

# 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, July 9, 2020

### 1. CALL TO ORDER

### 2. ROLL CALL

### 3. IDENTIFICATION OF VISITORS

### 4. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

### 5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. Thursday, May 7, 2020
- b. Thursday, June 4, 2020

### 6. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Update re HR 763 (carbon tax)
- b. Update from endorsed candidates

### 7. NEW BUSINESS

- a. New Youth Representative
- b. Resolution on Police Free Schools
- c. Resolution on Police Reform Following the Death of George Floyd
- d. Resolution Supporting ACA 5
- e. Resolution in Defense of TransWomen
- f. Resolution Opposing Rollback of Clean Air Protections
- g. Races Prioritized for Endorsement
- h. Bylaws change re fast track endorsement of previously-endorsed incumbent Democrats
- i. Announcing Vacancy on SCCDCC (AD24) to be filled August 6, 2020

### 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

June 15, 2020, 6-7:30pm, via Zoom  
(contact chair@sccdpc.org for link)

### 11. ADJOURNMENT

Join by Zoom:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84873652335?pwd=dTFCdzdHYk5ZS3pOV1owZW94QXp3Zz09>

Join by Phone: (669) 900 6833

Meeting ID: 848 7365 2335

Password: 350552

## **Resolution on Police-Free Schools**

WHEREAS, since the deadly school shootings at Columbine in 1999, there has been a significant increase in the presence of police on campus at k-12 institutions, with 71% of public schools now having at least one *armed* school resource officers (a.k.a. police officer) on campus; the Republican response to the school shootings crisis has been to propose an increase in guns and police in schools; but Black community organizations and the Black Lives Matter movement have demanded an end to Police in schools because of the damaging impact their presence has on students of color, students with disabilities, and LGBTQ+ students;

WHEREAS, there is no evidence that police presence on campus has had any positive impact on students safety, and the actions of Officer Miller, who hid during the shooting at Marjory Stoneman Double High School in Parkland, Florida, demonstrate that a police presence on campus does not prevent school shootings; however, there is now ample evidence that the presence of police on campus has severely damaged the health, safety, and educational outcomes for students of color who are three times more likely to be arrested or referred to law enforcements than students of color at schools without a police presence, perform significantly worse in school and are less likely to attend college, and (as demonstrated in a seemingly endless stream of widely circulated viral videos) are more likely to experience violence at the hands of officers on campus; and

WHEREAS, contracts with the police are draining scarce resources from other areas resulting in millions of students having officers in their schools but not nurses, counselors, psychologists, or social workers, resulting in the criminalization of student mental health, disability, and other adolescent behaviors that could be better addressed by trained professionals.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT:

RESOLVED, that the Santa Clara County Democratic Party (SCCDP) hereby calls for the removal of school resource officers (or whatever name the police may be operating under) from all K-12 schools in Santa Clara County, the termination of all contracts with police departments to bring such officers to campus except on an as-needed basis to address legitimate campus safety or educational concerns, and that all funds that were allocated for police contracts be reallocated to the hiring or maintaining of nurses, counselors, school psychologists, social workers, or other health care professionals appropriate to responding to student health, mental health, or disability needs.

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the SCCDP applauds the decision of the East Side Union High School District to end their contract with the San Jose Police Department, joining other school districts around the country that have made the same responsible decisions, including San Francisco, Oakland, and Minneapolis.

*Respectfully Submitted by* The Silicon Valley High School Democrats

## **RESOLUTION on Police Reform Following the Death of George Floyd**

WHEREAS, George Floyd, a Black man, although unarmed and handcuffed, was murdered by Minneapolis, Minnesota police on May 25, 2020, as the result of a knee hold on Floyd's neck restricting his breathing as he had cried out repeatedly he could not breathe; his horrific death bringing to the fore widespread racial bias in police departments (law enforcement, justice system) and sparking demonstrations across the country demanding change, which have been met with even more police violence and abuse;

WHEREAS, a number of reform proposals have been proposed to respond to this need to re-evaluate the role, purposes, and procedures of the police, including "8CantWait," a package of reforms that was released following the early Black Lives Matter protests ([www.8cantwait.org](http://www.8cantwait.org)), and recent calls for the restructuring of police departments so that certain responsibilities now housed in police departments be referred to other agencies with special expertise to assist in situations such as non-violent domestic and neighborhood disputes, mental health crises, and other like incidents best handled by social service and community organizations, and that funds be reallocated from police department budgets to those agencies for such purposes;

WHEREAS, the Justice in Policing Act of 2020 (which includes provisions for the demilitarization of the police, the establishment of a national registry for police misconduct, and limited qualified immunity for police officers) has been proposed by Democrats, including the Black Caucus, in the House of Representatives, and Democrats in the Senate have proposed creating a National Use-of-Force standard to STOP police brutality, addressing discrimination and the use of excessive force resulting in physical harm to any individual at the hands of police officers.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Santa Clara County Democratic Party hereby supports and endorses the Justice in Policing Act of 2020 and similar legislation in the U.S. Senate designed to create National Use-of-Force Standards, and we do hereby call upon Democratic organizations and all Democrats to contact local legislators at both the state and federal level to urge them to support the enactment of these and similar federal and state laws; and

RESOLVED FURTHER that the Santa Clara County Democratic Party hereby supports and endorses, and call on all local jurisdictions to enact and implement, the 8CantWait reforms, the restructuring of police departments to redirect non-violent responses to more appropriate departments, and such other laws as may be necessary and appropriate to protect the safety of our communities from police violence, including stricter hiring practices, mandatory annual sensitivity training of police and mandatory investigation of police brutality by an independent body resulting in full transparency, accountability, and swift and just prosecution.

Respectfully Submitted by South Bay Democratic Coalition Board Members: Bill Barmettler, Sonia Barnes, Paul Chummers, Dixie Johansen, Jeannie Mahan, Carol Miller, Shirley Odou, Ellie Pedraza, Carolyn Schuk, Kathy Stoken and Richard Stoken

**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING ASSEMBLY CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT No. 5 (ACA5) TO REPEAL PROPOSITION 209 AND REINSTATE AFFIRMATIVE ACTION IN PUBLIC CONTRACTING, PUBLIC HIRING, AND PUBLIC EDUCATION**

WHEREAS, Since the passage of Proposition 209 in 1996, communities of color and women have experienced significant underrepresentation in public contracting, hiring, and in admissions to our great public colleges and universities; and

WHEREAS, Enacting Assembly Constitutional Amendment No. 5 (ACA5), authored by Assembly Members Dr. Shirley Weber, Mike Gipson, and Miguel Santiago, would eliminate the provisions of Proposition 209, contained in Section 31 of Article 1 from the California Constitution, that have resulted in the intentional systemic neglect of the professional and academic needs of communities of color and women; and

WHEREAS, Enacting Assembly Constitutional Amendment No. 5 (ACA5) would allow our state and local governments to join the federal government and forty-two other states in efforts to provide increased access to equal opportunity and affirmative action programs for communities of color and women;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Santa Clara County Democratic Party supports the passage of Assembly Constitutional Amendment No. 5 (ACA5); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this Resolution be sent to Governor Gavin Newsom; California's Constitutional Officers; and the Members of Santa Clara County's Legislative and Congressional Delegations.

Authored by State Board of Equalization Member Malia Cohen

Submitted by SCCDCC Vice Chair Jean Cohen

## Addendum re ACA 5

The passage of ACA 5 by the voters this November would remove from our state's Constitution the inequitable and subversive roadblocks that have used against traditionally underrepresented communities of color and women seeking opportunities to advance in our society.

Since 1996, Proposition 209 has been used for decades to deter and undermine opportunities for communities of color and woman to seek legitimate remedies for historical patterns of discrimination in public hiring, public contracting, and public education.

Let no one doubt the impact of Proposition 209. Rather than protecting against discrimination, Proposition 209 gave permission to state and local governments to ignore the need to provide pathways of success for communities of color and women. Proposition 209 specifically prohibited our state's public agencies and our great public academic institutions from redressing unequal and discriminatory treatment of communities of color and women.

In reality, and in practice, Proposition 209 institutionalized the intentional neglect of the academic and professional interests of communities of color and women.

According to a 2015 study by the Equal Justice Society, Proposition 209 has resulted in quantifiable economic losses of over \$1.1 billion, and immeasurable professional and economic losses to highly talented and skilled persons of color and women.

According to the California Department of Education, in 2018-2019, 54.6% of the students in California's public schools were Latino, and 5.4% were African American.<sup>1</sup>

But at two of our premier academic institutions, the University of California, Berkeley and the University of California, Los Angeles, communities of color are disproportionately NOT represented.

Fall enrollment data at UC Berkeley indicate that only 15.1% of incoming students are "Mexican American/Chicano or Other Hispanic Latino," while African American students were only 2.8% of new students.<sup>2</sup> At UCLA, the figures are similar. In 2018-2019, "Hispanics" constituted 20% of incoming students, and African Americans constituted 4% at UCLA.<sup>3</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.cde.ca.gov/ds/sd/cb/ceffingertipfacts.asp>

<sup>2</sup> <https://opa.berkeley.edu/uc-berkeley-fall-enrollment-data>

<sup>3</sup> <https://www.apb.ucla.edu/Portals/90/Documents/Campus%20Stats/UGProfile18-19.pdf>

From another perspective, because of Proposition 209, a large percentage of taxpayers of color are not seeing their daughters and sons being educated at our premier academic institutions.

The reality is that Proposition 209 set the predicate for inequitable and subversive roadblocks against communities of color and women.

The passage of Assembly Constitutional Amendment 5 (ACA5), authored by Assemblymembers Dr. Shirley Weber, Mike Gipson, and Miguel Santiago, would eliminate the provisions of Proposition 209 from the California Constitution, and allow our state and local governments to begin to redress decades upon decades of discrimination and underrepresentation in public contracting, hiring, and admissions at our state's great colleges and universities.

The time has come to overturn Proposition 209 and restore to our state and local governments the ability to use affirmative as an effective tool to create a more just and human society.

## **Resolution in Defense of TransWomen**

WHEREAS, the number of transWomen who have been brutally murdered in 2020 has risen to at least 15, including six transwomen who were murdered in the five weeks ending May 9, 2020 and two murdered the week of June 9, 2020 alone; this number reflects a disturbing increase from the 29 Trans people who were murdered in 2019, and the brutality and callousness of these murders, including three occasions where transwomen were brutally beaten by groups of cis-men while large groups of people stood and cheered, fails to draw national news coverage, and the police continue to ignore the victims: Alexa Luciano Ruiz age 24; Iyanna Dior, age 21; and Muhlaysia Booker age 23; and

WHEREAS, transWomen, suffer the highest rates of violence, rape, murder, unemployment and suicide, but the national media almost exclusively directs their attention to cis-men being murdered rather than violence against transWomen and public services continue to present barriers for transWomen; and

WHEREAS, we must honor and recognize those who are victims by knowing their names, including: Alexa Luciano Ruiz, age 24; Yampi Mendez Arocho, age 19; Monika Diamond, shot in an ambulance; Lexi, age 33; Johanna Metzger age 25; Serena Angelique Velazquez Ramos, age 24; Layla Pelaez Sanchez, age 21; Penelope Diaz Ramirez, age 31 (killed in police custody) Nina Pop age 28, Helle Jae O'Regan, age 20; Tony McDade, Dustin Parker, Dominique "Rem'mie" Fells, age 27; Riah Milton Thompson, age 25; Selena Reyes-Hernandez, age 24,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Santa Clara County Democratic Party calls on all Democrats to recognize the violence and unique challenges faced by transWomen, and to make a good faith effort to educate others and lend their voices, votes, and contributions to the elimination of transphobia in the Bay Area, California, and the United States; and

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the Santa Clara County Democratic Party hereby calls for (i) the enactment of public policy directed toward implementing the end of discrimination and violence against transWomen, (ii) the closing of the services gap for transWomen in healthcare and other public services, and (iii) the prompt, good faith investigation of all transphobic incidents and hate crimes, and the appropriate consequences for police violence targeting transgender individuals (Scout Schultz/Tony Dade/Penelope Ramirez/Roxana Hernandez/Johanna Leon/Carmela Diaz) or the failure of the police to respond to acts of violence against the transgender community, (iv) the open inclusion of transWomen into society.

Respectfully submitted by Roxanne

## Resolution Opposing Trump Rollback of Clean Air Protections

WHEREAS the Trump Administration has revoked or substantially rolled back more than 60 environmental rules and regulations, including emissions and clean energy rules for power plants and emission and fuel-efficiency standards for vehicles, and further withdrew the U.S. from the Paris Climate Accord and revoked California's power to set stricter tailpipe emission standards than the federal standard; and

WHEREAS the United States and the world are far off track in dealing with the climate emergency, following a year of record-breaking heat, rising hunger, displacement and loss of life due to extreme temperatures, and climate crisis-induced wildfires and weather disasters, and Trump's initiation of a number of regulatory rollbacks contravene the administration's legal obligation to act on climate change under the Clean Air Act and the Environmental Protection Agency's own unambiguous finding that greenhouse gases endanger human health and welfare ; and

WHEREAS the Trump rollbacks will significantly increase greenhouse gas emissions – the rollback of the Clean Car Standards for fuel efficiency, which 2/3 of Americans support and which a bipartisan coalition of 24 Governors urged the administration not to revoke, will allow vehicles to emit about a **billion more tons** of heat-trapping carbon dioxide, **equivalent to roughly a fifth** of annual US emissions – and lead to thousands of additional premature deaths from poor air quality each year, especially during the current global pandemic, given that COVID-19 preys particularly on those with respiratory problems, while imposing substantial financial costs including hundreds of billions of dollar in additional fuel costs and increased costs to treat respiratory illness ;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Santa Clara County Democratic Party calls on the Environmental Protection Agency to fulfill its obligation under the Clean Air Act to regulate emissions from all sources to protect human health and the environment from the effects of air pollution, including by restoring the Obama-era requirement for Corporate Average Fuel Economy to be achieved by 2025, renewing California's authority to impose fuel efficiency standards that are more strict than the federal standard, and enforcing the Obama Administration's rules requiring power plants to use cleaner fuels and control the emission of mercury, greenhouse gases, and other toxins; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution will be sent to Members of Congress whose district includes any part of Santa Clara County.

Submitted by Bill James and Linda Sell



## **[PROPOSED] Amendment to the Endorsement in Local Races Act**

### III. E. Fast-Track for Previously-Endorsed Incumbent and/or Sole Incumbent Democrats.

1. In the case of a Democratic incumbent who was endorsed previously for their current office by the SCCDCC and/or one or more Democratic incumbents running for re- election in a race for which the number of Democratic candidates does not exceed the number of seats, the Director of Candidate Recruitment and Endorsements, in consultation with the County Chair and the SCCDCC Executive Board, may place the name(s) of one or more of these candidates before the SCCDCC for endorsement without the requirement of ~~a questionnaire or~~ an interview.
2. The names of all such "Previously-Endorsed and/or Sole Democrats" shall be placed on a consent calendar. Such consent calendar shall be voted on by the SCCDCC in a single motion that may be approved by a two-thirds vote of those present and voting.
3. Any candidate may be removed from the consent calendar by any voting member of the SCCDCC. For each candidate removed from the consent calendar, a separate vote shall be taken by the SCCDCC, which may, by a two-thirds vote of those present and voting, endorse such candidate.
4. Any candidate who fails to receive an endorsement through the process described in this section shall be allowed to go through the questionnaire and interview process, without prejudice.