

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, May 01, 2025

1. CALL TO ORDER 7:09 PM

Land Acknowledgement presented by Kathy Chavez DiNapoli

2. ROLL CALL

Absent: Anthony Phan, David Cohen, Andres Quintero, Brenda Zendejas, Diego Martinez, Karen Martinez, Sylvia Arenas, Phuong Nguyen, Dianna Zamora-Marroquin, Justin Lardnois, Neil Park-McClintock, David Bini, Rebecca Armendariz, Sousan Manteghi-Safakish

Alternates for: Marc Berman, Alex Lee, Ash Kalra, Gail Pellerin, Robert Rivas, Dave Cortese, Jimmy Panetta

3. WELCOMING OF VISITORS

Guests:

Anthony Tordillos, Candidate for San José City Council District 3

Anthony introduced himself and thanked the members for their support as an endorsed candidate.

CADEM Chair Rusty Hicks

CADEM Chair candidate Rusty Hicks introduced himself and shared why he is running for reelection CADEM Chair.

Lt. Gov candidate Janelle Kelman

Candidate Janelle Kelman introduced herself and shared why she is running for Lt. Governor.

Kardal Coleman, Dallas County Democratic Party Chair

Kardal Coleman introduced himself and shared a bit of his background.

Jewish American Heritage Month

Lisa Berkeley presented a statement and shared some history of Jewish American Heritage Month

Asian Pacific Islander Heritage Month

Nina Chuang presented a statement in observance of Asian Pacific Islander Heritage month.

Black April Observance

Buu Thai shared a short presentation in observance of the 50th anniversary of Black April.

International Workers Day

Jean Cohen shared a brief update in observance of May Day

4. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Approved unanimously.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. Thursday, April 3, 2025 – Approved unanimously

6. OLD BUSINESS

7. NEW BUSINESS

a. Legislative Update: Ash Kalra

Assemblymember Kalra shared an update on what is happening in Sacramento on some of the bills that he is working on.

b. First Reading – Bylaws Committee report of changes to be considered in June SCCDCC meeting

Bill introduced presented the 1st draft of the proposed Bylaw changes on the following categories.

i. Bylaws changes

ii. Clubs Act changes

iii. Endorsement Act changes

He thanked the Committee (Helen Chapman, Martin Pyne, Jaria Jaug, Roxanne) for their help. Members provided input and Bill asked that if there were further comments to please contact him with suggestions. The 2nd reading will take place on June 5th.

c. CADEM convention update

Bill shared an update on the proxy process for the upcoming California Democratic Party Convention for members who might be unable to attend.

d. Save the Date: Youth Takeover – July 11th, 2025, 7pm to 9pm

Bill shared a quick update on the upcoming Youth Takeover event. Anushka Tadikonda, Youth Rep, will lead the Youth Takeover in lieu of a July regular meeting.

8. REPORTS

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

Bill shared an update on the success of the party's action to support fast food workers at the Board of Supervisors.

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

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 – no report**

f. **Issues: Daniel Cao – no report**

g. **Community Outreach: Clarence Madrilejos - no report**

h. **Finance: James Kim - no report**

i. **Communications: John Comiskey**

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 the Silicon Valley APA Dems, South Asian American Democratic Coalition of Silicon Valley, and Jewish Democratic Coalition of the Bay Area for providing dinner and dessert this evening. She is looking for 2 clubs to volunteer to bring dinner next month.

South County Democratic Club

Shared that it was member Joanne Fierro's birthday today!

DAWN

Tomara 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 Sunday, May 4th from 10:00 to 12:00 pm.

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>

Dean Democratic Club

Everyone is invited to attend the annual picnic at Ponderosa Park on June 14th.

Democrats for Public Education

They are holding a General Meeting on May 20th and State Senator Dave Cortese will be the featured speaker. Also, members are invited to attend Fight for Schools Rally at the Embarcadero Plaza on May 17th.

AFRO-UPRIS

Shared their club is against the recent action of Mayor Mahan to arrest unhoused individuals and are encouraging people to join them and speak out on May 13th at San José City Council meeting. They are also circulating a draft letter that you can sign onto.

Jewish Democratic Coalition of the Bay Area

Along with the Hindu Democratic Coalition, the JDC shared an update on the act of terrorism that happened recently in India and the vigil that was held.

Silicon Valley Asian Pacific American Democratic Club

Held an event featuring Attorney General Rob Bonta. Announced there will be a candlelight vigil at City Hall on May 2nd honoring those who died in the recent attack in Vancouver, BC.

South Bay Movimiento Coalition

Members are encouraged to pay their dues now. Olivia announced she is running for the Chicano Caucus Region 13 Vice Chair.

Peninsula Democratic Coalition

The Annual PDC Picnic will be held on August 3rd.

Silicon Valley Working Blue Democratic Club

The All-Club Democratic Picnic will be Saturday, July 19th 10:00 am at Emma Prusch Farm Park.

n. Regional Director Report(s)

Regional 8 Director, Rocky Fernandez thanked everyone who attended the Region 7 and 8 meeting last Sunday. He shared that Helen Chapman will be recognized as the Region 8 Volunteer of the Year at the Convention.

o. DNC: Otto Lee/ Jason Park

Jason Park shared DNC update. Next DNC meeting will be August 25 – 27th in Indianapolis IN

p. Pro-Choice Coalition: No report

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS/REMINDER

The 2nd Annual San Jose Cinco de Mayo Parade will be on May 5th at Emma Prusch Farm Park
From Palo Alto to Sunnyvale: Historic 7x7k Rally on El Camino Real, June 14th

10. EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

May 21, 2025, at 6 pm

11. ADJOURNMENT 9:25 pm

Register to attend via Zoom

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_Dke2xZmoT5aK63bC5qeT3g