

SANTA CLARA COUNTY DEMOCRATIC CENTRAL COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes May 7, 2026

7 PM-9 PM, Regular Meeting, in person and via Zoom

South Bay Labor Council, 2302 Zanker Rd, San José

1. CALL TO ORDER 7:10 PM

Land Acknowledgement – Kathy Chavez Napoli provided the land acknowledgement

2. ROLL CALL

Absent: Rishi Kumar, David Cohen, Jaria Jaug, Brenda Zendejas, Diego Martinez, Brisa Rojas Moreno, Phuong Nguyen, Ava Chiao, Buu Thai, Olivia Navarro, Ruben Navarro, Rebeca Armendariz, Michelle Pelayo-Osorio, Sally Lieber

Alternates for: Patrick Aherns, Marc Berman, Ash Kalra, Robert Rivas, Aisha Wahab, Josh Becker

3. WELCOMING OF VISITORS

Recognition of Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month

Tanjir Ahmed and Vicky Lam representing the Silicon Valley Asian Pacific American Democratic Club presented a statement honoring Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month.

Recognition of Jewish American Heritage Month

Dorene and James Kastelman representing the Jewish Democratic Coalition of the Bay Area presented a statement in recognition of Jewish American Heritage Month.

4. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Approved unanimously.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. Thursday, April 2, 2026 – approved

6. OLD BUSINESS

6b. CONSENT CALENDAR

Endorsement of the following:

Measure A – San José transit occupancy tax

Measure B – Palo Alto USD Parcel Tax

Measure C – Franklin McKinley SD General Obligation Bond

Motion to adopt the consent calendar- approved with one abstention.

7. NEW BUSINESS

a. Resolution Supporting End to Nuclear Moratorium in California

SCCDP Intern Stefan Johnson presented the resolution and asked the members for support.

Motion made to amend language adding project labor agreement and work force education to the resolution. Motion to

Amend approved. Motion to adopt amended resolution passed with 32 ayes, 8 nays, and 13 abstentions.

b. Resolution Supporting State Budget Action to Address the Impacts of H.R.1 on California Counties

Hollister Councilmember Dolores Morales spoke to the resolution and asked for approval. Resolution approved by unanimous consent.

c. Update: June 2 Primary Election

Bill presented an update on the June Primary efforts. He shared the party currently has 50 interns assisting.

d. Youth Takeover Update

Bill shared an update on the youth takeover. This year it will be held on July 9th at the San José Unified District Office on Lenzen Ave. Please help spread the word.

8. REPORTS

a. Executive Board/Chair: Bill James

Bill shared the financial report. Bill shared that there are SCCDP intern designed sweatshirts available for purchase.

Suggested donation is \$50 There will be a Voter outreach event on Saturday, May 9th.

The June meeting will be held on Zoom only.

b. Vice Chair: Jean Cohen – South Bay Labor Rally for June Primary races will be Saturday, May 9th 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. Lt.

Account	5/5/26
State All-Purpose (non-DVC)	\$688,539.31
State Restricted Use (non-DVC)	\$3,242.09
DVC State	\$19,451.12
UDC Federal (non-DVC)	\$55,744.34
DVC Federal	\$43,852.62
Change since 3/24/26	
Non-DVC State	\$78,419.43
Non-DVC Fed	\$3,883.84
DVC State	\$1.92
DVC Fed	-\$3,345.26

Governor Eleni Kounalakis and will be guest speaker.
She also shared a update on concerns with employees working for Santa Clara County Office of Education.

c. Treasurer: Angelica Ramos – no report

d. Secretary: Helen Chapman – Invited members to attend her house party for Measure D on May 8th 5:30 pm

e. Political Director: James Kim

For this June 2nd Primary, we have endorsed candidates for County Supervisors, San Jose City Council, and Measures that need our support. I want to remind us that we have decided to solely endorse County Supervisor Sylvia Arenas for District 1, San Jose City Council Member Peter Ortiz for Council District 5 and Gordon Chester for San Jose City Council District 9. Please vote and donate and/or volunteer for their campaigns.

We have been promoting our candidates on Facebook and Instagram. If you are on Facebook or Instagram, visit the County Party's page to click like or share our posts to help promote them to your network.

We also need your help this Saturday at Berryessa Art Festival to register voters, recruit volunteers and encourage voter turnout for the Primary. Visit our Action Center at action.sccdp.org to sign up for tabling and other opportunities that are posted.

f. Issues: Daniel Cao - Shared Measure A is now reflected in the County Budget and is being put to good use.

g. Outreach: Clarence Madrilejos - no report

h. Finance: James Kim - no report

i. Communications: John Comiskey – no report

j. Gender Equity and the Status of Women: Tomara Hall – shared information on 2026 report on the Status of Women and Girls in California. Here is a link to full report: https://www.msmu.edu/media/website/learning-and-researchcommunities/center-for-the-advancement-of-women/MSMU_RSWG_2026_FNL.pdf

k. Diversity & Inclusion: Rebeca Armendariz – no report

l. Youth Representative: Maddy Chang and Vivek Sharma

m. Clubs: Buu Thai

South County Democratic Club

Holding a rally and canvas for Sylvia Arenas for re-election to Board of Supervisors on May 16th in Gilroy and May 23rd in Morgan Hill.

Silicon Valley Working Blue Democratic Club

All-Club Picnic at Emma Prusch Park is on July 18, 2026 – Sponsorship opportunities are available email us at siliconvalleyworkingblue@gmail.com or call 408-905-8348

Democrats for Public Education

Their next meeting is May 19th 7pm and will hear updates from legislators.

Democrats for Palestinian Rights Bay Area

Next Lunch and Learn is May 30th at the SEIU Training Room

East San José Democrats

Held event in partnership with the East Valley Democrats

Avalanche Democrats of the Bay Area (ADBA)

Monday May 11th Orchard City Indivisible will hold a candidate forum

Assyrian Democrats of the Bay Area

Holding their first event on May 20th which will be an meet and greet for Nichelle Henderson, candidate for State Superintendent of Public Instruction.

Democratic 21st Century Club

May 8th monthly luncheon at Michael's featuring Christopher Cook and June 12th monthly luncheon guest speaker will be Sally Lieber

n. Regional Director Report(s) - None

o. DNC: Otto Lee and Jason Park

Vicki Veenker provided the DNC report. She shared the record is 30 – 0 on flipped legislative seats.

p. Ad Hoc Committee on Housing and Homelessness

Elizabeth Agramont-Justiniano provided an update,

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS/REMINDER

Derek Grasty shared an update on his campaign for Governor

Heidi Owens announced she is running for Los Gatos Town Council

Tomara Hall announced she is running for San José Unified School Board Trustee Area 2

Art Cohen shared he is running for Morgan Hill School Board Area 3

Neysa Fligor shared she is running for reelection to County Assessor and has no opponent.

Michael Melillo announced he is running for San José Unified School Board Trustee Area 4 and is also holding a meet and greet for candidate Richard Barrera for State Superintendent of Public Instruction.

Jeyson Lopez announced he is running for Lt. Governor for the State of California

Kalvin Gill announced he is running for reelection to the Santa Clara Valley Open Space Authority

Jamal Khan shared he is running for Berryessa School Board Trustee

Kathy Chavez Napoli announced she is running for reelection to Gavillon Community College Board

Vicki Veenker announced she is running for reelection to Palo Alto City Council

Cory Wolbach announced that May is Affordable Housing Month – lots of events happening

10. EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

May 21, 2026, at 6 pm (**Thursday**)

11. ADJOURNMENT 8:47 pm

Register to attend via Zoom

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_I1EN2gPDT-6gi0Yg4DReGQ