

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, May 6, 2021

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL

3. IDENTIFICATION OF VISITORS

- a. Special guest: Hope Cahan

4. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. Thursday, April 1, 2021

6. OLD BUSINESS

7a. CONSENT CALENDAR

- a. Request to support AB 20 (Corporate-Free Elections Act)

7b. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Guest speaker: DA Jeff Rosen
- b. Request to Support Bills to Address the Climate Crisis (see attached list)
- c. Resolution in Support of California Universal Childcare
- d. Election of SCCDCC representatives to CADEM (State) Executive Board
- e. Resolution Condemning Statement by Santa Clara County Assessor Larry Stone

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

May 19, 2021, 6-7:30pm, via Zoom
(contact chair@sccdpc.org for link)

11. ADJOURNMENT

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83512091452?pwd=OGRvMWpSRUJteHR4cUpPb05lKzI0UT09>

Phone: (669) 900-6833

Meeting ID: 835 1209 1452

Passcode: 138661

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF CALIFORNIA UNIVERSAL CHILD CARE

WHEREAS the Santa Clara County Democratic Party has made access to child care a priority on their [platform](#) pledging to fight for access to and funding for safe, reliable, high quality, and affordable childcare programs, and adequate, inclusive, and culturally competent training for childcare workers. The Party encourages our state officials to bring equity to Santa Clara County by weighing the cost of living, which bears down on our low and middle income families, and extending opportunities to access child care based on this high cost of living; and

WHEREAS every day, millions of working parents struggle to stay on track in their careers while raising their children, which if work is truly the path to economic security and upward mobility, there should be policies that allow parents to succeed in the workforce and do what they believe is best for their children, which would include solutions that recognize the importance of funding for parents and their young children, whose brain growth in the first 3 years of life is unparalleled to any other point in their lifetime, therefore education is a right, which makes up the foundation of our economic status, social mobility, and national security; and

WHEREAS child care is expensive, with the average cost of child care in the United States ranging from 9 to 36 percent of a family's income, more than 20% of American families are borrowing to pay for child care and preschool, especially poignant in California where the cost of infant care is more expensive than public college tuition, which to support the important endeavor of putting their child through preschool, a minimum wage worker would simply need to work more weeks than there are in a year to pay a median-priced daycare at the existing rate, and children without access to preschool can be as much as 2 years behind in language development on the first day of kindergarten, as compared to their higher-income peers, and a low-income fourth grader who is already behind in reading is 13x more likely to drop out of high school, and students who drop out of high school are 50% more likely to be unemployed than high school graduates and 8x more likely to be incarcerated; and

WHEREAS the current system is obsolete, perpetuates a lack of quality child care options, and does not actually support the families most in need, resulting in an annual economic cost of \$57 billion in lost profits, productivity and income across the country, stretching to families losing an average of \$3,350 per working parent and businesses losing an average of \$1,150 per working parent in reduced income and additional hiring costs, therefore we cannot afford not to invest, as 71% nationwide of our 17-24-year-old population is ineligible to join the U.S. military primarily because they are too poorly educated, they're not healthy or they have a serious misdemeanor or felony criminal record which prevents them, so if America is not prepared to compete globally economically, then that's a national security issue; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Santa Clara County Democratic Party believes that the State of California should fund universal child care and early learning programs to provide all young children a fair and comprehensive opportunity to reach their full potential, and; to ensure that families can access high-quality, affordable early education and child care programs, regardless of the circumstances; and

FURTHER RESOLVED,The Santa Clara County Democratic Party advocates with county and state Democratic Party officials to support the expansion of evidence-based programs for low-income and first-time parents, guardians, and caregivers, including home visiting, that can help connect to families in need with child care, education, and child development opportunities and improving outcomes for both children and parents; and it also adds to its list of supporting requirements for a candidate the complete and comprehensive understanding of the need for child care.

Presented by:

Peter Ortiz - AD 27 SCCDCC Delegate and SCCBOE Trustee

Claudia Rossi - AD 30 SCCDCC Delegate and SCCBOE President

Parent Voices of Santa Clara County

Angelica Ramos- AD28 SCCDCC and CADEM Executive Board member

Endorsement Request by Silicon Valley Youth Climate Action

1. [SB 68 \(Becker\)](#) - **Reducing the Barriers for Building Electrification**

Senate Bill 68 will be key to reducing greenhouse gas emissions from buildings and transportation by making it easier for building/home owners to install electrical equipment to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in support of the state's climate goals. Here's also the [fact sheet](#).

2. [SB 596 \(Becker\)](#) - **Low-Carbon Concrete**

Concrete (made from cement) is the most commonly used building material globally and a large source of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions. SB 596 would require a reduction of 40% of greenhouse gas emissions from the cement and concrete sector by 2030 and net zero by 2045. Here's also the [fact sheet](#).

3. [SB 31 \(Cortese\)](#) - **Building Decarbonization Programs at PUC and CEC**

SB 31 will develop new building decarbonization programs through the California Energy Commission and the Public Utilities Commission, with a particular emphasis on providing opportunities for low-income customers.

Fact sheet:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1xF1fhhFMbqkWdC_ELrNHkgluaUwvrBOq/view.

4. [SB 32 \(Cortese\)](#) - **Decarbonization in General Plans**

SB 32 will require all cities and counties in California to update their General Plans or Climate Action Plans with objectives, targets, and policies to decarbonize their building stock in line with State targets.

Fact sheet:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1OQvU5A8nz1ml89eAGvn2Az5ESDNshhNu/view>.

5. [SB 612 \(Portantino and many coauthors\)](#) - **Make the Fee to Switch to Clean Energy More Transparent**

Requires all investor-owned utilities energy generation to be equally available for Community Choice Aggregators, in proportion to how much the latter pays the former via the PCI.

6. [SB 260 \(Wiener\)](#):- **Climate Corporate Accountability Act**

Requires corporations making \$1+ billion in revenue that do business in California to report their greenhouse gas emissions to the Air Resources Board, who will develop and adopt regulations requiring those large corporations to set emissions targets by 2024. Here's also the [fact sheet](#).

7. [SB 617 \(Weiner\)](#):- **Streamline Solar Panel Permit**

Requires local jurisdictions of greater than 10,000 to implement automatic permitting for small solar panels by 2023, with the Energy Commission providing grants using money from utilities. Here's also the [fact sheet](#) if you'd like to find out more about the bill.

8. [SB 437 \(Wieckowski\)](#) - **Local publicly owned electric utilities: integrated resource planning: transportation electrification**

Requires the publicly owned utilities to explicitly provide for all sectors of transportation electrification, including light-, medium-, heavy-duty and on- and off-road engines, into their integrated resource plans to ensure comprehensive electricity rate design. As moving towards electrification within the transportation sectors of California is a general benefit. Here's also the [fact sheet](#).

9. [AB 416 \(Kalra\)](#) - **Deforestation Free Procurement Act**

Requires contractors to ensure their materials do not have any deforestation impacts by 2024. If passed, the bill would make California the first state in the nation to require that state procurement contracts do not contribute to tropical or boreal deforestation. [fact sheet](#).

Additional info. <https://foe.org/news/california-assembly-introduces-bill-to-make-california-a-leader-in-ending-deforestation/>

10. [AB 525 \(Chiu\)](#) - **Investing in Offshore Wind Power**

Tasks the Energy Commission to plan for 10MW of offshore wind energy by 2040 and communicate with other agencies to ensure the infrastructure can be supported, to increase renewable energy and supplement solar. Here's also the [fact sheet](#).

11. [AB 1346 \(Berman\)](#) - **Transition Gas-Powered Leaf to Zero Emission Alternatives**

Bans emissions from new small off-road engines (e.g. garden equipment) by 2024 and creates a rebate program for air quality management districts to phase out existing engines. Here's also the [fact sheet](#).

12. [SB 38 \(Wieckowski\)](#) - **Beverage containers**

Creates an extended producer responsibility program that places redemption and recycling responsibility on those who are distributing beverage containers inside California. It will have a major effect on plastic waste throughout California and allows for new systems to be established to manage recycling. Here's also the [fact sheet](#).

Resolution Condemning Statement by Santa Clara County Assessor Larry Stone

WHEREAS Santa Clara County Assessor Larry Stone is quoted in a media report as having said, “[Assessor candidate] Gary Kremen is sucking the tit of the union, that’s what the whole race will be about”; and

WHEREAS Stone’s statement is deeply offensive and reflects a profound lack of respect for and antipathy towards women and workers, including those over whom he has authority as Assessor; and

WHEREAS Stone’s statement is antithetical to the values of the Santa Clara County Democratic Party as expressed in the Fair Campaign Pledge to which it requires all endorsed candidates to adhere;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Santa Clara County Democratic Party condemns the offensive, sexist, misogynistic, and anti-worker statement made by Santa Clara County Assessor Larry Stone and calls on him to publicly retract and disavow the statement, and to apologize to all those targeted and offended by his statement.