

**Santa Cruz County Democratic Central Committee
General Meeting Agenda**

IN PERSON

September 27th, 2023, 7:00 p.m.

- I. Call to Order –Chair Andrew Goldenkranz at 1902
- II. Attendance and Welcome Visitors – Introductions
 - 1) Land Acknowledgment – Andrew
 - 2) Attendance: Keith, Joe, Edward, Tony, Adam, Rachel, Rene, Pat for Adele, Gigi, Bodie for Akin, Cyndi Dawson, Stacey, Diana, Cynthia, Jenni, Celeste, Glenn, Linda, Rae, Peggy for Gail, Andrew for Dawn, Ari for Zoe, Angela for Cindy, Cyndi Valdez, Kameron, Denise
- III. Agenda Changes
 - 1) M/S/P (Rachel/Cynthia)
- IV. Approval of Minutes
 - 1) M/S/P (Keith/Coco)
- V. Old Business
 - 1) None.
- VI. New Business
 - 1) Second reading and vote of bylaws changes (Rachel)
 - i. Andrew and Rachel introduced the rules of debate
 - ii. Amendment 1: Three months to be a Democrat before endorsement.
 1. Debate was held.
 2. Results: M/S/P (Cynthia/Cyndi)
 - iii. Amendment 2: Can club members vote on all the things
 1. Debate was held
 2. Results: Fail (Cyndi/Leslie)
 - 2) Swearing-In (Andrew)
 - i. Kameron Tessier (Blue Slugs), America Gonzalez (for Kameron), Michael Polhemus for Cynthia, Angela Chestnut for Cyndi, Jaconette, Cyndi Valdez (PVCCC)
 - 3) Moved leg report here.
 - i. M/S/P (committee) to send a letter of support to Newsom and Panetta on the packet items
- VII. DCC Reports – **Please keep all reports to 2-minutes**
 - 1) Chair – Andrew Goldenkranz
 - i. Introduced CADEM required bylaws changes
 - ii. DCC candidacy opens Friday.
 - iii. Attended a picnic in San Benito to honor Rivas and other electeds.
 - iv. October 12th event at Bargetto winery for Panetta.
 - v. Moms for Liberty organized an event in Watsonville, requires vigilance.
 - vi. Need to start setting up the campaign committee in November.
 - vii. Shout out and congrats to Edward.
 - viii. K-12 students now have a climate literacy requirement, took three years.
 - 2) Vice Chair – Jenni Veitch-Olson
 - i. Endorsement committee underway. Thanked committee volunteers. Gathering questions from other sources.
 - ii. Queer Safe school summit next Saturday in Watsonville. Rainbow Defense Coalition doing the welcoming. [More info here.](#)
 - iii. DeSantis visit denounced.
 - 3) Treasurer – Keith Gudger
 - i. See report online
 - ii. ~\$11k in Federal, ~\$30k in State account.
 - 4) Secretary – Glenn Glazer
 - i. Bunch of adds and drops
 - ii. Some reorganizing of the Secretary files section.
 - iii. Reviewed I Swear: Politics is Messier Than My Minivan by Katie Porter.
 - iv. Party for Monica Martinez October 15th, 3-5 at his house.
 - 5) Ways and Means – Akin Babatola and Leslie Steiner
 - i. March 23rd is the next fundraising event at Seascape, more details later.
 - 6) Communications – Gigi Kelbert and Tony Russomanno
 - i. Reported on two canvassers who knocked on a door that said no soliciting.
 - 7) Events – Diana Alfaro
 - i. Requested approval of packet items
 1. M/S/P (committee)
 - 8) E-Board – Rene Bloch, Glenn Glazer
 - i. Convention coming up November 17-19th in Sacramento
 - 9) Legislative –Stacey Falls
 - i. See committee report [here](#).
 - 10) Voter Reg/Engagement – Keith Gudger and Rene Bloch.
 - i. Did a successful voter reg in Merced
- VIII. Chartered Club Reports- **Please keep all reports to 2-minutes**
 - 1) College Democrats at UCSC – Kameron Tessier
 - i. Big campus event yesterday, got 100 new members

- ii. Having an ice breaker and first meeting soon.
- 2) Democratic Club of North Santa Cruz County-- Monica Martinez
 - i. Scotts Valley Council Member Timms as our speaking.
 - ii. Next Meeting is 10/3 at Bruno's, Measure W and CERT
- 3) Democratic Women's Club – Cindy Jaconette
 - i. Reviewed next two meeting forums
 - ii. 12/9 holiday party
- 4) MDCDC – Denise Elerick
 - i. See email
- 5) PVCCDC – Cyndi Valdez
 - i. Cyndi Valdez was selected as the replacement DCC Club Representative.
 - ii. Leslie Steiner was appointed as fundraising chair for PVCCDC
 - iii. Candidate forum happening Monday, November 13, more information to come.
 - iv. Conversations regarding "Moms for Liberty" and their recent organizing aimed to target the Latino population in Watsonville, the club agreed to sign on to a published letter speaking out against these actions
- 6) People's Democratic Club- Franco Picarella
 - i. Tentatively planning a social meeting on 10/7

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

- 1) Region 9 – Dominic Dursa
 - i. Regional Meeting 10/14 in Salinas, same day as Pride
 - ii. Pre-Endorsement caucus will be either 10/21 or 10/22 as a virtual meeting
- 2) CDP Rural Caucus – Glenn Glazer
 - i. Meeting in November at convention
- 3) Labor – Glen Schaller
 - i. Not present
- 4) Swing Left – Rene Bloch
 - i. Successful picnic at Harvey West Park Saturday with 50 people fired up to do the work and lots of fun.
 - ii. We registered 67 brand new Democrats at Merced College and UC Merced earlier in the month to help win District 13.
 - iii. Big live letter writing party September 17th for Virginia and Ohio.
 - iv. Current Actions:
 - 1. Calling to key voters with us and the Bay Area Coalition every Wednesday 2:30PM [RSVP](#)
 - 2. Swingleft Santa Cruz letter writing Party Tuesday September 26th 1PM [RSVP](#)
 - 3. Swingleft Santa Cruz letter writing Party Sunday October 8th 4PM [RSVP](#)
 - 4. Dan Pfeiffer from Pod Save America political analysis October 12th 5PM (zoom) [RSVP](#)
 - 5. The GOP as an authoritarian party and the future of US Democracy! Outstanding expert Dr. Ruth Ben-Ghiat October 25th 5:30PM (zoom) [RSVP](#)
- 5) Housing Santa Cruz County – Tim
 - i. Cabrillo College and UCSC got their housing funding

X. Public Comment and Announcements

- 1) Hector: Introducing an equity framework October 3rd.
- 2) Ayo: Voices of Pajaro Valley event talking about flooding and recovery October 3rd.
- 3) Ayo: Encouraged people to identify young talent and engagement. Looking at making it some formal part of the DCC.
- 4) Denise: Still fighting for harm reduction.
- 5) Felipe: 10/19 Birthday fundraiser at Jalisco's.
- 6) Edward: Appointed to BoE, swearing in on 10/19.
- 7) Cyndi: 10/12 Don't Give Up on Us Now: A Community Gathering on Housing and Homelessness. Thursday Oct 12 7-9 PM at the 418 Project, 155 River Street South. [Eventbrite RSVP](#).
- 8) Cyndi: 10/24 Indigenous fight against a copper mine in AZ at RCNV.
- 9) Lani: Looking for in lieu signatures for her campaign from D1 residents.
- 10) Keith: AI and Democracy event: 10/10 at 6PM
- 11) Bodie: Last Friday was at a Santa Clara event with a number of other DCC members.
- 12) Bodie: Canvassing kickoff for Joe last Saturday.

XI. Adjournment 2102.

Next E-board Meeting: October 11th, 2023 6:30pm Next General Meeting: October 25th, 2023 7:00p VIRTUAL

Appendix A: Voting Results

XIII. Endorsement
 → Dem
 → Club Voting

District	Name	Surname	Amend ment 1	Amend ment 2	Amend ment 3	Amend ment 4	Amend ment 5
Region 9 Rep	Dominic	Dursa	✓	N			
1	Keith	Gudger	✓	N			
1 Alt	Dean	Walker	✓	N			
1	Joe	Hall	✓	✓			
1 Alt	Jeanne	Allen	✓	✓			
1	Edward	Estrada	✓	✓			
1 Alt	Iwalani	Faulkner	✓	✓			
1	Tony	Russomanno	✓	✓			
1 Alt	Deborah	Luhrman	✓	✓			
1	Adam	Spickler	✓	✓			
1 Alt	Karen	Darling					
2	Rachel	Williams	✓	✓			
2 Alt	Yvette	Brooks	✓	✓			
2	Rene	Bloch	✓	✓			
2 Alt	Casey	Van Den Heuvel					
2	Adele	Gardner					
2 Alt	Pat	Manning	✓	N			
2	Gigi	Kelbert					
2 Alt							
3	Akin	Babatola	✓	✓			
3 Alt	Bodie	Shargel	✓	✓			
3	Cyndi	Dawson	✓	✓			
3 Alt	Ayo	Banjo					
3	Stacey	Falls	N	✓			
3 Alt	Hector	Marin					
3	Diana	Alfaro					
3 Alt	Rafa	Sonnenfeld	✓	✓			
3	Cynthia	Mathews	✓	N			
3 Alt	Michael	Polhamus					
4	Jenni	Veitch-Olson	✓	✓			
4 Alt			N	✓			
4	Celeste	Gutierrez					
4 Alt	Vanessa	Quiroz-Carter					
5	Gwen	Chiaromonte					
5 Alt	Lou	Chiaromonte	N	✓			
5	Glenn	Glazer	✓	✓			
5 Alt	Wendy	Harris					
5	Linda	Kerner	N	N			
5 Alt	Tim	Willoughby	N	N			
5	Rae	Spencer-Hill					
5 Alt	Alina	Layng	N	N			
5	Coco	Raner-Walter					
5 Alt	Carolyn	Livingston					
Ex Officio Members							
AD 28	Gail	Pellerin					
AD 28 Alt	Peggy	Flynn	✓	✓			
AD 29	Robert	Rivas					
AD 29 Alt	Felipe	Hernandez	N	✓			
AD 30	Dawn	Addis					
AD 30 Alt	Andrew	Goldenkranz	✓	N			
CD 18	Zoe	Lofgren	✓	✓			
CD 18 Alt	Ari	Parker	✓	✓			
CD 19	Jimmy	Panetta					
CD 19 Alt	Emmanuel	Garcia					
SD 17	John	Laird					
SD 17 Alt	Jonathan	Engleman					
Chartered Club Representatives							
CR	Cindy	Jaconette					
CR - Alt	Lynn	Renshaw					
CR	Franco	Picarella					
CR - Alt	Glen	Schaller					
CR	Ray	Cancino					
CR - Alt	Leslie	Steiner					
CR	Monica	Martinez					
CR - Alt	Lara	Triona					
CR	Kameron	Tessier					
CR - Alt	America	Gonzalez					
CR	Barry	Scott					
CR - Alt	Mark	Johanssen					

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Appendix B: Swearing In



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