

SANTA CLARA COUNTY DEMOCRATIC CENTRAL COMMITTEE

7 PM-9PM, via Zoom Online Conference (details in box below)

(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 approval)

AGENDA FOR Thursday, May 7, 2020

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL

3. IDENTIFICATION OF VISITORS

Guest: Representative Ro Khanna

4. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. Thursday, April 2, 2020

6. OLD BUSINESS

a. Proposed Bylaws Change re Endorsing Non-Democrats: discussion & vote

Guest: Supervisor Susan Ellenberg

7. NEW BUSINESS

a Resolution to Support COVID-19 Sick and Quarantine Pay for Essential Workers

b. Resolution to Support Coerced Essential Workers

c. Request from Citizen's Climate Lobby to Support Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act of 2019, H.R. 763

Guest: Assemblyman Evan Low

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

Democratic Victory Dinner originally set for May 29, 2020 is POSTPONED

10. EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

May 20, 2020, 6-7:30pm, via Zoom (contact chair@sccdp.org for link)

11. ADJOURNMENT

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82828344992?pwd=SDZnZUFtSURBY0JaNOViU2Zjc1VDdz09>

Meeting ID: 828 2834 4992

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Agenda Item 6a

Amend Section VIII.D of the bylaws to read as follows (changes underlined):

VIII.D: Any member who endorses a candidate for office who is not a registered Democrat and is running against a registered Democrat shall, in addition to any other sanctions the SCCDCC may deem appropriate, automatically and without any further consideration or action of the SCCDCC lose their voting privileges in all endorsement decisions through the end of the next general election.

Resolution to Support COVID-19 Sick and Quarantine Pay for Essential Workers

WHEREAS, many non-medical employees and contractors (e.g. gig workers) have been deemed “essential” yet have little or no sick pay; and

WHEREAS those diagnosed with COVID-19 may have a month or more of time in which they are unable to work; and

WHEREAS if an essential worker or a member of their household is suspected of having COVID-19 they must quarantine for at least 14 days to ensure both their and others’ safety;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Santa Clara County Democratic Central Committee supports the requirement that all essential employees and contractors be provided with specific COVID-19 sick and quarantine time off, at full pay, until their doctor determines that it is safe for both them and others that they can return to work; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution be sent to our county, state and congressional representatives, as well as the California Democratic Party, for action.

Submitted by:

Alyson L Abramowitz, Member, 24th AD.

Steve Chessin, Alternate Member, 24th AD.

Resolution to Support Coerced Essential Workers

WHEREAS many non-medical employees have been deemed “essential” and have been required to choose between either working in situations that now are highly dangerous, where they are repeatedly exposed to COVID-19, or taking leave without pay or the possibility of using unemployment benefits, and moreover these employees have often not been given the tools and procedures needed to ensure both their safety and that of the general public; and

WHEREAS at least 41 supermarket employees nationwide have died and thousands tested positive for COVID-19; and

WHEREAS these employees were not informed and did not agree to work in hazardous situations when accepting employment, often at or near minimum wage;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Santa Clara County Democratic Central Committee supports these employees becoming eligible to claim unemployment while choosing to be on a temporary COVID-19-based leave of absence, and calls upon all markets to provide the highest level of safeguards for their employees and their customers, including high quality masks and gloves, access to frequent hand washing, access to hand sanitizer at all times, when used to shield cashiers, plexiglass which envelopes them on all sides, and procedures that require no essential worker to be within six feet of another individual, whether customer or another essential worker; and calls for the relevant regulatory and compliance bodies to ensure compliance through inspection, and the creation of new regulations to protect the health and safety of both these essential workers and the general public; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution be sent to our county, state and congressional representatives as well as the California Democratic Party for action.

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