SANTA CLARA COUNTY DEMOCRATIC CENTRAL COMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes August 6, 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 7:08 PM
Land Acknowledgement – Armando Benevides provided the land acknowledgement

2. ROLL CALL
Absent: James S. Kim, Karen Martinez, Phuong Nguyen
Alternates for: Ash Kalra, Patrick Aherns, Robert Rivas, Josh Becker

3. WELCOMING OF VISITORS
Jane Stevens, candidate - Gilroy Unified Trustee Area 4
Eric Poicon, candidate - City of Mountain View City Council
Sarah Northrup Gadus, candidate - Morgan Hill Unified Trustee Area 3
Mary Grunthaner, candidate - San Jose Unified Trustee Area 4
Mer Curry Nunez, candidate - East Side Union Trustee Area 1
Naomi Nakano Matsumoto, candidate - Fremont Union Trustee Area 4
Jason Amezcua, candidate - Morgan Hill Unified Trustee Area 1
Lorena Chavez, candidate - East Side Union Trustee Area 4
Michael Melillo, candidate - San Jose Unified Trustee Area 4
Art Cohen, candidate - Morgan Hill Unified Trustee Area 3
Ida Rose Sylvester, candidate - City of Mountain View City Council
Linda Henigin, candidate - Palo Alto Unified Trustee
Rebeca Armendariz, candidate - City of Gilroy City Council District 6
Raeena Lari, candidate - Santa Clara County Office of ED Trustee Area 7
Diego Martinez, candidate - Oak Grove Trustee Area 2

4. ADOPTION OF AGENDA
Approved unanimously.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
a. Thursday, June 4, 2026 – approved
b. Thursday, July 9, 2026 – approved

6. OLD BUSINESS

7. NEW BUSINESS
a. Youth/Intern Organizing Update
Youth Member Maddy Chang and others from her team provided an update on their most recent activities.

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.
Elizabeth Agramont-Justiano shared a brief update and presented along with Bill James a report from the Ad Hoc Committee and Housing and Homelessness. Jean Cohen, David Bini, and Erica Valentine spoke to the inclusion of additional items shared in their respective correspondence to the committee. Motion to adopt the suggested policies as requested by SBLC and Local 393 for consideration of changes to the SCCDP local party platform proposed by the Ad Hoc Committee. Motion approved.
Motion to approve all bullet points in substance with instruction to the chair to bring live edits to the Central Committee for final approval. Motion approved

c. Resolution Condemning Congressman Ro Khanna's Detainment at Gunpoint by Israeli Settlers with IDF Involvement
Resolution presented by Lisa of the Democrats for Palestinian Rights Bay Area. She included a recent amendment to the resolution and asked for the amendment to be included. Motion to include amendment fails. Motion to adopt resolution as presented passes 48-3-4.

d. Action to Suspend Voting Privileges of Members Who Have Missed Five or More Meetings in the Current Calendar Year.
Bill presented an update on the number of absences from members of our Central Committee. Members who have missed 5 or more meetings in this calendar year are considered not having good attendance and could be subject to not being allowed to vote at the next endorsement meeting. A motion to support this action passed.

e. Report: CADEM Executive Board
Bill shared an update from the E-board meeting in San Diego and CADEM positions on the following Propositions:
Proposition 1: Support
Proposition 2: Support
Proposition 3: Support

Proposition 4: Support
Proposition 5: Support
Proposition 37: Support
Proposition 38: Support
Proposition 39: Oppose
Proposition 40: Support
Proposition 41: Oppose
Proposition 42: Oppose
Proposition 43: Oppose
Proposition 44: Oppose
Proposition 45: Oppose

f. SCCDP Endorsement Committee and Process
Angelica presented an update on the upcoming endorsement process.
Please note the following dates:
Close of filing – August 7
Extended filing – August 12
Questionnaires – Ongoing
Interviews – August
SCCDCC Endorsement Meeting – September 3
Voting will be IN PERSON ONLY More information for candidates sccdp.org/endorsementprocess

g. SCCDP Campaign Activities Update
James Kim presented an update.

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
He also shared an update on the upcoming Victory Dinner on October 2nd. Go to sccdp.org/tickets to purchase tickets now.

Account	7/31/26
State All-Purpose (non-DVC)	$606,736.92
State Restricted Use (non-DVC)	$3,242.09
DVC State	$30,262.97
UDC Federal (non-DVC)	$30,763.24
DVC Federal	$37,590.75
Change since 6/2/26	
Non-DVC State	-$90,803.39
Non-DVC Fed	-$26,652.81
DVC State	$1,810.89
DVC Fed	-$7,427.15

b. Vice Chair: Jean Cohen –
Save the date September 19th for SBLC kickoff for our endorsed candidates.

c. Treasurer: Angelica Ramos – see earlier report

d. Secretary: Helen Chapman – no report

e. Political Director: James Kim - see earlier report

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
Communications for candidates meeting on August 20, 2026

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 – see earlier report

m. Clubs: Buu Thai

Democrats for Public Education
Will be holding their endorsement process

Democrats for Palestinian Rights Bay Area
The Democrats for Palestinian Rights - Bay Area is pleased to issue our August 2026 monthly newsletter highlighting club updates, upcoming events and local and Palestine-related news. We appreciate your time reading our monthly update and we hope this newsletter will be a resource for you to continue to learn about Palestine, the local Palestinian and allied community and use as a reference in the future. The newsletter includes links to source documents and more information about each of the topics mentioned.
Please also join us at our August event:
Lunch & Learn on Saturday, August 29th @ 12:00pm-1:30pm
Topic: Global Flotilla Movement
Lunch will be served. Please RSVP (Free): https://tinyurl.com/AugustGazaFlotilla

Dinner and Dialogue – Zionism 101 with Historian Dr. Zachary Foster
September 9th, 2026 6:30 to 8:30 pm RSVP https://tinyurl.com/SeptemberZacharyFoster

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

AFRO UPRIS
Working on allyship. Contact their club if interested in co-sponsoring an event. Will be holding a meet and greet with candidates

Jewish Democratic Coalition of the Bay Area
Thankful for the support received and they've recently hit their five year anniversary

DAWN
Dawn Endorsement Brunch September 20th - Local 393 - 10:00am -1:00pm
Endorsement process is open and active - send email to sccdawn@gmail.com - deadline to request August 17th
DAWN Annual Fundraiser - September 26th at Palermo's Italian restaurant 11:00 am to 1:00 pm
Sponsorships available – email sccdawn@gmail.com for more info or check out our website.

SVAPADC
They are currently holding their endorsement process

South County Democratic Club
August 13 and 14th will be holding endorsement interviews followed by a BBQ

Silicon Valley Democratic Club
Will be holding a meeting presenting an update an overview of the proposed ICE Detention Center in Gilroy

SYYD
Elise Lester introduced herself and new board members. They will be holding their endorsement process soon.

Avalanche
Currently doing an analysis of all the current propositions on the November ballot.

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

o. **DNC: Otto Lee and Jason Park –**
DNC will be meeting in Austin Texas to approve the Primary calendar for the 2028 election

p. **Ad Hoc Committee on Housing and Homelessness – see earlier report**

9. **ANNOUNCEMENTS/REMINDER**
Labor and Community Reception for State Senate District 10 candidate Scott Sakakihara, August 24, 2026, 5:00 pm, SEIU on Zanker
Silicon Valley Pride, SCCDP Booth, Sunday, August 30th, 2026, 12:00 to 6:00 pm
Democratic Victory Dinner, Friday October 2nd, 2026, sccdp.org/tickets
Tomara shared an update on Black August
Jamal acknowledged the 2nd anniversary of the student led revolution in Bangladesh
Mer Curry Nunez shared information on Calkids.org

10. **EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING**
August 19, 2026, at 6 pm

11. **ADJOURNMENT 9:25 pm**

Register to attend via Zoom

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_dmv4OUeuT6mJ_GIFj5mORw