

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, September 7, 2017

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL

3. IDENTIFICATION OF VISITORS

4. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. Thursday, August 3, 2017

6. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Bylaws revision follow-up: Rules of Decorum –sign & return form

7. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Resolution in Support of Single Payer Healthcare in California
- b. Proposed Changes to Endorsement in Local Races Act
 - i.* Preview changes to be approved in September
 - ii.* Consider potential changes regarding recusal
- c. Update re Bridge Housing proposal in San Jose
- d. South Bay Swing Left (Carly Hasbrook)
- e. CDP Executive Board report
- f. Guest: Insurance Commissioner Dave Jones

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, September 20, 2017, 6pm @ Dem HQ

11. ADJOURNMENT

Resolution in Support of Single Payer Healthcare in California

WHEREAS patients in 22 California counties are facing a 33% increase in the premiums under Covered CA in 2018; 3 million Californians are uninsured, mostly Latinos; and 12 million Californians are underinsured, facing high deductibles and copays that discourage appropriate use of healthcare services; and

WHEREAS these large premium increases under the ACA will mean that more Californians will suffer from senseless pain and death as affordable and adequate coverage becomes more out of reach in 2018; and

WHEREAS healthcare is a basic need and human right, and creating a publicly-funded single payer healthcare system that protects all Californians and eliminates insurance company profits is a major plank of our California Democratic Party platform and has 70% support in California;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Santa Clara County Democratic Central Committee (SCCDCC) calls upon Speaker Rendon and the authors of S.B. 562 to work together to immediately advance S.B. 562 out of the Rules Committee for deliberation, amendments, and votes in the appropriate committees and the full Assembly; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the SCCDCC calls upon all Assembly Democrats to co-sponsor S.B. 562 and to do everything possible to pass a bill in 2017 to create a fully-funded, comprehensive single payer healthcare system in California.

Author: Johannes Muenzel

[DRAFT] ENDORSEMENT IN LOCAL RACES ACT

I. Consideration for Endorsement by the Santa Clara County Democratic Central Committee (SCCDCC)

I.A. Criteria for Offices

I.A.1. The County Chair and the Director of Candidate Recruitment and Endorsements shall prepare and recommend for approval by the SCCDCC a list of targeted local races and proposed timing for SCCDCC action on each.

I.B. Criteria for Candidates

I.B.1. The candidate must be a currently registered Democrat and file an endorsement application/questionnaire and a signed SCCDCC Fair Campaign Pledge with the Director of Candidate Recruitment and Endorsements prior to the specified deadline on the application/questionnaire.

I.B.2. At any time during this process prior to the actual vote by the SCCDCC, a candidate may revoke his/her request for endorsement.

II. Endorsement Committee

II.A. The County Chair, no later than the final filing deadline, shall appoint an Endorsement Committee consisting of the following members of the SCCDCC:

II.A.1. Seven (7) Members appointed by the County Chair and approved by the Executive Board.

II.A.2. One (1) member representative from each accredited club, nominated by the Chair of that club.

II.A.3. One (1) member from each AD appointed by the County Chair and approved by the Executive Board.

II.A.4. The Director of Candidate Recruitment and Endorsements.

II.B. The Endorsement Committee shall:

II.B.1. Develop an application/questionnaire for all Democratic candidates in all targeted local races.

II.B.1.a. The questionnaire must ask the candidate:

II.B.1.a.1. Name, address, work and home phone numbers, email address and campaign website, as applicable;

II.B.1.a.2. Why they believe that they should receive the endorsement;

II.B.1.a.3. Their past/present community service related to the office they seek; and

II.B.1.a.4. Their activities as a Democrat.

II.B.1.b. The questionnaire may include other items as deemed appropriate by the Endorsement Committee.

II.B.2. Identify and send the application/questionnaire to all Democratic candidates in targeted local races.

II.C. The Endorsement Committee shall, as soon as practical, separately interview each candidate for whom an endorsement is considered.

II.C.1. An Endorsement Committee member who is also a paid campaign staff member shall excuse him-or-herself from interviewing candidates in that particular race.

II.C.2. An interview sub-committee for a race shall, whenever possible, be composed of members who are neither actively supporting a candidate nor are employed by an elected official who has endorsed or is actively supporting a candidate in that particular race.

II.C.3. The interview schedule shall be provided to all voting members of the SCCDCC.

II.D. For each office sought, the Endorsement Committee shall provide an endorsement recommendation to the SCCDCC.

II.D.1. The Director of Candidate Recruitment and Endorsements shall provide to the Director of Campaign Services a summary of endorsement recommendations for use in determining levels of campaign assistance.

III. SCCDCC Endorsement

III.A. The SCCDCC will meet to decide on endorsements at least one month prior to the election. The County Chair may call a special meeting, or meetings, to provide for endorsement decisions.

III.A.1. The time and place of the endorsement meeting will be announced in writing to each voting member of the SCCDCC no less than ten (10) days before the regular or special meeting at which such endorsements are to be considered.

III.A.2. Endorsement meetings will be conducted in full compliance with the Open Meeting principle and, in order to protect the integrity of the endorsement process, the County Chair may request that candidates being considered for endorsement be briefly sequestered.

III.B. The SCCDCC may endorse a candidate or candidates who, from the Democratic perspective, will best serve the community. Endorsement applies to candidates, not races. Endorsement categories are: endorsed, multiple endorsement and not endorsed. The recommendations of the Endorsement Committee shall be presented as a consent item. Any voting member of the SCCDCC may pull a recommendation from the consent calendar. After all such items have been pulled, the remainder of the consent item shall be voted on and shall require a two-thirds majority of those present and voting to be adopted. Pulled items shall then be debated and voted on in the order pulled. In considering pulled items, [V]voting shall be done first on the recommendation of the Endorsement Committee, followed by motions to endorse, followed by motions for multiple endorsement.

III.B.1. Endorsed - By a two-thirds majority of those present and voting, the SCCDCC may endorse a candidate. At most one candidate per available seat may be designated Endorsed. Once a candidate has been declared Endorsed, no other candidates may be considered for endorsement for this seat, either at the endorsement meeting or at subsequent meetings, unless the endorsement has been revoked. A designation of Endorsed may carry the weight of the California Democratic Party (CDP) and means:

III.B.1.a. That the SCCDCC may publicize such endorsements;
III.B.1.b. That the endorsed candidate has the authority to publicize such endorsement as he/she chooses; and
III.B.1.c. Such other campaign assistance as the SCCDCC deems appropriate. Statutory or accredited Democratic organizations shall be encouraged to lend or provide their name or campaign assistance to Endorsed candidates.

III.B.2. Multiple Endorsement - By a ~~three-fifths (60%)~~ two-thirds majority of those present and voting, the SCCDCC may endorse two or more candidates in a given race. Such endorsement means:

III.B.2.a. That the SCCDCC may publicize such endorsements;
III.B.2.b. That the endorsed candidate has the authority to publicize such endorsement as he/she chooses, except that the candidate cannot claim to be endorsed by the CDP; and
III.B.2.c. Such other campaign assistance as the SCCDCC deems appropriate. Statutory or accredited Democratic organizations shall be encouraged to lend or provide their name or campaign assistance to Endorsed candidates.

III.B.3. Not Endorsed - All remaining candidates shall be designated not endorsed. The SCCDCC shall not lend nor provide its name or campaign assistance.

III.C. The SCCDCC may reconsider any endorsement action taken, at any time.

III.C.1. An endorsement shall be revoked in the event of a Fair Campaign Pledge violation. Any complaints about a Fair Campaign Pledge violation shall be reviewed by the SCCDCC Executive Board. If the Executive Board agrees that there may be a violation, and if time permits, the complaint shall be forwarded to the Endorsement Committee for a recommendation about the alleged ethics violation. The SCCDCC, by a two-thirds majority of those present and voting, shall make the final decision about revocation of an endorsement. If time does not permit, the decision will be made by the Executive Board, and the actions taken shall be reported to the SCCDCC at its next meeting for its approval by a two-thirds majority of those present and voting.

III.D. Candidates in Runoff Election

III.D.1. If one or more candidates in a runoff election were endorsed by the SCCDCC in the election in which they qualified for the runoff, those endorsements shall carry into the runoff election, unless the SCCDCC determines to begin the endorsement process de novo, or to reconsider or revoke the endorsement, according to the procedures in this Act.

III.ÐE. Fast-Track for Sole Incumbent Democrats

III.ÐE.1. In the case of one or more Democratic incumbents running for re-election in a race for which the number of Democratic candidates does not exceed the number of seats, the Director of Candidate Recruitment and Endorsements, in consultation with the County Chair, may place the name(s) of one or more of these candidates before the SCCDCC for endorsement without the requirement of a questionnaire or an interview.

III.ÐE.2. The names of all such "Sole Democrats" shall be placed on a consent calendar. Such consent calendar shall be voted on by the

SCCDCC in a single motion that may be approved by a two-thirds vote of those present and voting.

III.-~~DE~~.3. Any candidate may be removed from the consent calendar by any voting member of the SCCDCC. For each candidate removed from the consent calendar, a separate vote shall be taken by the SCCDCC, which may, by a two-thirds vote of those present and voting, endorse such candidate.

III.-~~DE~~.4. Any candidate who fails to receive an endorsement through the process described in this section shall be allowed to go through the questionnaire and interview process, without prejudice.

Drafted and sponsored by Diane Braughton, Operational Services Director, 15 July 1991.
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