

SANTA CLARA COUNTY DEMOCRATIC CENTRAL COMMITTEE

7 PM, County Building Cafeteria, 70 W. Hedding St., San Jose
(Please go to the main level kiosk and request to use the elevator, if needed)

AGENDA FOR Thursday, January 4, 2018

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL

3. IDENTIFICATION OF VISITORS

4. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. Thursday, December 7, 2017

6. OLD BUSINESS

7. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Resolution in Support of the Fair Pricing for Dialysis Act
- b. Resolution in Opposition to Evergreen Senior Homes Ballot Initiative
- c. Endorsement Committee update

8. REPORTS FROM OFFICERS & OTHERS

- a. Executive Board/Chair: Bill James
- b. Vice Chair: John Comiskey
- c. Treasurer: Angelica Ramos
- d. Secretary: Helen Chapman
- e. Issues: Shay Franco-Clausen
- f. Community Services and Voter Registration: Judy Pipkin
- g. Finance: Prameela Bartholomeusz
- h. Endorsements: Clarence Madrilejos
- i. Communications: David Cohen

- j. Gender Equity and the Status of Women: Jean Cohen

- k. Campaign Services: Jeff Cardenas

- l. Clubs: Alex Wara

- m. Regional Director:

- 1) Rocky Fernandez, Region 5
- 2) Hene Kelley, Region 6
- 3) Omar Torres, Region 7

- n. Democratic National Committee: Otto Lee

- o. DTV Report: Steve Chessin

- p. Pro-Choice Coalition: Claudia Shope

- q. CDC Report: Emilie Gatfield

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS

10. EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING:

Weds, January 17, 2018, 6pm-7:30pm, Dem HQ, 2901 Moorpark Ave, Suite 110, San Jose

11. ADJOURNMENT

Resolution in Support of the Fair Pricing for Dialysis Act

WHEREAS, kidney failure is a growing national health concern, and most patients who suffer from kidney failure must visit a dialysis clinic three days a week to have their blood emptied, cleaned, and returned in an exhausting three to four hour process that requires having a tube connected to a patient's arm or neck leaving them susceptible to bloodstream infections; and

WHEREAS, the two largest dialysis corporations – DaVita and Fresenius – made combined profits of \$3.9 billion from their dialysis operations in the United States in 2016, and dialysis corporations are driving up the cost of health care in California by charging several times more than the actual cost of providing patient care to maximize profits and spike executive salaries, and these inflated prices ultimately cost consumers and taxpayers tens of millions of dollars in higher health insurance premiums; and

WHEREAS, community groups, dialysis workers, other healthcare workers, and dialysis patients are part of a growing coalition to hold the dialysis industry accountable, prevent price gouging, and improve patient care for Californians who rely on dialysis treatment;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Santa Clara County Democratic Party supports the Fair Pricing for Dialysis Act, a ballot initiative in the process of qualifying for the November 2018 general election in California that would limit dialysis corporations' revenue to 15 percent above the cost of providing patient care and require dialysis corporations that violate the initiative to refund the difference; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Santa Clara County Democratic Party will transmit passage of this resolution to the Democratic Party of California and urge the California Democratic Party to formally support the Fair Pricing for Dialysis Act.

Sponsored by Service Employees International Union – United Healthcare Workers West

RESOLUTION IN OPPOSITION TO
EVERGREEN SENIOR HOMES BALLOT INITIATIVE

WHEREAS the Evergreen Senior Homes Initiative would enact sweeping changes to the San Jose General Plan that would apply to many parcels throughout the city and would exempt developers from requirements for pedestrian and bike connections, walkable communities, and multifamily housing, instead allowing these developers to build single-family market-rate houses in gated communities (which are not allowed under existing law); and

WHEREAS the Evergreen Senior Homes Initiative poses a particular threat to the open space of North Coyote Valley, as it would create a “Senior Housing Overlay” that would allow for single-family residential development on all “underutilized employment lands;” and

WHEREAS the Evergreen Senior Homes Initiative, while claiming to provide affordable housing for seniors and veterans, in reality weakens the existing affordable housing requirements, and provides no guarantees that any veterans would ever live there;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Santa Clara County Democratic Party opposes the Evergreen Senior Homes Initiative.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution will be transmitted to the appropriate City, County, State and Federal officials.

Submitted by: Alice Kaufman
Legislative Advocacy Director, Committee for Green Foothills