

SANTA CLARA COUNTY DEMOCRATIC CENTRAL COMMITTEE
7:00 PM, Basement Cafeteria, 70 West Hedding St. San Jose CA
Meeting will start at 7:00 pm
MINUTES for Thursday, March 5, 2020

1. CALL TO ORDER
7:07 PM

2. ROLL CALL

Absent: Diane Rolfe, Gilbert Wong, Tim Orozco, Aimee Escobar, Maya Esparza, Albert Hernandez, Omar Torres, Jason Baker, Paul Fong, Rich Waterman, Karen Lattin, Sergio Jimenez, Joanne Fierro, Rebeca Armendariz, Amy McElroy
Alternates for: Ash Kalra, Evan Low, Mark Stone, Robert Rivas, Bob Wieckowski, Jim Beall, Zoe Lofgren, Jimmy Panetta

3. IDENTIFICATION OF VISITORS

Ava Chiao, Keith Umemoto, Melissa Baten Caswell – Palo Alto School Board, Jennifer DiBrienza – Palo Alto School Board

Bill asked for candidates who ran for office in March to forward and share a few words.

Candidates David Cohen, Huy Tran, Matt Mahan, Otto Lee, Alex Lee and Ruben Navarro spoke to the Committee.

4. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Approved

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (Minutes are/will be posted at sccdp.org)

a. Thursday, February 6, 2020 – approved with corrections

6. OLD BUSINESS

7. NEW BUSINESS

a. Endorsement: Local Measure A – Palo Alto Unified School District Parcel Tax, May 5, 2020 Election

Presentation given by organizers in support of parcel tax for Palo Alto Schools (Measure A)

Motion to support the measure – approved unanimously

b. Resolution to Ban Burning of Coal and Petroleum-Coke in Santa Clara County

Linda Sell presented the draft resolution for approval of the membership

After substantial discussion Chair asked for unanimous consent to bring back resolution to April meeting- Resolution to be heard at April meeting.

c. Resolution on Lehigh Southwest Quarry Expansion Plan

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d. “Super Tuesday” Election recap

Bill presented update on recent March elections. David Cohen (Council D4 candidate) advances to run off. Both CM Sergio Jimenez and CM Sylvia Arenas won their bid for re-election. Supervisor Cindy Chavez won her race as well, Otto Lee advances to the General election. Measure D was defeated and Measure E won.

James Kim shared that phone banks were running full time from 2/29 to 3/3, logged about 1600 hrs of call time. 2400 calls were made for TJ Cox and Josh Harder, as well as over 260 + calls for SJ City Council candidates Jimenez and Arenas.

8. REPORTS

a. **Executive Board/Chair Bill James** –

Bill announced the “reclaim our vote campaign” postcard writing is taking place tonight – volunteers welcome! The Victory dinner is coming up. So far 5 tables have been sold. Tickets are on sale now! Go to website for more information.

Bill explained how the current elections impacts the Central Committee election. Current 2017-2020 terms continue until Jan 2021

meeting. Votes are still being counted. Once final results order known in AD24, AD25, AD27, and AD28 – top 6 are elected and next in order are: “elected-equivalent” as follows:

AD 24 + 2

AD 25 + 1

AD 27 + 4

AD 28 + 4

AD 29 – 3 qualified appointed in lieu, 3 vacancies to be filled in Jan 2021

AD 30 – 6 qualified, all appointed in lieu

Bill talked about the importance of showing up for our endorsed candidates. The financial report was shared.

b. **Vice Chair: Jean Cohen** –

SCCDP Candidate and Campaign Professionals Convening with Panel Experts, Networking and Resource Fair on

Saturday, June 13 9:00 am to 1:00 pm at the Pipe Trades Training Center, 780 Commercial St., San Jose 95112

The objective is to engage and educate prospective and declared candidates, and campaign professionals to support,

Recruit, and elect progressive Democrats to public office and leadership positions. Plan to turn out around 100 individuals.

- c. **Treasurer: Angelica Ramos-Allen** – will be contacting members who need to pay their dues. Will create a list.
- d. **Secretary: Helen Chapman** – no report
- e. **Executive Director: James Kim**
Shared the numbers of postcards written this evening. Thanked everyone for participating. Encourages members to come to the 11th Democratic debate on 3-15-2020 at 5:00pm at the SCCDC Headquarters. Call 408-445-9500 or judygilford100@gmail.com to RSVP. Headquarters is open to volunteers – come by and help out.
- e. **Issues: Michael Vargas** – absent
- f. **Community Services and Voter Registration: Judy Pipkin**
Thanked all the volunteers that went out from SCCDP to volunteer at SBLC and walked and called for Sylvia Arenas and Dave Cortese. Volunteers always appreciated.
- g. **Finance: James S. Kim** – asked everyone to become monthly donors.
- h. **Endorsements: Clarence Madrilejos**
Endorsements are carrying forward for Otto Lee and Dave Cortese for the General election. Currently working with Bill on the endorsement process for November.
- i. **Communications: John Comiskey** – absent
- j. **Gender Equity and the Status of Women: Shay Franco-Clausen**
Having a candidate training for LGBTQ community. Doing voter registration in Elmwood.
- k. **Campaign Services: Titus Lin**
Holding phone bank for T.J. Cox and Josh Harder
- l. **Clubs: Alex Wara**
Updated food schedule coming soon. Held All Clubs meeting on 2/23/20.
 - Dean Club**
DFA Link meeting – speaker Michelle Kraus
WHEN: March 9, 2020 @ 6:30 pm – 9:00 pm
WHERE: Democratic Volunteer Center, 425 First Street, Suite A, Los Altos CA 94022
 - Silicon Valley Democratic Club**
March 16, 2020 next meeting. Focus will be an election debrief.
 - SVAPADC**
Save the date for 2020 API Heritage Month Celebration – May 16th.
 - 21stCentury Club**
Assemblymember Marc Berman speaking 3/13/2020 at Michael’s Restaurant.
 - Bayshore Progressive Democratic Club**
8,000 doors knocked on for Bernie Sanders.
 - Democratic Club of Sunnyvale**
3/12/20 next meeting at Fairbrae Swim Center. Swing Left and reclaim our vote campaign are featured speakers.
 - High School Dems**
Club is active with intern kickoff with Titus Lin. Looking for volunteers.
 - Working Blue Club**
Save the date for Annual All Dem picnic on 7/25/20 10:00 – 3:00pm at Emma Prusch Park. Looking for sponsorships – Contact Brian O’Neill for more information.
- m. **Regional Director Reports: - no reports**
 - 1) Rocky Fernandez, Region 5
 - 2) Hene Kelley, Region 6
 - 3) Omar Torres, Region 7
- n. **DNC: Otto Lee**
EBoard in Visalia to elect DNC members on March 20-22, 2020
- o. **DTV Report: Steve Chessin**
Democratic Television Producer Emeritus Steve Chessin reported that our guest in February was Ray Mueller. Ray is with the US Census Bureau, doing outreach for Santa Clara county, and he discussed the upcoming census. Our guest in March is TBD. 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.

p. **Pro-Choice Coalition: Claudia Shope –**

Call Jay Guzman at 408-795-3766 to volunteer for the census. Planned Parenthood Mar Monte is doing that work. They are also registering new voters so please call Jay to volunteer.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Johannes Muenzel thanked the members for the endorsement of No on Measure D campaign.

Phone Bank on March 15

Debate Watch Party – March 15, 5pm – 8pm at Moopark HQ

National “District Level” Delegates CD Caucuses by candidate on 4/19/20

National “At-Large” and “PLEO” Delegate process open until 4/21/20- selected May 17

10. EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

Next meeting March 18, 2020 6:00 – 7:30 pm Moopark Headquarters

11. ADJOURNMENT 8:55pm