

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, March 6, 2025

1. CALL TO ORDER 7:09 PM

2. ROLL CALL

Absent: Rishi Kumar, Anthony Phan, David Cohen, Brenda Zendejas, Diego Martinez, Karen Martinez, Phuong Nguyen, Dianna Zamora-Marroquin, Justin Lardinois

Alternates for: Marc Berman, Gail Pellerin, Robert Rivas, Josh Becker, Dave Cortese, Jimmy Panetta

3. WELCOMING OF VISITORS

Guests: José Luis Pacheco, Claudia Shope, Rick Marovich, Sam Saiu, Manoj Dandekar, Rajiv Ranjan

Women's History Month Observance

Helen Chapman read a poem in honor of Women's History Month to the members

Ramadan Observance

Sameena Usman shared background and highlights on the observance of Ramadan, the 9th month of the Islamic calendar.

4. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Approved unanimously.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. Thursday, February 6, 2025 – Approved unanimously

6. OLD BUSINESS

7. NEW BUSINESS

a. Resolution: Protecting the Environment and Mitigating Climate Change Under Attacks from the Trump Administration

Dorene and James Kastelman presented the resolution and asked for members' support.

Language amendments offered to bring forward a final resolution for approval. The final resolution as amended passed unanimously.

b. Resolution on Promotion of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion at Super Bowl LX

Jamal Khan presented the resolution and asked for the member's support. Several language amendments offered with a final

Resolution now called Resolution on Promotion of Respect for Marginalized Communities at Super Bowl LX

to be considered. Resolution as amended approved unanimously.

c. Resolution Calling for the Impeachment of President Donald J. Trump and His Top-Level Appointees

Margaret Okuzumi presented the resolution and asked for members' support. Several language amendments offered with a final

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Resolution Passed 22 – 13 – 0

d. Update: SCCDP Social Media Use

Bill presented an update on the use of Blue Sky and Mastodon. The party is no longer posting on Twitter (X) at this point.

Join the hybrid webinar on Saturday, March 15th 10:30 – 12 pm SCCDP HQ – Reprise via Zoom Sunday March 16th 1pm

Scan QR code to RSVP

e. Brainstorm: SCCDP Call to Action - deferred

8. REPORTS

a. Executive Board/Chair: Bill James

Bill asked members to reach out if they are interested in helping with SCCDP Call to Action. He also shared weekend of March 7th and 8th there are several events to resist and protest the Trump administrations attacks.

b. Vice Chair: Jean Cohen

Shared VTA ATU Local 265 may go on strike very soon. On March 23rd National Association of Letter Carriers will be demonstrating at the downtown Post Office from 10:00 to 1:00 pm – please join and participate.

c. Treasurer: Angelica Ramos – Your dues are due now!

d. Secretary: Helen Chapman

Helen shared SCCDCC roster has been uploaded to CADEM to prepare for May convention. She will follow up with final submission that includes the recent ADEM results.

e. Political Director: James Kim – no report

f. Issues: Daniel Cao

Daniel introduced himself as new Issues Director.

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, though please use landscape for artwork.

j. Gender Equity and the Status of Women: Tomara Hall – no report

k. Diversity & Inclusion: Rebeca Armendariz – no report

l. Youth Representative: Anushka Tadikonda – no report

m. Clubs: Buu Thai

Buu shared that she has attended several club meetings. She is also circulating a dinner sign up list – please sign up if you haven't already. Thanked the Jewish Democratic Coalition of the Bay Area and Democrats for Public Education for bringing dinner this evening.

South County Democratic Club

Gilroy passed district elections.

Democrats for Public Education

Shared that their event on educating the community on how to defeat Maga candidates was very successful. March 18th at 7pm is their next meeting which will be on Ranked Choice Voting.

Peninsula Democratic Coalition

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

Silicon Valley Young Democrats

Save the date for March 28th Gala!

Avalanche Democratic Club of Silicon Valley

Rick shared an invite for anyone interested to attend the next Orchard Indivisible Meeting.

n. Regional Director Report(s)

Regional 8 Director, Rocky Fernandez shared congratulations to those who won their ADEM elections.

o. DNC: Otto Lee/Jason Park

Vicki Veeker shared Supervisor Lee will be holding the State of the County address.

p. Pro-Choice Coalition: No report

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS/REMINDER

Sally Lieber shared upcoming event celebrating International Women's Day on Sat. March 8th 3pm – 5pm,

Amplifying Women's Voices. Will be at Mountain View City Hall Plaza, 500 Castro St.

Register at tinyurl.com/MVwomensday

Angelica shared on May 4th Supervisor Ellenberg will hold a reelection campaign kickoff.

10. EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

March 19, 2025, at 6 pm

11. ADJOURNMENT 9:25 pm

Register to attend via Zoom

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_Qs-dxWBAQPOQv8gdlkjSA