

SANTA CLARA COUNTY DEMOCRATIC CENTRAL COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes June 4, 2026

7 PM-9 PM, Regular Meeting, Zoom *only*

1. CALL TO ORDER 7:04 PM

Land Acknowledgement – Bill James provided the land acknowledgement

2. ROLL CALL

Absent: Neysa Fligor, Rishi Kumar, Anthony Phan, David Cohen, Jaria Jaug, Andres Quintero, Brenda Zendejas, Diego Martinez, Karen Martinez, Brisa Rojas Moreno, Peter Ortiz, Phuong Nguyen, Dianna Zamora-Marroquin, Olivia Navarro, Ruben Navarro, Rebeca Armendariz

Alternates for: Marc Berman, Ash Kalra, Robert Rivas, Josh Becker

3. WELCOMING OF VISITORS

Doug Robb, candidate for West Valley Mission Community College District Area 7
Diane Lamkin, candidate for West Valley Mission Community College District Area 5
Ilanit Eliaz, candidate for Fremont Union High School District
Devon Conley, candidate for Trustee Mt. View Whisman School District
Heidi Owens, candidate for Los Gatos Town Council
Anthony Montes, candidate for East Side Union High School District, Area 2
Lorena Chavez, Trustee for East Side Union High School District, Area 4
Ida Rose Sylvester, candidate for Mt. View City Council
Tony Lam, candidate for East Side Union High School District, Area 4

4. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Approved unanimously.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. Thursday, May 7, 2026 – approved

6. OLD BUSINESS

7. NEW BUSINESS

a. June 2 Primary Recap

Bill provided an update on the June primary results and shared congratulations to our endorsed candidates who move onto the General election.

b. Youth Takeover- July 9, 2026, pm SJUSD Board Room and on Zoom bit.ly/youthtakeover2026 to apply

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.

c. Endorsement Process and Timeline – November 3, 2026, General Election

Angelica presented an update on the November General Election endorsement process.

d. ICE Detention Center near Gilroy

Bill shared an update on the proposed U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) Detention Center at 7240 Holsclaw Rd, just east of the Gilroy Premium Outlets. Go to <https://bay-resistance.solidarity.tech/ice-out-of-gilroy-petition> to add your name to the petition and show your solidarity. Joanne Fierro stated the facility could be as large as 20,000 sq ft.

e. Save the Date! Democratic Victory Dinner on October 2, 2026

Bill shared that this year we will move back to holding a dinner instead of brunch for the annual fundraiser. He has reserved the Imperial Ballroom at the Signia Hotel.

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 <https://sccdp.org/donate>

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

I am happy to report that all three of the local candidates we focused on had good results. We used postcard mailers, text banking and social media ads to promote our candidates and encourage voter turnout. One example is a META ad on Supervisor District 1 race where we were able to target registered Dem voters in the district and made around 47 thousand views in a week. I believe these efforts helped in the following results

- Congratulations to Supervisor Sylvia Arenas who is projected to win outright in the Primary; she is currently leading 62 to 37.
- Peter Ortiz for San Jose City Council D5 is leading with 44 points among 4 candidates. He will be in the run-off in November. Congratulations to Council Member Ortiz and his campaign team for overcoming the smear campaign with dignity and finishing first.
- Gordon Chester for San Jose City Council D9 is currently second among 5 candidates. Hang in there Gordon. The experts predict late ballots lean to progressive candidates.
- Local Measures YES on A, C, & D are looking great; they should pass. However, Measure B is not too close to the 2/3 required to pass; it is currently at 61%.

I would like to thank everyone who participated in this Primary and ask that you continue your involvement until November. We need to help flip a congressional seat CD22 in Central Valley and hold on to CD13 as well as defeat MAGA candidates in local races.

The next opportunity comes in a month on July 4th. We know that being out in the community "being seen" helps build relationships with the voters. On July 4th, we will be out there with 60,000 expected attendees at the Rose, White & Blue Parade holding our banner with the Democratic logo to show that we are with the community celebrating the 250th Independence Day. Please sign up at action.sccdp.org. If a club would like to join us with your club banner, please contact me directly.

To nudge you further for participation on July 4th, I like to share that we expect to send out 100s of thousands of "get out the vote" Voter Guides with our Democratic logo and endorsed candidates in the November General Election.

Thank you again for all you do!

f. Issues: Daniel Cao – No report

g. Outreach: Clarence Madrilejos - no report

h. Finance: James Kim - no report

i. Communications: John Comiskey

Call your representatives: <https://sccdp.org/contacts>

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.

SCCDP new social media channels Bluesky <https://sccdp.bsky.social> Mastodon <https://sfba.social/@sccdp>

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 – no report

m. Clubs: Buu Thai

Sunnyvale Democratic Club

Our Club will be having its annual picnic in the afternoon of Saturday, July 11, at Ponderosa Park.

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

Account	6/2/26
State All-Purpose (non-DVC)	\$697,540.31
State Restricted Use (non-DVC)	\$3,242.09
DVC State	\$28,452.08
UDC Federal (non-DVC)	\$57,416.05
DVC Federal	\$45,017.90
Change since 5/5/26	
Non-DVC State	\$9,001.00
Non-DVC Fed	\$1,671.71
DVC State	\$9,000.96
DVC Fed	\$1,165.28

Democrats for Public Education

We will be celebrating pride month, and speaker info will be emailed out. Our club fights to keep out the Maga extremists on our school board and support public community schools. We also provide education policy updates as a public service.

Democrats for Palestinian Rights Bay Area

Hosting our first Movie Night on Thursday June 11th at the SCCDP headquarters, 6:30pm. The selected film is The Occupation of the American Mind. Please join the Democrats for Palestinian Rights - Bay Area for Movie Night on Thursday June 11th at the SCCDP headquarters, 6:30pm. We will screen the film The Occupation of the American Mind.

Democratic 21st Century Club

Democratic 21st Century Club Monthly Luncheon with Sally Lieber - Friday, June 12, 12pm in Mountain View

PDC

 PDC Annual Picnic! Sunday, Aug 23, 12-3 PM at Cuesta Park, Mountain View. Good food, great speakers, and Democrats gearing up for November. Sign up: <https://secure.actblue.com/donate/pdc2026picnic>

Dean Club

Dean Club discontinuing operations
Farewell Potluck Picnic
June 20, 2026, from 11 am to 3 pm
Ponderosa Park Picnic Area #2
811 Henderson Ave, Sunnyvale, CA 94086

Villages Dem Club

Club is growing - over 360 members - working on sending postcards, featured speaker last month was DA Rosen.
The Villages Dem Club worked with Commit to Democracy and mailed 3000 postcards reminding infrequent voters to vote in the primary in June. Our regular monthly meetings feature candidates and electeds. Our most recent speaker was D.A. Rosen.

n. Regional Director Report(s) - None**o. DNC: Otto Lee and Jason Park - None****p. Ad Hoc Committee on Housing and Homelessness – no report****9. ANNOUNCEMENTS/REMINDER**

The following candidates announced their candidacy:

Doug Robb, candidate for West Valley Mission Community College District Area 7
Diane Lamkin, candidate for West Valley Mission Community College District Area 5
Ilanit Eliaz, candidate for Fremont Union High School District Area 4
Devon Conley, candidate for Trustee Mt. View Whisman School District
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Ida Rose Sylvester, candidate for Mt. View City Council
Tony Lam, candidate for East Side Union High School District, Area 4
Stanley Kou, candidate for Fremont Union High School District Area 1
Ava Chiao, candidate for Cupertino Union School
Steve Chessin shared an update on San José City Council ranked choice voting
Rose White and Blue Parade – July 4th sign up at action.sccdp.org

10. EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

June 17, 2026, at 6 pm

11. ADJOURNMENT 8:08 pm

The meeting was adjourned in memory of Rod Diridon Sr.

Register to attend via Zoom
https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_TfGiv9kxSK-RQISXPyeuA