

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, January 11, 2024

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL

3. IDENTIFICATION OF VISITORS

Guest speaker: Student poetry recital

4. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. Thursday, December 7, 2023

6. OLD BUSINESS

7. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Club Accreditation: Vietnamese American Democratic Club
- b. Resolution Calling for a Cessation of Violence, Protection of Civilians, and a Sustainable Peace Between Israel and Palestine
- c. Resolution: A Call for Immediate Cease-fire in Gaza and Provision of Humanitarian Aid
- d. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day 2024 National Campaign Kickoff and Day of Service Event
- e. 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

National Campaign Kickoff and Day of Service Event, January 15, 2024, 11am-2pm, SCCDP HQ

10. EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

January 17, 2024, at 6pm

11. ADJOURNMENT

Register to Join Zoom Meeting

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_LX3v-WE4Q4qoj82Nu-rdXw

**RESOLUTION CALLING FOR A CESSATION OF VIOLENCE, PROTECTION OF CIVILIANS, AND A
SUSTAINABLE PEACE BETWEEN ISRAEL AND PALESTINE**

WHEREAS spiraling violence has unfolded in both Israel and in Gaza in the weeks that have followed Hamas' brutal terrorist attacks on October 7, while in the United States and elsewhere we have witnessed an unacceptable and frightening rise of anti-Semitism and Islamophobia, and violence based on either is an outrage and must be fought and condemned by all; and

WHEREAS in all conflicts the killing of civilians must be avoided and it is becoming increasingly clear that the unfortunate resumption of hostilities risk a complete collapse of order in Gaza, without enough food, water, fuel, and shelter to sustain the civilian population at even the most minimal level, and the wide destruction in Gaza has made it difficult, if not impossible, for innocent civilians to safely shelter from attack anywhere; and

WHEREAS additional information about incidents of sexual violence against innocent women that was part of the October 7th attack and additional information about the scope of civilian loss in Gaza and the West Bank is horrifying and heartbreaking, and at the same time the horror of the violence over the past two months and magnitude of casualties makes clear the urgent need for change;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Santa Clara County Democratic Party calls for negotiations toward a long-term, two-state solution – previously undercut by the policies of the Netanyahu government – that provides both security and recognition between Israel and Palestine; the release of all hostages; an end to terrorism; a negotiated and sustainable ceasefire; and the cessation of violence and suffering in Gaza, the West Bank, and Israel; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we urge the Biden Administration to use every tool at its disposal to secure a just and sustainable resolution to the conflict through diplomacy and negotiations.

Adapted from a [December 7, 2023, Statement by Representative Zoe Lofgren](#)

Sponsored by Sousan Manteghi-Safakish

Co-Sponsors: San Jose Council Member Peter Ortiz; Morgan Hill City Council Member Yvonne Martinez Beltrán; Morgan Hill Unified School District Trustee John Horner; Brian O'Neill, AD28; Charmaine Ritter Jabr; Juan Rodriguez; Ronald Robinson Jr.; Steve Chessin, AD23; Jenny Sarmiento; and the Avalanche Democratic Club

A Call for Immediate Cease-fire in Gaza and Provision of Humanitarian Aid

WHEREAS we recognize the Holocaust, Nakba and forced displacement of peoples with ties to the Holy Land and attempts to erase their histories; the 17-year closure of Gaza which continues, Hamas' October 7 attack on Israel, Israel's four previous bombardments of Gaza and "[Dahiya Doctrine](#)" of disproportionate response in civilian areas, and we witness cycles of dehumanization, violence and trauma; and

WHEREAS since October 7, with over 22,000 Palestinians killed in Gaza, 40% of them children; 85% of the 2.2M population made homeless; 90% facing death by disease, injury, or starvation, 50% imminently so with Israel continuing to attack and block delivery of food, water, fuel, electricity, and medicine, a genocide-in-progress for which the U.S. and Californians will be culpable for having provided the right-wing government of Israel with billions of dollars in unconditional military aid and weapons made by California-based companies; and with the Biden administration, despite outcry from 700+ staffers and appointees, violating its own stated policy to protect civilians from war crimes and vetoing numerous resolutions at the U.N. for humanitarian cease-fire; and

WHEREAS hostilities in the region have fueled a rise in bigotry and hate crimes against Arab, Muslim, Palestinian and Jewish residents in California and the U.S.; and the ongoing mass violence in Gaza has garnered Israel widespread condemnation internationally, and outraged many U.S. voters; and related hostilities are being escalated in other countries in the region, making us all increasingly unsafe;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Santa Clara County Democratic Party calls upon the U.S. to do everything in its power to bring about an immediate cease-fire, humanitarian aid to Gaza and safe release of hostages and prisoners on both sides; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we urge policymakers and the White House to condition U.S. military assistance to Israel on preservation of Palestinian human rights; to redirect many billions of dollars of overall U.S. military aid toward humanitarian aid, life-affirming services, education, healthcare and diplomacy both here and abroad; and to press all parties to create a framework for a lasting peace that gives all in Israel/Palestine equal citizenship rights and human rights, fosters people's self-determination, democratic participation and economic opportunity; addresses unjust displacements and strives to interrupt and reverse this cycle of violence, mass human suffering and traumatization.

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Endorsed by: Afro UPRIS Democratic Club; Santa Clara County Board of Education Trustees Raeena Lari and Maimona Afzal Berta; Sameena Usman, AD 26



2024 National Campaign Kickoff

SCCDP Headquarters

2901 Moorpark Ave, San José

MLK Day, January 15, 2024, 11am-2pm



Sign up

- Hear plans
- Meet candidates
- Do a service project

<https://www.mobilize.us/cadems/event/593271>

Join the Santa Clara County Democratic Party (SCCDP) and the Democratic Volunteer Center (DVC) for a 2024 election kick-off party on MLK Day, Monday Jan 15th 11AM-2PM at the SCCDP Headquarters in San Jose.

Learn how we plan to volunteer to help keep the presidency and the Senate as well as flip the House. We will roll out a multifaceted preliminary plan with phone banking, texting, voter registration events and canvassing. We also look forward to hearing from everyone about what issues and actions are getting them the most energized going into the crucial 2024 elections.

As part of the event, we will have amazing speakers from our local community that know that your volunteer work is what will lead to success in 2024. We will also have an optional MLK day of service stations where you will be able to participate in a community service event. Lunch will be served. This is a free of charge event. It is not a fundraiser.

RSVP today and invite a friend to join us!