

**SANTA CLARA COUNTY DEMOCRATIC CENTRAL COMMITTEE**  
**7 PM-9PM, Regular Meeting 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, February 4, 2021**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

**2. ROLL CALL**

**3. IDENTIFICATION OF VISITORS**

**4. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

**5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- a. Thursday, December 3, 2020
- b. Thursday, January 7, 2021

**6. OLD BUSINESS**

**7. NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Guest: CDP First Vice Chair candidate Betty Yee
- b. Fill SCCDCC vacancy in AD25
- c. Guest: CDP Secretary candidate Diana Love
- d. Contingency to fill DSCC vacancies
- e. Guest: CDP Secretary Jenny Bach, candidate for CDP First Vice Chair
- f. Club Accreditation: Bay Area Iranian American Democratic Club and Progressive Democrats for Social Justice
- g. Resolution re Innovation Waiver for Healthcare
- h. Resolution re Queer/Bisexual/Non-Binary Education & Political Representation
- i. Resolution re USPS Board of Governors

**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**

Feb 17, 2021, 6-7:30pm, via Zoom  
(contact [chair@sccdpc.org](mailto:chair@sccdpc.org) for link)

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

*In Memory of Jon Graff*

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84155395255?pwd=VFJsUENnelJbFlI0Eh6dDIiWHN0UT09>

Phone: (669) 900-6833

Meeting ID: 841 5539 5255

Passcode: 395573

**RESOLUTION CALLING ON CALIFORNIA GOVERNOR GAVIN NEWSOM TO PURSUE  
EXPANDED STATE INNOVATION WAIVERS FOR HEALTHCARE WITHIN THE FIRST 100  
DAYS OF THE BIDEN ADMINISTRATION**

WHEREAS the Santa Clara County Democratic Party recognizes that the COVID-19 Pandemic has heightened the need for California to take the lead to guarantee health care to all. California as the 5th largest economy in the world and the most populous state in the union must be the lifesaving example not only for its residents but the rest of the nation, especially when over 80% of Californian Democrats support a “Medicare for All” by Single Payer type healthcare system; and

WHEREAS the pandemic and the racial unrest in California and across this country have laid bare the inequities and disparities in our healthcare system. People of Color are disproportionately affected by Covid-19 and injurious violence. It is imperative that we move to a Single-Payer healthcare system which will pivot our for-profit driven healthcare system to one that focuses on public health in a more democratic manner; and

WHEREAS Governor Gavin Newsom not only ran his winning gubernatorial campaign with Single Payer as a platform issue, on his first day in office he urged the Trump Administration and other lawmakers to allow states like California to innovate and tear down federal obstacles to help solve some of its most pressing problems such as the health care emergency (See <https://www.gov.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/2019/01/1.7.19-Letter-to-the-White-House-and-Congress.pdf>);

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Santa Clara County Democratic Party calls on Governor Gavin Newsom to resubmit his January 7, 2019 letter to the Biden Administration and other lawmakers within the first 100 days of the Biden administration; and

LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED that we encourage other local organizations and elected officials to pass a similar resolution or letter of support calling on Governor Gavin Newsom to pursue expanded state innovation waivers to allow California to create a Single Payer Healthcare system, as allowed by the Affordable Care Act Law, and as indicated in the California Democratic Party Platform, in the first 100 days of the Biden Administration.

Submitted by Margaret Okuzumi

## **Resolution in Support of Queer/Bisexual/Non-Binary Education & Political Representation**

WHEREAS, the Democratic Party at all levels has committed itself to civil rights and social justice, including for the LGBTQ+ community, which encompasses queer, bisexual, and non-binary persons whose sex, gender, and sexual orientation fall outside and in-between the societally constructed binary, and the Party has stated in our policy and platforms that the representation of racial-minorities, women, and LGBTQ+ people is of a high priority and we should be actively engaged in the process of recruiting, encouraging, and supporting these underrepresented candidates for appointed and elected office;

WHEREAS, a major barrier to the political empowerment of LGBTQ+ and specifically for queer, bisexual, and non-binary people continues to be discrimination based on their real or perceived gender and sexual orientation, including political exclusion, harassment, bullying, intentional and malicious misgendering, questioning the validity of their identify, and other forms of erasure; this discrimination is felt particularly acutely by queer, bisexual, and non-binary Black, indigenous, and people of color, whose exclusion is compounded by discrimination based on race.

WHEREAS, openly queer, bisexual, and non-binary candidates have begun running for (and a number have won) elected office in Santa Clara County, and they deserve the support of the Democratic Party.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT:

RESOLVED, that the Santa Clara County Democratic Party condemns all forms of discrimination against queer, bisexual, and non-binary people, including all forms of erasure and bullying which has the intent or effect of excluding queer, bisexual, and non-binary people from participation in society, and the Party further commits itself to support measures to educate its members and the community about queer, bisexual, and non-binary people and their contributions to our community; and

RESOLVED, that the Santa Clara County Democratic Party reiterates its support for the political empowerment and representation of underrepresented people in appointed and elected office within Santa Clara County, including queer, bisexual, and non-binary people, and will take appropriate actions to recruit, encourage, and support qualified queer, bisexual, and non-binary candidates in the future.

*Submitted by:* The Silicon Valley Stonewall Democrats

*Supported by:*

Silicon Valley Young Democrats  
Hon. Anthony Becker, Santa Clara City Council  
Hon. Alysa Cisneros, Sunnyvale City Council  
Hon. Mason Fong, Sunnyvale City Council  
J.R. Fruen, former candidate for Cupertino City Council  
Ramare Hopkins  
Hon. Gary Kremen, Santa Clara Valley Water District  
Justin Lardinois, San Jose Planning Commission  
Hon. Alex Lee, California State Assembly (AD25)  
Raven Malone, former candidate for Palo Alto City Council

Hon. Ivan Rosales Montes, Morgan Hill Unified School District  
Ray Mueller  
Jared Rogers  
Ali Sapirman  
Matthew Seymour  
Hon. Rene Spring, Morgan Hill City Council  
Hon. Essy Stone, Purissima Hills Water District  
Alfred Twu  
Michael Vargas  
Hon. Ken Yeager, former Santa Clara County Supervisor

**RESOLUTION CALLING ON PRESIDENT BIDEN TO  
FIRE AND REPLACE THE USPS BOARD OF GOVERNORS**

WHEREAS, after years of unprecedented sabotage the United States Postal Service is teetering on the brink of collapse, despite the courageous and diligent effort of postal workers, throughout the pandemic, to fulfill their mission to “bind the Nation together”; and

WHEREAS Postmaster General Louis DeJoy’s actions to dismantle mail sorting machines, cut overtime, restrict deliveries, and remove mailboxes disrupted operation, sowed confusion, and slowed mail nationally, while Donald Trump himself openly admitted that his administration was withholding funding for the Postal Service to make it harder to process mail-in ballots; and

WHEREAS throughout years of devastating and sustained attacks on the Postal Service by Trump and DeJoy the USPS Board of Governors sat silent, abdicating their primary responsibility under law to represent the public interest, and their dereliction cannot now simply be forgotten;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Santa Clara County Democrat Party joins Congressman Bill Pascrell (NJ-9) in calling on President Biden to fire and replace the entire United States Postal Service (USPS) Board of Governors for their silence and complicity in Trump’s deliberate campaign to subvert vote-by-mail elections and destroy the Post Office and joins the American Postal Workers Union in urging President Biden to appoint diverse and community-based Governors who will be strong advocates for the public Postal Service; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that as copy of this resolution will be sent to President Biden, California’s United States Senators, and Members of the United States House of Representatives who represent residents of Santa Clara County.

Submitted by Chair Bill James at the suggestion of Roxanne