

SANTA CLARA COUNTY DEMOCRATIC CENTRAL COMMITTEE

7 PM, County Building Cafeteria, 70 W. Hedding St., San Jose

AGENDA FOR Thursday, March 2nd, 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, February 2nd, 2017

6. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Filling Central Committee vacancy in AD27 (1 seat vacated by Steve Preminger)

7. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Endorse Measure B – Mountain View Whisman School District parcel tax
- b. Resolution in Favor of AB 14, the California DISCLOSE Act
- c. Resolution to Remedy Voter Suppression and Ensure Transparency and Integrity of Elections
- d. Resolution in Opposition to Industrial Development in North Coyote Valley
- e. Appointment of SCCDP Directors
- f. Call to Action! : Saturday, March 11, 10am-1pm

8. REPORTS FROM OFFICERS AND OTHERS

- a. Executive Board/Chair: Bill James
- b. Vice Chair: John Comiskey
- c. Treasurer: Angelica Ramos
- d. Secretary: Helen Chapman
- e. Issues: VACANT
- f. Community Services and Voter Registration: Judy Pipkin
- g. Finance: Emy Thurber
- h. Endorsements: VACANT
- i. Communications: David Cohen
- j. Gender Equity and the Status of Women: VACANT
- k. Campaign Services: VACANT
- l. Political Outreach (Clubs): Alex Wara
- m. Regional Director:
 - 1) Royce Kelley, 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, March 15, 2017, 6pm @ Dem HQ

11. ADJOURNMENT

Mountain View Whisman School District – Measure B

To continue local school funding, support struggling students, offer competitive compensation to attract and retain the best teachers; maintain small class sizes; enhance hands-on science, technology, math and engineering programs; maintain outstanding music and art education; and support core academics, shall Mountain View Whisman School District levy a tax of \$191 per parcel – an increase of \$64 for most homeowners – for 8 years, generating \$2,800,000 annually, with independent oversight, exemptions for seniors and funds staying local?

Resolution in Favor of AB 14, the *California DISCLOSE Act*

WHEREAS ever-increasing amounts of funds are raised and spent in support of and opposition to state and local ballot measures and candidates, especially in the form of advertisements; and

WHEREAS misleading political ads are often paid for by persons who avoid having their identities disclosed on election-related advertisements by channeling funds through one or more groups before those funds are received by a committee, thereby undermining the purpose and intent of laws requiring disclosure on such advertisements; and

WHEREAS the California Democratic Party platform states that California Democrats will “Support and implement full disclosure, on the ads themselves, of the largest major funders of all political television, radio, print, slate mailer, and online advertising for ballot measures, independent expenditures, and issue advocacy, in a way that clearly and unambiguously identifies the largest major donors”;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Santa Clara County Democratic Central Committee endorses AB 14, the *California DISCLOSE Act*, authored by Assemblymember Jimmy Gomez and Marc Levine, to require ballot measure and independent expenditure advertisements to clearly disclose the two or three largest true sources of funds for contributions on their television ads, radio ads, print ads, and robocalls, even if the funds were transferred through one or more committees or persons; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be provided to Governor Jerry Brown, Assembly Speaker Anthony Rendon, Senate President pro Tem Kevin De Leon, Assembly Elections Committee Chair Evan Low, Assembly Appropriations Committee Chair Lorena Gonzalez, Senate Elections Committee Chair Henry Stern, Senate Appropriations Committee Chair Ricardo Lara, Assemblymembers Jimmy Gomez, Sharon-Quirk Silva, and Marc Levine, and to members of the California Legislature who represent Santa Clara County.

Resolution to Remedy Voter Suppression and Ensure Transparency and Integrity of Elections

WHEREAS voter suppression efforts were open, systematic and widespread in the 2016 election, and the rights to vote of Black, Asian, Hispanic, and other Americans were denied or abridged through use of the Interstate Voter Registration Crosscheck (IVRC) Program, long voter lines, unreasonable and unfair voter ID requirements, reduced numbers of polling locations, and other voter suppression measures; and

WHEREAS the use of proprietary voting and vote-counting machines and software, without any meaningful ability to verify the integrity and accuracy of such systems or the results they produce, combined with statistical suggestion of erroneous results, raises concerns that our elections could be, and may have been, rigged through misuse or manipulation of such systems; and

WHEREAS efforts to hand-count ballots to ensure the integrity of vote-counting machines have been thwarted in Michigan, Wisconsin, Pennsylvania, and Nevada, and the long list of failures in the "recount" cases have left experts and the public more concerned than ever about the accuracy, security, reliability, and verifiability of our elections;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Santa Clara County Democratic Central Committee calls upon Democratic Party leadership to aggressively press for changes needed to achieve more democratic voting procedures, including by reversing and/or mitigating the effect of voter suppression efforts and pressing for verifiable elections including full transparency in all voting system used in our elections; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be submitted to the Resolutions Committee for consideration at the California Democratic Convention in May 2017.

Resolution in Opposition to Industrial Development in North Coyote Valley

WHEREAS Coyote Valley is a unique and irreplaceable open space area that is critically important for wildlife migration, greenhouse gas reduction, groundwater filtration, and food production; and

WHEREAS industrial development in Coyote Valley is unnecessary, given that capacity for development exists within San Jose, and in any event any economic benefit of such development would be more than offset by the economic and other loss from destruction of Coyote Valley's natural resources; and

WHEREAS regional and state agencies have invested and continue to invest funds in Coyote Valley to strengthen its natural capital/values/resources, including investment from the Department of Fish and Wildlife, the Strategic Growth Council, the Coastal Conservancy, and the Santa Clara Valley Open Space Authority -- investment that would be lost if Coyote Valley were to be developed;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Santa Clara County Democratic Party urges the City of San Jose not to approve industrial development in North Coyote Valley, and instead to preserve Coyote Valley for the enhancement of the diverse and crucial natural infrastructure and food production it provides San Jose and the region.

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

County Chair's Slate of Directors

Director Position	Candidate
Voter Registration and Community Services	Grace Dollemore
Finance	Prameela Bartholomeusz
Campaign Services	Jeffrey Cardenas
Clubs	Alex Wara
Candidate Recruitment and Endorsements	Clarence Madrilejos
Issues	Shay Franco-Clausen
Communications	David Cohen
Gender Equity and the Status of Women	Jean Florence Cohen