

SANTA CLARA COUNTY DEMOCRATIC CENTRAL COMMITTEE

7 PM-9 PM, Regular Meeting

via Zoom Online Conference (registration link below to attend as observer)

(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, December 7, 2023

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL

3. IDENTIFICATION OF VISITORS

4. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. Thursday, November 2, 2023

6. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Approve 2024 SCCDCC meeting dates

7. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Resolution to Improve Safety for Bicyclists
- b. Resolution Urging Congress to Pass Fee and Dividend Legislation on Carbon in Fossil Fuels
- c. Club Reports
- d. Updates from Endorsed Candidates

8. REPORTS

- a. Executive Board/Chair: Bill James
- b. Vice Chair: Jean Cohen
- c. Treasurer: Angelica Ramos
- d. Secretary: Helen Chapman
- e. Political Director: James Kim
- f. Issues: Huy Tran
- g. Community Outreach: Clarence Madrilejos
- h. Finance: James Kim
- i. Communications: John Comiskey
- j. Gender Equity and the Status of Women: Buu Thai

k. Diversity & Inclusion: Rebeca Armendariz

l. Youth Representative: Adam Sayed

m. Clubs: Tomara Hall

n. Regional Directors

o. DNC: Otto Lee

p. Pro-Choice Coalition: Claudia Shope

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS/REMINDERS

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

10. EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

December 20, 2023, at 6pm

11. ADJOURNMENT

Register to Join Zoom Meeting

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_ytfvL4EpQ4mM5ygYOWltNQ

[Proposed] Meeting Dates for 2024

Thursday, January 11, 2024, 7-9pm*

Thursday, February 1, 2024, 7-9pm

Thursday, March 7, 2024, 7-9pm

Thursday, April 4, 2024, 7-9pm

Thursday, May 2, 2024, 7-9pm

Thursday, June 6, 2024, 7-9pm

Thursday, July 11, 2024, 7-9pm*

Thursday, August 1, 2024, 7-9pm

Thursday, September 5, 2024, 7-9pm

Thursday, October 10, 2024, 7-9pm**

Thursday, November 7, 2024, 7-9pm

Thursday, December 5, 2024, 7-9pm

* Second Thursday, to avoid federal/school holiday

** Rosh Hoshana occurs October 2-3, 2024

RESOLUTION TO IMPROVE SAFETY FOR BICYCLISTS

WHEREAS, riding bicycles improves health, increases productivity, improves air quality, and would save \$800 billion annually in medical costs and lost productivity in the United States according to the Center for Disease Control (CDC); and

WHEREAS, residents, especially in disadvantaged communities, are reluctant to ride a bicycle because of safety concerns; and

WHEREAS, cities have the ability to address congestion and air quality in their communities by planning for “Slow Streets” (an opportunity to activate residential streets by reducing through traffic), and installing a network of bike lanes;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Santa Clara County Democratic Party urges its cities and the County to prioritize the constructing of a network of separated bike lanes, to adopt Slow Streets, and to adopt other measures which enable residents to safely navigate city streets by bicycle.

Authors: Diana Reddy and Gladwyn d’Souza (San Mateo County)

Sponsor: Jewish Democratic Club of Silicon Valley and Councilmember David Cohen

Resolution Urging Congress to Pass Fee and Dividend Legislation on Carbon in Fossil Fuels

WHEREAS, a carbon fee and dividend law would incentivize energy efficiency and the use of low carbon energy sources, reduce the need for government regulations, improve public health, promote employment and energy security, and provide a guaranteed income for extremely low-income, low-income and middle-income households; and

WHEREAS, climate scientists worldwide are in near-unanimous agreement that the Earth is warming rapidly causing climatic changes threatening the Earth's natural systems and human civilization and that the primary cause of warming is the burning of fossil fuels without accounting for the costs of carbon pollution in the price of fossil fuels; and

WHEREAS, the Santa Clara County Democratic Central Committee acknowledges the importance of taking action to reduce fossil fuel use and understands that the transition from fossil fuels is best advanced by a market-based program, namely a carbon fee on fossil fuel producers with a corresponding rebate or dividend to consumers;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Santa Clara County Democratic Central Committee strongly urges Congressmembers Eshoo, Lofgren, Panetta, and Khanna to support HR 5744 Energy Innovation Act legislation that levies an annually increasing fee on carbon in fossil fuels at the point of production or importation with revenue returned via a dividend to households per capita.

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