

**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, August 7, 2025**

**1. CALL TO ORDER 7:11 pm**

Land Acknowledgement presented by Kathy Chavez DiNapoli

**2. ROLL CALL**

**Absent:** Anthony Phan, David Cohen, Jaria Jaug, Andres Quintero, Brenda Zendejas, Diego Martinez, Karen Martinez, Phuong Nguyen, Sylvia Arenas, Dianna Zamora-Marroquin, Neil Park-McClintick

**Alternates for:** Marc Berman, Ash Kalra, Robert Rivas, Josh Becker, Dave Cortese, Jimmy Panetta, Otto Lee

**3. WELCOMING OF VISITORS**

**Guests:**

**4. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Approved unanimously.

**5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- a. Thursday, May 1, 2025, Approved unanimously.
- b. Thursday, June 5, 2025, Approved unanimously.
- c. Thursday, July 10, 2025, Approved unanimously.

**6. OLD BUSINESS**

Consider adoption of changes recommended by Bylaws Committee

- i. Bylaws changes
- ii. Clubs Act changes
- iii. Endorsement Act changes

The changes were approved as noticed, except that by substitute amendment the bylaws committee's proposal to amend Art VIII Section G was changed to deleting Section G and adding to Art VIII Section D the following:

**Any Member subject to the automatic penalty under this Section shall not be subject to any further Sanction or Censure for the endorsement that resulted in application of the automatic penalty.**

The substitute motion was adopted 33 ayes to 1 nay.

The provision to change the threshold for sole endorsement from 2/3 to 3/5 (60%) was pulled from consent, after discussion the original proposed amendment was approved 23 ayes to 16 nays.

**7. NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Fill vacancy on SCCDCC (AD 26)

Martin Pyne and Milad Klaas were nominated to fill the SCCDCC vacancy in AD 26, Martin was elected by a vote of 34 to 14.

- b. "Yes on Save Our Public Hospitals" Ballot Measure – Nov 4 Special Election - Michael Elliot

The SCCDCC endorsed the Save Our Local Hospitals ballot measure (+5/8 cents sales tax) by unanimous consent.

To learn more go to <https://www.saveourlocalhospitals.com> or contact Michael Elliot to endorse [michael.elliott@vhfca.org](mailto:michael.elliott@vhfca.org)

- c. Presentation and Request of Support from Vote16 Palo Alto, a youth led effort to reduce the voting age to 16 in Palo Alto for municipal elections

Motion to support Vote16 Palo Alto's effort to get a measure on the Nov 2026 ballot with understanding that endorsement of the measure itself would be considered in the usual way in the endorsement process for that election. Approved.

- d. Endorsement timeline and process re Special Election for County Assessor

Angelica will reach out the members of the endorsement committee as appointed by the Chair. In addition, Clubs will be asked to send a member to represent.

- e. Ad Hoc Committees on Homelessness and Housing

Bill presented an update on the formation of the Ad Hoc Committee. If interested, please apply at [sccd.org/housing](http://sccd.org/housing)

**8. REPORTS**

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

Bill shared that the South Bay AFL-CIO Labor Council will be holding a fundraiser "Bowling for Change" on Saturday,

August 16, 2025, from 11:00 to 2:00 pm at the 4<sup>th</sup> Street Bowl, San José and the Party is sponsoring a team.

Sign up here [sccdp.org/bowling https://forms.gle/1MJiSAQ3enajm8tXA](https://forms.gle/1MJiSAQ3enajm8tXA)

The party will also have a table at Silicon Valley Pride, Sunday, September 1, 2025, donations are being sought to help offset costs – please donate at [sccdp.org/donate](https://sccdp.org/donate)

Bill also shared the financial report.

Reminder the Democratic Victory Brunch is September 14<sup>th</sup> at the Signia Hotel. Buy tickets at [sccdp.org/tickets](https://sccdp.org/tickets) or an ad at [sccdp.org/ads](https://sccdp.org/ads)

**b. Vice Chair: Jean Cohen**

**c. Treasurer: Angelica Ramos**

**d. Secretary: Helen Chapman**

**e. Political Director: James Kim**

**f. Issues: Daniel Cao**

**g. Community Outreach: Clarence Madrilejos**

**h. Finance: James Kim**

**i. Communications: John Comiskey**

Call your representatives: <https://sccdp.org/contacts>

Add an event to the [sccdp.org](https://sccdp.org/addevent) calendar: <https://sccdp.org/addevent>

Landscape artwork, please! H x W of 3x4, 9x16, or something in between.

**j. Gender Equity and the Status of Women: Tomara Hall**

**k. Diversity & Inclusion: Rebeca Armendariz**

**l. Youth Representative: Vacant**

**m. Clubs: Buu Thai**

**Democrats for Public Education**

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website: <https://www.sccpubliceddems.com/>

Next meeting: August 19, 7-8:30 PM, on Zoom

Register here: [bit.ly/SCCPublicEdDems](https://bit.ly/SCCPublicEdDems)

Please come to our meetings to support public education. We hope to see you there!

**9. ANNOUNCEMENTS/REMINDER**

Democratic Victory Brunch, Sunday, September 14, 11:00 am – 2:00 pm

[sccdp.org/tickets](https://sccdp.org/tickets)

Historic 17 x 17 k on Labor Day, Sept 1, 2025, 11:00 am to 1:00 pm

RSVP/Info: <https://tinyurl.com/historic17x17k>

**10. EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING**

August 20, 2025, at 6 pm

**11. ADJOURNMENT 9:25 pm**

**Meeting adjourned in memory of Carol Miller**

Account	7/31/25
State All-Purpose (non-DVC)	\$180,288.65
State Restricted Use (non-DVC)	\$1,792.09
DVC State	\$21,903.60
UDC Federal (non-DVC)	\$17,395.94
DVC Federal	\$38,381.04
<b>Change since 5/31/25</b>	
Non-DVC State	-\$873.71
Non-DVC Fed	\$4,316.54
DVC State	\$1.92
DVC Fed	-\$2,201.59

Register to attend via Zoom

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