

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

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August 24th, 2022, 7:00 p.m.

- I. Call to Order –Chair Andrew Goldenkranz at 1901
- II. Attendance and Welcome Visitors – Introductions
  - 1) Land Acknowledgment - Andrew
- III. Agenda Changes
- IV. Approval of Minutes
  - 1) M/S/P (12-0-3) with dates and Joy’s last name spelling corrections
- V. Old Business
- VI. New Business
- VII. DCC Reports – **Please keep all reports to 2-minutes**
  - 1) Chair – Andrew Goldenkranz
    - i. UFW has been marching from Delano to Sacramento, rally Friday 10AM at state capitol
    - ii. Recap of last night’s elections
    - iii. Thanked Endorsement and Ways & Means Committee for hard work this month
    - iv. Attended a number of local events on our behalf.
    - v. Rusty will be at the BBQ
  - 2) Vice Chair – Cynthia Mathews
    - i. Endorsement Committee met and sent out report. Endorsement Forum will be 9/7 at 7PM. Received feedback on email. Explained procedure for placing candidates on the consent calendar and presentations from those races where the number of Democratic candidates exceeds the number of seats. Reviewed questions from email feedback. Answered questions from the Committee. Thanked committee members for their work. A new vote will be done on District 3 as the candidate list has changed.
  - 3) Treasurer – Keith Gudger
    - i. Treasurer’s report online, gave overview of August expenses.
  - 4) Secretary – Glenn Glazer
    - i. The Secretary would like to thank DCNSCC, MCDC, PDC, PVCCDC and Housing Santa Cruz County for getting their reports in as is requested of all clubs and allied groups.
  - 5) Ways and Means – Akin Babatola
    - i. BBQ Saturday 1PM to 4PM. Thanked the committee and Carol for help with the event. Comping tickets to College Dems in return for KP help. 150 people expected, \$12,600 raised so far. Tony will take pictures.
  - 6) Public Relations – Gigi Kelbert and Tony Russomanno
    - i. Gigi is in Oregon, not here tonight and will not be at BBQ. Tony will accept for her.
  - 7) Events – Coco Raner-Walter and Diana Alfaro
    - i. Piñata is done.
  - 8) E-Board – Pat Manning, Glenn Glazer
    - i. No report.
  - 9) Legislative –Stacey Falls
    - i. We spent our meeting last week talking about legislation that would support a woman's right to choose. We wanted to work on supporting legislation that affirms choice and privacy and access to abortion services.
    - ii. We were inspired by the Santa Cruz City Council who passed a resolution in support of 10 different bills, and we decided to do the same. For some of us, the fact the SC City Council agreed unanimously on this was enough. I think we are ready, as a committee to recommend that the DCC do the same.
    - iii. Of course, we want to make sure we do our due diligence and understand the bills we are supporting, and we think some of you will too. So we are working on a document that outlines the 10 different bills supported by the City Council, with a description of each of them.
    - iv. The Google Doc can be found here: [https://docs.google.com/document/d/1daHbPjt--BqaiU9Q9BebH7WhJSL4d\\_fFV8aV9iTadSQ/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1daHbPjt--BqaiU9Q9BebH7WhJSL4d_fFV8aV9iTadSQ/edit?usp=sharing)
    - v. This is still a work in progress, so feel free to check in closer to next Wednesday. Anyone with this link can edit, so please be cautious and edit carefully, but do feel free to add anything if you know more.
    - vi. M/S/P (Stacey/Glenn) (16-0-1) to accept the report of the committee to send letters of support regarding legislation in the doc.
  - 10) Voter Reg/Engagement – Keith Gudger and Rene Bloch.
    - i. Communicating with Registrar of Voters regarding an event on 9/20, still waiting on details.
    - ii. Andrew: Parallel to endorsement, 8/31 and after Endorsement Forum will be United Campaign meeting.

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

- 1) College Democrats at UCSC – Laz Meiman
  - i. Glenn: New Chair and alternate, Laz and Zennon.
- 2) Democratic Club of North Santa Cruz County– Linda Kerner
  - i. North County Dems are participating in a letter writing campaign with Swing Left focusing on flippable midterm races in Arizona and Nevada.
  - ii. The club will also be launching a postcard project for California's CD3. This is a critical race that both the national Democratic party as well as national Republican party are getting involved with!
  - iii. Members are also participating in a midterm trivia game - "Do you Know More Than the Pollsters and Pundits?" There are 20 questions about the midterm results. Questionnaire responses must be turned in by the Sept 6 club meeting. Following the November election, the winner who most accurately predicted the election results will be announced at the December club meeting and, an undetermined at this time, prize will be awarded!
  - iv. The club also approved cosponsoring the DCC BBQ with a \$200 contribution for drinks for the event.
- 3) Democratic Women's Club – Cindy Jaconette
  - i. This Saturday DWC endorsement forum at 10 to 12 at Police Community Room.
  - ii. A later meeting will have John Laird presenting ballot propositions.
- 4) MCDC – Denise Elerick
  - i. Barry Scott stepped down as club chair and Denise is the interim chair for the Mid County Dems.
  - ii. We reconvene September 8th and now meet on the second Thursday of each month.
  - iii. September 8 Dawn Addis and TBD
  - iv. October 13 Manu Koenig
  - v. November 9 TBD
  - vi. December 8 - pending holiday membership mixer at a location TBD
- 5) PVCCDC – Ryan Jones
  - i. The next PVCCDC meeting will be held on Monday Aug 15.
  - ii. Efforts were made to recruit a Democratic candidate to run in Watsonville City Council District 5 to ensure the sole candidate, who is a Republican, does not run unopposed. At the time of this report a candidate has pulled papers, has not yet filed.
  - iii. In Watsonville City Council District 7 the Democratic incumbent is facing a "Decline to State" (Republican) opponent and has also become a competitive priority. And in District 3 Maria Orozco is facing the possibility of an opponent. All 3 will be on our agenda for endorsements at our next meeting.
  - iv. We will also discuss endorsements for some measures and candidates on the Santa Cruz ballot including the Empty Homes Tax, and the parking garage/library.
  - v. Fundraiser for Felipe Hernandez on Thursday Aug 25, 6pm at Jalisco's. We would appreciate DCC support with this race, as you know Felipe's opponent lied to voters misleading them into thinking you and the Democratic Party endorsed him. The campaign clearly has its work cut out.
- 6) People's Democratic Club- Franco Picarella
  - i. The PDC interviewed Fred Keeley in July regarding his possible run for Mayor of Santa Cruz, the office which he has since then, officially declared for.
  - ii. On August 11, we interviewed Joy Schendledecker who is also running for that position.
  - iii. On August 18 we will have interviewed Dawn Addis who is asking for our endorsement in her run for the Assembly in the 30th District.
  - iv. We, along with SC4Bernie will also be conducting a forum this Friday regarding the 3rd District Supervisor and the City of Santa Cruz Mayoral races on that date.
  - v. On September 8 we will have a forum regarding the two vacant Santa Cruz City Council seats.

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. No Report
- 3) Labor – Glen Schaller
  - i. Andrew: We joined the Starbucks workers in their picket lines.
  - ii. Andrew: Labor Day Picnic
  - iii. Andrew: Thanked Labor donors
- 4) Swing Left – Rene Bloch
  - i. See email sent to the group dated 08/15/22.
- 5) Housing Santa Cruz County – Diana Alfaro
  - i. Housing Santa Cruz County's new Executive Director - Elaine Johnson
  - ii. Housing Santa Cruz County Election Plans: Can't endorse people as they are a non-profit, but will endorse on measures.

X. Public Comment and Announcements

- 1) Kristen Brown: Dawn Addis will be in Capitola tomorrow with guest speakers.
- 2) Fred: Looking forward to seeing everyone at the picnic.
- 3) Lani: Same.
- 4) Denise: Thank you for the support of HRC. Overdose awareness day is Wednesday August 31. To honor those who have died from overdose and the families who miss them. 4:30 till 6 at Aptos Park.
- 5) Lou: DEIR on open pit mine has been released, public comment tomorrow.
- 6) Lou: Mosaic Silicon Valley Festival, Mexican Heritage Plaza San Jose  
Aug 26: 6:00 - 10:00 PM  
Aug 27: 2:00 - 10:00 PM  
Info at: <https://mosaicamerica.org/festival/>  
Amah Mutsun Tribal Chair Lopez and Muwekma Ohlone Tribal Chair Nijmeh will be presenting on Aug 26
- 7) Lou: September 10 Rally for Juristac (in person, likely an online broadcast)  
70 West Hedding Street, San Jose  
1:00 - 4:00 PM  
Info at: <https://www.protectjuristac.org/rally/>  
Facebook Event Page: <https://www.facebook.com/events/443536330856830>
- 8) Cynthia: Announced kick off No on O on Thursday. No on Measure O campaign kickoff, Thurs. Sept 8, 5:30 pm at the Galleria Atrium in Santa Cruz. Support the Library Affordable Housing project in Downtown Santa Cruz. Just added the Housing Authority of Santa Cruz County to our list of endorsers. [santacruz4realsolutions.com](http://santacruz4realsolutions.com)
- 9) Glenn: student debt relief plan announced by Biden is a step in the right direction that Bernie set out in 2016. Good to see the Overton Window moving in the right direction.
- 10) Adam: Announced his kickoff and candidacy. My Event: <https://adamspickler.org/events/>
- 11) Reed: appreciate the support, no events.

XI. Adjournment 2011

**Next E-board Meeting: September 14th, 2022 6:30pm Next General Meeting: September 18th, 2022 7:00p**