

SANTA CLARA COUNTY DEMOCRATIC CENTRAL COMMITTEE

7 PM-9PM, Regular Meeting via Zoom Online Conference (registration link 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, June 2, 2022

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL

3. IDENTIFICATION OF VISITORS

*Guest: Kings County Supervisor
Candidate Alicia Ramirez*

4. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. Thursday, May 5, 2022

6a. CONSENT CALENDAR

- a. Move September meeting to
September 8, 2022 (endorsements)

6b. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Youth Takeover Meeting, July 7, 2022
https://bit.ly/youth_takeover

7. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Request to endorse “Yes” on the [Tribal Sports Wagering Act \(text\)](#) and “No” on [competing online sports gaming initiative \(text\)](#)
- b. Resolution Urging the California Legislature to Better Protect Legislative Staff from Sexual Harassment
- c. Resolution Calling on Matt Mahan to Renounce Support from Extremist Group
- d. Announce upcoming vacancy on SCCDCC (new AD 25 – Kalra) to be filled at our August 4, 2022 meeting
- e. Announce two vacancies for CADEM Executive Board representatives to be filled at our August 4, 2022 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: Vacant
- 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. Youth Representative: Parisa Braun
- o. Clubs: Alex Wara
- p. Regional Director Report(s)
- q. DNC: Otto Lee
- r. DTV Report: Steve Chessin
- s. Pro-Choice Coalition: Claudia Shope

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS/REMINDERS

10. EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

June 15, 2022, 6-7pm

11. ADJOURNMENT

Non-Member Register to Join Zoom Meeting
https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_85RBSFifRmWUMMRQ_ufVGg

RESOLUTION URGING THE CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE TO BETTER PROTECT LEGISLATIVE STAFF FROM SEXUAL HARASSMENT

WHEREAS reported incidents suggest that harassment, discrimination, and retaliation have continued to occur within the California Legislature well past Sacramento's 2017 #MeToo reckoning, due to its failure to institute sufficiently effective practices of oversight, independence, administrative process, transparency, and accountability, to address inappropriate behavior and protect survivors and vulnerable staffers; and

WHEREAS the Santa Clara County Democratic Party believes all people have a right to work in a safe environment that is free from harassment, and to have access to effective and transparent processes to address incidents of harassment and which impose meaningful consequences on those who engage in or facilitate harassment; and

WHEREAS we support the employees of the California Legislature who have reported harassment, discrimination, and retaliation and/or who have not been protected adequately by the California Legislature's Workplace Conduct Unit (WCU) put in place as part of the Legislature's post-2017 reforms;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Santa Clara County Democratic Party calls on the California Legislature and its leaders to (1) appoint and empower an independent and impartial body, not beholden to, controlled by, or in any relationship of privilege or other fiduciary duty to the California Legislature or its leaders, to investigate with full transparency the reported failures of the WCU and to make changes in the organization, structure, powers, independence, and staffing of the WCU as deemed necessary to protect legislative staff members more effectively, (2) adopt legislation and change administrative rules of the WCU and the California Legislature as needed to provide greatly increased transparency into the WCU and its work, including cases in which the WCU finds allegations not to be substantiated, (3) ensure timely investigation and resolution of complaints by the WCU and timely referral of complaints by supervisors to the WCU, (4) provide for complainants to participate and be represented by an advocate in all investigations, (5) protect complainants against retaliation by the person accused of harassment, their supervisors, the WCU, the member they work for, and the California Legislature, and (6) ensure accountability for those found to have engaged in sexual harassment and/or enabled such conduct, through appropriate corrective action and penalties; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution will be sent to Assembly Speaker Anthony Rendon, State Senate President Pro Tem Toni Atkins, and members of the State Assembly and State Senate who represent any part of Santa Clara County.

Submitted by SCCDP Chair Bill James

RESOLUTION CALLING ON MATT MAHAN TO RENOUNCE SUPPORT FROM EXTREMIST GROUP

WHEREAS; the Silicon Valley Association of Republican Women (SVARW) advances wild conspiracy theories, including denial that Trump lost the 2020 election, promotes racist framing of public discourse, such as the Critical Race Theory strawman, amplifies misinformation with respect to COVID and long-discredited so-called alternative treatments, takes action to harm the LGBTQ+ community, such as by rallying against the banning of harmful conversion therapy and opposing affirming approaches to teaching about gender and identity in our schools, opposes common sense regulation of guns, opposes abortion rights, hosted a talk in support of Putin and his unprovoked invasion of Ukraine, and more; and

WHEREAS; in a time when our most basic rights, including a woman's right to choose, are being taken away, to the extent that forced continuation of pregnancy and forced childbirth will soon be required by law in most of the United States, and white supremacist shooters armed with military grade weapons and body armor drive long distances to kill Black Americans, Asian Americans, Latino Americans, Jewish Americans, and others, in their places of worship and as they peacefully go about their daily lives, not to mention the children killed in mass shootings at their school, whereas in times such as these we must require those who would be our leaders to be clear where they stand and to take a stand, and state clearly where they stand; and

WHEREAS the SVARW has formally endorsed Matt Mahan for Mayor of San José and when the endorsement and nature of the SVARW and its positions and agenda were brought to his attention candidate Mahan welcomed their support, despite the positions and values of the SVARW being thoroughly antithetical and irreconcilable in every way with those candidate Mahan stated he supported in seeking the endorsement of the Santa Clara County Democratic Party;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Santa Clara County Democratic Party calls on candidate Mahan to renounce the support and endorsement of the SVARW and publicly call on them to remove his name from their list of endorsements.

Submitted by SCCDP Chair Bill James