

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, November 4, 2021

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL

3. IDENTIFICATION OF VISITORS

Guest: Shuwaski Young, candidate MS-03

4. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. Thursday, October 7, 2021

6. OLD BUSINESS

a. Election to fill SCCDCC vacancy (AD 27)

7. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Juristac Update by representative of the Amah Mutsun Tribal Band
- b. Presentation: San Jose Charter Review Commission, by Huy Tran
- c. Resolution to Protect the People
- d. Resolution in Support of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, through Anti Bias and Anti Racist Training
- e. [Proposed Emergency] Resolution Condemning Hateful Rhetoric and Harassment Towards Los Gatos Mayor Marico Sayoc
- f. Announce SCCDCC vacancy from AD29 to be filled at the Dec 2 meeting

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

November 17, 2021, 6-7:30pm

Non-Member Register to Join Zoom Meeting
https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_Dt7KeeSdRPizFXcHfWahRA

Protect People Resolution

Whereas, supervisory candidate Johnny Khamis' policy positions are in direct conflict with the platform adopted by the Santa Clara County Democratic Central Committee, such as opposing increases in the minimum wage and voting against renter protection; and

Whereas, Khamis' voting history and abhorrent rhetoric present a direct threat to the residents and employees of Santa Clara County by failing to provide for the families and frontline workers who have suffered the most during and before the COVID-19 pandemic; and

Whereas, Khamis' decisions as an elected official are self-serving and have harmed working families, and his election to the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors would be disastrous;

Therefore, be it Resolved that Members of the Santa Clara County Democratic Central Committee risk censure by formally endorsing Khamis given that qualified candidates have entered the race and present a Democratic alternative; and

Be it Finally Resolved that the Santa Clara County Democratic Party actively opposes the candidacy of Johnny Khamis for District 1 Supervisor.

Co-Sponsors:

Huy Tran
Jean Cohen
Maya Esparza
Peter Ortiz
Angelica Ramos
Rebeca Armendariz
Andres Quintero
Helen Chapman
John Comiskey
David Bini

Resolution in Support of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, through Anti Bias and Anti Racist Training

Whereas, the Santa Clara County Democratic Central Committee (SCCDCC) should demonstrate solidarity with marginalized POC (People of Color), and BIPOC (Black, Indigenous and People of Color) communities in their full diversity, by making internal efforts to be accountable for, and empowered to dismantle all forms of oppression within the Democratic Party and the constituent jurisdictions which its members govern, and,

Whereas, within the field of diversity, equity, and inclusion, anti-bias and anti-racist training is recognized as an effective and suitable tool for the Santa Clara County Democratic Central Committee (SCCDCC) members and stakeholders to better dismantle systemic oppression, and,

Whereas, the systemic oppression of marginalized people internationally, and of LGBTQ+ and BIPOC communities within the United States, necessitates acknowledgement and remediation for the fact that Democrats benefitting from white supremacist structures operate with explicit and implicit bias which actively maintains the oppressive status quo, therefore

Be it resolved that the Santa Clara County Democratic Central Committee affirms its commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion of LGBTQ+ and BIPOC communities, as core Democratic values, and,

Be it further resolved that the Santa Clara County Democratic Central Committee commits itself to a timely and collaborative process with Afro-UPRIS and other chartered clubs representing LGBTQ+ and BIPOC communities to design and implement mandatory anti-racist and anti-bias training for all voting members, including elected officials, and to consider a bylaws change to make completion of such training a mandatory prerequisite to future voting activity.

Signed by:

Afro-UPRIS

Omar Torres, Assembly District 27 SCCDCC delegate and CDP Region 7 Director

Basil Saleh, Assembly District 28 CDP delegate

Beija Gonzalez, Assembly District 29 SCCDCC Delegate

Raven Malone, Assembly District 24 CDP Delegate

Angelica Ramos-Allen, Assembly District 28 SCCDCC Delegate

**[Proposed Emergency] RESOLUTION CONDEMNING HATEFUL RHETORIC AND HARASSMENT
TOWARDS LOS GATOS MAYOR MARICO SAYOC**

WHEREAS Mayor Marico Sayoc is an exemplary leader and stands for values and principles we all support; and

WHEREAS, as the sole female woman of color on the Los Gatos City Council, Mayor Sayoc has promoted diversity awareness, understanding, and inclusiveness as important steps all members of our community should embrace; and

WHEREAS, as an Asian Pacific Islander (API) of Filipino-American descent, Democratic woman elected official in Los Gatos, Mayor Sayoc has been the subject of vitriolic sentiment and behavior from hateful right-wing and COVID-denying groups, and has had her family harassed by said groups; and

WHEREAS it is expected that elected officials affiliated with the Democratic Party stand for the ideals of our Party, as well as speak out against the alt-right, anti-LGBTQ+ hate mongers, and science-denying provocateurs of violence, and

WHEREAS, we join Assemblymember Evan Low and Senator Dave Cortese, and countless other Mayors in Santa Clara County, who have written a letter to the Town of Los Gatos addressing this behavior towards Mayor Sayoc in the light of a time when incidents of hate crimes against the API community have spiked in the last year-and-a-half; and

WHEREAS the Santa Clara County Democratic Party has taken a strong stand against bullying and harassment of women, people of color, and all groups who have been historically marginalized;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Santa Clara County Democratic Party stands in support of Mayor Sayoc and urges the Members of the Los Gatos Town Council to publicly condemn the hateful comments, harassing behavior towards Mayor Sayoc, and stand as an ally to women of color in elected office who are also being targeted; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Santa Clara County Democratic Party encourages individuals and activists to participate in all activities denouncing racism, sexism, and anti-LGBTQ+ and in support of inclusiveness and diversity.

Authored by the Silicon Valley Asian Pacific American Democratic Club (SVAPADC).

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