SANTA CLARA COUNTY DEMOCRATIC CENTRAL COMMITTEE

7 PM-9 PM, Regular Meeting, in person and via Zoom
South Bay Labor Council, 2302 Zanker Rd, San Jose

(Our meeting is open to the public, but we reserve the right to remove guests who disrupt the meeting. Video and audio recording is not permitted)

AGENDA FOR Thursday, August 6, 2026

1. CALL TO ORDER

Land Acknowledgement

2. ROLL CALL

3. WELCOMING OF VISITORS

4. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. Thursday, June 4, 2026

b. Thursday, July 9, 2026

6. OLD BUSINESS

7. NEW BUSINESS

a. Youth/Intern Organizing Update

b. Report by the Ad Hoc Committee on Housing and Homelessness and consideration of Changes to the SCCDP Local Platform proposed by the Ad Hoc Committee

c. Resolution Condemning Congressman Ro Khanna's Detainment at Gunpoint by Israeli Settlers with IDF Involvement

d. Action to Suspend Voting Privileges of Members Who Have Missed Five or More Meetings in the Current Calendar Year

e. Report: CADEM Executive Board

f. SCCDP Endorsement Committee and Process

g. SCCDP Campaign Activities Update

8. REPORTS

a. Executive Board/Chair: Bill James

b. Vice Chair: Jean Cohen

c. Treasurer: Angelica Ramos

d. Secretary: Helen Chapman

e. Political Director: James Kim

f. Issues: Daniel Cao

g. Outreach: Clarence Madrilejos

h. Finance: James Kim

i. Communications: John Comiskey

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

k. Diversity & Inclusion: Rebeca Armendariz

l. Youth Representative: Maddy Chang & Vivek Sharma

m. Clubs: Buu Thai

n. Regional Directors

o. DNC: Otto Lee and Jason Park

p. Ad Hoc Committee on Housing and Homelessness

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS/REMINDERS

Silicon Valley PRIDE, SCCDP booth
Sunday, August 30, 2026, 12pm-6pm

Democratic Victory Dinner, Friday, October 2, 2026, *sccdp.org/tickets*

10. EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

August 19, 2026, at 6pm (**Thursday**)

11. ADJOURNMENT

Register to attend via Zoom
https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_dmv4OUeuT6mJ_GIFj5mORw

Proposed Additions to the SCCDP Local Platform “Housing” Plank

Item	Text
1	Create mixed-income housing in residential areas and near transit to create communities that are mixed income, racially and demographically and socially diverse, to provide folks with new financial and social resources and opportunities to actively combat racism, classism, and historical segregation across our predominantly "redlined" communities.
2	Expand Senior housing since Santa Clara County is number one in senior homelessness.
3	Recognizes that Santa Clara County is a major employment hub and we must scale up our housing supply accordingly to allow people to live near their jobs. By meeting the high demand for housing in our region, we can bring down the cost of housing.
4	Strongly support housing policies centered on preservation of low-income affordable units, protection of renters from eviction and displacement, and production of Extremely Low Income and Very Low Income Affordable Housing.
5	Increase of affordable student and employee housing on public college campuses.
6	Support state efforts to propose yearly budgeted state solutions Advocate for sufficient funding for the Emergency Housing Voucher program (EHV) and implementation of re-housing programs for EHV recipients should the program be eliminated at the federal level.to homelessness and lack of housing.
7	Advocate for sufficient funding for the Emergency Housing Voucher program (EHV) and implementation of re-housing programs for EHV recipients should the program be eliminated at the federal level.
8	Expand building affordable homes in residential neighborhoods, combat segregation in housing, and promote social and financial opportunities.
9	Support dense affordable housing units built near transit centers.
10	Supports policies cutting red tape/expediting approval for housing projects in incorporated areas near public transport hubs.
11	Support increasing height limits for multifamily housing.
12	Support increased funding and staffing for planning and development oversight departments to reduce administrative delays.
13	Support updating zoning to allow more multifamily housing.
14	Support policies giving fee waivers for planning, environmental reviews, permits, and more, for dense housing projects.

Resolution Condemning Congressman Ro Khanna's Detainment at Gunpoint by Israeli Settlers with IDF Involvement

WHEREAS Congressman Ro Khanna and his entourage were detained at gunpoint by Israeli settlers and soldiers carrying US-made rifles while visiting the West Bank, Occupied Palestine on July 8, 2026, and Congressman Khanna posted on social media saying "imagine how people feel every day, Palestinians under the occupation, if they could make an American congressperson feel powerless for 90 minutes"; and

WHEREAS *Haaretz*, an Israeli newspaper, published an editorial titled "Ro Khanna Got the VIP Version of What West Bank Palestinians Face Every Day," which stated that "had he been a Palestinian, or even an Israeli human rights activist, the situation would have looked very different" and "his car might have been smashed to pieces, or blood might even have been shed"; and

WHEREAS Cameron Kasky, Khanna's aide, said the Israeli government, which claimed soldiers "quickly dispersed the Israeli civilians" detaining and harassing Khanna's group, was "obviously lying about the role the IDF played in Congressman Ro Khanna and my detainment by armed extremist settlers," and Nadav Weiman, the Jewish Israeli executive director of the Israel-based NGO Breaking the Silence, who accompanied Khanna, said the "armed settlers were the first to arrive, and then, as has become the norm, Israeli soldiers joined them," that "together they detained the delegation for over an hour," that "the IDF is lying and not for the first time," that "there is not even a pretense of separation between the settlers and the army" and instead "they are essentially one," and that "the collaboration between the Israeli army and the most extreme and violent settlers is not a new phenomenon – we at Breaking the Silence have been documenting it for years";

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Santa Clara County Democratic Party condemns the detainment of Congressman Ro Khanna by the Israeli military and the daily harassment and violence that Israeli Settlers and the IDF inflict on Palestinians.

Submitted by Democrats for Palestinian Rights - Bay Area

Presented as modified by the SCCDCC Executive Board

Co-Sponsors: Assyrian Democrats of the Bay Area, Sousan Manteghi Safakish, Muslim Democrats & Friends of Santa Clara County

Proposed Amendment submitted by the Proponents Subsequent to consideration of the above Resolution by the SCCDCC Executive Board:

Motion to amend the above resolution to add the following additional resolved clause:

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Santa Clara County Democratic Party supports Congressman Khanna in calling for: the Hilltop Youth to be designated a terrorist group, the arrests of Yinon Levi who destroyed the Zanuta village and the extreme armed settlers who detained Khanna, the removal of Levi's illegal outpost on Meitarim Farm, investigation of IDF soldiers who supported these settlers, and a halt to all settlement construction in the West Bank.

The above language will be considered by the Central Committee at the August 6 Central Committee meeting, subject to the rules governing consideration and amendment of resolutions.