SANTA CLARA COUNTY DEMOCRATIC CENTRAL COMMITTEE

7 PM-9 PM, Regular Meeting, in person only
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, September 3, 2026

1. CALL TO ORDER

Land Acknowledgement

2. ROLL CALL

3. WELCOMING OF VISITORS

4. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. Thursday, August 6, 2026

6. OLD BUSINESS

7a. CONSENT ITEM

Resolution Reaffirming Support for the Rule of Law and the Protection of Indigenous Assyrians in Iraq

7b. NEW BUSINESS

a. Endorsement of Local Measures: Executive Board recommendation to endorse "No" on Measure D and "Yes" on Measures E, F, J, and M through R

(note: regional measure RTM is already endorsed by SCCDP)

b. Endorsement in Local Races

i. Review procedural rules

ii. Receive report of Endorsement Committee recommendations

iii. Opportunity for voting members to "pull" races for consideration

iv. Adopt non-pulled races by consent

v. Consideration of pulled races

8. REPORTS *(time permitting)*

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

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

10. EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

September 16, 2026, at 6pm

11. ADJOURNMENT

Resolution Reaffirming Support for the Rule of Law and the Protection of Indigenous Assyrians in Iraq

WHEREAS, in 2023, the Santa Clara County Democratic Party adopted a resolution recognizing the cultural significance of Iraq's Indigenous Assyrian community and calling for support of their security and property rights, and more than three decades of documented reporting by the U.S. Department of State, the U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom, and Human Rights Watch has established a consistent pattern of unresolved land disputes and unenforced court rulings affecting Assyrian-owned property in northern Iraq, where Iraq's Christian population — the majority of whom are Indigenous Assyrians — has declined from approximately 1.5 million before 2003 to fewer than 150,000 today; and

WHEREAS, on 6 July 2026, hundreds of Assyrians gathered peacefully in Duhok to demand enforcement of existing court decisions protecting their ancestral lands, and days later the Government of Iraq publicly invited displaced Christians to return, though independent observers have cautioned that such invitations are unlikely to succeed absent enforcement of existing legal protections; and

WHEREAS, the consistent enforcement of judicial decisions — not merely their existence — is the central obstacle facing Iraq's Indigenous Assyrian community, and equal justice under the law and the protection of religious and Indigenous minorities are core democratic values;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Santa Clara County Democratic Party reaffirms its support for the rights and safety of Iraq's Indigenous Assyrian community, calls upon the Government of Iraq and the Kurdistan Regional Government (KRG) to ensure the timely and consistent enforcement of existing court decisions protecting Assyrian-owned land, and urges that any initiative encouraging the return of displaced Christians be paired with enforceable guarantees of property restitution and security; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Santa Clara County Democratic Party calls upon the U.S. Congress, the U.S. Department of State, and the international community to continue monitoring enforcement of judicial decisions affecting Iraq's minority communities, and that a copy of this resolution be transmitted to California's congressional and state legislative delegation and relevant federal agencies.

Submitted by the Assyrian Democrats of the Bay Area

Co-Sponsors: Democrats for Palestinian Rights – Bay Area; Bay Area Iranian American Democrats; Silicon Valley Democratic Club; Silicon Valley Young Democrats

Supporters: The Honorable Anna Eshoo, former U.S. Representative (CA-16)