

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, September 4, 2025

1. CALL TO ORDER 7:08 pm

Land Acknowledgement presented by Kathy Chavez DiNapoli

2. ROLL CALL

Absent: Anthony Phan, David Cohen, Andres Quintero, Sylvia Arenas, Sousan Manteghi-Safakish

Alternates for: Gail Pellerin, Robert Rivas, Jimmy Panetta

3. WELCOMING OF VISITORS

Guests: Rayla Chen, Vote 16 Palo Alto

Tony Alexander

Candidate for Palo Alto School Board

Guest Josh Fryday, Candidate for Lt. Governor introduced himself and shared why is running for Lt. Governor.

4. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Approved unanimously.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. Thursday, August 7, 2025 – approved unanimously

6. OLD BUSINESS

7. NEW BUSINESS

a. Endorsement in Special Election for County Assessor

Angelica Ramos Allen presented the results from the endorsement committee. The committee's recommendation was no Endorsement. Both candidates Yan Zhao, and Neysa Fligor who interviewed were invited to speak to the members and share why they are running for the office of County Assessor.

Motion for sole endorsement for Neysa Fligor failed on 34 - 27 – 5 vote.

Motion for sole endorsement of Yan Zhao failed on 22 – 40 – 11 vote.

Motion to table endorsement to October meeting – failed

Motion to dual endorse Neysa Fligor and Yan Zhao – passed 59 - 1

b. Ad Hoc Committee on Housing and Homelessness

Bill presented the list of committee names who volunteered to serve on the Ad Hoc committee. He shared there might be a few additional names from South County forthcoming.

c. Measure A Organizing Update

Bill shared an update on the efforts to support County Measure A. There is a kickoff this Saturday at SEIU on Zanker at 9:00 am.

d. Proposition 50 (Redistricting Organizing Update)

Bill shared information on Prop 50. Door knocking to start Saturday, September 6th after kick off for Measure A at SEIU.

e. Announce vacancy on SCCDCC (AD 26)

Bill announced the vacancy for an AD 26 seat as Margaret Okuzumi has resigned. Seat will be filled at the next meeting.

8. REPORTS

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

Bill shared the financial report. The numbers for Democratic Victory Dinner is expected to be around 400 attending. Ticket sales will be closing on Friday, September 5th. Bill also promoted ad sales as a good opportunity for candidates to promote themselves. Buy tickets at sccdp.org/tickets or an ad at 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**

Account	8/31/25
State All-Purpose (non-DVC)	\$263,449.74
State Restricted Use (non-DVC)	\$1,792.09
DVC State	\$21,904.56
UDC Federal (non-DVC)	\$16,447.84
DVC Federal	\$37,557.54
Change since 7/31/25	
Non-DVC State	\$83,161.09
Non-DVC Fed	-\$948.10
DVC State	\$0.96
DVC Fed	-\$823.50

- i. **Communications: John Comiskey**
 Call your representatives: <https://sccdp.org/contacts>
 Add an event to the sccdp.org 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**
 Shared there is free film screening of American Agitators

- l. **Youth Representative: Vacant**

- m. **Clubs: Buu Thai**
 Buu thanked the Clubs, Silicon Valley Dem Club and Muslim Democrats and Friends of Santa Clara County, for bringing dinner this evening

Democrats for Public Education

Holding a training on September 12th. On September 13th via the California Democratic Party Children’s Caucus, there will be a forum for State Superintendent of Public Instruction at 9:00 am.

Democrats for Palestinian Rights Bay Area

Presented a statement on the horror of what is happening in Gaza

Jewish Democratic Coalition of the Bay Area

Holding an event in support of Josh Newman for State Superintendent of Public Instruction

South County Democratic Club

Will be holding a bbq on September 6th 12:00 to 4:00 pm at Morgan Hill Community Park

Democratic Club of Sunnyvale

Next meeting will be holding vote to endorse County Assessor, Measure A and Prop 50

DAWN

The next meeting on September 9th at 6:30 pm, will be an endorsement meeting for County Assessor. Join DAWN for our Annual Brunch Fundraiser “DAWN of a New Majority on October 19, 10:00 AM–12:30 PM in San José.

🎟 Tickets + Sponsorships available now — grab yours before they’re gone!

<https://www.svdawn.org/dawn-of-a-new-majority>

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Holding a leadership retreat

South Bay Democratic Coalition

Next meeting guest speaker will be Garret Percival. Time 7:00 to 9:00 pm at Dem Party headquarters

n. Regional Directors

o. DNC: Otto Lee and Jason Park

Vicky Veenker shared update from DNC

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS/REMINDER

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

sccdp.org/tickets

10. EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

September 17, 2025, at 6 pm

11. ADJOURNMENT 9:34 pm

Meeting adjourned in memory of Linda Baxter, Hung Wei, and Geraldine James

Register to attend via Zoom

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_FiDFMeFsTiyaeqVHdO5kJA