

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

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September 22nd, 2021, 7:00 p.m.

- I. Call to Order –Chair Andrew Goldenkranz: 1902
- II. Attendance and Welcome Visitors – Introductions
  - 1) Present: Omar Torres, Keith Gudger, Joe Hall, Nora Hochman, Tony Russomanno, Adam Spickler, Rachel Williams, Rene Bloch, Pat Manning for Adele Gardner, Gigi Kelbert, Cyndi Dawson, Stacey Falls, Diana Alfaro, Hollie Locatelli for Cynthia Mathews, Jenni Veitch-Olson, Jenny Sarmiento, Gwen Chiramonte, Glenn Glazer, Linda Kerner, Clint Bonds, Felipe Hernandez for Robert Rivas, Robin Musitelli for Anna Eshoo, Carol Fuller for Jimmy Panetta, Shaw Ramey-Wright for John Laird, Molly Regan, Franco Picarella, Ray Cancino, Mary Ann Clare, Edward Estrada, Barry Scott
  - 2) Absent: Akin Babatola (excused)
  - 3) Visitors: Vanessa Quiroz-Carter, Monica Martinez
- III. Agenda Changes
  - 1) M/S/P Agenda (Joe/Adam)
- IV. Approval of Minutes
  - 1) M/S/P (Nora/Glen)
- V. Old Business
  - 1) None
- VI. New Business
  - 1) Endorsement interview for Watsonville City Council special election (Tony) (5 minutes for presentation, 10 for Q and A; 5 for action item)
    - i. Tony gave an overview of the speech, Q&A and voting processes.
    - ii. Vanessa gave a speech
    - iii. Q&A took place, questions via chat and read by Tony
    - iv. Vanessa gave a closing speech.
    - v. Voting Results: Endorse: 23 Abstain: 1 No Endorsement: 0
      1. Endorse: Keith, Joe, Nora, Tony, Adam, Rachel, Rene, Pat, Gigi, Clayton, Stacey, Diana, Hollie, Jenni, Celeste, Gwen, Glenn, Linda, Clint, Coco, Felipe, Robin, Carol
      2. Abstain: Shaw
    - vi. Tony thanked the members of the ad hoc subcommittee for fast work under a deadline.
    - vii. Her endorsement link: <https://www.vanessaquirozcarter.com/endorsements>
  - 2) Swearing in of Gloria Nieto, Glenn’s alt and Kyle Kelley, Diana’s alt. (Andrew) (5 minutes)
    - i. Gloria sworn in, Kyle not present.
    - ii. Done before item 1)
  - 3) Relational Question (Andrew) (10 minutes)
    - i. Postpone to after announcements, then deferred for time.
  - 4) Treasurer transition and part time hire (Andrew) (5 minutes)
    - i. Andrew gave an overview of where we are
    - ii. Election of Treasurer at next meeting. Carolyn recommended Keith Gudger. Keith gave a briefing of the duties of treasurer, recommended hiring Jordan.
    - iii. Joe gave an endorsement of Keith
    - iv. Hollie gave an overview of the history of the Treasurer and the Bookkeeper and priorities for the way forward.
    - v. There was various Q&A from the committee.
    - vi. Move to approve Jordan Eldridge as contractor. M/S/P (Nora/Joe)
- VII. DCC Reports – **Please keep all reports to 2-minutes**
  - 1) Chair – Andrew Goldenkranz
    - i. Thanked everyone who worked on the recall, Santa Cruz was above the state level, 4:1 against the recall.
  - 2) Vice Chair – Cynthia Mathews
    - i. Not Present.
  - 3) Treasurer – Carolyn Livingston
    - i. Hollie as Assistant Treasurer: End of August bank balance is \$20,945, income of \$20,221 and expenses of \$14,196.
  - 4) Secretary – Glenn Glazer
    - i. Usual maintenance.
  - 5) Corresponding Secretary – Rena Dubin
    - i. Not present
  - 6) Ways and Means – Akin Babatola

- i. Not present
- 7) Public Relations – Tony Russomanno
  - i. USPS is seeing long delays on voter postcards.
- 8) Events – Coco Raner-Walter and Diana Alfaro
  - i. Waiting for the end of COVID.
- 9) E-Board – Pat Manning, Glenn Glazer
  - i. See Pat’s email.
  - ii. Glenn reported on agenda / Bylaws issue.
- 10) Legislative – Clint Bonds/Stacey Falls
  - i. Considering advocacy for rail/trail
  - ii. Denise: Advocacy regarding AB 1344 to exempt syringe programs from SEQA. Passed legislature, on Newsom’s desk.
- 11) Voter Reg/Engagement – Keith Gudger and Rene Bloch
  - i. Rene: Freedom to Vote Act, revision of the For The People Act. Bans partisan gerrymandering. Need to pressure congressional reps on ending the filibuster.

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

- 1) College Democrats at UCSC – Edward Estrada
  - i. UCSC Fall courses start Wed. Sept. 22nd. Our members are finally returning from their hometowns back to Santa Cruz!
  - ii. We tabled at Cornucopia on campus (Sept. 20th and 21st), registering new students to vote in Santa Cruz and gaining new members.
  - iii. We are still determining in-person/hybrid meetings, but are glad the UC system requires vaccination for all students returning to campus.
- 2) Democratic Club of North Santa Cruz County– Maryann Clare
  - i. No report from Mary Ann, was away.
  - ii. Linda: We made Mercury News above the fold with a picture of our no on recall sign waving.
- 3) Democratic Women’s Club – Molly Regan
  - i. Fall program: Saturday at 10AM on Zoom on Democracy Threatened.
  - ii. Molly sent an email to the main list with more details.
- 4) MCDC – Barry Scott
  - i. Vanessa Quiroz-Carter speaker on Watsonville matters
  - ii. Lou spoke on indigenous matters.
- 5) PVCCDC – Ray Cancino
  - i. Event coming up next Thursday at Jalisco’s with Rob Rivas and Rob Bonta. <https://postedstuff.com/xPwt-jeJ2-pjFl-xYXS/>
  - ii. Part of the proceeds go towards naturalization expenses for someone interested in being civically active.
  - iii. Need to track district elections.
- 6) People’s Democratic Club- Franco Picarella
  - i. At our September General Meeting we had a presentation from Barry Scott, reporting on, and asking us to oppose the Greenway Initiative. Our members unanimously voted to compose a letter echoing the DCC letter that opposes and urges people not to sign Greenway’s petition. Various members reported on their actions in our opposition to the Recall which included phone banking and tabling. Finally, a motion was made and approved to support the Empty House Tax Initiative with a contribution of \$200.

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

- 1) Region 7 – Omar Torres
  - i. Congratulated everyone who worked on the recall.
  - ii. Redistricting may change ADs which may change regions.
  - iii. Next Eboard, November 15-21, virtual
- 2) CDP Rural Caucus – Glenn Glazer
  - i. No report.
- 3) Housing Action Network – Diana Alfaro
  - i. (too garbled to hear)
- 4) Labor – Glen Schaller
  - i. Labor Day Virtual Event, looking forward to a physical event next year
  - ii. Worked on recall defeat
  - iii. Continued to work on redistricting.
  - iv. Working on COVID programs
  - v. Working on rail/trail
  - vi. Working with small/medium business employees unionize.
- 5) Swing Left – Rene Bloch
  - i. Recall Election Summary:

1. There were 35 authorized local canvassers. My estimate is 25 canvassers knocked on doors talked to voters and collected data for the campaign. This does not include Carol Fullers work
2. There were 19 phonebanks. We had 150 phonebank shifts from Santa Cruz. This was an amazing collaborative effort that we can build on.
3. I estimate 10 people utilized the Outreach Circle Friendbank action.
4. I estimate there were 10 regular texters.
5. The State Democratic Party is moving in the right direction to support these actions and we need to move in this direction also.

X. Public Comment and Announcements

- 1) Glenn: Pitched people to volunteer to be a voting clerk in future elections.
- 2) Adam: Cabrillo College is having two more listening sessions come up on name change. Tomorrow and next week. <https://www.cabrillo.edu/governing-board/name-exploration-subcommittee/> . Adam sent an email to the discussion list with further details.
- 3) Lou: Putting together nationally livestreamed event from the sunrise event at Alcatraz on Indigenous People Day and one in November.
- 4) Gigi: Virtual forum on October 7<sup>th</sup> on getting women elected, info on our Facebook page.

XI. Adjournment 2042

**Next E-board Meeting: October 13th, 2021 6:30pm Next General Meeting: October 27th, 2021 7:00p**