

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, November 6, 2025

1. CALL TO ORDER 7:05 PM

Land Acknowledgement - Kathy Chavez Napoli provided the land acknowledgement

2. ROLL CALL

Absent: Anthony Phan, David Cohen, Jo Nguyen, Diego Martinez, Karen Martinez

Alternates for: Marc Berman, Patrick Aherns, Robert Rivas, Josh Becker, Dave Cortese

3. WELCOMING OF VISITORS

Derek Grasty

Tony Alexander

Anthony Tordillos

Nichelle Hendersen, candidate for Superintendent of Public Instruction introduced herself and shared why she is running.

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Steve Bradford, candidate for Insurance Commissioner introduced himself and shared why he is running.

4. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Approved unanimously.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. Thursday, October 9, 2025 - approved

6. OLD BUSINESS

7. NEW BUSINESS

a. Election Recap

Candidate for Santa Clara County Assessor Neysa Fligor addressed the members and thanked everyone for supporting her campaign. James Kim shared an update on campaign efforts for Measure A and Prop 50. The team went through 32,000 walk pieces and covered 200 precincts. Jean Cohen shared that SBLC knocked over 40,000 doors, made over 260,000 phone calls and ran 1,500 volunteer shifts. She thanked the various unions who gave a phenomenal effort to support the election efforts.

b. Resolution to Uphold Bay Area Standards for Major Sporting Events

Jean Cohen presented the resolution. There was discussion to add additional language which was accepted. Motion to adopt – Passed unanimously.

c. Sikh Awareness and Appreciation Month Presentation

Dr. Kalvin Gill from the South Asian American Democratic Coalition of Silicon Valley gave a short presentation on Sikh Awareness Month. To learn more please visit www.sikhcoalition.org

d. SCCDP Food Drive and Fundraising for Second Harvest of Silicon Valley

Bill addressed the members about the importance of donating food or money towards our food drive to stock the food banks in the absence of SNAP funding. Bill also shared a link to share for those in need of food assistance which is fully tax deductible. <https://impact.shfb.org/DemsCare>

8. REPORTS

a. Executive Board/Chair: Bill James

Bill shared an update on the Ad-hoc Housing Committee. Co-chairs have been elected. He also shared the financial report. Club delegates are due for Pre-endorsing conference December 3rd. The conference will be held in January and Convention will be in San Francisco from February 22nd thru 24th. Bill also shared the importance of attending Central Committee meetings. If you are unable to attend – please appoint a proxy or alternate if you continue to have a conflict.

b. Vice Chair: Jean Cohen

See earlier report under Election Recap.

c. Treasurer: Angelica Ramos - no report

d. Secretary: Helen Chapman

Updated roster has been sent to CADEM for February convention.

e. Political Director: James Kim - no report

f. Issues: Daniel Cao - no report

g. Outreach: Clarence Madrilejos - no report

h. Finance: James Kim - no report

i. Communications: John Comiskey

Shared information about Communications for Candidates, held the 3rd Thursday of every month through November at 7pm
Learn more here: <https://sccdp.org/index.php/communications-for-candidates-2025/> Always looking for events to share on our Calendar. Data Boot Camp by Frances Herbert event on November 19th.

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

k. Diversity & Inclusion: Rebeca Armendariz

l. Youth Representative: Vacant

m. Clubs: Buu Thai

She thanked the Clubs for bringing dinner this evening. Next month will be a potluck. Everyone is invited to bring a dish to share. She also shared a QR code to sign up for dinners in 2026.

See Club reports below:

South County Democratic Club

Worked on Measure A and Prop 50 Campaign as well as holding a social media blitz to get ready for 2026.

DAWN

Held a very successful Annual Brunch Fundraiser last month. We congratulate our endorsed candidates in the Special election and Look forward to helping Neysa Fligor win!

AFRO-UPRIS

Held a club social to build awareness and community. Hoping to hold a Kwanza event and is working to help elect Neysa Fligor for County Assessor.

Muslim Democrats and Friends of Santa Clara County

Working to build awareness of their club and did outreach to help pass Measure A and Prop 50.

Democrats for Palestinian Rights Bay Area

Lunch and Learn – November 15, 2025, 1:30 pm with guest speaker Josh Paul. SCCDP Headquarters – RSVP tinyurl.com/TeachSeries A Palestinian Lunch will be served.

Assyrian Democrats of the Bay Area

The Assyrian Club does not have a detailed report. With all the disturbances going on the Middle East where our community still has a lot of family members/relatives we needed to do some soul searching to adjust with the new reality. In the meantime, our club envisioned the creation of a new non-profit organization in our community called “Assyrian Heritage Center”. We are actively working on this project as Democrats.

n. Regional Director Report(s)

o. DNC: Otto Lee and Jason Park

Jason Park gave an update from the DNC which focused on costs and lowering health care costs. Thanked all the volunteers who are working hard to pass Prop 50 and Measure A.

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS/REMINDER

Peter Ortiz Campaign Kick Off Saturday 11/08 10:00 am at 1527 Alum Rock Ave
Nov 18th 5:30-6:30 Candidate Orientation

10. EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

November 19, 2025, at 6 pm

11. ADJOURNMENT In Memory of Betsy Hammer Carr – 9:07 pm

Register to attend via Zoom https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_5whNYLi3TpyR-u6oHBIn5Q