

SANTA CLARA COUNTY DEMOCRATIC CENTRAL COMMITTEE
7:00 PM, via Zoom Online Webinar (details in box below)
MINUTES for Thursday, January 6, 2022

1. CALL TO ORDER
7:02 PM

2. ROLL CALL

Absent: Emy Thurber, Roxanne, Maya Esparza, Diego Martinez, Andres Quintero, Brian O'Neill

Alternates for: Ash Kalra, Mark Stone, Bob Wieckowski, John Laird, Zoe Lofgren

3. IDENTIFICATION OF VISITORS

Erik Poicon
Jason Park
Monica Mallon
Tony Alexander
Rohin Ghosh
Kevin Ma
Karen Maki
Justin Lardinois
James Kastelman
Christopher LaBelle
Adina Levin

Guest Speaker: Congressman Jimmy Panetta

Bill introduced Representative Jimmy Panetta, who in turn introduced himself and welcomed the members of the Central Committee. He asked that we pause to reflect on the anniversary of the January 6th attempted coup at the White House. Rep. Panetta shared some updates on his recent work and was available for questions.

4. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Approved unanimously

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (Minutes are/will be posted at sccdp.org)

a. Thursday, December 2, 2021 – Approved unanimously (both Minutes and Agenda were approved unanimously 41-0)

6. OLD BUSINESS

7. NEW BUSINESS

a. Announce SCCDCC vacancy in AD28 and AD 25 to be filled at February 3, 2022 meeting

Bill formally announced the AD 28 (former Shay Franco-Clausen's seat) and AD 25 vacancies (Deepka Lalwani and Michael Vargas) that will be filled at the next meeting.

b. Fill five (5) vacancies to DSCC (aka state convention delegates)

Bill asked for nominations to fill the open seats to attend the California State Democratic Convention in March.

The following names were nominated to fill the open seats. Note additional nominations were made to accommodate potential vacancies.

Jason Park – 41 votes #4

Erik Poicon – 46 votes #1

Tony Khoshaba – 38 votes #6

David Donaldson – 26 votes #8

Monica Mallon – 43 votes #3

Linda Baxter – 28 votes #7

Jenny Hutchinson – 40 votes #5

Tomara Hall – 46 votes #tied for 1st

All nominated will have their names submitted to the CDP

c. Bylaws Review Report and consideration/approval of changes: Bylaws, Clubs Act, Endorsement Act, and proposed amendment regarding elected official staff members serving on endorsement committee.

Michael Vargas went over the proposed changes to the Bylaws. Request to pull item Section E of the Endorsement Act (Disclosure and Recusal) Motion to support the remaining items from Bylaws, Clubs Act, Endorsement Act passed 32 – 0 – 2. Angelica Ramos-Allen spoke to the proposed amendment as submitted. Discussion ensued. Motion to amend endorsement act to continue to require disclosure but no longer require recusal of endorsement committee member who works for an elected official who has endorsed in a race. Passed 30 – 13 – 3.

d. Resolution in Support of Seamless Transit Principles

Adina Levin and Emily Ramos presented the proposed resolution to the members. Motion to support the resolution passed 30-0-0

e. Letter in Support of the Community Opportunity to Purchase Act (COPA)

Bill invited Andrea Portillo of SOMOS Mayfair and Huascar Castro to speak to the proposed draft letter of support.

Motion to authorize Chair James to sign onto a letter of support – passed 42 – 0 – 2

- f. **UDC Steering Committee 2022-23**
Bill shared the committee list and provided some background on the UDC.

8. REPORTS

- a. **Executive Board/Chair Bill James** –
Bill shared the financial report. He also shared the 2022 meeting dates and next steps for the pre-endorsement process and that the convention is still planned for in person – however things could change as folks are monitoring the recent rise in COVID numbers.

- b. **Vice Chair: Jean Cohen** – No report

- c. **Treasurer: Angelica Ramos-Allen** – No report

- d. **Secretary: Helen Chapman** – No report

- e. **Executive Director: James Kim** –

We are preparing for the campaign 2022 at the headquarters. We have much work to do in local elections this year: There are multiple elections in the County, many of the Cities are electing their Council Members and Mayors this year. Many school districts will also be electing their trustees. We will also need to work on campaigns for State elected officers and state legislators. Of course, we will need to secure our Congressional seats in our County and assist other areas to secure Democratic majority in Congress.

While we plan our strategy to win our campaigns, we would like the members of the Central Committee to continue assisting local nonprofits working in homeless and underprivileged communities. I would like to thank you for answering our calls to help with our community in need. Since November, you have answered our calls to donate warm coats and donate to Second Harvest Food Bank. Now, I would like to ask you to help in volunteering to distribute food through Second Harvest and give blood to the Red Cross and Stanford Blood Center if you are able. This month, I will be emailing the Action Update newsletter at a later time with the details of giving blood. We have heard that these organizations are in need of blood donors. Thank you again for answering our calls to help with our community needs.

- f. **Issues: Michael Vargas** – See earlier report

- g. **Community Services and Voter Registration: Huy Tran** – No report

- h. **Finance: James S. Kim** – James shared that he is challenging members to become monthly donors. He has a goal to get 100 new donors!

- i. **Endorsements: Clarence Madrilejos** – Clarence shared that the first orientation for the endorsement committee will be next week via zoom.

- j. **Communications: John Comiskey** – No report

- k. **Gender Equity and the Status of Women: Adia Hoag** – No report

- l. **Diversity & Inclusion: Rebeca Armendariz** – Rebeca shared an update on the recent redistricting process for San Jose and Santa Clara County.

- m. **Campaign Services: Titus Lin** – No report

- n. **Clubs: Alex Wara** – See reports below:

Democratic 21st Century Club – Peter Allen

The first Century Club lunch of 2022 goes down Friday 1/14 w/ special guest Asm. Ash Kalra speaking on AB1400 (Single-Payer Healthcare for CA). Register here: https://www.demcenturyclub.org/lunch_jan2022 Great Holiday with over 100 guests in attendance!

Movimiento Coalition of the South Bay – Olivia Navarro

Happy New Year! Looking forward to the convention. Club is finalizing the meeting schedule.

Afro UPRIS – Tomara Hall

Have a great night everyone! Afro UPRIS is having our next zoom club meeting on Jan. 18th at 6pm. Email us for information! afroupris@gmail.com

- o. **Regional Director Reports**

- 1) **Rocky Fernandez, Region 5**
- 2) **Hene Kelley, Region 6**
- 3) **Omar Torres, Region 7**

- p. **DNC: Otto Lee** – No report

- q. **DTV Report: Steve Chessin** – Democratic Television Producer Emeritus Steve Chessin was preempted by Chair Bill James who reported that there was no taping in December. Steve would like to remind everyone that we could still use more good Democrats on the crew for when we resume in-person tapings. No prior video experience is necessary.

Account	12/31/21
State All-Purpose (non-DVC)	\$124,326.42
State Restricted Use (non-DVC)	\$3,261.73
DVC State	\$8,615.78
UDC Federal (non-DVC)	\$37,535.91
DVC Federal	\$26,862.25
Monthly change (since 11/30/21)	
Non-DVC State	\$0.00
Non-DVC Fed	-\$4,810.22
DVC State	\$2,503.00
DVC Fed	-\$1,017.14

Financial Update

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

Pro-Choice info and links shared. The full report can be accessed here:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1MTocphUUIZgh4IHmnon4KrYFLCSfLaGt/view?usp=sharing>

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS/REMINDERS

10. EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

Next meeting January 19 2022 6:00 – 7:00 pm via Zoom (contact chair@sccd.org for link)

11. ADJOURNMENT – @ 9:57 pm

Non-Member Register to Join Zoom Meeting

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_CDkZ34MjSaGlwdOD0613Gw