SANTA CLARA COUNTY DEMOCRATIC CENTRAL COMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes October 1, 2026
7 PM-9 PM, Regular Meeting, via Zoom only

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

2. **ROLL CALL**
   Absent: Rishi Kumar, Anthony Phan, Clarence Madrilejos, Brenda Zendejas, Diego Martinez, Karen Martinez, Phuong Nguyen, Chiao, David Bini
   Alternates for: Robert Rivas, Josh Becker, Dave Cortese

3. **WELCOMING OF VISITORS**

4. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**
   Approved unanimously.

5. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
   a. Thursday, September 3, 2026 – approved

6. **OLD BUSINESS**

7. **NEW BUSINESS**
   a. Endorsement of Franklin McKinley School Board Trustee Rudy Rodriguez
   Motion to support Ex Board recommendation approved 45 - 0 - 5

   b. First Reading: Consolidated Changes to Local Housing Plank proposed by the Ad Hoc Committee on Housing and Homelessness
   Bill asked for questions and concerns regarding the proposed changes to the Local Housing Plank.

   c. Democratic Victory Dinner, Oct 2
   Bill provided an update on the upcoming Democratic Party Victory Dinner. Tickets still available at sccdp.org/tickets

   d. Campaign Update
   i. Tabling/Outreach
   ii. Neighborhood Captains
   iii. Buses to Central Valley
   iv. Endorsed Local Candidates

   Bill gave an update on the various efforts to engage voters and increase turnout especially in areas that are critical to win. To find out where and when to volunteer please go to sccdp.org/action There are many candidates that could use your help. On October 10th and 11th there is opportunity to help flip a House seat with a Canvass the Central Valley for Randy Villegas, bus leaving the DVC in Mountain View.

8. **REPORTS**
   a. **Executive Board/Chair: Bill James**
   Bill shared the financial report

Account	10/1/26
State All-Purpose (non-DVC)	$321,844.06
State Restricted Use (non-DVC)	$3,242.09
DVC State	$30,788.90
UDC Federal (non-DVC)	$48,597.77
DVC Federal	$24,628.12
Change since 7/31/26	
Non-DVC State	-$284,892.86
Non-DVC Fed	$17,834.53
DVC State	$525.93
DVC Fed	-$12,962.63

   b. **Vice Chair: Jean Cohen**

   c. **Treasurer: Angelica Ramos – no report**

   d. **Secretary: Helen Chapman – no report**

   e. **Political Director: James Kim**
   These are the School Boards where we have our endorsed Dem candidates against MAGA candidates.
   Alum Rock SD TA5, Foothill De Anza CCD TA4
   Franklin McKinley SD, Fremont UHSD TA3, Gilroy USD TA4, Orchard SD
   These are the Cities where we have our endorsed Dem candidates against MAGA candidates. Cupertino, Gilroy, Los Altos Los Gatos, Milpitas, Morgan Hill Mayor, Saratoga
   Sign up to help out with our neighborhood captain program please go to sccdp.org/action

   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! HxW 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**

m. **Clubs: Buu Thai**
Clubs Fall convening October 28th Meeting will go over the rules for reaccreditation Paperwork needs to be done by December 3rd.

Bay Area Hindu Democratic Coalition - helping to get the word about the election - hosting group gatherings. On 10/11 1:00 - 3:00 pm hosting a speaker series with Fiona Ma walking door to door this weekend for two dems candidates (one city council and one school board) in Saratoga.

South County Democratic club – Club is working with neighborhood precinct captain program.

Democratic 21st Century Club - Friday October 9th Trent Lange speaker at the next lunch at Michaels.

DAWN - Endorsed 61 candidates at our endorsement brunch on September 20th and elected our board. We welcomed new board members and an official club rep - Esther Peralez-Dieckmann. On Saturday - held very successful fundraiser to support our endorsed candidates.

Democratic Club at the Villages - Club is working with neighborhood precinct captain program. Just held their Club meeting.

Muslim Democrats and Friends of Santa Clara County - Helping Adam Gray's campaign - working with Bay Area Hindu Democratic Coalition on the speaker series and working on voter registration.

South Bay Democratic Coalition - The South Bay Democratic Coalition, together with six other Democratic clubs, is pleased to host a special speaker series on Sunday, October 11, 2026. We are honored to welcome California State Treasurer Fiona Ma as our special guest speaker, with Assemblymember Patrick Ahrens and Santa Clara County District Attorney Jeff Rosen serving as moderators. 📅 Sunday, 10/11/2026 ⏰ 1:00–3:00 PM 📍 Joan Pisani Community Center, 19655 Allendale Ave, Saratoga, CA 95070 RSVP here!

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

Election Night Party with Rep. Sam Liccardo, Senator Josh Becker, Assemblymember Marc Berman, and Supervisor Margaret Abe-Koga – November 3rd 8:00 pm at the DVC

Susan Ellenber annual event October 10th in support of Robert Rivas, Speaker of the Assembly. California's next Governor) Xavier Becerra will be joining the event as our special guest! Please note a few more guardrails will be in place for the event: NO ONE will be permitted to attend the event without pre-registering (and contributing of at least $99) Registration will close 48 hours prior to the event. You may not bring any guest who did not pre-register. https://secure.actblue.com/donate/sanjose26

10. **EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING**
October 21, 2026, at 6 pm

11. **ADJOURNMENT 8:15 pm – Meeting adjourned in honor of former State Senator Bryon Sher**