

**SANTA CLARA COUNTY DEMOCRATIC CENTRAL COMMITTEE**  
**7:00 PM – 9:00 PM, Regular Meeting**  
**\*\*New Location\*\* County Building, 70 West Hedding St, San Jose**  
**and via Zoom Online Conference (registration link below)**  
**MINUTES for Thursday, November 2, 2023**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

7:10 PM

**2. ROLL CALL**

**Absent:** Anthony Phan, David Forderer

**Alternates for:** Aisha Wahab, John Laird, Zoe Lofgren

**2. IDENTIFICATION OF VISITORS**

Introduction of Special Guest: Adam Schiff, Candidate for Senate

Adam Schiff, candidate for California Senate introduced himself and shared some of his background and why he is running for the Senate.

**4. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Approved unanimously.

**5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

a. Thursday, October 5, 2023 - approved

**6. OLD BUSINESS**

**7. NEW BUSINESS**

a. Endorsements: Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors, Districts 2 and 5, and San Jose City Council, Districts 2, 4, 6, 8, 10

Angelica Ramos went over the process for endorsements and thanked the endorsement committee for their hard work. The Candidates for the various offices introduced themselves.

The following races were pulled for discussion:

Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors District 2 and District 5

San Jose City Council Districts 2, 4, and 6

Consent items:

San Jose City Council District 8 and District 10: Sole for Domingo Candelas and Sole for Lenka Wright approved by consent.

Results:

Board of Supervisor D5 Motion for sole endorsement for Margaret Abe-Koga. Motion failed 43-28-1 (did not reach 2/3 threshold) Motion for dual endorsement for Margaret Abe-Koga and Sally Lieber. Motion passed 42-17

San Jose City Council District 2 Motion for sole endorsement for Babu Prasad. Motion failed 29-31  
Motion to endorse Babu Prasad, Pamela Campos and Vanessa Sandoval (triple) Motion passes 53-10

San Jose City Council District 6 Motion for sole endorsement for Olivia Navarro. Motion passes 46-9

Board of Supervisor D2 Motion for sole endorsement for Betty Duong. Motion passes 51-12

San Jose City Council District 4 Motion for sole endorsement for Kansan Chu. Motion failed 3-50

Motion for sole endorsement for David Cohen. Motion fails 34-22

Recommendation by committee for No Endorsement stands with no other motions made.

b. First review: 2024 SCCDCC meeting dates (to be approved next meeting)

Bill shared the 2024 meeting dates for review by members.

c. December 7 SCCDCC meeting theme and format

Bill will be out of town on Dec 7<sup>th</sup>. Jean Cohen, Vice Chair will run the meeting. Will also be acknowledging that the 7<sup>th</sup> is the first night of Hanukkah.

**8. REPORTS – Limited reports due to time.**

**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: Huy Tran**

**g. Community Outreach: Clarence Madrilejos**

**h. Finance: James Kim**

**i. Communications: John Comiskey**

I have not yet heard from the following Club (East Valley Democratic Club) regarding the accuracy of their Club records currently on file. I am presuming this is because I do not have an accurate email address for the Club, itself. If you are associated with this Club, please, send an email to [communications@sccdp.org](mailto:communications@sccdp.org), so that we may reestablish communications.

**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 Director Report(s)**

**o. DNC: Otto Lee –**

1. Attended DNC Meeting in St Louis MO in October

- Highlights from October
    - 26 Resolutions presented 24 passed
  - resolutions including supporting Biden/Harris for re-election;
  - Making SC as first state for the Presidential Primary;
  - Full Support for Ukraine defense;
  - condemn Republican extreme Anti-Choice; Foreign Affairs;
  - DC and Puerto Statehoods;
  - antitrust laws (Thx to the Swifties), Universal free school meals;
  - environmental noise pollution; etc.
  - Separately, Otto got appointed to serve on the DNC Credentials committee
- November updates:

2. Attended Democrats Abroad Meeting - first regional meeting since 2019

- Pre Meeting in Barcelona; Oct 27-29 in Alicante, attended by DNC member labor leader Larry Cohen, founder of OUR REVOLUTION with Sen. Bernie Sanders
  - Items to be aware of 9M American Citizens living abroad, over 6M are eligible voters, but only 1 M voted in 2020
    - Retired and living part time oversees, Military, Students studying abroad
    - Challenges in casting votes due to different laws for every state for getting overseas ballots in, and counted last in many counties; Republicans are about making voting harder...
    - Overwhelming overseas votes, over 90% vote Democrat.
  - Huge potential for getting more votes in 2024 in all 50 states
  - Voter outreach near military bases is important - GA runoff outreach project focusing on 30 mile radius of military bases in GA with record turnout of those areas
  - Misconception that military members are Republican voters - but in reality, especially enlisted members are more liberal and moderate leaning - now with Trump denigrating Senator John McCain (“I like people who weren’t captured”), and insulted the general that served him like Chair of Joint Chiefs of Staff, General Mark Milley, his Chief of Staff Marine General John Kelly, and SecDef Marine Corps General John Mattis, Tuberville fiasco hated even by his fellow Republican Senators, most military votes are NOT going to Trump
- DNC CONVENTION in Chicago August 2024
- Those wanting to run for delegates for the 2024 DNC Convention – the election will be held via Congressional districts and dates/times TBD with the Regional Directors that will be organizing those elections.

**p. Pro-Choice Coalition: No Report**

**9. ANNOUNCEMENTS/REMINDER**

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

**10. EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING**

November 15, 2023, at 6pm

**11. ADJOURNMENT – @ 9:15 pm**

Meeting adjourned in memory of former City of Santa Clara Mayor Patricia Mahan (1952 – 2023)

Register to Join Zoom Meeting <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_QF6wdF5ITJyRhN-JcN5TUg">https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_QF6wdF5ITJyRhN-JcN5TUg</a>
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