

**SANTA CLARA COUNTY DEMOCRATIC CENTRAL COMMITTEE**  
**7:00 PM, via Zoom Online Webinar (details in box below)**  
**MINUTES for Thursday, November 4, 2021**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**  
**7:05 PM**

**2. ROLL CALL**

**Absent:** Maya Esparza, Rebeca Armendariz

**Alternates for:** Ash Kalra, Mark Stone, Bob Wiecekowski, Dave Cortese, John Laird, Zoe Lofgren, Jimmy Panetta

**3. IDENTIFICATION OF VISITORS**

Don Draper

Nora Rousso

**GUEST:** Shuwaski Young, candidate MS-03

Bill introduced Shuwaski Young, Candidate for Mississippi 3<sup>rd</sup> Congressional District

Shuwaski Young introduced himself and shared why he is running for Congress. To learn more please go to his website at <https://www.shuwaskiyoung.com/> Follow us on Twitter and IG: @shuwaskiyoung #letsbuildtogether

**4. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Approved unanimously

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

a. Thursday, October 7, 2021 – Approved with correction noting Margaret Okuzumi as present (Steve Chessin was her proxy) 41 – 0

**6. OLD BUSINESS**

a. Election to fill SCCDCC vacancy (AD 27)

Bill announced there is a vacancy in AD 27 and asked for nominations to fill the vacancy from the floor. Nomination made for Judy Pipkin to fill the vacancy. Nomination made for Brenda Zendejas who declined the nomination.

Motion to elect Judy Pipkin Passed 38 – 0

**7. NEW BUSINESS**

a. Guest: Juristac Update by representative of the Amah Mutsun Tribal Band

Lou Chiaramonte in lieu of Amah Mutsun Tribal Band Chair, Valentin Lopez introduced himself. Lou presented information on the Campaign to Protect Juristac and asked members to comment on the upcoming EIR due out in November.

For further updates regarding the Sargent Quarry threat to Juristac, information can be found at <https://www.protectjuristac.org> Feel free to contact Lou at [indigenoussolidarity@protonmail.com](mailto:indigenoussolidarity@protonmail.com)

b. Presentation: San Jose Charter Review Commission by Huy Tran

Huy Tran, Community Services and Voter Registration Director, presented a brief update on the work of the Charter Review Commission. He asked members to comment and attend the next public hearing.

Link to SJ Charter Review Info Page - <https://www.sanjoseca.gov/your-government/appointees/city-clerk/charter-review-commission>

Link to Powerpoint Summary of Recommendations of the Charter Review Commission

[https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1Ncfl\\_IOauQKun6x40PMEKiERsp5GqTFS/edit?usp=sharing&ouid=108238816318962328644&rtpof=true&sd=true](https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1Ncfl_IOauQKun6x40PMEKiERsp5GqTFS/edit?usp=sharing&ouid=108238816318962328644&rtpof=true&sd=true)

c. Resolution to Protect the People

Peter Ortiz presented the resolution and asked for members' support. Motion to support the resolution passed 46-0-3.

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

Resolution presented by AFRO-UPRIS members Tomara Hall, Beija Gonzalez, Basil Saleh, and La Toya Fernandez.

Motion to amend text as follows by Clarence Madrilejos "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+, BIPOC, religious minorities, and other historically discriminated communities to design and implement mandatory anti-racist, anti-bias, anti-religious, and sexual discrimination training for all voting members, executive board members including elected officials, and to consider a bylaws change to make completion of such training a mandatory prerequisite to future voting activity."

Motion to amend text as presented passes 33 -15 – 1

Motion to amend text to remove word mandatory from Resolution fails 4 - 44 - 1.

Motion to adopt main amended Resolution using categories as noted by Michelle Dauber and bring final version to be approved by Executive Board at November 17<sup>th</sup> meeting – Motion passes 48 – 2 – 0.

e. {Proposed Emergency} Resolution Condemning Hateful Rhetoric and Harassment Towards Los Gatos Mayor Marico Sayoc

Andrae Wara-Macapinlac presented the Resolution.

Motion to take up Emergency Resolution passed 48-0-0

Motion to amend text of Resolution "THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Santa Clara County Democratic Party stands in support of Mayor Sayoc and in solidarity with the Members of the Los Gatos Town Council who have publicly condemned the hateful comments and harassing behavior towards Mayor Sayoc and other council members, and stand as an ally to women of color in elected office who are also being targeted; and..." Motion fails 11 – 31 – 1. Motion to support original Resolution passes 42 – 1 – 1.

f. Announce SCCDCC vacancy from AD29 to be filled at the Dec 2 meeting.

Bill shared that Jenny Higgins AD 29 delegate has resigned her seat thus creating a vacancy. This announcement formally opens the seat anyone residing in AD 29 wanting to run.

## 8. REPORTS

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

Bill shared the financial report. Also shared information regarding Central Valley phone banking to NPP Voters in Kern and Kings County the 1<sup>st</sup> three Sundays in November. November 11<sup>th</sup> at 5pm there is a training to learn how to recruit and activate new voters.

### b. Vice Chair: Jean Cohen –

Thanked AFRO-UPRIS for bringing forward the resolution this evening. Also asked members to support the Unity Map as part of the redistricting process.

### c. Treasurer: Angelica Ramos-Allen –

No report

### d. Secretary: Helen Chapman –

No report

### e. Executive Director: James Kim –

In addition to supporting Democratic campaign activities in areas of California and other states with phone banks, we would like to support organizations that work to mitigate community problems we care about – such as homelessness, hunger, health, etc. The Winter Coat Drive is an opportunity for us to support homeless advocates' efforts to assist the homeless in our community. We also plan to partner with other organizations as we become aware of other community needs that are appropriate for us to support.

Let's share the warmth by donating and volunteering for the homeless in our community. Please visit Action Center at [action.sccd.org](http://action.sccd.org) for more information on Coat Drive & other volunteer opportunities.

Hope for the Unhoused board member Marsha Grilli sent the following to be reported by ED:

“As a new nonprofit in Milpitas, Hope for the Unhoused, we appreciate the support and assistance in providing resources to our Unhoused community as we are facing the winter months. This Winter Coat drive will be a big factor not only in Milpitas but in other communities as we work together to provide assistance to our homeless. In Milpitas we are providing warm clothing, sleeping bags and tents to assist with protecting people from the weather elements. Their life situation is a challenge and anything we can do to provide resources is greatly appreciated. Our long-term strategy of volunteers providing “street level client management “and educating our community on the challenges of our homeless residents have an impact in improving the situation.

We are celebrating this week as with the dedicated efforts of our volunteers we were successful this week in finding housing for 2 of our homeless veterans. There is much work to be done and we appreciate your help.”

### f. Issues: Michael Vargas –

No report

### g. Community Services and Voter Registration: Huy Tran –

See earlier report

### h. Finance: James S. Kim –

No report

### i. Endorsements: Clarence Madrilejos –

No report

### j. Communications: John Comiskey –

No report

### k. Gender Equity and the Status of Women: Adia Hoag –

No report

### l. Diversity & Inclusion: Rebeca Armendariz -

No report

### m. Campaign Services: Titus Lin –

No report

### n. Clubs: Alex Wara –

See reports below:

#### Silicon Valley Working Blue Club – Brian O'Neill

Silicon Valley Working Blue is having their monthly meeting on November 10th at 5 PM. Our speaker is Peter Ortiz, County of Education Board of Trustee and Candidate for SJ Council District 5. Email me (Brian O'Neill) at [lappraise@gmail.com](mailto:lappraise@gmail.com) and I will send you a link to the Zoom meeting on November 10th at 5 PM.

#### Democratic 21<sup>st</sup> Century Club – Emy Thurber

Check out the Democratic 21st Century Club website to read about two excellent luncheon programs, Friday Nov. 12 and Friday December 10 at Michael's restaurant at Shoreline in Mt. View. First program is about redistricting and the second is our annual holiday party with many electeds attending including Dave Cortese, Marc Berman, Cindy Chavez, Evan Low and others. \$30 for lunch for members, \$35 for non-members.

#### Assyrian Democrats of the Bay Area – Tony Khoshaba

Next meeting of Assyrian Democrats of the Bay Area on Climate change on November 16, 7:00 pm. Would love to see other clubs Members and CC members participate. Here is the facebook event link.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/244292717726161?ref=newsfeed>

Also we will have our first dinner fund raiser at SCCDP HQ on December 12th. As a new club we need the support of our fellow Democrats. Email us at [info@assyriandemocrats.org](mailto:info@assyriandemocrats.org) for more info.

#### PDC – Kristin Lohnes Johnson

The PDC is joining the D21st Century Club for our first ever joint HOLIDAY PARTY on Dec 10, 12 noon-1:30pm at Michael's at Shoreline. Register to join us at [https://www.demcenturyclub.org/lunch\\_dec2021](https://www.demcenturyclub.org/lunch_dec2021)

Account	10/31/21
State All-Purpose (non-DVC)	\$128,418.04
State Restricted Use (non-DVC)	\$2,761.73
DVC State	\$6,101.28
UDC Federal (non-DVC)	\$42,215.61
DVC Federal	\$28,512.20
Monthly change (since 8/31/21)	
Non-DVC State	\$51,949.01
Non-DVC Fed	-\$2,241.88
DVC State	\$11.00
DVC Fed	-\$1,449.68

o. **Regional Director Reports**

1) **Rocky Fernandez, Region 5**

2) **Hene Kelley, Region 6** – Hene shared an update on the upcoming E-Board registration

3) **Omar Torres, Region 7**

p. **DNC: Otto Lee** – Shared his update from the DNC as well as the recent loss in Virginia.

q. **DTV Report: Steve Chessin** – Democratic Television Producer Emeritus Steve Chessin reported that we have had no taping in October. There is a rumor that we might have one this month. We could still use more good Democrats on the crew for when we resume in-person tapings. No prior video experience is necessary.

r. **Pro-Choice Coalition: - Claudia Shope**

Claudia shared her report.

**9. ANNOUNCEMENTS/REMINDERS**

Helen announced the City Council will be voting on the Coyote Valley General Plan amendment and asked for support to accept the Staff recommendation to change the zoning from industrial to agriculture.

**10. EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING**

Next meeting November 17, 2021 6:00 – 7:30 pm via Zoom (contact [chair@sccdpc.org](mailto:chair@sccdpc.org) for link)

**11. ADJOURNMENT – @ 10:15 pm**

Non-Member Register to Join Zoom Meeting

[https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_Dt7KeeSdRPizFXcHfWahRA](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_Dt7KeeSdRPizFXcHfWahRA)