

SANTA CLARA COUNTY DEMOCRATIC CENTRAL COMMITTEE

7 PM-9 PM, Regular Meeting, South Bay Labor Council, 2302 Zanker Rd, San Jose

(Our meeting is open to the public, but we reserve the right to remove guests who disrupt the meeting. Video and audio recording is not permitted without prior approval)

AGENDA FOR Thursday, December 4, 2025

1. CALL TO ORDER

Land Acknowledgement

2. ROLL CALL

3. WELCOMING OF VISITORS

Eleni Kounalakis, Lt Gov and candidate for Treasurer

Michael Tubbs, candidate for Lieutenant Governor

Ben Allen, candidate for Insurance Commissioner

Derek Grasty, Mt Pleasant School District Trustee and candidate for Governor

4. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. Thursday, November 6, 2025

6. OLD BUSINESS

7. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Meeting Schedule for 2026
- b. First Reading: proposed bylaws change to apply Rules of Decorum to non-member attendees of SCCDCC meetings and events
- c. Update: Special Runoff Election
- d. *(Proposed Emergency)* Resolution Opposing the Candidacy of Rishi Kumar as County Assessor

8. REPORTS

- a. Executive Board/Chair: Bill James
- b. Vice Chair: Jean Cohen
- c. Treasurer: Angelica Ramos
- d. Secretary: Helen Chapman

- e. Political Director: James Kim
- f. Issues: Daniel Cao
- g. Outreach: Clarence Madrilejos
- h. Finance: James Kim
- i. Communications: John Comiskey
- j. Gender Equity and the Status of Women: Tomara Hall
- k. Diversity & Inclusion: Rebeca Armendariz
- l. Youth Representative: VACANT
- m. Clubs: Buu Thai
- n. Regional Directors
- o. DNC: Otto Lee and Jason Park
- p. Ad Hoc Committee on Housing and Homelessness

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS/REMINDERS

10. EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

December 17, 2025, at 6pm

11. ADJOURNMENT

In Memory of Rose Filicetti

Register to attend via Zoom

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_1W63ofCFTpSKF9i-bOyz5g

Proposed Schedule of SCCDCC Meetings for 2026

January 8, 2026*

February 5, 2026

March 5, 2026

April 2, 2026

May 7, 2026

June 4, 2026

July 9, 2026*

August 6, 2026

September 3, 2026

October 1, 2026

November 5, 2026

December 3, 2026

* Denotes second Thursday

Proposed Amendment to Bylaws Article XIII regarding Conduct of on-Member Attendees at our Meetings and Events

Current Text of SCCDCC Bylaws, Article XIII:

ARTICLE XIII

Rules of Decorum

A. Code of Conduct. Members shall conduct themselves at meetings of and events sponsored by the SCCDCC, and in their public and non-public dealings with other Members, in a manner that is consistent with our values as Democrats, including without limitation a respect for people of all genders, races, creeds, national origin, immigration status, gender identification, sexual orientation, or any other personal attribute or group identification. Conduct prohibited by the Code of Conduct for Democratic State Central Committee (DSCC) Members will be considered to violate the SCCDCC Code of Conduct, and SCCDCC members shall sign an acknowledgement of the Code of Conduct for Democratic State Central Committee (DSCC) Members upon becoming a Member of the SCCDCC and at least once during each two-year organizational term of the SCCDCC.

B. Prohibition Against *Ad Hominem* Attacks. Members shall avoid *ad hominem* attacks on other Members or toward any person when acting in their capacity and role as a Member of the SCCDCC.

C. Prohibition Against Discrimination, Harassment, Bullying, and Abusive Conduct. Members shall not engage in any form of discrimination, harassment, bullying, or abusive conduct either at meetings of the SCCDCC or when acting in their capacity and role as a Member of the SCCDCC. For the avoidance of doubt, this prohibition shall include, but shall not be limited to, discrimination, harassment, bullying, and abusive conduct that is based on, motivated by, or related to a person's real or perceived race, color, creed, ethnicity, sex, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, disability status, or any protected status.

D. Grounds for Censure. Members who violate these Rules of Decorum may be censured by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the SCCDCC, provided the notice and other procedural protections and requirements of Article VIII of these Bylaws have been followed.

Proposed Addition to Article XIII:

E. *Application to Non-Member Attendees at Meetings and Events.* *These Rules of Decorum shall apply to all attendees at meetings and events of the SCCDCC, and the Chair or other officer presiding at a meeting or event of the SCCDCC shall have the authority to remove and/or exclude any attendee who violates these Rules of Decorum.*

**Resolution Opposing the Candidacy of Rishi Kumar
as Santa Clara County Assessor**

WHEREAS, Rishi Kumar, a candidate for Santa Clara County Assessor, served as Chair of the No on Measure A campaign, and publicly alleged that County community information mailers distributed during the Measure A campaign, which described the impact of federal funds on county services but did not mention or endorse Measure A, represented misuse of public funds; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Kumar has publicly promoted a large scale property tax exemption for older homeowners that his own campaign estimates would remove approximately one point five to two billion dollars in annual revenue from Santa Clara County; County property tax revenue is a primary funding source for essential public services, including public health, behavioral health, housing, child welfare, public safety, and transportation; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Kumar has repeatedly stated in public interviews, candidate forums, and written campaign materials that significant amounts of County spending are wasteful, and these repeated statements call into question the integrity of County departments and the work of Democratic elected officials who oversee them and risk contributing to reduced trust in public institutions that provide essential services;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Santa Clara County Democratic Party opposes Rishi Kumar's candidacy for conduct that is inconsistent with Democratic Party values and with the standards of leadership expected of candidates for public office.

Submitted by Democratic Activists for Women Now (DAWN)