

SANTA CLARA COUNTY DEMOCRATIC CENTRAL COMMITTEE

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

(Our meeting is open to the public, but we reserve the right to remove guests who disrupt the meeting. Video and audio recording not permitted without approval. Photos permitted unless the subject objects. If you need to use the elevator to access our meeting, please arrive between 6:50pm-7:10pm, at which time the security gate to the elevator lobby will be open. After 7:10pm the gate will not be opened again until 8:50pm-9:10pm. This is a temporary situation we hope to resolve soon.)

AGENDA FOR Thursday, August 2, 2018

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL

3. IDENTIFICATION OF VISITORS

4. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. Thursday, May 3, 2018

6. OLD BUSINESS

7. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Fill SCCDCC vacancy (AD 25)
- b. Resolution in Support of Abolishing U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement
- c. Resolution to Support Silicon Valley Rising's Community Benefits Agreement Petition
- d. Resolution Calling on Morgan Hill City Council Member Larry Carr to Resign
- e. [proposed emergency] Resolution Opposing AB 84
- f. [proposed emergency] Resolution in Support of Cordoba Center San Martin

8. REPORTS

- 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 Report(s)

n. Democratic National Committee: Otto Lee

o. DTV Report: Steve Chessin

p. Pro-Choice Coalition: Claudia Shope

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sep SCCDCC meeting will be Sep **13**, 2018, @ Laborers Local 270 (new location), 2195 Fortune Dr, San Jose, to allow time to do endorsements

November 1 SCCDCC meeting is canceled to focus on the election

Upcoming Red-to-Blue phone banks:
<https://bit.ly/takebackcongress>

10. EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING: No meeting in August; next meeting will be Sep 19, 2018 @6-7:30pm, Moorpark HQ

11. ADJOURNMENT

In Honor of Jim Thurber (1928-2018)

RESOLUTION in Support of Abolishing U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement

WHEREAS elected officials such as Ash Kalra and endorsed Democratic candidates such as Kevin de Leon, in addition to 150 elected officials around the country, have joined the call to abolish U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), a department synonymous with immigration raids, human rights abuses, family separation, and the deportation of our friends and neighbors; and

WHEREAS over 40,000 people are unjustly detained by ICE in an unaccountable, largely-privatized immigration detention system where they are subject to substandard health care, inadequate food, violence, abuse, and forced labor, in which at least 177 people have died since the creation of ICE in 2003, and President Donald Trump's inhumane and racist immigration policies include indefinitely detaining families, forcing people to sleep in cages on concrete floors, deporting any American resident with a deferred action status, refusing to reunite families, and requiring children to represent themselves in court in front of a judge; and

WHEREAS the California Democratic Party platform states that California Democrats will "oppose law enforcement agencies that unfairly target, threaten, intimidate, or otherwise harass immigrants because of immigration status" and calls for the "closure of private prisons and jails," while the very mission of ICE is to unfairly target immigrants, and ICE is responsible for the bulk of the \$12 billion in profits earned by private prison companies CoreCivic and GEO Group over the past 20 years; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the Santa Clara County Democratic Party sides with immigrants and supports the call to abolish ICE, condemns any agency in our County coordinating with or supporting ICE or the Department of Homeland Security, and calls for new policies that ensure the humane treatment of all people and an end to the criminalization of immigrants; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Santa Clara County Democratic Party urges the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors and all city councils in the county to pass resolutions in support of the call to abolish ICE; and will send a copy of this resolution to the Board of Supervisors, to local city councils, and to our County's representatives in Congress.

Submitted by: Sriya P, Youth Delegate, and Johannes Muenzel

Resolution Calling on Morgan Hill City Council Member Larry Carr to Resign

WHEREAS the Santa Clara County Democratic Party respects the right of all women and men to live in an environment that does not condone violence against women and men; and

WHEREAS the Santa Clara County Democratic Party believes serving in an elected position is a public trust and such trust is violated by acts of violence against women, and that admissions of violence against a partner disqualifies an elected official from effectively representing all the people of his community, and that no one is above the law nor are they entitled to hold an elected office; and

WHEREAS City Council Member Mr. Carr has a history of violence against his partner, including a 2015 no contest plea to domestic battery and he now faces additional allegations of domestic battery stemming from his arrest in November 2017, and since the people of Morgan Hill deserve a City Council that represents all of Morgan Hill but Mr. Carr, given his history and current allegations, is not an effective representative of *all* of the citizens of Morgan Hill.;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Santa Clara County Democratic Party calls on City Council Member Larry Carr to resign from the Morgan Hill City Council effective immediately; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to Mr. Carr.

Submitted by: South County Democratic Club

Resolution Opposing AB 84

WHEREAS, the **Santa Clara County Democratic Central Committee (SCCDCC)** believes that big money is corroding our political system by drowning out the voices of the average person while giving special interests a megaphone from which to be heard by elected officials; and

WHEREAS, the California Democratic Party has voted to formally oppose Assembly Bill 84, which would have a deleterious impact on the efforts of the **California Democratic Party (CDP)** to provide walk materials, hold trainings, and otherwise support grassroots activities, by enabling donors to bypass the accountability mechanisms the Party has worked hard to implement; and

WHEREAS, the **CDP** gives the voices of all levels of our Party, from **grassroots activists** to elected officials, a large say in who receives the party endorsement, an endorsement that would lose its relevance in a world where legislative leadership has access to big money to spend against endorsed candidates of the Party;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the **SCCDCC** opposes AB 84, and the the creation of '**Legislative Caucus Committees**' that enable California State Assembly and Senate Leadership to **bypass** the endorsements made by **CDP delegates** and that would allow these legislative leaders to raise money from sources proscribed by Party decisions to fund candidates and campaigns independently of the democratic process; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution shall be sent to the following legislators who are in a position to determine the fate of the bill:

- State Senator Henry Stern, chair of the Senate Elections Committee
- State Assemblyman Marc Berman, chair of the Assembly Elections Committee
- State Senator Toni Atkins, California State Senate Pro Tempore
- Assemblyman Anthony Rendon, Speaker of the California Assembly
- Assemblyman Kevin Mullin, the author of Assembly Bill 84

Submitted by Hene Kelly, CDP Region 6 Director

Resolution in Support of Cordoba Center San Martin

WHEREAS, the Freedom to worship as one chooses is a fundamental American right under the U.S. Constitution; and

WHEREAS, the South Valley Islamic Community has complied with all requirements and reviews necessary for the approval of the Cordoba Center, a new Islamic Community Center that they seek to build in San Martin, including reviews confirming no substantial impact to the surrounding ground water and traffic; and

WHEREAS, the Santa Clara County Democratic Party stands in support of our neighbors who wish to peacefully practice their faith;

THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Santa Clara County Democratic Party calls on all governmental bodies, agencies, and boards with jurisdiction to expeditiously approve the Draft EIR and all subsequent permit applications submitted in order to allow the South Valley Islamic Community to construct the Cordoba Center in San Martin.

Submitted by: South County Democratic Club