SANTA CLARA COUNTY DEMOCRATIC CENTRAL COMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes September 3, 2026
7 PM-9 PM, Regular Meeting, in person only
South Bay Labor Council, 2302 Zanker Rd, San José

1. CALL TO ORDER 7:05 PM
Land Acknowledgement – Kathy Chavez Napoli provided the land acknowledgement

2. ROLL CALL
Absent: Joe Simitian, Anthony Phan, Diego Martinez, Karen Martinez,
Alternates for: Robert Rivas, Aisha Wahab, Jimmy Panetta

3. WELCOMING OF VISITORS
Brent Turner, Shasta County Assistant Registrar of Voters

4. ADOPTION OF AGENDA
Approved unanimously.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
a. Thursday, August 6, 2026 – approved

6. OLD BUSINESS

7a. CONSENT ITEM
Resolution Reaffirming Support for the Rule of Law and the Protection of Indigenous Assyrians in Iraq
Resolution passed by unanimous consent

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.
Motion to support Ex Board recommendation approved unanimously.

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

Angelica Ramos Allen presented an update on the Endorsement process. She announced the recommendations by the endorsement committee and thanked the committee for their hard work and long hours to get to the recommendations. The following recommendations were presented:

Alum Rock USD, Area 3	Delia Oseguera	No Endorsement
Alum Rock USD, Area 3	Andres Quintero	No Endorsement
Alum Rock USD, Area 5	Jenny Ludwig	Sole
Berryessa Union SD	Thelma Boac	Sole
Berryessa Union SD	Shanna Brewer	Sole
Berryessa Union SD	Jaria Jaug	Sole
Campbell City Council, District 3	Dan Furtado	Sole
Campbell Union SD, Area 4	Chris Miller	Sole
Campbell Union SD, Area 5	Vartika Chandra	Dual
Campbell Union SD, Area 5	Sam Krow-Lucal	Dual
City of Gilroy Council, District 4	Diana Sanchez Bentz	Sole
City of Gilroy Council, District 5	Christina Tovar	Sole
City of Gilroy Council, District 6	Rebeca G. Armendáriz	Sole
City of Morgan Hill Council, District B	Yvonne Martinez Beltran	Sole
City of Morgan Hill Council, District D	Dolores Alvarado	Sole
Cupertino City Council	J. R. Fruen	Sole
Cupertino City Council	Seema Sharma Lindskog	Sole
Cupertino City Council	John Tang	Sole
ESUHSD Short Term, Area 1	Mer Curry Nunez	Sole
ESUSHD, Area 4	Lorena Chavez	Sole
Evergreen School District	Johnny Ray Reyna	Sole
Evergreen School District	Monte Wright	Sole
FHDA CCD, Area 4	William Wilson	Sole

Fremont UHSD, Area 3	Rosa Kim	Sole
Fremont UHSD, Area 4	Naomi Nakano-Matsumoto	Sole
Fremont UHSD, Area 4	Ilanit Eliaz	No Endorsement
Gavilan Joint CCD, Area 3	Gabriel Gutierrez	Sole
Gilroy Unified SD, Area 3	Michelle Nelson	Sole
Gilroy Unified SD, Area 4	Jane Stevens	Sole
Los Altos City Council, District 2	Anky van Duerson	Sole
Los Altos School District	Bryan Harvey Johnson	Sole
Los Altos School District	Vaishali Sirkay	Sole
Los Altos School District	Brandon Stroy	Sole
Los Gatos Town Council	Rob Moore	Sole
Los Gatos Town Council	Steve Raspe	Sole
Los Gatos Town Council	Jeff Suzuki	Sole
Los Gatos Town Council	Heidi Owens	No Endorsement
Mid Pen Regional Open Space, Ward 1	Craig Gleason	Sole
Milpitas City Council	Bill Chuan	Sole
Milpitas City Council	Seema Kanani	Sole
Milpitas Unified SD	Kelly Yip-Chuan	Sole
Morgan Hill Mayor	Debora Africa	Sole
Morgan Hill USD Area 1	Jason Amezcua	Sole
Morgan Hill USD Area 2	John Horner	Sole
Morgan Hill USD Area 3	Sarah Northrup Gadus	Sole
Morgan Hill USD Area 3	Art Cohen	No Endorsement
Morgan Hill USD Area 4	Claudia Sandoval Ortiz	Sole
Mountain View City Council	Silja Paymer	Sole
Mountain View City Council	Erik Poicon	Sole
Mountain View City Council	IdaRose Sylvester	Sole
Mountain View Whisman SD	Devon Conley	Sole
Mtn View-Los Altos HSD, Area 3	Thida Cornes	Sole
Oak Grove SD, Area 2	Victor A Ramirez	Sole
Oak Grove SD, Area 3	Sophie Freestone	Sole
Orchard SD	Lyseria Evelyn Phillips	Sole
Palo Alto City Council	Yudy Deng	No Endorsement
Palo Alto City Council	Vicki Veenker	Sole
Palo Alto USD	Linda Henigin	Sole
San José City Council, District 7	Bien Doan	No Endorsement
San Jose Unified SD Area 2	Tomara Latreece Hall	Dual
San Jose Unified SD Area 2	Jose Magana	Dual
San Jose Unified SD Area 4	Mary J Grunthaner	Sole
Santa Clara Mayor	Armando Gary Ferraris Jr.	Sole
Santa Clara City Council, District 2	Kimberley Williams	Sole
Santa Clara County BOE Trustee, Area 7	Raeena Lari	Sole
Santa Clara Valley Water, District 6	Milan Balinton	Sole
Santa Clara Valley Water, District 7	Pete Dailey	Sole
Saratoga City Council	Jeri Bromley	Sole
Sunnyvale SD, Area 3	Rommy Kushner	Sole
West Valley Mission CCD, Area 3	Anne Jones Kepner	Sole
West Valley Mission CCD, Area 3	Colin Lee Elliot Glaves	No Endorsement
West Valley Mission CCD, Area 7	Susan Oster Fish	Sole
West Valley Mission CCD, Area 7	Doug Robb	No Endorsement

The following races were pulled for consideration:
Alum Rock USD, Area 3
East Side Union High School District, Area 4
San José City Council, District 7
Santa Clara Mayor
San José Unified Trustee Area 2
Campbell Union SD, Area 4
West Valley Mission CCD, Area 3
West Valley Mission CCD, Area 7
Morgan Hill USD, Area 3
Fremont UHSD, Area 4
Palo Alto City Council
Santa Clara Valley Water, District 7

Alum Rock USD, Area 3 – Motion made for sole endorsement of Andres Quintero. Motion failed 2/3 requirement – No endorsement stands in this race.

East Side Union High School District, Area 4 – After discussion motion for sole endorsement of Lorena Chavez – motion passes 45 ayes 6 noes.
San José City Council District 7 – Motion for sole endorsement for Bien Doan, San José City Council D7 – Motion passes 33-19-1
Mayor of Santa Clara – Motion for sole endorsement of Armando Gary Ferraris Jr. – Motion fails 25-21 No other motions made so final decision is no endorsement for Mayor of Santa Clara.
San José Unified Trustee Area 2 – Motion for sole endorsement of Tomara Hall – 23 – 31 motion fails. Unanimous consent for dual endorsement of Tomara Hall and José Magana.
Campbell Union SD Area 4 – After discussion, Unanimous consent for Chris Miller
West Valley Mission Area 3 - unanimous consent for Anne Kepner
West Valley Mission Area 7 – Motion for sole endorsement for Susan Oster - 60 yes 1 no **–** motion passes.
Morgan Hill Unified Area 3 - Motion for sole endorsement for Sarah Northrup Gaddis 52 - 12 motion passes.
Fremont Union Trustee Area 4 - Naomi Nakano-Matsumoto 59 - 3 motion passes.
Palo Alto City Council – Motion for sole endorsement for Vicki Veenker **-** unanimous consent for sole**.** Motion to support a sole endorsement for Yudy Deng 56 - 1 - 3 motion passes.
Santa Clara Valley Water District 7 Motion for sole endorsement for Pete Dailey 43 - 8 - 8. Motion passes.

8. REPORTS (time permitting)

a. Executive Board/Chair: Bill James
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.

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

c. Treasurer: Angelica Ramos – no report

d. Secretary: Helen Chapman – no report

e. Political Director: James Kim – no report

f. Issues: Daniel Cao – No report

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 – no report

k. Diversity & Inclusion: Rebeca Armendariz – no report

l. Youth Representative: Maddy Chang and Vivek Sharma

m. Clubs: Buu Thai – reports tabled due to time constraints

n. Regional Director Report(s) - None

o. DNC: Otto Lee and Jason Park – no report

p. Ad Hoc Committee on Housing and Homelessness – no report

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS/REMINDER
Democratic Victory Dinner, Friday October 2nd, 2026, sccdp.org/ads or sccdp.org/tickets

10. EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
September 16, 2026, at 6 pm

11. ADJOURNMENT 9:33 pm –

Meeting adjourned in memory of Gloria Steinem