

SANTA CLARA COUNTY DEMOCRATIC CENTRAL COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes April 2, 2026

**7 PM-9 PM, Regular Meeting, in person only at
South Bay Labor Council, 2302 Zanker Rd, San José**

1. CALL TO ORDER 7:04 PM

Land Acknowledgement – Rebeca Armendariz provided the land acknowledgement

2. ROLL CALL

Absent: Rishi Kumar, Joe Simitian, Diego Martinez, Karen Martinez, Brenda Zendejas, David Bini, Olivia Navarro, Ruben Navarro, Sousan Manteghi-Safakish

Alternates for: Patrick Aherns, Marc Berman, Ash Kalra, Robert Rivas, Jimmy Panetta

3. WELCOMING OF VISITORS

Member Jo Nguyen was welcomed and thanked for her service on Central Committee

Arab American Heritage Month statement by the Democrats for Palestinian Rights – Bay Area

Dina Saba representing the Democrats for Palestinian Rights – Bay Area presented a statement honoring Arab American Heritage Month.

4. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Approved unanimously.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. Thursday, March 5, 2026 – approved

b. Thursday, March 19, 2026 - approved

6. OLD BUSINESS

7. NEW BUSINESS

a. Election to fill SCCDCC vacancy (AD 24)

Bill announced the vacancy and opened nominations from the floor. The following nominations were made and voted upon.

Damir Hudovic received 13 votes

Clarence Madrilejos received 29 votes

Nuha Khan received 11 votes

Clarence Madrilejos will fill the vacancy for AD 24

b. Endorsement: District Attorney race

Angelica provided an update from the endorsement committee and thanked the committee for their work. The recommendation from the committee was for a sole endorsement of Jeffrey Rosen for Santa Clara District Attorney. The race was pulled for discussion. Motion/Second from the floor to accept the recommendation of the endorsement committee failed 25 - 23 - 8.

Motion/Second from the floor for Sole Endorsement of Daniel Chung which failed 4 – 39 – 4 resulting in No endorsement for this race.

c. Resolution Recognizing April as National Sexual Assault Awareness Month

Raena Lari and Helen Chapman on behalf of DAWN presented the resolution for approval by the members.

Resolution approved by unanimous consent.

d. Request to Endorse Regional Transit Measure (SB 63)

Guest Greg Ramos presented the request to endorse SB 63. Resolution pass by unanimous consent.

e. Request to support State/Public Banking Bill (AB 2243)

Bill presented the Resolution with assistance from Greg Ramos and asked members for their support. Motion passed unanimously.

f. Recommendation to Oppose statewide ballot initiative to exempt 60+ year olds from property tax.

Bill presented the recommendation and asked the members for support. Motion to support passed 39 – 0 – 1

g. Update from endorsed candidates

Gordon Chester, candidate for District 9 shared an update on his campaign.

8. REPORTS

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

Bill shared the financial report. Bill shared he was asked to write a letter of support for David Forderer to be appointed to the

CA State Independent Living Council. He asked members for support which was agreed to unanimously.

b. **Vice Chair: Jean Cohen** – South Bay Labor Kickoff for June Primary races will be Saturday, April 11th.

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

i. **Communications: John Comiskey**

Communications for Candidates will be on 4/16 at 7 PM at the SCCDP Headquarters, please go to <https://sccd.org/c4c> if interested. This is the last session for this election cycle. To add an event to the sccd.org calendar <https://sccd.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** – Thanked the Democrats for Palestinian Rights – Bay Area for providing dinner tonight. See Club reports below:

South County Democratic Club

Holding a South County Legislative Summit featuring Senator Dave Cortese, Supervisor Sylvia Arenas and Councilmember Yvonne Martinez Beltran on April 18th, 1:00 – 3:00 pm.

DAWN

DAWN's Endorsement Brunch will be April 12th; 10:00 am.

Dean Club

Meetings moved to second Tuesday of the month

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Will be holding candidate endorsement interviews soon.

Silicon Valley Working Blue Democratic Club

Will be holding All-Club Picnic at Emma Prusch Park on July 18, 2026 – save the date!

Democrats for Palestinian Rights Bay Area

Urged members to research recent events occurring in Palestine.

Democrats for Public Education

We're gearing up to recruit, endorse and support candidates aligned with our Democratic party values for school boards in our county in the November election. We've been seeing an increase in MAGA- and Moms for Liberty-aligned candidates running, and even serving on our local school boards. We would love it if you could help us by keeping an eye out for school board candidates you notice who support charter schools, are against ethnic studies, or are not supportive of LGBTQIA+ rights. Please email us about any school board candidates you want us to check out: Info@SCCDPE.org. And please check out our new website at <https://www.sccdpe.org/>. Together we can make sure our local school boards represent our shared Democratic values.

Bay Area Hindu Democratic Coalition

Will be holding a women's history celebration.

n. **Regional Director Report(s)** - None

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

Announced DNC NextWave Regional Bootcamps. Learn more <https://democrats.org/next-wave/>

Account	3/24/26
State All-Purpose (non-DVC)	\$610,119.88
State Restricted Use (non-DVC)	\$3,242.09
DVC State	\$19,449.20
UDC Federal (non-DVC)	\$51,860.50
DVC Federal	\$47,197.88
Change since 2/4/26	
Non-DVC State	\$30,137.80
Non-DVC Fed	\$12,442.44
DVC State	\$0.96
DVC Fed	\$4,063.87

p. Ad Hoc Committee on Housing and Homelessness

Next Meeting will be on April 8th 6:00 – 7:30pm at the headquarters.

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS/REMINDER

Gordon Chester candidate for D9 fundraiser on April 4, 2026

Re-elect Supervisor Sylvia Arenas fundraiser on April 18th, 2026

10. EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

April 15, 2026, at 6 pm

11. ADJOURNMENT 8:50 pm

Register to attend via Zoom https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_-sIPJ-IGT82k_FOw5q265A