

**SANTA CLARA COUNTY DEMOCRATIC CENTRAL COMMITTEE**  
**7:00 PM – 9:00 PM, Regular Meeting, South Bay Labor Council, 2302 Zanker Rd, San Jose**  
**MINUTES for Thursday, February 6, 2025**

**1. CALL TO ORDER 7:07 PM**

**2. ROLL CALL**

**Absent:** Anthony Phan, David Cohen, Brenda Zendejas, Diego Martinez, Karen Martinez, Phuong Nguyen, Justin Lardinois, Sally Lieber

**Alternates for:** Gail Pellerin, Robert Rivas, Dave Cortese, Jimmy Panetta

**3. WELCOMING OF VISITORS**

**Guests:** Jeff Warwick, Sam Saiu, Nate, Antonio Kobe Lopez, Richard Hobbs

***Black History Month Observance***

Tomara Hall acknowledged the importance of Black History Month and shared a few words to the members

**4. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Approved unanimously.

**5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

a. Thursday, January 9, 2025 – approved

b. Wednesday, January 22, 2025 - approved

**6. OLD BUSINESS**

**7. NEW BUSINESS**

a. Fill SCCDCC Vacancy – AD 25

Bill opened the nominations from the floor to fill the Central Committee vacancy for AD 25.

The following were nominated:

Roxanne

Emilie Gatfield

Brisa Rojas

David Forderer

Candidates introduced themselves and asked member for their support. After 1<sup>st</sup> round of voting the following candidates emerged:

Roxanne – received 24 votes

Brisa Rojas – received 34 votes

Brisa Rojas received the majority of the votes and will now fill the vacancy for AD 25

b. Appointment of Directors and Youth Representative

Bill shared the following slate of Directors and Youth Representative and asked for a motion to support.

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

Motion to support slate approved unanimously.

c. Report on Appointment of SCCDCC representatives to the DSCC

Bill shared an update on the appointment of SCCDCC reps to DSCC. With ADEMS approaching those on the waiting list may be eligible to be a delegate.

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

Richard Hobbs Executive Director and Co-Founder of Human Agenda introduced himself and addressed background and information Immigration Rights

e. Resolution to Defend Transgender and Other LGBTQ+ People

Bill presented the resolution. Motion to approve - unanimous

- f. Resolution to Defend Disabled People  
Bill presented the resolution. David Forderer spoke to the Resolution and urged support. Motion to approve - unanimous
- g. Resolution to Stop the Trump-Musk Coup  
Bill presented the resolution. Discussion ensued to update language which was not adopted. Motion to approve - unanimous
- h. Call to Action: Review 2017 and Consider Whether to Reprise  
Bill asked members to review the Call to Action report which is located on the website as homework. Please contact Bill if interested  
In being on the steering committee.
- i. Content Creators Needed  
Bill shared the need for content creators and let members know that SCCDCC is now on Bluesky and Mastodon platforms.  
Bluesky <https://sccdp.bsky.social> Mastodon <https://sfba.social/@sccdp>

**8. REPORTS**

- a. **Executive Board/Chair: Bill James**  
Bill shared the financial report
- b. **Vice Chair: Jean Cohen – no report**
- c. **Treasurer: Angelica Ramos – Pay your dues!**
- d. **Secretary: Helen Chapman – no report**
- e. **Political Director: James Kim – no report**
- f. **Issues: VACANT**
- g. **Community Outreach: Clarence Madrilejos - no report**
- h. **Finance: James Kim - no report**
- i. **Communications: John Comiskey**  
John asked for content for the website. You are welcome to add your events.
- j. **Gender Equity and the Status of Women: Buu Thai – Buu Thai**
- k. **Diversity & Inclusion: Rebeca Armendariz – no report**
- l. **Youth Representative: Anushka Tadikonda – no report**
- m. **Clubs: Tomara Hall**

Account	1/31/25
State All-Purpose (non-DVC)	\$124,814.38
State Restricted Use (non-DVC)	\$19,082.81
DVC State	\$14,197.84
UDC Federal (non-DVC)	\$8,966.71
DVC Federal	\$40,615.03
<b>Monthly change</b>	
Non-DVC State	-\$5,680.23
Non-DVC Fed	\$6,542.64
DVC State	\$2,000.96
DVC Fed	-\$2,755.65

Newly installed Club Director, Buu Thai asked that clubs please update their information so its reflected accurately on the website. Please let her know when your club is meeting as she will try to attend as many meetings/events as possible.

**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.

**Bay Area Hindu Democratic Coalition**

Lakshmi Sharma representing the new club introduced herself to bring awareness of BAHDC’s involvement.

**DAWN**

Helen Chapman shared the DAWN report and invited members to attend “When Women Lead” event featuring Supervisor Ellenberg on February 23<sup>rd</sup> at 10:00 am at the headquarters.

**South County Democratic Club**

Their club is reaching out to our immigrant community to provide information on dealing with Trump’s executive orders.

**Afro-Upris**

Will be attending Black History Month Flag Raising Ceremony, as well as shared information on Black Family Day.

**South Bay Movimiento Coalition**

Their club stood with CM Peter Ortiz at a rally to reaffirm the protection of Immigrant Rights.

**Democrats for Public Education**

Their club is holding an event to educate the community on how to defeat Maga candidates.

**Peninsula Democratic Coalition**

Join the PDC Annual Membership Meeting on March 8<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 at the Garden House in Shoup Park to honor Joe Simitian.

**n. Regional Director Report(s)**

Regional 8 Director, Rocky Fernandez shared there will be an in person ADEM vote at SEIU on February 23 from 12:00 to 4:00 Pm. This is an addition to the online voting option.

**o. DNC: Otto Lee/Jason Park**

DNC Rep Jason Park shared that the DNC met from January 30 - February 1, 2025, in National Harbor, Maryland for the Winter Meeting. The DNC Caucuses and Councils met throughout the day on Thursday, January 30 and Friday, January 31 to discuss their work going forward after this past November's election.

On Saturday, February 1st, DNC Members convened to elect the new DNC Party Officers.

The slate of new officers as elected are:

- Chair: Ken Martin, Minnesota
- Vice Chair for Civic Engagement and Voter Participation (CEVP): Reyna Walters-Morgan, North Carolina
- Vice Chair At-Large: ○ Artie Blanco, Nevada
  - David Hogg, District of Columbia (D.C.)
  - Malcolm Kenyatta, Pennsylvania
- Secretary: Jason Rae, Wisconsin
- Treasurer: Virginia McGregor, Pennsylvania
- National Finance Chair: Chris Korge, Florida

I am thrilled that candidates that fellow DNC Representative Otto Lee and I supported got elected to seats on the DNC Leadership Team. Thank you to everyone who ran for DNC Officer positions, and congratulations again to Ken, Reyna, Artie, David, Malcolm, Jason, Virginia, and Chris.

Additionally, the Association of State Democratic Committees met on Sunday, February 2nd to elect the new ASDC Officers. Jane Kleebe, the Chair of the Nebraska Democratic Party, was elected as the new ASDC President and DNC Vice Chair. The following Chairs and Vice Chairs were also elected to represent the ASDC on the DNC Executive Committee:

- Eastern Region Representative: Marguerite (Peg) Schaffer, New Jersey
- Midwestern Region Representative: Alicia Andrews, Oklahoma
- Southern Region Representative: Colmon Elridge, Kentucky
- Western Region Representative: Shasti Conrad, Washington State

Last not but not least, DNC Membership also adopted the Report of the Resolutions Committee which included the adoption of 45 resolutions. It is my intention to begin introducing DNC Resolutions starting from the next DNC Meeting. If you have any suggestions, please feel free to reach me at [JasonPark4CA@gmail.com](mailto:JasonPark4CA@gmail.com).

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

**9. ANNOUNCEMENTS/REMINDER**

Tomara Hall shared information regarding Reverend Moore's funeral

**10. EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING**

February 19, 2025, at 6 pm

**11. ADJOURNMENT 9:16 pm**

Register to attend via Zoom  
[https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_uTgKVRfaRHegr3xZvBSDeA](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_uTgKVRfaRHegr3xZvBSDeA)