

**SANTA CLARA COUNTY DEMOCRATIC CENTRAL COMMITTEE**  
**7:00 PM – 9:00 PM, Regular Meeting via Zoom**  
**MINUTES for Thursday, February 5, 2026**

**1. CALL TO ORDER 7:05 PM**

*Land Acknowledgement* - Kathy Chavez Napoli provided the land acknowledgement

**2. ROLL CALL**

**Absent:** Anthony Phan, Jaria Jaug, Jo Nguyen, Diego Martinez, Phuong Nguyen, Sylvia Arenas

**Alternates for:** Patrick Aherns, Robert Rivas, David Cortese, Jimmy Panetta

**3. WELCOMING OF VISITORS**

John Pimentel, candidate for State Board of Equalization

*John introduced himself and shared why he is running for State Board of Equalization*

Jane Kim, candidate for Insurance Commissioner

*Jane introduced herself and shared why she is running for Insurance Commissioner*

*Her email is [jane@janekim.org](mailto:jane@janekim.org) 415.658.5263 link to future meet and greets: [bit.ly/JaneKim4CADEM](https://bit.ly/JaneKim4CADEM)*

Scott Sakakihara, candidate for State Senate SD 10

*Scott introduced himself and shared why he is running for State Senate*

*His email address is [scottsakakihara@gmail.com](mailto:scottsakakihara@gmail.com) and cell phone number is 510-299-8859*

Harris Mojadedi, candidate for State Senate SD 10

*Harris introduced himself and shared why he is running for State Senate*

*To learn more about our campaign, please visit our website at <https://harrismojadedi.com/> or reach out at [harris@harrismojadedi.com](mailto:harris@harrismojadedi.com) for more information.*

Josh Fryday, candidate for Lieutenant Governor

*Josh introduced himself and shared why he is running for re-election for Lieutenant Governor*

*To Contact email: [Jmf@joshfryday.com](mailto:Jmf@joshfryday.com) [www.joshfryday.com](http://www.joshfryday.com)*

Steve Bradford, candidate for Insurance Commissioner

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

Eric Swalwell, candidate for Governor

*Eric introduced himself and shared why he is running for Governor of California*

*Reach out to the Swalwell campaign here, let them know you're a delegate: [Info@ericswalwell.com](mailto:Info@ericswalwell.com)*

**4. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Approved unanimously.

**5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

a. Thursday, January 8, 2026 - approved

**6. OLD BUSINESS**

**7. NEW BUSINESS**

a. Youth Representative

Bill shared the two new Youth Representatives and alternate to Maddy Chang. Members welcomed Maddy Chang, Ariana Corbu (alt), and Vivek Sharma

b. Super Bowl organizing

Bill introduced Shasti Conrad who shared information about Contra-Ice. On Sunday, February 8, the collective CONTRA-ICE, comprised of musicians and artists responding creatively to the violence, detentions, and mistreatment experienced by communities affected by Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) and other law enforcement agencies, will stage an action at Super Bowl LX in Santa Clara, CA. Looking for volunteers to distribute "ICE OUT" towels

Link to register to volunteer: <https://forms.gle/gdbR8S3vBn8WvJkP8>

<https://www.contra-ice.com/>

c. Black History Month

Tomara Hall, Raymond Goins, Elizabeth Agramont Justiniano presented background and information on Black History Month.

d. Dues are due: [sccdp.org/dues](https://sccdp.org/dues)

Your dues are due for this year. To vote in the upcoming endorsements, please make sure your dues are

current. Bill shared that dues are due now and a list has been posted on the website of members who have paid their dues.  
<https://sccdp.org/index.php/about/central-committee/sccdcc-attendance-2026/>

e. Endorsement Committee

Bill has contacted his appointees to the endorsement committee. Angelica will be presiding over the process and shared that clubs need to designate their rep for the endorsement committee as soon as possible.

f. CADEM Endorsements and Convention

An update was shared on the upcoming Democratic Convention February 20 – 22<sup>nd</sup> in San Francisco

g. BAIAD ADBA Joint Statement: Standing with Iran, Rejecting War

Elona Khoshiba shared a statement to the members on behalf of the clubs.

h. Resolution Supporting Access to Cal Grants for Graduate School

Chris Stampolis presented the resolution for approval. Resolution passed 52-0-0.

**8. REPORTS**

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

Bill shared the financial report. Bill stressed the need for Members to attend meetings and talked about the difficulty in holding hybrid meetings which is why this month we are doing the meeting all via zoom and next month will be in person only.

Account	2/4/26
State All-Purpose (non-DVC)	\$579,982.08
State Restricted Use (non-DVC)	\$3,242.09
DVC State	\$19,448.24
UDC Federal (non-DVC)	\$39,418.06
DVC Federal	\$43,134.01
<b>Change since 12/31/25</b>	
Non-DVC State	-\$11,009.36
Non-DVC Fed	\$11,169.56
DVC State	\$0.96
DVC Fed	-\$869.79

**b. Vice Chair: Jean Cohen – no report**

**c. Treasurer: Angelica Ramos – see earlier 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**

**i. Communications: John Comiskey**

Communications for Candidates, will be the third Thursday of each month, 2/19, 3/19, and 4/16 at 7 PM at the SCCDP Headquarters, please go to <https://sccdp.org/c4c> if interested. To 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 – no report**

**k. Diversity & Inclusion: Rebeca Armendariz – no report**

**l. Youth Representative: Maddy Chang and Vivek Sharma**

**m. Clubs: Buu Thai**

Thank you to the AD26 Delegates who will bring dinner for Thursday, MARCH 5TH meeting. To sign up to host dinner, please sign up here: <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/19Z6f4KzywzFbMia9xWIkEZ-2ZS95KLOE/edit?usp=sharing&ouid=114222625535133126298&rtpof=true&sd=true>

See Club reports below:

**Democrats for Public Education**

2/17 at 7pm is next meeting. Looking for support the old Prop 30 - Democrats for Public Education [info@sccdpe.org](mailto:info@sccdpe.org)

**Dean Club**

Meetings have moved to the second Tuesday of the month.

**DAWN**

DAWN held a very successful event on Feb 1 – When Women Lead Panel “Women’s Health Care, Rights & Community Resources”

## **AFRO UPRIS**

Please come to the Flag raising ceremony on 2/13 📍 Where: San Jose City Hall (200 E. Santa Clara St.

🕒 When: Friday, February 13, 2026, 🕒 Time: 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM

## **Silicon Valley Working Blue Democratic Club**

Will be holding All-Club Picnic at Emma Prusch Park this summer – more info coming soon

## **PDC**

Our annual meeting for the Peninsula Democratic Coalition is scheduled for Saturday, February 28, 2026, at the Los Altos Community Center, Grand Oak Room, 12-2pm. It's sure to be great, and we will have some of our favorite Santa Clara Dems Sally Lieber and Patrick Ahrens speaking! Here's the link to RSVP for the PDC Annual Lunch: <http://bit.ly/4a0Olv5>

## **Democrats for Palestinian Rights Bay Area**

Come and see the exhibit "Honoring the Children of Palestine, they deserve to play" February 1-28<sup>th</sup> Santa Clara County Government Center, 70 W Hedding St San José CA 95110  
Reception and Program 12:00 pm Wed February 11<sup>th</sup>

## **D21st Century Club**

Special Membership rate going on now

Next meeting there will be a speaker from Sierra Club on 2/13/26

Good turnout for last month's meeting with Michael McFaul

All the things: <https://www.demcenturyclub.org/>

### **n. Regional Director Report(s)**

Rocky Fernandez shared that regional directors (independent of the state party) are hosting a three-part series of forums state convention delegates. You can see our past forum and the upcoming ones at <https://www.regionaldirectors.com>

No consensus received at the pre endorsing conference for Senate District 10

Proxy process is open now if you can't attend convention

### **o. DNC: Otto Lee and Jason Park**

DNC is excited to share a new training opportunity: the **Local Listeners Program**, a seven-week virtual series that helps volunteers build the skills to have meaningful, grounded conversations in their communities.

To read more and access the DNC's toolkit about Local Listeners:

1. <https://app.sosha.ai/toolkit/d137f2f2-7b0f-4e42-ade4-b53e6b813d2d>

2. <http://win.dnc.org/LocalListeners>

### **p. Ad Hoc Committee on Housing and Homelessness**

## **9. ANNOUNCEMENTS/REMINDER**

OCI/SVDC/BAIAD/SOUTH BAY SWING LEFT holding in person Candidate Panel with Tom Steyer for Governor and Michael Tubbs for Lieutenant Governor. Tuesday, Feb 10<sup>th</sup> 7:00pm RSVP at [BIT.LY/FEB10FORUM](http://BIT.LY/FEB10FORUM) for location details  
Rafael Garcia, Candidate for City Council District 7 announced his candidacy

## **10. EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING**

February 18, 2026, at 6 pm

## **11. ADJOURNMENT In Memory of Alex Pretti – 9:23 pm**

Register to attend via Zoom [https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_vpI0St1T\\_6qnIUspo4Q\\_Q](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_vpI0St1T_6qnIUspo4Q_Q)