

Santa Cruz County Democratic Central Committee
General Meeting Agenda

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March 24th, 2021, 7:00 p.m.

- I. Call to Order –Chair Andrew Goldenkranz
 - 1) 1901
- II. Attendance and Welcome Visitors - Introductions
- III. Agenda Changes
 - 1) Tina: announcement (at end)
 - 2) Joe: Recall item? Andrew: under Chair’s report
- IV. Approval of Minutes
 - 1) M/S/P (Joe/Mary Ann)
- V. Old Business
 - 1) None
- VI. New Business
 - 1) Swearing in of Colleen Hilker and Felipe Hernandez (Andrew)
 - i. Felipe not present, sworn in at end.
 - 2) Speakers (Andrew):
 - i. Ria Voody, CYD High School Chair
 1. Donate to CAHSD: <https://secure.actblue.com/donate/cahsd-pac> or <https://linktr.ee/CAHSDDonate>
 2. If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to email me at riavoodi20@gmail.com! Thank you so much!
 3. CAHSD membership form: <http://bit.ly/joinhsdems>
 4. Our website: <https://cahsdems.org/>
 5. IG/Twitter/FB: @cahsdems
 6. Mary Ann: Donations cover...? Ria: Zoom fees and costs to expand organization
 7. Mary Ann: Donate? Andrew will put this on eboard agenda.
 8. Edward: Any local chapters? Ria: will look and connect
 9. Stacey: particular issues or legislation you are interested in that we can help support? Nothing specific yet.
 - ii. Kiernan Colby, SEIU, Veronica Vasquez, Cesar Lara v. Aramark
 1. Kiernan and Veronica gave a presentation.
 2. Q&A with the committee
 3. Glen: Move that we send a letter to the supervisors condemning this issue. (M/S/P) (Glen/Cyndi) A group will work offline to compose the letter. Glen will work with Rena to take this to eboard.
 4. Supervisor Friend and Sheriff Hart have also been invited to speak or present in writing.
 - Hart declined to comment, Friend said that this is already a done deal.
 - 3) Relational meeting (Andrew)
 - 4) AB 1400 Resolution (Glenn)
 - i. https://docs.google.com/document/d/1hqQAdNvqhegmk0p9vjrwlodIXjh_Ong1JAJUI4C5soE/edit
 1. (M/S/P) Glenn/Mary Ann 19-1
- VII. DCC Reports – **Please keep all reports to 2-minutes**
 - 1) Chair – Andrew Goldenkranz
 - i. Shout out to Ways & Means for a great gala
 - ii. Redistricting Commissioner presenting to Swing Left in August.
 - iii. Ballots for CDP Officers dropped today
 - iv. Recall: we will know by next meeting if it qualifies, Governor’s office is acting as if it will. They are requesting that we get local electeds to endorse against.
 - 2) Vice Chair – Cynthia Mathews
 - i. No report.
 - 3) Treasurer – Carolyn Livingston
 - i. February 28, 2021 Bank Balance is \$18,358
 - ii. Reminder to pay membership dues. Members \$60.00 and Alternates \$40.00. 96% paid so far.
 - 4) Secretary – Glenn Glazer
 - i. Usual maintenance and help with roster and groups.io
 - 5) Corresponding Secretary – Rena Dubin
 - i. No report
 - 6) Ways and Means – Akin Babatola
 - i. Thank you, Andrew, for the shoutout.

- ii. Thank you notes sent out.
 - iii. There will be an events effort to raise money against the recall.
 - iv. Next Gala at The Dream Inn March 26, 2022
 - v. Annual Picnic at 40 Thieves 2, 2021
 - vi. More details to follow.
- 7) Public Relations – Tony Russomanno
- i. Zoom: Please update as soon as possible.
 - ii. Cleaned up the office.
- 8) Events – Coco & Diana
- i. Reaching out to the Newsom campaign against the recall. Independent of DCC finances.
- 9) E-Board – Pat Manning
- i. Glenn: Eboard membership will not be finalized until after convention.
- 10) Legislative – Clint Bonds/Stacey Falls
- i. Reviewing submitted legislation.
 - ii. Created a guiding document to review legislation from diversity, equity and inclusion lens, motivated by Joy’s speech at the gala.
 - iii. Still figuring out how the committee will operate.
- 11) Voter Reg/Engagement – Keith Gudger and Rene Bloch
- i. HR 1: Passed the House, started in the Senate as S1. Rene reviewed critical segments of the bill.

VIII. Chartered Club Reports- **Please keep all reports to 2-minutes**

- 1) College Democrats at UCSC – Edward Estrada
- i. Finalizing an event called Beyond Voting, engaging people outside of elections.
 - ii. Supporting SB 16.
 - iii. Supporting increases to EOP in underserved communities.
- 2) Democratic Club of North Santa Cruz County– Maryann Clare
- i. This month Assembly member Mark Stone was our guest speaker. Mark discussed how to use the market power of CA to create a backstop of insurance. Insurance companies should NOT be dropping people right after a disaster. They must wait for a year. However enforcement of these rules is handled by the Insurance Commissioner. This is a very difficult situation leaving many of our people without the ability to get insurance.
 - ii. Our Club will not be having our yearly Spring Fund Raiser, but we will hold it in the fall. Hopefully, we will be able to have it in person.
 - iii. Housing Santa Cruz was successfully launched last month. 147 people attended and raised \$20,000. What a great start!
 - iv. Our Club voted unanimously to be a sponsor of DCC Gala. The Gala will be held March 20.
 - v. There were several important announcements of other events that will be happening. They are:
 - vi. Donna Ziel informed us that there will be a meeting of trustees at Cabrillo to explore a name change for the college. The dates and times can be found on the North County Club Website.
 - vii. South Bay Indigenous Solidarity with the Amah Mutsun Tribal Band to defend Juristac will be held on March 18 at 7:00pm
 - viii. Monterey Bay Resource district Community Advisory committee is looking for people to join the citizen committee.
 - ix. More information about these events and more can found at www.svslvdemocrats.org
- 3) Democratic Women’s Club – Molly Regan
- i. March Program 3/20/2021 - Be Safe or Be Bold: Discussion on Directions of the Democratic Party, panel discussion with Joy Flynn, Cyndi Dawson & Spencer Critchley
 - ii. April Program - Date & Speakers TBD. Tentative topic: state of City and County FY 21-22 budgets.
 - iii. May Program - Date & Speakers TBD. Topic: Affordable Housing.
- 4) MCDC – Barry Scott
- i. Guest speaker Gail Newel: Updates on Covid 19 cases, testing, and vaccinations and other health matters
 - ii. Proposed future speakers: Congressman Jimmy Panetta, State Senator John Laird, and Assembly Member Mark Stone are invited to be guest speakers on April 1.
- 5) PVCCDC – Ray Cancino
- i. No Report
- 6) People’s Democratic Club- Franco Picarella
- i. PDC is focusing on the Homeless issue. We had Brent Adams who has long worked on the issue speak at our March monthly meeting. Brent favors Transitional Encampments which he explains are low cost, proven successful camps that lead to permanent housing. He cites Footbridge Services, the local Warming Center with its Friendship Garden where homeless participants agree not to steal, trash, or openly use drugs. He also cites the Harvey West Agreement Camp as an example. He has presented his ideas regarding his experience and research in this area to Santa Cruz City staff, and the PDC will be writing letters to City Council in support of his work and suggestions. At our April meeting we are hoping to have Lenny Seigel, a past Councilperson and Mayor of Mountain View present to us regarding his work in trying to establish a Homeless Vehicle Parking project in that city, and also the building of a mini-home development for the homeless which is already in place.

- ii. We will also be focusing on fundraising in the near and more distant future. We are contemplating fundraising events, as in the past, to support our projects, and especially to support progressive Democratic candidates who will be running for local, State, and Federal offices.

IX. Allied Group Reports - **Please keep all reports to 2-minutes**

- 1) Region 7 – Omar Torres
 - i. No Report
- 2) CDP Rural Caucus – Glenn Glazer
 - i. Online elections during convention.
- 3) Housing Action Network – Diana Alfaro
 - i. Federal Level - New HUD Secretary, Marcia Fudge of Ohio, First female HUD Secretary in over 40 years. Introductory Message here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4CD2HZcI7W4>
 - ii. State Level - Interactive Map showing which Cities and Counties are on pace to meet their Housing Needs <https://cahcd.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=29fd695819064f38afee6c9880c30ae3>
 - iii. Prop 2 (2018) Funds update - More commonly known as the No Place Like Home Program Annual report https://www.hcd.ca.gov/grants-funding/active-funding/nplh/docs/hcd_nplh_annualreport_2019-20_web_ada_rvz%20edits.pdf
 - iv. Regional Level - Housing Element Kick off - <https://mbep.biz/past-event/housing-element-kickoff/>
 - v. City of Scotts Valley - Mayor's Message earlier this month about Housing Crisis <https://www.santacruzsentinel.com/2021/03/06/mayors-message-housing-crisis-threatens-scotts-valley/>
 - vi. City of Santa Cruz - Objective Standards Report from <https://santacruzlocal.org/2021/03/13/racial-exclusion-zoning-and-potential-change-in-the-city-of-santa-cruz/>
 - vii. Looking Ahead - Affordable Housing Week/Month! - Please contact Diana if you are interested in participating this year.
- 4) Labor – Glen Schaller
 - i. MBCLC participated in a vaccine clinic to vaccinate 700 union members with a source supplemental to county vaccine supplies. Will continue this next week.
 - ii. Bonta appointed State AG.
- 5) Swing Left – Rene Bloch
 - i. Educational session on redistricting from Commissioner Isra Ahmad Is planned for Sunday April 11th 2PM. <https://www.mobilize.us/swingleft/event/380306/>
 - ii. Work fighting the recall. Doing voter ID work via texting. <https://act.gavinnewsom.com/signup/text-message-vol/?source=homepage-action>
 - iii. Cynthia: Forward Ahmad event to clubs. Andrew: should be a standing agenda item.

X. Public Comment and Announcements

- 1) Tina: resigning to be a lawyer, moving to NYC. This causes a vacancy on the SLV water board. Recommends: Alina Layng
- 2) Lou: South Bay Indigenous Zoom meeting and presentation on Juristac Open Pit Mine. Looking for clubs to rebroadcast to.
- 3) Cynthia: How is the position filled? Tina: by appointment.
- 4) Adam: Update and invite to name exploration committee. Statement: <https://www.cabrillo.edu/governing-board/name-exploration-subcommittee/>. Speaker was not as neutral as they hoped they would be.
- 5) Edward: Beyond Voting reg: https://ucsc.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJ0pcu2hrj0pH9doSTP_CVL71C6DaqNny5du
- 6) Edward: Planning a queer women of color in activism.
- 7) Akin: Are the college Dems aware of an upcoming forum on reparations.
- 8) Glenn: Question on HR 1 and half an hour limit on poll lines.

XI. Adjournment 2041

Next E-board Meeting: April 14th, 2021 6:30pm Next General Meeting: April 28th, 2021 7:00p