

SANTA CLARA COUNTY DEMOCRATIC CENTRAL COMMITTEE
7 PM-9 PM, Regular Meeting, South Bay Labor Council, 2302 Zanker Rd, San Jose

(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, February 6, 2025

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL

3. WELCOMING OF VISITORS

Black History Month Observance

4. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. Thursday, January 9, 2025

b. Wednesday, January 22, 2025

6. OLD BUSINESS

7. NEW BUSINESS

a. Fill SCCDCC Vacancy – AD 25

b. Appointment of Directors and Youth Representative

c. Report on Appointment of SCCDCC representatives to the DSCC

d. Immigration Rights: Further Training and Resources – Presentation by Richard Hobbs

e. Resolution to Defend Transgender and Other LGBTQ+ People

f. Resolution to Defend Disabled People

g. Resolution to Stop the Trump-Musk Coup

h. Call to Action: Review 2017 and Consider Whether to Reprise

i. Content Creators Needed

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: VACANT

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 Representatives: Anushka Tadikonda

m. Clubs: Tomara Hall

n. Regional Directors

o. DNC: Otto Lee and Jason Park

p. Pro-Choice Coalition: Claudia Shope

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS/REMINDERS

10. EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

February 19, 2025, at 6pm

11. ADJOURNMENT

Register to attend via Zoom

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_uTgKVRfaRHegr3xZvBSDeA

DNC Statement on Black History Month

February 1, 2025

In observance of the start of Black History Month, DNC Chair Jaime Harrison and DNC Black Caucus Chair Virgie M. Rollins released the following joint statement:

“During Black History Month, we celebrate the legacies of Black history makers and their immeasurable contributions to our country. Black history *is* American history, with centuries worth of sacrifice, resilience, and courage ingrained in the foundation of this nation. In the face of bigotry, racism, and injustice, our ancestors paved a path forward – brick by brick – because they believed in a more fair, equitable, and just America. While we celebrate the historic strides of Black pioneers such as Martin Luther King Jr., Ida B. Wells, Rosa Parks, and Frederick Douglass, there’s so much more we can achieve.

“As we celebrate our history, we also recognize President Biden and Vice President Harris, who stood firm in their commitment to advancing Black communities. The Biden-Harris administration’s historic accomplishments saw Black unemployment and poverty rates at a record low, historic investments in HBCUs, and the most diverse federal bench in history – including the first-ever Black woman elected to the Supreme Court.

“While we have certainly achieved a lot, we can’t ignore this Black History Month comes against the backdrop of Donald Trump and extreme Republicans’ efforts to stifle our progress and undo the victories of Black Americans. MAGA Republicans are pushing a backward agenda that will widen racial disparities, hurt Black Americans’ pocketbooks, and gut lifeline support programs that significantly help Black Americans, all while chipping away at our constitutional rights and freedoms.

“The Democratic Party recognizes that Black Americans are the backbone of the party and must continue to lead the charge against extremists who threaten to derail our progress. In the face of injustice, Democrats will always stand for what’s right. Now more than ever, we must recommit ourselves to advancing equity, equality, and justice for all – and that starts by electing Democrats up and down the ballot who will uplift Black voices, create economic opportunities, invest in our communities, and propel Black Americans forward.”

Chair's Slate of Director Candidates

Position	Chair's Nominee
Director of Outreach	Clarence Madrilejos
Director of Finance	James S Kim
Director for Clubs	Buu Thai
Political Director	James K Kim
Director of Issues	Daniel Cao
Director of Communications	John Comiskey
Director of Gender Equity and the Status of Women	Tomara Hall
Director of Inclusion and Diversity	Rebeca Armendáriz
Youth Representative 1	Anushka Tadikonda
Youth Representative 2	VACANT

Resolution to Defend Transgender and Other LGBTQ+ People

WHEREAS Trump has issued multiple executive orders specifically targeting transgender and other LGBTQ+ people, including orders purporting to recognize only two “sexes”, male and female, as assigned at birth; halting gender affirming treatment of minors, military personnel, and others; removing legal protections for transgender women and girls; rescinding requirements to provide inclusive and nondiscriminatory school environments for transgender and other LGBTQ+ students, and preparing to ban transgender people from serving openly in the military, including by falsely claiming that expressing a gender identity “divergent from an individual’s sex [as assigned at birth] cannot satisfy the rigorous standards necessary for military service ... and conflicts with a soldier’s commitment to an honorable, truthful, and disciplined lifestyle”; and more; and

WHEREAS Trump’s orders triggered further harmful actions on the part of members of his administration and others, such as hateful and false claims that a transgender military pilot was involved in the recent tragic midair collision in DC, the cancellation of medical appointments to provide transgender care, and the removal of basic health research data from Centers for Disease Control and other websites, literally weaponizing against the LGBTQ+ community their power to delete years of basic research data; and

WHEREAS members of the transgender and LGBTQ+ community and their families have suffered and will continue to suffer grave consequences as a direct result of Trump’s actions;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Santa Clara County Democratic Party condemns Trump’s attacks on transgender and other LGBTQ+ people and calls on state and local governments to take aggressive and immediate actions, including legal action and direct provision of supportive services, to protect and defend transgender and other LGBTQ+ people in our communities and to mitigate the harm caused by Trump and his minions.

Author: SCCDP Chair Bill James

Resolution to Defend Disabled Persons and Their Rights

WHEREAS Trump's recent baseless rant blaming FAA hiring practices, including a program to hire qualified disabled persons, for the tragic midair crash last week in Washington, DC, threatens to further marginalize disabled persons and exacerbate already high levels of discrimination against them in hiring and employment, housing, transportation, and in many other aspects of daily life; and

WHEREAS Federal law prohibits discrimination against disabled persons in employment and allows an employer, including federal agencies such as the FAA, to exclude a disabled person from a position only if that person's disability prevents them from performing an essential function of the position in a manner which cannot be bridged by reasonable accommodations; and

WHEREAS all people, including disabled people, should be valued for all they are, and know, and can do, and not judged, dismissed, or discriminated against because of something they cannot do;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Santa Clara County Democratic Party condemns Trump's baseless and mean-spirited attack on the disabled community, which discounted all disabled people and disrespected the dead, many of whom were still being searched for and pulled from the Potomac River; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Santa Clara County Democratic Party stands with disabled members of our community and calls on Democratic lawmakers who represent any part of Santa Clara County to be ever vigilant in defending the legal protections against discrimination for which members of the disabled community and their allies fought so hard.

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Resolution to Stop the Trump-Musk Coup

WHEREAS Trump has empowered Elon Musk and others to dismantle, disrupt, undermine, and compromise government agencies and services, including by firing independent inspectors general and replacing them with Trump cronies, purging the DOJ and FBI of senior leaders and preparing to further purge those and other agencies of thousands of career public servants, defunding and “closing” the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), dismantling efforts to fight discrimination and achieve equity and inclusion throughout our government and firing or preparing to fire career public servants involved in such work, purporting to freeze nearly all federal funding, and handing over to Musk and his unvetted tech bros access to the U.S. Treasury Department systems to control and securely manage payments, among other actions; and

WHEREAS Congress has not been consulted in any of the above, despite the specific grant of spending power only to Congress via the Spending Clause of the U.S. Constitution and the Congressional Budget and Impoundment Control Act of 1974, which prevents the Executive branch from substituting its judgment or preference as to which Congressionally approved funds should be disbursed or spent, and the Courts have not yet been effective in stopping Trump; and

WHEREAS Trump’s actions have sown chaos, confusion, and distrust and will have grave consequences for countless people in our country and beyond;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Santa Clara County Democratic Party (SCCDP) calls on Congress to stand up for itself and the American people by using every legal and procedural tool available to them to stop Trump’s administrative coup and reassert its Constitutional authority under the Spending Clause and elsewhere in the Constitution and to fulfill its duty as a co-equal branch to provide a check and balance against Trump’s overreach; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the SCCDP stands with our Democratic leaders in the House and Senate and will support them in any and all efforts to stop Trump’s coup.

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