

**SANTA CLARA COUNTY DEMOCRATIC CENTRAL COMMITTEE**  
**7:00 PM, via Zoom Online Conference (details in box below)**  
**MINUTES for Thursday, January 7, 2021**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**  
**7:02 PM**

**2a. ROLL CALL**

**Absent:** Emy Thurber

**Alternates for:** Marc Berman, Ash Kalra, Robert Rivas, Mark Stone, Bob Wieckowski, Dave Cortese, Zoe Lofgren, Jimmy Panetta

**2b. OATH OF OFFICE**

Members of the Central Committee took the oath of office presented by Supervisor Cindy Chavez and were officially sworn into office.

**3. IDENTIFICATION OF VISITORS**

Heather Wright  
Neil Park McClintock  
Veronica Guzman, Candidate for ADEM AD 29  
Carla Hernandez, Oak Grove School District – Trustee  
Antonio Lopez, Candidate for ADEM AD 24  
Beija Gonzalez, Oak Grove School District – Trustee  
Hailey Cairns  
Bobbie Riedel  
Cari Templeton  
Rebecca Sayed, Phonebank and Postcard Campaign Organizer  
Emilie Gatfield  
Steve Chessin  
Joe Armenta (observer with Rusty Hicks)  
Katherine Welch (observer with Delaine Eastin for Party Chair)

**4. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Approved with addition of resolutions

**5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES** (Minutes are/will be posted at [sccdp.org](http://sccdp.org))

a. Thursday, December 3, 2020 – Tabled to January

**6. OLD BUSINESS - None**

**7. NEW BUSINESS**

**a. Guest: CDP Chair Rusty Hicks**

Bill introduced Party Chair Rusty Hicks. Chair Hicks welcomed the Central Committee members and acknowledged everyone's hard work on this election cycle. He shared he is running for reelection for Party Chair. To endorse Rusty:

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeU37vXW414xd3Vzsyd28KaOchiT9wWx93xY03IM\\_fPD0319A/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeU37vXW414xd3Vzsyd28KaOchiT9wWx93xY03IM_fPD0319A/viewform)

or call 213-399-8872 for questions or more information.

**b. Fill three SCCDCC vacancies in AD29**

Bill asked for nominations to fill the 3 open seats for AD29

Nominations included:

Frances Herbert  
Wendy Ho  
Jacquie Heffner  
Beija Gonzalez  
Carla Hernandez  
Veronica Guzman  
Jenny Higgins

The following received the majority of votes and successfully were voted on to fill the vacancies.

Wendy Ho  
Beija Gonzalez  
Jenny Higgins

Bill also announced the vacancy for AD25 after Asm Lee tendered his resignation due to his successful election for Assembly District 25.

**c. Accreditation of Clubs – Alex Wara**

Alex presented the list of Clubs who successfully completed the accreditation paperwork

Avalanche Democratic Club  
D10 Democrats  
Dean Democratic Club of Silicon Valley  
Democratic 21<sup>st</sup> Century Club  
DAWN

Democratic Club at the Villages  
Milpitas Democratic Club  
Peninsula Democratic Coalition  
Santa Clara County High School Democrats of America  
Silicon Valley Asian Pacific American Democratic Club  
Silicon Valley Democratic Club  
Silicon Valley Latino Democratic Forum  
Silicon Valley Young Democrats  
South Bay Democratic Coalition  
South Bay Movimiento Democratic Coalition  
South County Democratic Club  
Sunnyvale Democratic Club

**d. Election of SCCDCC officers**

Bill James nominated for Chair – Elected by acclamation  
Jean Cohen nominated for Vice Chair – Elected by acclamation  
Helen Chapman nominated for Secretary – Elected by acclamation  
Angelica Ramos-Allen nominated for Treasurer – Elected by acclamation

**e. Guest: CDP Chair candidate Delaine Eastin**

Bill introduced candidate for Chair of the Democratic Party, Delaine Eastin.  
Delaine introduced herself by video which shared information about why she is running for Party Chair.  
To learn more, you can reach her by cell (530)219-6560, [Delaine@DelaineEastin.com](mailto:Delaine@DelaineEastin.com) or through her website — [DelaineEastin.com](http://DelaineEastin.com)

**f. Election of members to the Democratic State Central Committee**

Bill explained after the elected and elected equivalent members positions are filled there are still 8 openings.  
Names were put forward to fill the vacant seats for DSCC.

Tony Alexander  
Carla Hernandez  
Jordan Eldridge  
Olivia Navarro  
Timothy Alcorn  
Judy Pipkin  
Ali Sapirman  
Christine Dudley  
Brenda Zendejas  
Cari Templeton  
Titus Lin  
Carol Garvey  
Clarence Madrilejos  
Elsbeth Farmer

Tony Alexander, Jordan Eldridge, Olivia Navarro, Judy Pipkin, Cari Templeton, Titus Lin, Carol Garvey, Brenda Zendejas received the most votes.

Motion to elect elected and elected equivalent members to DSCC (total of 47) unanimously approved/elected

**g. Guest: Sue Zwahlen, Democratic candidate for Mayor of Modesto.**

Sue introduced herself and shared why she is running for Mayor of Modesto. To learn more or donate go to Sue Zwahlen for Mayor 2020 (Modesto) <https://www.sueformayor.com/donate>

**h. Formation of Bylaws Review Committee**

Bill recommended the following members to serve on the Bylaws Review Committee.  
Michael Vargas (Chair), Angel Martinez, Emily Ramos, Michelle Hua, and Steve Chessin.

**i. (Emergency) Resolution Calling for Immediate Impeachment of Trump and Investigation of Congressmembers Who Violated Their Oath of Office. Alyson Abramowitz**

Motion to hear emergency resolution – motion to approve passed unanimously.  
Motion to approved emergency resolution – approved unanimously

**j. (Emergency) Resolution on Capitol Security**

Motion to hear emergency resolution – motion to approve passed unanimously.  
After discussion by members it was motioned and approved to table Resolution and send to E-Board for review.

**8. REPORTS**

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

Bill shared the financial report. He thanked the volunteers who participated in the efforts to elect Jon Ossoff and Rev. Warnock. Bill shared an overview of the code of conduct. Members will need to sign and agree to the rules which will come soon via email.

- b. **Vice Chair: Jean Cohen** –  
Jean also shared that DAWN will be holding a Women and Families Policy forum on January 21<sup>st</sup>. Please RVSP with [angelica@nwpcsiliconvalley.org](mailto:angelica@nwpcsiliconvalley.org)
- c. **Treasurer: Angelica Ramos-Allen** –Dues are due now!
- d. **Secretary: Helen Chapman** –  
Working with Angelica to track dues payments and updating the 2021 Central Committee member Roster and CDP filing.
- e. **Executive Director: James Kim** – no report
- f. **Issues: Michael Vargas** – no report
- g. **Community Services and Voter Registration: Judy Pipkin** – No report
- h. **Finance: James S. Kim** – Simple way to help – when you pay your dues, check the box to make a recurring donation.
- i. **Endorsements: Clarence Madrilejos** – Announced he is running for the vacant seat for AD 25
- j. **Communications: John Comiskey** –  
PINs have changed for 2021, please, be sure you use the most recent instructions email for voting instructions. Also, update your profile information: Roster info form [https://bit.ly/sccdcc\\_roster](https://bit.ly/sccdcc_roster)
- k. **Gender Equity and the Status of Women: Shay Franco-Clausen** –no report
- l. **Campaign Services: Titus Lin** –  
Thanked the volunteers for their hard work.
- m. **Clubs: Alex Wara** –  
See earlier report

Account	12/31/20
State All-Purpose (non-DVC)	\$98,596.65
State Restricted Use (non-DVC)	\$2,811.73
DVC State	\$5,801.15
UDC Federal (non-DVC)	\$16,867.62
DVC Federal	\$35,162.54
Monthly change (since 11/30/20)	
Non-DVC State	-\$5,798.48
Non-DVC Fed	-\$250.57
DVC State	\$51.88
DVC Fed	-\$979.20

**Financial Update**

**PDC Report**

Watch peninsula democrats.com for our upcoming event: You are invited to participate in a virtual conversation, “It Happens Here Too, Racism on the Peninsula,” Sunday, January 31, 2021, from 2:00-3:30pm. I will send to the calendar as soon as we are finalized. Moderators Julie Lythcott-Haims, Nehezi Roberts, Lucinda Tinsman, Natasha Mejia, Terri Givens

**21<sup>st</sup>Century Club**

Century Club Virtual Lunch TOMORROW at noon: [https://www.demcenturyclub.org/virtual\\_lunch\\_jan21](https://www.demcenturyclub.org/virtual_lunch_jan21)

- n. **Regional Director Reports**
  - 1) **Rocky Fernandez, Region 5** –  
1/16/2021 One day Ex board meeting - the 10th is the deadline to sign up 1/11/2021 is the last day to request a ballot for ADEMS. Don't forget to Vote for ADEMS!
  - 2) **Hene Kelley, Region 6** – no report
  - 3) **Omar Torres, Region 7** –
- o. **DNC: Otto Lee** – no report
- p. **DTV Report: Steve Chessin** –  
Democratic Television Producer Emeritus Steve Chessin reported that we had no taping in December. Our January Zoom taping guest 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 for when we resume in-person tapings. No prior video experience is necessary.
- q. **Pro-Choice Coalition: Claudia Shope** – No report

**9. ANNOUNCEMENTS/REMINDERS**

ADEM candidate registration by Dec 15 and voter registration by Jan 11<sup>th</sup> <http://adem.cadem.org>  
Assemblymember Alex Lee is having his first town hall next Thursday and you are all welcome to join!  
Thursday, January 14 from 5:15 pm to 6:15 pm Zoom: [www.tinyurl.com/aljan14](http://www.tinyurl.com/aljan14)  
Rohin Ghosh shared the following link:  
<https://actionnetwork.org/letters/pass-covid- eviction-protections-debt-relief>

**10. EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING**

Next meeting January 20, 2021 6:00 – 7:30 pm via Zoom (contact [chair@sccdp.org](mailto:chair@sccdp.org) for link)

**11. ADJOURNMENT 10:30 pm.**

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86448434797?pwd=TnYycjZWZ3BpZlVuS2p6MlpWT3I1QT09>

By phone: 669 900 6833

Meeting ID: 864 4843 4797

Passcode: 069586