; and

WHEREAS, the 2019 Amended Reclamation Plan from Lehigh is a drastic deviation from the existing County approved reclamation plan that proposes a massive quarry expansion and operational intensification. This operational intensification could result in about 548 truck trips to and from the quarry per day (if operations run every day of the year) to backfill the quarry with imported materials; and

WHEREAS, the existing County approved 2012 Reclamation Plan is a superior plan that protects the ridgeline and the surrounding community's scenic views, removes current and future waste material stockpile visual impacts, minimizes traffic, and restores Permanente Creek in a timely manner;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Santa Clara County Democratic Party calls on the County to assure that Lehigh comes into full compliance with its outstanding noticed violations; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Santa Clara County Democratic Party calls on the County to deny the 2019 Permanente Quarry Amended Reclamation Plan.

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