

SANTA CLARA COUNTY DEMOCRATIC CENTRAL COMMITTEE
7:00 PM, via Zoom Online Conference (details in box below)
MINUTES for Thursday, May 7, 2020

1. CALL TO ORDER
7:05 PM

2. ROLL CALL

Absent: Tony Alexander, Tim Orozco, Maya Esparza, Jason Baker, Paul Fong, Sergio Jimenez,
Alternates for: Ash Kalra, Mark Stone, Bob Wieckowski, Jim Beall, Bill Monning, Zoe Lofgren, Jimmy Panetta

3. IDENTIFICATION OF VISITORS

Heidi Owens, David Bini, John Fioretta

4. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Approved

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

a. Thursday, April 2, 2020 – Approved

6. GUEST SPEAKERS

a. Ro Khanna, Congressman 17th District

Bill introduced Congressman Ro Khanna. Congressman Khanna shared updated information to the members on the current state of the Legislature. He made himself available to answer a few questions.

b. Susan Ellenberg, County Supervisor District 4

Bill introduced Supervisor Ellenberg. Susan updated members on the work of the County that is working hard to get out information on COVID-19.

c. Evan Low, Assemblymember 28th District

Bill introduced Assemblymember Low. Asm Low updated the members on the current state of the California Budget. He shared that the State of California is facing a \$54 billion budget deficit. He shared that if you haven't received your insurance rebate check to contact the office of Insurance Commissioner Lara.

7. OLD BUSINESS

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

Chair recognized Steve Chessin who offered a slight change in wording on the proposed change. Motion to accept wording "endorsed Democrat?" to Agenda Item 6a. Motion passed 46 ayes, 5 noes, and 2 abstaining.

Motion to adopt amended section that includes approved wording change. Motion passed 36 ayes, 8 noes

8. NEW BUSINESS

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

Motion to support - Passed

b. Resolution to Support Coerced Essential Workers

Motion to support – Passed

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

Guest John Fioretta presented information from Citizen's Climate Lobby to support Engery Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act of 2019, H.R. 763. After discussion by members, motion to postpone matter for further consideration. Motion passes 30 Ayes, 4 Noes

d. [Emergency "Resolution to Believe Women"] – Request to take up Emergency Resolution "Resolution to Believe Women" by

Johannes Muenzel. Request to take up Emergency Resolution fails 13 Ayes, 27 Noes and 5 abstaining

9. REPORTS

a. Executive Board/Chair Bill James –

Bill shared the financial report. The status of our finances is steady at the moment. Bill shared upcoming dates to be aware of.

b. Vice Chair: Jean Cohen –

Interested in running for office or campaigning for a candidate?

Invited to attend SCCDP 2020 Campaign Training Webinar on Saturday, June 13th. 10:00 am to 12:00 pm. RSVP for Zoom link.

c. Treasurer: Angelica Ramos-Allen – no report

d. Secretary: Helen Chapman – no report

e. Executive Director: James Kim

They have been holding phone banks for Christy Smith CA-25

f. Issues: Michael Vargas – no report

- g. **Community Services and Voter Registration: Judy Pipkin**
No report
- h. **Finance: James S. Kim**
No report
- i. **Endorsements: Clarence Madriles**
Currently working with Bill on the endorsement process for November. Asked for feedback for where best to focus time and energy for next round of endorsements.
- j. **Communications: John Comiskey**
No report
- k. **Gender Equity and the Status of Women: Shay Franco-Clausen**
No report
- l. **Campaign Services: Titus Lin**
No report

- m. **Clubs: Alex Wara**
Please send Club reports to Alex for inclusion into a consolidated report

High School Dems

Club is looking for candidates in need of interns. Reach out to Rohin or Titus if interested.
Democratic 21st Century Club
Virtual Lunch – May 8, 2020 with special guest Marc Berman on US Census and other topics

- n. **Regional Director Reports: - no reports**
 - 1) **Rocky Fernandez, Region 5**
Delegate convention in flux. At large applications due June 5th. Rusty Hicks is holding monthly check in meetings with delegates.
 - 2) **Hene Kelley, Region 6**
Shared her update on DNC voting
 - 3) **Omar Torres, Region 7**
Omar invited everyone to attend Region 7 Zoom meeting in April and to start thinking about ADEM elections in 2021
- o. **DNC: Otto Lee**
Convention is coming up. Will be focusing on party platform not candidate nomination
- p. **DTV Report: Steve Chessin**
Democratic Television Producer Emeritus Steve Chessin reported that, due to the ongoing COVID-19 situation, we had no taping in April, and we will have no more in-person tapings until the shelter at home directives are lifted.
For May, we are planning on recording a show, using Zoom or similar technology, with our own David Cohen, endorsed candidate for San Jose City Council District 4.
See the SCCDP web site for the schedule, and to view our shows. We could still use more good Democrats on the crew for when we resume in-person tapings. No prior video experience is necessary.
- q. **Pro-Choice Coalition: Claudia Shope – no report**

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Democratic Victory Dinner originally set for May 29, 2020 POSTPONED
CADEM Day of Action – Saturday, May 9, 10:00 am – 1:00 pm https://bit.ly/cadem_action
Biden 2020 Silicon Valley Phone Bank Kick-off
Saturday, May 9, 4-6pm
<https://www.mobilize.us/joebiden/event/270836>
SCCDP phone bank for Christy Smith (CA-25)
Sunday, May 10, 2-5pm
<https://www.mobilize.us/laandbayarea/event/271336/>

10. EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

Next meeting May 20, 2020 6:00 – 7:30 pm via Zoom (contact chair@sccd.org for link)

11. ADJOURNMENT 10:16pm

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82828344992?pwd=SDZnZUFtSURBY0JaN0ViU2ZJc1VDdz09>

Meeting ID: 828 2834 4992

Password: 665979

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