

SANTA CLARA COUNTY DEMOCRATIC CENTRAL COMMITTEE
7:00 PM – 9:00 PM, Regular Meeting
Sheet Metal Workers, Local 104 - 2350 Lundy Pl, San Jose CA 95131
and via Zoom Online Conference (registration link below)
MINUTES for Thursday, September 7, 2023

1. CALL TO ORDER
7:09 PM

2. ROLL CALL

Absent: Emily Ramos, Joe Simitian, Anthony Phan, Karina Dominguez, Lucy Khuu, Michelle Hua, David Forderer, Andres Quintero, Diego Martinez, Beija Gonzalez, Maya Esparza, Carla Hernandez, Claudia Shope, Claudia Rossi, Jason Spitzer, David Bini, Rebeca Armendariz

Alternates for: Marc Berman, Ash Kalra, Evan Low, Robert Rivas, Aisha Wahab, John Laird, Zoe Lofgren

3. IDENTIFICATION OF VISITORS

Rob Means
Huy Tran, Interim Director of Siren
Josh Rodriguez, Political Director SBLC

4. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Approved unanimously.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. Thursday, August 3, 2023

6. OLD BUSINESS

7. NEW BUSINESS

a. Resolution to Protect Indigenous Assyrians in Iraq

Mona Malik presented the resolution for members to consider. Motion to support passed unanimously.

b. [Emergency] Resolution: Rooftop Solar and Battery Access for All Californians

Margaret Okuzumi presented the resolution for members to consider. Motion to take up as emergency resolution - approved unanimously. Motion to support the resolution – approved unanimously.

c. Endorsement of Local Measure A – Los Altos School District Parcel Tax

Bill presented the resolution and asked members to consider supporting. Motion to support passed unanimously.

d. Report on Multicultural Day Event, August 13, 2023, 2pm – 5pm

Great event! Over 200 attendees attended the event which highlighted diversity of our county. Thanks to the committee for their hard work in putting together the event.

e. Democratic Victory Dinner update

Bill thanked the Democratic Victory Dinner committee for their help in planning the 32nd Democratic Victory Dinner. Please go to sccdp.org/dinner for more information and <https://sccdp.org/tickets> to purchase your ticket. Bill thanked the individual and table sponsors for participating. The dinner will be held in the Imperial Ballroom at the Signia Hotel.

f. SCCDCC Endorsement Committee Update

Angelica shared that the form has closed for clubs to appoint their delegates. Committee will be reviewing the questionnaire, with the first priority on the special election for SJECCD then they will focus on the March primary.

g. SCCDCC Bylaws revision – first reading

Bill presented the draft bylaw changes and asked members to review and provide comments directly to him.

8. REPORTS

a. Executive Board/Chair: Bill James

Bill shared the financial report. Next month Central Committee will be back at the County Building. Encouraged everyone to buy your tickets for the dinner! Bill will be appointing a new Youth Commissioner as Parisa is now attending Georgetown University. Bill shared he filled the vacancy left by Adia Hoag. Buu Thai will now be the Director of Gender Equity and the Status of Women. He also worked with Angelica to make the appointments to the Endorsement Committee. He attended the E-board meeting in Visalia as well as represented the party at Silicon Valley Pride. Bill announced that the window opens on September 29th for candidates for Central Committee. Lastly, he shared an update on the SVRW event that featured CM Bien Doan that was cancelled due to pressure from electeds and LGBTQ+ allies.

b. Vice Chair: Jean Cohen – Jean asked members to donate or buy tickets to the Victory dinner. She also shared she is working on a resolution condemning Councilmember Bien Doan’s behavior. Shared she will be attending the

Account	9/5/23
State All-Purpose (non-DVC)	\$205,161.46
State Restricted Use (non-DVC)	\$571.73
DVC State	\$26,436.76
UDC Federal (non-DVC)	\$11,291.48
DVC Federal	\$10,469.63
Monthly change (since 7/31/23)	
Non-DVC State	\$155,967.93
Non-DVC Fed	-\$8,196.15
DVC State	\$0.00
DVC Fed	-\$736.43

NAACP Gala.

c. Treasurer: Angelica Ramos

Angelica asked that members please pay your dues to be able to vote in upcoming endorsement meetings. <https://sccdp.org/donate>

d. Secretary: Helen Chapman

Submitted the Pre-Endorsement Roster to CDP.

e. Executive Director: James Kim –

The Republicans are continuing their efforts to take over the school boards by recruiting and helping their school board candidates. They are working together with anti-LGBTQ2+ organizations like Informed Parents of SV and Moms for Liberty to advance their agenda. We are countering their efforts by not only recruiting good Democratic school board candidates but to find good democratic candidates to run against the incumbent Republican School Board members up for reelection in Nov. 2024. I also want to report that we have planned 6 Voter Outreach tabling locations around the County this year. Currently, we have sign-ups for 3 venues on our Action Center at action.sccdp.org and plan to add 3 more venues. Please sign up if you are able to help. We register voters, discuss community concerns and encourage community members to support the Democratic Party at our tables/booths.

f. Issues: Huy Tran – No report – Huy is on leave.

g. Community Outreach: Clarence Madrilejos – No report

h. Finance: James Kim – No report

i. Communications: John Comiskey

Club Leads and Reps: Your Club should have received an email from communications@sccdp.org with the subject line, "SCCDP Club Information Verification". If you did not, contact me at communications@sccdp.org, as soon as possible. If you did, reply to the email to acknowledge receipt. Also, review the information, and and, if necessary, follow the link provided to make corrections. When there are changes in your Club, like new officers or assignments, please, use the Club information form to update your information. The link to the Club information update form is: <https://sccdp.org/clubupdate> If you have any questions, contact me at: communications@sccdp.org
All Central Committee Members: Please, tell anyone you know running for office, or thinking about it, to sign up for "Communications for Candidates" at: <https://sccdp.org/c4c>

j. Gender Equity and the Status of Women: Buu Thai

Buu shared her report. Thank you to Bill James and the e-Board for the appointment of Gender Equity Director. This is a homecoming for me in reconnecting to my work in Assemblywoman Sally Lieber's Office and as the Santa Clara County Commissioner on the Status of Women. There is an effort by a conservative group, Protect Kids California to collect signatures to put a ballot measure that will attack LGBTQ+ community. The measure will ban transgender minors from receiving gender-affirming medical care, ban trans girls from girls competitive sports, girls locker rooms and restrooms; and require public schools to disclose a student's gender identity to their parents, if the student is out at school. At the same time, the MAGA school boards in Southern California are pushing for anti-LGBTQ+ policies that threaten students and put their well-being at risk. These gender identity disclosure policies and hate have no place in our State and community. We must be united in fighting against these efforts. Let's work together to defeat the MAGA candidates.

k. Diversity & Inclusion: Rebeca Armendariz – No report

l. Youth Representative: Vacant

m. Clubs: Tomara Hall

Tomara shared dates on the upcoming Communications for Candidates. There are three more sessions. She announced that Jamaal Williams will be leading a training on racial equity/inclusivity. 1st meeting is October 5th and 2nd meeting will be in January.

Movimiento Coalition of the South Bay

Working on Regional effort on Immigration Legal Services and applying for Citizenship – interested in help please contact Olivia.

DAWN

DAWN's 30th Anniversary Celebration is September 24th, location upon RSVP so please come and support DAWN – only 18 tickets left!

South County Democratic Club

Concerned about impact of Republican elected's rolling back progressive efforts. Saturday their club will be holding their annual BBQ At Morgan Hill Community Park.

East Valley Democratic Club

Meetings are the 4th Thursday of every month at the Omega Restaurant – working on building up membership.

Democratic 21st Century Club

Next meeting September 15th 12:00 to 1:30 pm at Michael's at Shoreline – Guest Speaker Maria Noel Fernandez, Ex Director WPUSA

n. Regional Director Report(s)

Rocky Fernandez shared they had a great Ex Board meeting in Visalia! Thanked the Chartered Clubs for getting their reps sent in. Convention is in Sacramento and look for email to register and get your hotel. Regional meeting coming in October.

Dominic Dursa shared that next week the Hotel block opens so please check your email! Enjoyed the E-board meeting in Visalia.

o. DNC: Otto Lee – No Report

p. Pro-Choice Coalition: No Report

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS/REMINDER

a. Democratic Victory Dinner, Friday, September 22, 2023

b. CADEM Endorsing Convention, Sacramento Convention Center, November 17-19, 2023.

Olivia Navarro announced she is running for San Jose City Council, District 6

Tomara Hall shared an update on the upcoming NAACP Gala on September 30th.

Jason Park announced he is running the DNC

Sally Lieber announced she is running for County Board of Supervisors, District 1

Adrienne Grey shared update on small group social justice organizing at West Valley College

Margaret Okuzumi shared there are 3 ballot initiatives against LGBTQ+ in signature gathering phase.

10. EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

September 20, 2023, at 6pm

11. ADJOURNMENT – @ 9:06 pm

Register to Join Zoom Meeting

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_QWZYvtncRaOZo6R4P3cqKg