

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, July 6, 2017

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL

3. IDENTIFICATION OF VISITORS

4. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (Minutes are/will be posted at sccdp.org)

- a. Thursday, June 1, 2017

6. OLD BUSINESS

7. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Fill Central Committee vacancies – AD24-1; AD25-1; AD27-2; AD28-1
- b. Fill one vacancy among SCCDCC delegates to DSCC
- c. Resolution on Accessibility at all CDP Meetings
- d. Resolutions regarding CDP Chair's election: two different ones

8. CLUBS (Alex Wara)

- a. Club accreditations
 - Silicon Valley Stonewall Democrats*
 - Bayshore Progressive Democrats*
- b. Club reports

9. 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. Regional Director:

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

m. Democratic National Committee: Otto Lee

n. DTV Report: Steve Chessin

o. Pro-Choice Coalition: Claudia Shope

p. CDC Report: Emilie Gatfield

10. ANNOUNCEMENTS

11. EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING: Weds, July 19, 2017, 6pm @ Dem HQ

12. ADJOURNMENT

Resolution on Accessibility at all CDP Meetings

Whereas, according to the CDP By Laws,

ARTICLE XIII: GENERAL POLICIES

Section 1. PUBLIC MEETINGS

“All public meetings at all levels of the Democratic Party shall be open to all members of the Democratic Party regardless of race, color, creed, national origin, sex, age, religion, ethnic identity, sexual orientation, gender identity, **persons with disabilities as defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990** or economic status, and

Whereas, there have been complaints from the members of the CDP Disabilities Caucus that past Conventions and Executive Board Meetings have not been accessible to all persons with disabilities. Therefore,

Be it resolved the Santa Clara County Democratic Central Committee (SCCDCC) urges that a committee consisting of Officers of the Democratic Party, members of CDP Staff, and members of the CDP Disabilities caucus be convened to work on an Accessibility Plan so that it may be implemented before the next Executive Board meeting and disseminated to all County Committees, Caucus Chairs, and Regional Directors as well as all DSCC members, and

Be it finally resolved that the SCCDCC urges the California Democratic Party to amend its Bylaws to add this additional section at their next Executive Board Meeting:

Accessibility at Public Meetings: In accordance with the guiding principles of the California Democratic Constitution, at no time shall it be acceptable to prevent the participation or abridge the rights of an otherwise qualified participant in Democratic Party activities. All Democratic polling places, Precinct Caucus locations, County, District, and State Convention sites (including Convention Committee and Constituency Caucus sites) and all Central Committee and their Constituency Caucus Meetings at all levels are to be totally accessible to People with Disabilities for the purposes of the type of activity to be conducted at each site.

Additionally, it shall be the responsibility of the Chair of any event to ensure that there is a timely and appropriate opportunity for those who have a need for an accommodation to request such, and barring an extraordinary burden on the California Democratic Party, such accommodation be made. It will be acceptable and encouraged for coordinators of any activity to anticipate requests for accommodation, whether received or not, and to act proactively. At no time will the members of the majority require a minimum number of people to make the same request.

Resolution Calling for an Independent Audit of CDP Elections

WHEREAS what was once an internal California Democratic Party (CDP) issue is now public due to the 6/16/2017 Los Angeles Times Editorial and other media coverage which call on Party leaders to submit the recent CDP election results to an outside auditor for an independent review to settle questions that have arisen; and

WHEREAS the integrity of our voting process and the brand of the Democratic Party are both more important than who is Chairperson, the CDP leadership team would be wise to reassure skeptical Party members, and avoid this dispute ending up in court or as an unresolved conflict; and

WHEREAS our Party can use an audit as an opportunity to 1) highlight that democracy depends upon clean elections, 2) demonstrate the integrity and transparency of our Party, and 3) talk about verifiable elections, voter suppression, and unverifiable vote-counting machines throughout the nation – thus supporting a previous SCCDCC resolution; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the Santa Clara County Democratic Central Committee (SCCDCC) calls upon CDP leadership to consent to an independent audit of the CDP elections held at the Convention in May.

Resolution Regarding Challenges to the CDP Chair Election

WHEREAS an election of officers of the California Democratic Party was conducted on Saturday, May 20, 2017, at the State Convention according to the California Democratic Party's bylaws and rules, and Eric Bauman was declared the winner of the election for Chair by a reported 62 vote margin, representing more than 2% of the reported vote total; and

WHEREAS candidate Kimberly Ellis has filed with the Compliance Review Commission (CRC) of the California Democratic Party a challenge to the Chair election; and

WHEREAS the CRC in an Interim Order dated June 25, 2017 indicated the CRC has undertaken to review all ballots cast in the May 20, 2017 Chair election with respect to the issues raised by the Ellis campaign, including payment or waiver of required fees; verification of signatures, including but not limited to a review of credential sign-in sheets, ballot sign-in sheets, and ballots as necessary; multiple ballots being cast by one individual, including any voided ballots; and validity of proxies, and the CRC has indicated it will post the results of its review online and allow all interested parties five days to respond before any final determination is made;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Santa Clara County Democratic Party calls on all interested parties to timely submit to the CRC any specific evidence they believe they may have of any alleged fraud, misconduct, or error they believe to have occurred, including for each allegedly improper or invalid vote an identification of the delegate and/or proxy, the nature of the alleged error, and the specific evidence they believe supports the claim of error; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Santa Clara County Democratic Party calls on the CRC to conduct a complete and fair review of each allegation and the associated evidence, issue a detailed report of its findings based on the allegations and evidence, and order such relief as it may deem to be fair, proper, and in the best traditions of the Democratic Party.