

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, April 3, 2025

1. CALL TO ORDER 7:05 PM

2. ROLL CALL

Absent: Emily Ramos, Rishi Kumar, Anthony Phan, David Cohen, Jaria Jaug, Jo Nguyen, Andres Quintero, Brenda Zendejas, Diego Martinez, Karen Martinez, Sylvia Arenas, David Bini, Olivia Navarro,

Alternates for: Marc Berman, Ash Kalra, Gail Pellerin, Robert Rivas, Jimmy Panetta

3. WELCOMING OF VISITORS

Guests: Deepa Sharma, Candidate for CADEM Vice Chair

Arab American Heritage Month Observation

Dina Saba presented a statement and background on Arab American Heritage Month

Sikh Awareness Month

Dr. Calvin Gill presented a statement in observance of Sikh Awareness month.

CADEM Vice Chair candidate Deepa Sharma introduced herself and shared why she is running for CADEM Vice Chair.

4. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Approved unanimously.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. Thursday, March 6, 2025 – Approved unanimously

6. OLD BUSINESS

7. NEW BUSINESS

a. 50501 Protest: McKinley Statue, St. James Park, 180 N First St. San José

Bill shared an update on the planned protest “Hands Off” National Day of Protest at St. James Park to be held from 12:00 pm to 2:00 pm.

b. Protest Safety Training

Bill introduced Joanne Thurman with Gandhi Team who introduced herself and provided an abbreviated version of the training on how to protest safely to the members. More information at gandhiteam.org or contact nonviolence.gandhi@gmail.com

c. Request to Support SB 42: California Fair Elections Act of 2026

Craig Dunkerly provided an update on the Fair Elections Act and asked for the party to renew its endorsement of the Bill. Bill asked for Members to vote to support renewing the endorsement of the Act. Motion adopted by acclamation.

d. Update: RCV in Santa Clara County

Bill introduced Allie Hughes with Canyon Snow and Marcela Miranda-Caballero of the RCV Coalition. Marcela provided a brief update on the efforts to bring Ranked Choice Voting to the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors meeting to gain support.

e. VTA Strike Update

Jean Cohen provided an update on the VTA worker’s strike.

f. Fast Food Fair Work Ordinance

Neil Park McClintick present information re: Fast Food Fair Work Ordinance. There will be a referral at the Board of Supervisors on April 8th. Joanna Garcia-Cano shared her personal story to the members. Neil asked for the member’s support. Motion to authorize Bill James to send a letter in support to BOS. Motion to approve unanimous.

To sign onto a letter of support go to

<https://go.siliconvalleyrising.org/a/ffw-organizations>

8. REPORTS

a. Executive Board/Chair: Bill James

Bill shared the Financial Report. He asked members to consider becoming a monthly donor for just \$5 a month. The impact of adding more donors would be meaningful and help defray costs of running the

Account	3/31/25
State All-Purpose (non-DVC)	\$129,814.38
State Restricted Use (non-DVC)	\$10,339.59
DVC State	\$14,699.76
UDC Federal (non-DVC)	\$11,737.05
DVC Federal	\$48,750.06
Change since 1/31/25	
Non-DVC State	-\$3,743.22
Non-DVC Fed	\$2,770.34
DVC State	\$501.92
DVC Fed	\$8,135.03

headquarters. To donate go to sccdp.org/donate – “make it monthly”

He also shared he attended the Kings-Tulare Counties Central Committees Fundraiser Dinner in Visalia and received an award. Remember to like and follow us on BlueSky and Mastodon. Bluesky <https://sccdp.bsky.social>
Mastodon <https://sfba.social/@sccdp>

- b. Vice Chair: Jean Cohen**
see earlier report on VTA strike update
- c. Treasurer: Angelica Ramos** – Your dues are due now! A list of members who have paid their dues was shared in the last email to members. If your name wasn't on the list, that means you have not paid your dues.
- d. Secretary: Helen Chapman – no report**
- e. Political Director: James Kim**
James shared sad news about the cancellation of the Naturalization ceremony at the Campbell Heritage Theatre.
He is working with the South County Dems to participate at Mushroom Festival. He is very interested in co-hosting events with Clubs. He also asked for members to participate in the Red White and Blue parade on July 4th.
- f. Issues: Daniel Cao – no report**
- g. Community Outreach: Clarence Madrilejos - no report**
- h. Finance: James Kim - no report**
- i. Communications: John Comiskey**
John reminded members to call your senators. There are lots of events going on and he is happy to post if you send him info.
To add an event to the sccdp.org calendar: <https://sccdp.org/addevent> Landscape artwork, please!
- 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 thanked Democrats for Palestinian Rights Bay Area and DAWN for providing dinner this evening. She is looking for 2 clubs to volunteer to bring dinner next month.

South County Democratic Club
Armando shared update on Hwy 101 overpass and Trump supporters flying the Nazi flag. County Sheriff's Office will now not allow them to post flags on overpass.

DAWN
Claudia shared DAWN is holding a “When Women Lead Event featuring Rosemary and Ellen Kamei as Mother/Daughter Electeds. Event will be held at the Democratic Party Headquarters on May 4th from 10:00 to 12:00 pm.

South Bay Democratic Coalition
Next Club meeting is April 7th. All welcome to attend.

Silicon Valley Working Blue Club
Clubs, please sponsor a table at the "All Dems Picnic" -- encourage your candidates to kickoff 2026 campaigns at our event on July 19 (<https://svworkingblue.org/>) <https://secure.actblue.com/donate/alldemspicnic>
- n. Regional Director Report(s)**
Regional 8 Director, Rocky Fernandez shared an update on the upcoming convention in Anaheim in May.
- o. DNC: Otto Lee/Jason Park**
Jason Park shared appreciation for party support in helping Judge Susan Crawford win her seat for Judge in Wisconsin.
DNC is suing Trump over SAVE Act and Voter Suppression Executive order

p. Pro-Choice Coalition: No report

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS/REMINDER

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

10. EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

April 16, 2025, at 6 pm

11. ADJOURNMENT 9:23 pm

Register to attend via Zoom

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_PE3ec0fgRr6ry_J5a_VUug