

SANTA CLARA COUNTY DEMOCRATIC CENTRAL COMMITTEE
7:00 PM – 9:00 PM, Regular Meeting, County Building, 70 W Hedding St, San Jose
MINUTES for Thursday, January 9, 2025

1. CALL TO ORDER 7:10 PM

2. ROLL CALL

Absent: David Cohen, Karen Martinez, Omar Torres, Phuong Nguyen,
Alternates for: Ash Kalra, Dave Cortese, Sam Liccardo, Jimmy Panetta

3. WELCOMING OF VISITORS

3 bis. SWEARING IN OF ELECTED AND ELECTED-EQUIVALENT MEMBERS

Supervisor Ellenberg administered the Oath of Office to the Elected and Elected-Equivalent Members of Central Committee

4. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Approved unanimously.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. Thursday, December 5, 2024 – approved

6. OLD BUSINESS

7. NEW BUSINESS

a. Notice of SCCDCC Vacancy – AD 29

Bill opened the nominations from the floor to fill the AD 29 vacancy. Nomination made for Dan Donovan.

With no other nominations, Dan Donovan approved by acclimation to fill the AD 29 vacancy.

b. Accreditation of Clubs

Bill presented the list of 23 Clubs that had successfully completed the accreditation process and shared the request to approve 4 Additional clubs:

Bay Area Hindu Democratic Coalition
Democrats for Palestinian Rights
Muslim Democrats and Friends of Santa Clara County
Silver Democratic Club of South Silicon Valley

Request to pull the Silver Democratic Club of South Silicon Valley from the list for discussion. Motion to approve all remaining Clubs – approved by acclimation.

Discussion to approve the Silver Democratic Club of South Silicon Valley – motion to support the addition of this club failed 9 aye 37 noes

c. Election of Officers

The following nominations for Ex. Board Officers were as follows:

Bill James – Chair
Jean Cohen – Vice Chair
Helen Chapman – Secretary
Angelica Ramos Allen – Treasurer

With no other nominations received, motion to approve Ex Board approved by acclimation.

d. Appointment of SCCDCC representatives to the DSCC

The following names were nominated to fill the vacancies for DSCC and members were invited to cast their votes via a google doc link:

(note listed in order of votes received)

John Comiskey 49
Kathy Chavez Napoli 37
Barbara Ann Comiskey 36
Yvonne Martinez Beltran 35
Steve Chessin 33
José Abastida 32
IdaRose Sylvester 32
Anna Marie Morales 29
Stacey Ashlund 25
Daniel Cao 25

Jessica Speiser 25
Bruce Hahne 23
Roxanne 23
Yan Zhao 23
Emilie Gatfield 23
Jordan Eldridge 22
Oscar Jimenez 22
Carol Weiss 21
Dina Saba 20
Ann Ravel 20
Tony Khoshaba 19
Nisar Ali 18
Lisa Ann Berkley 16
Mohammad Subeh 12
Kulwant Gill 10
Milad Abo Kaas 10
Joby Bernstein 9
Jeffrey Stuart Warwick 8
Zahed Ahmed 7
Moiz Alam 6
Mahbub Khan 6
Stuart Rovin 6
Pamela Schure 6
Jesmin Ahmed 5
M Ziaul Karim 2

Following the rules set by CADEM the following Democrats will fill the additional 11 seats allocated to our Central Committee.

John G Comiskey
Kathy Chavez Napoli
Barbara Ann Comiskey
Yvonne Martinez Beltran
Steve Chessin
Jose Abastida
IdaRose Sylvester
Daniel Cao
Bruce Hahne
Jordan Eldridge
Oscar Jimenez

e. Appointment of Bylaws Review Committee

Bill shared the recommended names to appoint to a Bylaw Review Committee: Bill James, Martin Pyne, Helen Chapman and Jaria Jaug. Motion to approve - Approved unanimously.

f. Adoption of 2025 Meeting Calendar

Motion to approve – approved unanimously

g. Endorsement process and timeline for San José City Council D3 Vacancy

Bill explained the process and timeline for the endorsement process to the fill the vacant District 3 seat.

Bill also shared that notice was received regarding the resignation of Omar Torres from his AD 25 seat today. The vacancy will be agendized for February.

8. REPORTS

a. **Executive Board/Chair: Bill James**

Bill provided a short update to the members

b. **Vice Chair: Jean Cohen – no report**

c. **Treasurer: Angelica Ramos – Pay your dues now**

d. **Secretary: Helen Chapman – no report**

- e. **Executive Director: James Kim – no report**
- f. **Issues: Huy Tran - no report**
- g. **Community Outreach: Clarence Madrilejos - no report**
- h. **Finance: James Kim - no report**
- i. **Communications: John Comiskey**
John asked that badges be returned at the end of the meeting. He has made badges for all new members.
- j. **Gender Equity and the Status of Women: Buu Thai – no report**
- k. **Diversity & Inclusion: Rebeca Armendariz – no report**
- l. **Youth Representative: Anushka Tadikonda – no report**

m. Clubs: Tomara Hall

Jewish Democratic Coalition of the Bay Area

Dorene invited all to attend their Tu Bishvat – the Jewish New Year of Trees - Environmental Conference and Luncheon on Sunday, February 23 11:30 – 2:30 pm. Check out their website for more information.

South County Democratic Club

Filed a petition to switch from General Elections to District Elections in Gilroy

Democrats for Public Education

At next meeting will have a speaker on how to recall Maga candidates.

n. Regional Director Report(s)

o. DNC: Otto Lee/Jason Park

Jason provided the DNC report update

p. Pro-Choice Coalition: No report

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS/REMINDER

Tomara Hall shared information regarding Reverend Moore’s funeral

10. EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

January 15, 2025, at 6 pm

11. ADJOURNMENT 9:30 pm

The meeting was adjourned in Memory of President Jimmy Carter and in Memory of Reverend Jethroe (Jeff) Moore

Register to attend via Zoom
https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_dVuaUCCQzed17jDOUB3Tw