

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, March 1, 2018

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL

3. IDENTIFICATION OF VISITORS

4. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. Thursday, February 1, 2018

6. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Democratic Victory Dinner:
May 11, 2018, 5:30pm-9pm,
Hayes Mansion
- b. Vacancy (1) on Democratic State
Central Committee: will be filled
at regular meeting in May

7. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Endorsement: Opposing
Evergreen Senior Homes Initiative
- b. Endorsement: City of Santa Clara
proposed Charter Amendment
regarding city council elections
- c. Resolution Supporting the Palo
Alto Accountable and Affordable
Health Care Initiative

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:

Wednesday, March 21, 2018, 6pm-
7pm, Dem HQ, 2901 Moorpark Ave,
Suite 110, San Jose

11. ADJOURNMENT

Resolution Supporting the Palo Alto Accountable and Affordable Health Care Initiative

WHEREAS, too often, healthcare providers leverage their market power to charge consumers prices that are many times higher than the cost of treatment that do not reflect quality of care that patients receive; Currently, some healthcare providers charge as much as 600% above cost for patient care; these overcharges are often passed on to consumers in the form of higher premiums, co-pays, and other out-of-pocket expenses; and

WHEREAS, the federal government's Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services' penalized Stanford Health Care for the third year in a row over the hospital's underperformance on Hospital Acquired Condition (HAC) quality-of-care measures, including infection rates such as Clostridium Difficile, Methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus, Surgical Site Infections. These low scores placed Stanford in the worst-performing quartile of hospitals in the country with respect to HACs, and resulted in a penalty of 1% reduction in Medicare payments to the hospital for Fiscal Year (FY) 2018; and

WHEREAS, over five fiscal years from 2010-2014 Stanford Health Care's operating income increased an average of 32% each year and operating margin (profit) averaged over twice the statewide average.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: The Santa Clara County Democratic Party supports the Palo Alto Accountable and Affordable Health Care Initiative, a ballot initiative in the process of qualifying for the November 2018 general election that would penalize hospitals that receive, from a medical care payer, more than 115% of the sum of (1) the reasonable costs of direct patient care for each patient, and (2) a pro rata amount of certain quality improvement costs, such as for updated medical equipment or electronic medical records, which has the potential to reduce patients' overall healthcare spending -- and ensure that a significant portion of revenues are used to improve the quality of care through measures such as better staffing ratios, equipment, and patient care protocols; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED The Santa Clara Democratic Party will transmit passage of this resolution to Democratic elected officials in Palo Alto and other state, county, or local jurisdictions that include any part of Palo Alto.

Sponsors: Tony Alexander, Brian O'Neill, Shay Franco-Clausen