

**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, June 3, 2021**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

**2. ROLL CALL**

**3. IDENTIFICATION OF VISITORS**

**4. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

**5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- a. Thursday, May 6, 2021

**6. OLD BUSINESS**

**7a. INFORMATION ITEMS**

- a. Proposed rules to consider resolutions
- b. Gathering input on "Community Standards" for SCCDCC meetings
- c. Notice of SCCDCC vacancy (AD29) to be filled at our July 1, 2021 meeting

**7b. NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Pride: Ken Yeager, BAYMEC Community Foundation, re exhibit "Coming Out: 50 Years of Queer Resistance and Resilience in Silicon Valley," scheduled to open June 24 at History San José (aka "History Park")
- b. Juneteenth: Milan Balinton, AACSA, re 40<sup>th</sup> Annual Juneteenth in the Park
- c. Progressive Democrats for Social Justice, potential legal challenge re Gov't Code §3205 (county employee solicitation of candidate donations)
- d. Resolution to support Opportunity Housing throughout San Jose
- e. [*proposed emergency*] Resolution in Support of HR 2590

**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: Huy Tran
- h. Finance: James Kim
- i. Endorsements: Clarence Madrilejos
- j. Communications: John Comiskey
- k. Gender Equity and the Status of Women: Adia Hoag
- l. Diversity & Inclusion: Rebeca Armendariz
- m. Campaign Services: Titus Lin
- n. Clubs: Alex Wara
- o. Regional Director Report(s)
- p. DNC: Otto Lee
- q. DTV Report: Steve Chessin
- r. Pro-Choice Coalition: Claudia Shope

**9. ANNOUNCEMENTS/REMINDERS**

**10. EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING**

June 16, 2021, 6-7:30pm, via Zoom

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

In Memory of VTA Rail Yard victims

Join Zoom Meeting  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81808870049?pwd=RmRSSXpPWStUSHdjMnVmNkpwTVpMUT09>  
Phone: (669) 900-6833  
Meeting ID: 818 0887 0049  
Passcode: 540218

## **RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF OPPORTUNITY HOUSING IN SANTA CLARA COUNTY**

**WHEREAS.** The affordable housing crisis in our region continues to impact residents with various consequences including displacement and homelessness.

**WHEREAS.** According to the San Jose Housing Department, to purchase a median-priced single-family home in San Jose, buyers need to earn more than \$200,000 per year or \$120 per hour, but single family-neighborhoods make up 94% of the city and San Jose has strict zoning laws that prevent more units from being built in those neighborhoods.

**WHEREAS.** Opportunity Housing allows for the modifying of existing zoning ordinances to allow for duplexes, triplexes, and fourplexes and would give developers and property owners the opportunity to create more middle-income housing. Although Opportunity Housing would allow for a gentle density, there is no requirement for homeowners to add units to their own property.

**WHEREAS.** The buildings would blend in with the single-family home landscape and the duplexes or triplexes built under the plan will not alter a neighborhood's character. The buildings would have similar height and size requirements, so a towering high-rise wouldn't suddenly rise in a single-family neighborhood.

**WHEREAS.** There's no evidence that values will be impacted by the introduction of duplexes, triplexes or fourplexes, values would fluctuate no matter what. Rather, the modest density increase would likely lead to an increase in property value.

**WHEREAS.** The original San Jose City staff recommendation for the implementation of opportunity housing was tied to a radius of ½ a mile from high-frequency modes of transit. Instead, the General Plan Task Force voted to implement opportunity housing city-wide. City-wide implementation would create more opportunities to increase much-needed housing supply as well as an equitable distribution of housing throughout San Jose.

**WHEREAS.** San Jose, like many cities throughout the country, has a dark past of racially charged exclusionary zoning policies, restricting opportunities for people of color to live in certain areas of the city. Opening up restrictive land-use policies would move San Jose in the right direction in terms of equity and the creation of inclusive communities for all.

**WHEREAS.** The General Plan Task Force recommended exploring Opportunity Housing citywide while prioritizing urban villages to increase San Jose's housing stock by allowing multi-units and more density in single-family neighborhoods — which comprise some 94% of the city's residential land — to chip away at Silicon Valley's crippling housing crisis.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED.** That the Santa Clara County Democratic Party supports and endorses the San Jose General Plan Task Force recommendation to implement opportunity housing city-wide; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED.** That a copy of this resolution will be shared with members of the party that currently sit on the San Jose City Council.

**Submitted by:**

Peter Ortiz - AD 27 SCCDCC Delegate and SCCBOE Trustee

Peter Allen - West San Jose Community Leader

**Sponsored by:**

San Jose Neighborhoods for All

## **Resolution in Support of H.R. 2590, The Palestinian Children and Families Act**

**Whereas**, the international community, including Human Rights Watch and the United Nations organization, are resolute in their positions that Israel: (1) maintains a system whose oppression and unequal treatment of Palestinians amounts to Apartheid; and (2) regularly breaches international law through their illegal settlement projects throughout the Occupied West Bank which continue to make notions of a two-state solution more unfeasible, and

**Whereas**, these findings are inseparable from the unconscionable conditions Palestinians face today, in part as a result of unquestioning bipartisan support and unconditional military aid from the United States government (\$38 billion from 2019 to 2028), and

**Whereas**, Israeli settler organizations, in collaboration with the government, continue to pursue the forced expulsion of Palestinian families from their homes in East Jerusalem's Sheikh Jarrah and Silwan neighborhoods; the Israeli police responded with disproportionate force to demonstrations at the Al-Aqsa Mosque, one of Islam's holiest sites, during the month of Ramadan; subsequently, there has been violent unrest by extremist groups terrorizing Palestinian towns and cities; attacking innocent people, Palestinian homes and businesses, churches and mosques; burning buildings, theaters, and cars; and other violent acts; and,

**Whereas**, Israel's bombing campaign on the Gaza Strip killed 253 Palestinian civilians including 66 women and 39 children while injuring over 1,948 between May 10 and 20, 2021; this included Israel's bombing of a 12-story building on May 15 which housed major news organizations, including Al Jazeera and the Associated Press, and

**Whereas**, major policy action right now is key as President Biden has thus far pledged \$5 million to rebuild Gaza and to also restock Israel's 'Iron Dome' missile defense system; the State Department issued export licenses for a new \$735 million in weapons for Israel despite congressional opposition; however, no plans for comprehensive reconciliation and/or long-term peace have been significantly discussed, and

**Whereas**, House Resolution 2590, The Palestinian Children and Families Act, was re-introduced by Representative Betty McCollum of Minnesota in April 2021, and

**Whereas**, "H.R. 2590 seeks to promote justice, equality and human rights for Palestinian children and families by prohibiting Israeli authorities from using U.S. taxpayer funds to detain and torture Palestinian children, demolish and seize Palestinian homes, and further annex Palestinian land in the occupied West Bank", and

**Whereas**, the Leahy Law should technically prevent U.S. aid from being used to fund human rights violations but has not been judiciously enforced by the federal government, especially since Israel is historically a close ally of the United States, and

**Whereas**, even if the Leahy Law were applicable to this crisis, H.R. 2590 goes further, and gets more specific, than the Leahy Law in making sure America's military aid to Israel is conditioned in a just and comprehensive way, and

**Whereas**, if passed, H.R. 2590 would leverage direct pressure on Israel to make substantial improvements to their treatment of Palestinians in the West Bank, pave the way toward an end to Israel's military occupation, defund America's role in illegal settlements and child detention, and promote a sincere political solution for Israel and the Palestinians, and

**Whereas**, H.R. 2590 currently has 25 sponsors/co-sponsors, all Democrats, only 2 of whom are from California and 0 of whom are from the Bay Area or Santa Clara County, therefore,

**Be it resolved** that the Santa Clara County Democratic Party Central Committee acknowledges the dignity and the human rights of Palestinians under international law, and asks the Federal Government to urge Israel to: (1) comply with U.S. Leahy Laws; (2) respect the 4th Geneva Convention and apply and extend the protection of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights; (3) end its practice of tagging Palestinian homes and attacking places of worship and news organizations; (4) end its siege on Gaza and deadly attacks on high-density residential neighborhoods and Palestinian families; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Santa Clara County Democratic Party Central Committee support H.R. 2590, The Palestinian Children and Families Act, and

**Be it further resolved** that the aforementioned Committee do everything in its power to gain support for this legislation among our Santa Clara County Members of Congress: Rep. Ro Khanna (CA-17), Rep. Anna Eshoo (CA-18), Rep. Zoe Lofgren (CA-19), and Rep. Jimmy Panetta (CA-20).

Signed by:

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California Democratic Party Assembly Delegate (AD-28)

Afro-UPRIS Democratic Club

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United Democrats of San Gabriel Valley  
(Passed May 26, 2021)

Peter Ortiz  
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