

**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, December 4, 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, Jaria Jaug, Jo Nguyen, Brenda Zendejas, Sylvia Arenas, Rebeca Armendariz

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

**3. WELCOMING OF VISITORS**

Erica Valentine, Local 393

Vanessa Tapia, SBLC

Lance Kwan, Ohlone Community College Board

Eleni Kounalakis, Lt Gov and candidate for Treasurer

*Eleni introduced herself and shared why she is running for CA Treasurer*

Michael Tubbs, candidate for Lieutenant Governor

*Michael Tubbs introduced himself in person to the members and shared why he is running for Lieutenant Governor*

Ben Allen, candidate for Insurance Commissioner

*Ben Allen introduced himself and shared why he is running for Insurance Commissioner*

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

*Derek Grasty introduced himself in person to the members and shared why he is running for Governor of California*

**4. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Approved unanimously.

**5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

a. Thursday, November 6, 2025 - approved

**6. OLD BUSINESS**

**7. NEW BUSINESS**

a. Meeting Schedule for 2026

Bill James shared the proposed Meeting Schedule for 2026 to the members and asked for approval. Request passed by unanimous Consent.

b. First Reading: proposed bylaws change to apply Rules of Decorum to non-member attendees of SCCDCC meetings and events.

Bill presented the first reading of the proposed bylaw change and asked members to reach out to him directly with feedback. The feedback will be incorporated and presented for review at the January 2026 meeting.

c. Update: Special Runoff Election

Candidate for Santa Clara County Assessor, Neysa Fligor addressed the members. She thanked the party for their support and Shared the runoff election will take place on December 30<sup>th</sup>. Ballots should be dropping around December 8<sup>th</sup>. Bill also shared some important dates regarding volunteer opportunities to help Neysa's campaign.

d. (Proposed Emergency) Resolution Opposing the Candidacy of Rishi Kumar as County Assessor.

Helen Chapman on behalf of DAWN spoke to the emergency resolution. Bill called for the vote to allow the emergency resolution to be heard. Motion passed unanimously. Helen presented the resolution to the members and asked for their support. Motion to adopt the resolution passed 49 – 1 – 4.

**8. REPORTS**

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

Bill shared the financial report. He also shared the need to donate funds or food to the Second Harvest Food Bank. To give go to <https://impact.shfb.org/DemsCare> He shared that applications for the Youth Rep are available if you know of anyone interested. Bill thanked everyone who brought food tonight for the potluck.

- b. **Vice Chair: Jean Cohen – no report**
- c. **Treasurer: Angelica Ramos - no report**
- d. **Secretary: Helen Chapman – no report**
- 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**

Account	12/3/25
State All-Purpose (non-DVC)	\$306,341.48
State Restricted Use (non-DVC)	\$3,292.09
DVC State	\$20,540.15
UDC Federal (non-DVC)	\$27,286.62
DVC Federal	\$43,234.15
<b>Change since 11/5/25</b>	
Non-DVC State	\$36,500.00
Non-DVC Fed	\$1,624.53
DVC State	\$0.96
DVC Fed	\$2,406.02

- i. **Communications: John Comiskey**  
The Communications for Candidates, which was held the 3rd Thursday of every month just completed for the year. There will be a new series in the spring. Please go to <https://sccdp.org/c4c> if interested.
- 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 everyone for bringing food for the potluck tonight.

See Club reports below:

**South County Democratic Club**

Will be holding their holiday Potluck Party on December 14, 2025, 12:00 – 3:00 pm

**AFRO-UPRIS**

Will be holding a joint canvass to help elect Neysa Fligor for County Assessor, Saturday, December 6<sup>th</sup> 2:00 to 4:00 pm at the Calabasas Library.

**Democrats for Palestinian Rights Bay Area**

Held a successful Lunch and Learn with guest speaker Josh Paul. The next event is February 19, 2026

**Dean Club**

Their club is moving their regular meetings to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of every month. Meetings are held via Zoom.

**South Bay Movimiento Coalition**

Holding a holiday reception with Secretary Xavier Becerra, candidate for Governor at Mezcal, December 11<sup>th</sup> 6:00 – 8:00 pm.

**Democrats for Public Education**

SVYD & DPE Holiday Social - Dec 8, 6-7:30 at San Pedro Square, San José

**Jewish Democratic Coalition of the Bay Area**

4<sup>th</sup> Annual Hanukkah Luncheon, Sunday December 21, 2025, 11:00 – 2:00 pm in Mountain View, Location upon RSVP

**Avalanche Club of Silicon Valley**

Avalanche and OCI will be holding their annual holiday party, Monday December 8, 2025, 6:30 pm

**Democrat 21<sup>st</sup> Century Club**

Holiday Party with the Peninsula Democratic Coalition - Friday, December 12, 2025, 12:00 pm at Michael's Restaurant

- n. **Regional Director Report(s)**
- o. **DNC: Otto Lee and Jason Park**  
Vicky shared an update on behalf of Otto Lee highlighting the upcoming DNC meeting in LA and the Climate Conference in Brazil.
- p. **Ad Hoc Committee on Housing and Homelessness**  
Next Ad Hoc meeting Wednesday, December 10, 2025

**9. ANNOUNCEMENTS/REMINDER**

Chris Stampolis shared update on date changes for free park access by the Trump administration  
Derek Grasty thanked everyone for their time and attention this evening.

**10. EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING**

December 17, 2025, at 6 pm

**11. ADJOURNMENT In Memory of Rose Filicetti – 8:58 pm**

Register to attend via Zoom [https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_1W63ofCFTpSKF9i-bOyz5g](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_1W63ofCFTpSKF9i-bOyz5g)