

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, July 1, 2021

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL

3. IDENTIFICATION OF VISITORS

4. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. Thursday, June 3, 2021

6. OLD BUSINESS

- a. SCCDCC Group Agreements for online meetings
- b. Adopt proposed procedures to consider resolutions
- c. Update and request for member action to support AB 1171 to end California's spousal rape distinction

7. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Election to fill SCCDCC vacancy (AD29)
- b. Club accreditation request: Assyrian Democrats of the Bay Area
- c. Resolution in Support of H.R. 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

July 21, 2021, 6-7:30pm, via Zoom

11. ADJOURNMENT

Register to Join Zoom Meeting

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_WupH8xY-RnGexaYUoNCjyQ

[PROPOSED] Resolution Procedures for Virtual Meetings of the Santa Clara County Democratic Central Committee

1. Introduction.

For virtual meetings, a resolution that has been duly noticed or which has been approved by the body to be considered as an emergency resolution will be considered according to the procedures set forth in this document.

2. Initial Presentations For and, if applicable Against.

When called by the Chair or other presiding officer for consideration, e.g., as the next item on the agenda, a resolution will be presented for consideration as follows:

- Proponents will present the text and supporting facts (5 Minutes), followed by
 - Voting members' questions to Proponents (1 Min per question, plus 1 Min response; Max 3 questions and no repeats)
- Opponents, if any organized opposition by a Democratic or allied progressive organization has been invited by the Chair and/or Executive Board to attend and participate, present the reasons for their opposition and supporting facts (5 Minutes), followed by
 - Voting members' questions to Proponents (1 Min per question, plus 1 Min response; Max 3 questions and no repeats)

Questions must solicit clarifying information to aid the Members' consideration of the resolution as presented. Argumentative questions will be out of order, as Member arguments should be reserved for the period of Member debate.

3. Member Consideration

The Chair will open a period of member-only discussion of the resolution, which shall be considered as having been moved/seconded for approval

- Participation is limited to Members who are participating in the vote on the resolution as voting Members (e.g., not alternates if the voting Member for whom they are an alternate is present and voting); non-members will not be recognized
- Maximum of 5 speakers in Support and 5 Against the resolution, one minute each, no second turns
- Chair may "without objection" extend to no more than 2 additional speakers in Support or Against (no repeats), e.g., if in the Chair's judgment such additional speaker(s) will add to the diversity of opinions, perspective, and/or experience that have been express or represented and/or may otherwise aid in Members' consideration of the matter.

- If a voting Member objects to further speakers, no further speakers will be allowed without a vote of the members, requiring a motion and second, to allow up to two additional speakers for/against, and no more, such motion not being debatable
- In no case will more than 7 Members for and 7 Members against a resolution be heard from without a motion passed by 2/3 vote to suspend this rule to allow further speakers
- To encourage Members to participate in the debate and pay attention to those recognized to speak, the Zoom chat feature will be disabled during consideration of a resolution
- To the extent possible, speakers in support of resolution should alternate with speakers opposed. The Chair may ask each Member to state when they are recognized whether they rise in support of or in opposition to the resolution, and a Member may be required to wait while a Member taking the opposing position speaks
- A motion to "call the previous question" is in order at any time after the first up to 5 speakers for and up to 5 against have spoken, and is made and resolved per Robert's Rules (e.g., requires a second and is not debatable)

4. Amendments

Motions to amend are in order only during the time of and prior to the Chair announcing the closing of Member debate. Motions to amend require a second and are debatable with no more than three speakers for (starting, typically, with the proponent and the second) and three opposed, for one minute each. In the Chair's discretion, if more than one attempt to amend a resolution is made the matter may be carried over for further action by the Executive Board, e.g., to attempt to reach a consensus on language. Final action may be by the Executive Board with ratification by the Central Committee or by the full Central Committee at the next meeting. Motions to amend considered to be duplicative, inconsequential, or made for purposes of delay may be ruled out of order.

5. Voting

Once Member debate is declared by the Chair to have ended the matter will be put to a vote via the online motion voting form. The result will be tallied and reported by the Chair.

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF H.R. 2590,
THE PALESTINIAN CHILDREN AND FAMILIES ACT**

WHEREAS, The Israeli government continues to pursue the forced expulsion of Palestinian families from their homes in East Jerusalem's Sheikh Jarrah neighborhood; 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 Arab-Jewish towns and cities; attacking innocent people, Arab homes and businesses, churches and mosques; burning synagogues, theaters and cars; and other violent acts; and

WHEREAS, Since Monday May 10th, over 270 people, mostly civilians and including 68 children, have been killed by Israeli airstrikes in Gaza, the West Bank, and East Jerusalem; Hamas and others have fired rockets and mortars from Gaza toward Israeli cities and towns, killing 12 people and wounding civilians and sending hundreds of thousands of Israelis, Arabs and Jews into bomb shelters; additionally, on Saturday, May 15, 2021, the Israel military targeted and bombed a 12-story building that houses major news organizations, including The Associated Press and Al-Jazeera; and

WHEREAS, The recent violence follows decades of systemic discrimination and the violation of the human rights of Christian and Muslim Palestinians, including militarily enforced restrictions of movement for over 4.7 million Palestinians; a brutal blockade on Gaza; confiscation of land; economic exploitation; and suspension of basic civil liberties. These actions and more, are a breach of international law, the Geneva convention, and basic human rights. As a community that proudly stands against the racism and injustices facing BIPOC communities and stands for and advances human and civil rights, equity, free speech, and free press, we cannot ignore the rise of the Israeli government's flagrant and inhumane attacks on Palestinians, religious institutions, and press organizations; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Santa Clara County Democratic 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 Law; (2) respect the 4th Geneva Convention and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights; (3) end its practice of tagging and demolishing Palestinian homes and attacking places of worship and news organizations; (4) end its siege and blockade on Gaza and deadly attacks on high-density residential neighborhoods and Palestinian families; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Santa Clara County Democratic Central Committee supports the ceasefire between Hamas and Israel, calls on all parties to refrain from any provocative acts that will undermine the ceasefire, and urges congress to pass H.R. 2590, The Palestinian Children and Families Act, introduced by Congresswoman Betty McCollum (D-MN), which states that the U.S. will not fund the Israeli government's imprisonment and torture of Palestinian children; theft and destruction of Palestinian homes and property; or any further annexation of Palestinian land.

Submitted by:

Hiwad Haider, California Democratic Party Assembly District Delegate (AD-28)

Cos-signed by:

Margaret Okuzumi, Beiya Gonzalez, Omar Torres, Peter Ortiz, Rebeca Armendariz, Jason Spitzer, Roxanne, LaToya Fernandez, Olivia Navarro, and Ruben Navarro