

SANTA CLARA COUNTY DEMOCRATIC CENTRAL COMMITTEE
7:00 PM, via Zoom Online Webinar (details in box below)
MINUTES for Thursday, February 3, 2022

1. CALL TO ORDER
7:03 PM

2. ROLL CALL

Absent: Michelle Hua, Roxanne, Maya Esparza, Diego Martinez, Andres Quintero, Ava Chiao, Joanne Fierro

Alternates for: Ash Kalra, Evan Low, Mark Stone, Robert Rivas, Bob Wiecekowski, John Laird, Zoe Lofgren

3. IDENTIFICATION OF VISITORS

Asm Alex Lee
Asm Marc Levine, Candidate for Insurance Commissioner
Marco Cabone with reelection campaign for Insurance Commissioner Ricardo Lara
Paola Mondragon, Rapid Response Network of Santa Clara County
Herb Engstrom, Candidate for AD28
Forest Peterson, SV Working Blue Club and AD24 delegate
Rosemary Kamei, Candidate for San Jose City Council District 1
Sally Lieber, Candidate for Board of Equalization, District 2
Gary Kremen, Candidate for Assessor

Guest: Assemblymember Alex Lee

Bill introduced Asm Alex Lee, who in turn introduced himself and welcomed the members of the Central Committee.
Asm. Lee shared some updates on his recent work and was available for questions. You are invited to attend Asm. Alex Lee's 2022 Legislative and Budget Update Townhall on Feb 24 @ 6 pm to RSVP go to <https://tinyurl.com/02242022>

Guest: Asm Marc Levine, Candidate for Insurance Commissioner
Bill introduced Asm Marc Levine, who in turn introduced himself and shared information himself and why he is running for Insurance Commissioner. To learn more go to <https://www.marclevine.org>

4. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Approved unanimously

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

a. Thursday, January 6, 2022 – Approved unanimously

6. OLD BUSINESS

a. Election to fill SCCDCC vacancies (2 in AD25 and 1 in AD28)
Bill opened elections for vacancies in AD 25 and asked for nominations from the floor. The following names were submitted:
Tony Alexander – received 37 votes
Amin Fazal – received 17 votes
Clarence Madrilejos – received 19 votes
Lucy Khuu – received 37 votes
Tony Alexander and Lucy Khuu are subsequently elected to fill the 2 seats in AD25

Bill opened elections for vacancies in AD 28 and asked for nominations from the floor. The following names were submitted:
Olivia Navarro – received 36 votes
Titus Lin – received 17 votes
Herb Engstrom – received 4 votes
Olivia Navarro receives the majority vote and is elected to fill the vacancy in AD28

7. NEW BUSINESS

a. StackedPAC Presentation and Fundraising

Presentation on Stacked PAC was shared with the members by Prameela Bartholomeusz with Tactical Strategies LLC.
Purpose is the reach college students in battleground states to register to vote.

b. Resolution Denouncing the Increase in Antisemitism

Draft resolution was presented by State Senator Josh Becker for approval by the members.
Motion to approve passed 53-1

c. Santa Clara County Rapid Response Network (RNN) update and training

Presentation was shared with the members by Paola Mondragon. Seeing uptick in ICE activity again in Santa Clara County.
Feel free to contact her with questions: pmondragon@amigosdeguadalupe.org
Rapid Response Network (RRN) in Santa Clara County: 408 290-1144
Hotline # to report Ice activity in the community 24/7.

8. REPORTS

a. **Executive Board/Chair Bill James** – Bill shared the financial report. He also reminded everyone that the date for the March meeting was moved to March 10th.

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** –

Would like to thank everyone who participated in volunteering for Second Harvest Food Bank of SV. Special thank you to members of South County Democratic Club under the leadership of Joanne Fierro for committing to long term commitment to volunteer at Rebecca's Children's Services in Gilroy. I also would like to recognize HQ volunteer leader Tom Urquhart for organizing Blood donors in Morgan Hill. Wants to let everyone know that our Headquarters is open to the public on Monday through Friday from 10:30 am to 3:30 pm. Most of the work is on communications to the public's questions/concerns and managing usage of the facility; please contact me at ed@sccdp.org if your club is interested in using the Headquarters for your meetings or events. Also, we stopped accepting new volunteers at the Headquarters due to the high number of COVID cases. Instead, we are working on developing remote volunteer opportunities for over 40 Community College students who signed up for volunteer opportunities in January.

f. **Issues: Vacant**

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

h. **Finance: James S. Kim**

i. **Endorsements: Clarence Madrilejos**

Endorsement committee is underway – March 10th meeting our committee will share the endorsement recommendations.

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

Help the D21stCC support the SCCDP HQ and GOTV efforts in 2022: <https://www.demcenturyclub.org/join>
Register for the monthly Democratic 21st Century Club Luncheon on Fri 2/11 with the Climate Reality Project:
https://www.demcenturyclub.org/lunch_feb2022

PDC – Kristen Lohnes Johnson

Be sure to save the date for our Annual General Membership Meeting, scheduled for Sunday, February 27, 2022, on Zoom at 2 p.m. U.S. Senator Alex Padilla will address the group by pre-recorded video on issues important to us: Voting Rights, the impasse in the Senate and actions we at the grassroots can take to win elections and overcome the verbal abuse and lies of the Republicans. We expect to announce additional speakers soon. To register CLICK HERE:
https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_VwBksc9JRh6xH15ASQeuHA

Silicon Valley Democratic Club – Michelle Dauber

Please join the Silicon Valley Democratic Club on Monday Feb 21 at 7pm for a SAN JOSE MAYOR FORUM, featuring all the Dem Candidates!! Make sure you join or renew so that you can vote for your favorite candidate <https://www.siliconvalleydemclub.org/join-us>

DAWN – Carol Garvey

DAWN held our Endorsement BYOB- Bring Your Own Brunch event on 1/30/2022

We endorsed Anna Eshoo, Zoe Lofgren, Aisha Wahab (CA SD10), Assembly incumbents: Marc Berman, Evan Low, Ash Kalra, Sole Endorsement Cindy Chavez: SJ Mayor, Rosemary Kamei SJCC D1, Omar Torres SJCC D3, Maya Esparza SJCC D7, Claudia Rossi SCC Bd Supes D1, Susan Ellenberg SCC Bd Supes D4, Dual SCC DA: Said Khan & Jeff Rosen, Gary Kremen Sole SCC Assessor.

o. **Regional Director Reports**

1) **Rocky Fernandez, Region 5**

Shared information on the upcoming Democratic Convention around the proposed Platform and Endorsements
<https://cadem.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/02/CDP-Platform-2022-draft-2322.pdf>
Platform committee info at <https://cadem.org/standing-committee/platform-committee/>

Account	2/3/22
State All-Purpose (non-DVC)	\$118,682.21
State Restricted Use (non-DVC)	\$3,211.73
DVC State	\$8,620.78
UDC Federal (non-DVC)	\$35,673.94
DVC Federal	\$27,994.73
Monthly change (since 12/31/21)	
Non-DVC State	-\$5,694.21
Non-DVC Fed	-\$1,861.97
DVC State	\$5.00
DVC Fed	\$1,152.48

Financial Update

All your answers to your endorsement questions can be found at <https://cadem.org/endorsements/>

- 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 reported that there was no taping in January.

Chair Bill James reported that we plan to do tapings with some of the candidates after we do our endorsements in March.

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.

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

PPAMM (c4) early endorsements will be published on the website this weekend. Here's the link:

<https://www.plannedparenthoodaction.org/planned-parenthood-advocates-mar-monte/elections>

All other candidates running in the 2022 Primaries and seeking PPAMM's endorsement should complete their questionnaire by midnight on March 21st. The questionnaires are live on the website:

<https://www.plannedparenthoodaction.org/planned-parenthood-advocates-mar-monte/elections>

Lastly, supporters interested in joining our virtual Capitol Week in April should complete the following interest form:

<https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/d87bed44d589478faf2794082e298adc>

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS/REMINDERS

Sally Lieber shared she is running for State Board of Equalization, District 2

10. EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

Next meeting February 16, 2022 6:00 – 7:00 pm via Zoom (contact chair@sccdp.org for link)

11. **ADJOURNMENT** – @ 8:59 pm – Meeting adjourned in memory of Dan Hoffman and Jay Jackman

Non-Member Register to Join Zoom Meeting

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