

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, June 5, 2025

1. CALL TO ORDER 7:05 PM

Land Acknowledgement presented by Kathy Chavez DiNapoli

2. ROLL CALL

Absent: Rishi Kumar, Anthony Phan, David Cohen, Jo Nguyen, Andres Quintero, Diego Martinez, Karen Martinez, Phuong Nguyen, Neil Park-McClintock, Rebecca Armendariz

Alternates for: Marc Berman, Gail Pellerin, Robert Rivas, Aisha Wahab, Dave Cortese, Jimmy Panetta

3. WELCOMING OF VISITORS

Guests:

Benito Delgado-Olson, Supply Bank.org

Bill introduced Benito who introduced himself and shared a little bit about his work.

Gabby Chavez Lopez, candidate for D3 City Council

Anthony Tordillos, candidate for D3 City Council

Claudia Shope

Gail Osmer

Paula Chacho

4. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Approved unanimously.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. Thursday, May 1, 2025 – Tabled

6. OLD BUSINESS

7. NEW BUSINESS

a. Election of SCCDCC reps to CADEM Executive Board – 6 reps, must be CADEM delegate appointed by SCCDCC, not ADEM or other.

Bill explained the process and opened the floor to nominations for folks wishing to run for CADEM E-Board.

6 members (3 SIF and 3 OSIF) receiving the most votes will be selected.

The following names were nominated for E-Board:

Bill James – received 51 votes (1)

José Abastida – received 28 votes (3)

Angelica Ramos-Allen – received 47 votes (1)

Jamal Khan – received 18 votes

Steve Chessin – received 25 votes

Sousan Manteghi-Safakish received 32 votes

Ava Chiao – received 20 votes

Dina Saba- received 19 votes

Tomara Hall (disqualified as she is ADEM)

Roxanne received 34 votes (3)

Cari Templeton received 35 votes (2)

Ruben Navarro received 37 votes (2)

E board members selected Bill James, Ruben Navarro, José Abastida, Angelica Ramos-Allen, Cari Templeton, and Roxanne.

b. Consider adoption of changes recommended by Bylaws Committee

i. Bylaws changes

ii. Clubs Act changes

iii. Endorsement Act changes

Bill thanked the Committee (Helen Chapman, Martin Pyne, Jaria Jaug, Roxanne) for their help. Members provided input and motion to postpone final vote to August meeting with recommendation for Ex Board to agendize for July meeting.

Approved unanimously.

- c. Resolution Recognizing National Immigrant Heritage Month
Raena Lari and Helen Chapman from DAWN presented the resolution to the members and asked for support. Motion to support resolution as presented approved unanimously.
- d. Resolution Opposing Performance-Based Pay for Public Employees
Resolution as presented. resolution as presented approved unanimously.
- e. Formation of Ad Hoc Committees on Homelessness and Housing
Bill presented the creation of an Ad Hoc Committee to concentrate on issues around Homelessness and Housing. Motion to approve formation of the Ad Hoc Committee, approved unanimously. Chris Stampolis volunteered to be on this committee.
- f. Request to sign on to community letter re criminalization of homelessness.
Tomara Hall and Elizabeth Agramont-Justiniano from Afro-Upris presented background on the action of Mayor Mahan to arrest unhoused individuals and asked for members to support and sign on. Motion to support SCCDCC signing onto letter approved unanimously.
- d. Youth Takeover – July 10th, 2025, 7pm to 9pm, San José City College
Bill shared a quick update on the upcoming Youth Takeover event. Bill asked for donations to help offset the cost of the event.

8. REPORTS

- a. **Executive Board/Chair: Bill James**
Bill shared the financial report. He asked that members consider being monthly donors to help offset the cost of running the headquarters. He also shared he along with other volunteers will be tabling at SV Pride
- 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**
Asked members to come out and walk with the Democratic Party at the Rose, White and Blue parade. He asked that members check out sccd.org/action for recent updates and ways to get involved.
- 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 sccd.org calendar: <https://sccd.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 Young Dems and Dean Club for providing dinner and dessert this evening. She is looking for 2 clubs to volunteer to bring dinner for the next meeting.

South County Democratic Club

Their club is excited about district elections now in Gilroy.

Dean Club

Annual picnic is June 21st at Ponderosa Park starts at 11:00 am

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.

Jewish Democratic Coalition of the Bay Area

Concerned about recent anti-semitic hate crimes and attacks. She thanked the party for the recent statement that was shared.

South Bay Democratic Coalition

Richard Hobbs will be attending their next meeting on Wed. June 11th.

Peninsula Democratic Coalition

PDC Speaker Series "Dissent and Destruction", Jeff Rosen Santa Clara County District Attorney
Friday, June 27th 12- 2 pm Don Giovanni's Mountain View

Bay Area Hindu Democratic Coalition

Thanked the Party Chair for putting out a statement on the "Boulder attack"

Democrats for Palestinian Rights Bay Area

Condemns the attack and hate crimes. Will be holding a lunch and learn event.

Democrats for Public Education

Invites all members to attend their next meeting.

AFRO-UPRIS

Will be participating at the upcoming Juneteenth Festival in the SOFA District

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 shared an update on the upcoming Pre-Endorsement process. Information to be sent to all Club leads shortly. Application to apply to standing committees coming out soon. Thanked everyone who attended the convention for supporting his reelection.

o. DNC: Otto Lee/Jason Park

Jason Park shared DNC update. There will be a vote to redo the Vice Chair election. Both Otto Lee and Jason Park have been Appointed to the Resolutions Committee.

p. Pro-Choice Coalition: No report

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS/REMINDER

Youth Takeover – July 10th, 2025, 7pm to 9pm, San José City College.

Sally Lieber shared next 7x7 Event is June 14th. This is a 7-mile x 7000 people pro-democracy protest along the El Camino Real sidewalk stretching from Palo Alto, through Mountain View, to Sunnyvale.

10. EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

June 18, 2025, at 6 pm

11. ADJOURNMENT 9:15 pm

Register to attend via Zoom

https://us02web.zoom.us/join/wn_qeygqouqghse-lwbdgu4gg