

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

740 Front Street, #165, Santa Cruz

May 24th, 2023, 7:00 p.m.

- I. Call to Order –Chair Andrew Goldenkranz at 1903
- II. Attendance and Welcome Visitors – Introductions
  - 1) Land Acknowledgment – Andrew
  - 2) Gwen Chiamonte, Rene Bloch, Franco Harris, Deborah Luhrman for Tony Russomanno, Leslie Steiner for Ray Cancino, Keith Gudger, Glenn Glazer, Edward Estrada, Kristin Brown for Gigi Kelbert, Tim Willoughby for Linda Kerner, Adam Spickler, Coco Raner-Walter, Rae Spencer-Hill, Diana Alfaro, Joe Hall, Cynthia Mathews, Stacey Falls, Bodie Shargel for Akin Babatola, Jenni Veitch-Olson, Felipe Hernandez for Robert Rivas, Celeste Gutierrez, Lara Triona for Monica Martinez, Andrew Goldenkranz.
- III. Agenda Changes
  - 1) Debby Luhrman’s, Lara Triona’s swearing in
  - 2) Move Diana’s report to new business
  - 3) Agenda approved (M/S/P) Diana/Adam
- IV. Approval of Minutes
  - 1) M/S/P (Joe/Joe)
- V. Old Business
  - 1) None.
- VI. New Business
  - 1) Human Services Director Randy Morris on the May Revise.
    - i. Gave a review, highlighted specific bills and took Q&A
  - 2) Diana:
    - i. Will be gone for six weeks
    - ii. Coco stepping down, Diana is now chair of events
    - iii. Asked the clubs to step up, especially for 4<sup>th</sup> of July to do local parades
    - iv. Talked about events in Affordable Housing Month
    - v. Did a book raffle
  - 3) [AB 10](#) (Leg Committee, Stacey)
    - i. M/S/P (Glenn/Cynthia)
- VII. DCC Reports – **Please keep all reports to 2-minutes**
  - 1) Chair – Andrew Goldenkranz
    - i. First in person meeting, thanked various committee members for organizing
    - ii. Rachel is our new Parliamentarian
    - iii. Met with Karen Arajo at COPA in Monterey. Andrew found it a productive event.
    - iv. Diana’s reports (early since she had to leave)
      1. Jenni will be heading Events while Diana is on vacation.
      2. Rae discussed Events subcommittee communication; Glenn will set up a subgroup.
      3. We got a thank you note from Dr. Gail Newell for HRC activism
    - v. Looking forward to seeing everyone at convention.
    - vi. Authorized \$150 for Young Dems to go to convention
    - vii. Discussed early organizing efforts around a housing bond initiative (<https://www.cityofsantacruz.com/Home/Components/News/News/10076/36>), with some commentary and questions
    - viii. All of the cities are working on their Housing Elements, our job is to make sure those plans are practical.
  - 2) Vice Chair – Jenni Veitch-Olson
    - i. No report
  - 3) Treasurer – Keith Gudger
    - i. Posted to groups.io \$36,800 total.
  - 4) Secretary – Glenn Glazer
    - i. We are roster complete minus one.
    - ii. Digest mode, Glenn will send instructions
    - iii. DCCs across the state
  - 5) Ways and Means – Akin Babatola and Leslie Steiner
    - i. No report
  - 6) Communications – Gigi Kelbert and Tony Russomanno
    - i. No report
  - 7) Events – Diana Alfaro
    - i. See above
  - 8) E-Board – Pat Manning, Glenn Glazer

- i. Bring your vax card and proof of negative test
- 9) Legislative –Stacey Falls
  - i. See new business
- 10) Voter Reg/Engagement – Keith Gudger and Rene Bloch.
  - i. Merced County Fair is their next target.
  - ii. We have VR materials in the bin in the office.
  - iii. Voter engagement events at convention: texting to youths and women’s shelter bundling.

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

- 1) College Democrats at UCSC – Laz Meiman
  - i. No report, finals are coming up. Looking forward to next year.
- 2) Democratic Club of North Santa Cruz County– Lara Triona for Monica Martinez
  - i. Our upcoming meeting will be on June 6th, at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom. Public Defender Heather Rogers will discuss Homelessness and the Justice System. Rogers will talk about the justice system and issues related to homelessness, including cycles of recidivism, the right to fair treatment, and mental health issues exacerbated by homelessness. Everyone is welcome to attend. Visit [www.svslvdemocrats.org](http://www.svslvdemocrats.org) for the zoom meeting link. Social time starts at 6:00 p.m. and the meeting begins at 6:30 p.m.
  - ii. We welcome people to join us in the Scotts Valley parade on July 4th, at 1 p.m. Details will be on our website's calendar and we will bring it up again next month.
  - iii. Because of July 4th, our usual meeting will be the following week on July 11th. Ryan Skolnick will speak about CalCare via Zoom.
  - iv. We will be returning to in-person meetings on August 1st at Bruno's BBQ.
  - v. Save the date: Our fundraiser on Aug. 19, from 3-5 at Heavenly Cafe.
  - vi. With regard to our May meeting a few weeks ago, during housing month, Executive Director of Housing Santa Cruz County Elaine Johnson and Tim Willoughby and Linda Kerner of Affordable Housing Now spoke about efforts to improve affordable housing. A video of that presentation is on our YouTube channel if anyone wants to watch.
  - vii. The Club gave out two Democratic Ideals Awards for Outstanding Youth to Mikayla Petersen Shults from San Lorenzo Valley High School and Riley Bryant Schaefer-Whittal from Scotts Valley High School. Scotts Valley Mayor Jack Dilles and Monica Martinez presented the award to Riley from Scotts Valley for his work in the teen kitchen and on a number of environmental projects. And Rae and Coco will present the SLV recipient, Miykala, her award tomorrow for her work to address period poverty within her school and community - including by creating her own organization to gather and distribute feminine hygiene products to those for whom it could be an economic hardship.
- 3) Democratic Women’s Club – Cindy Jaconette
  - i. No report
- 4) MDCDC – Denise Elerick
  - i. No reports
- 5) PVCCDC – Celeste Gutierrez
  - i. Fundraiser for Laird on June 22<sup>nd</sup>.
  - ii. Will be hosting a learning session on the jobs of local offices later this summer.
- 6) People’s Democratic Club- Franco Picarella
  - i. Ed Porter passed away, memorial on June 3<sup>rd</sup>.
  - ii. Hoping to reschedule Kimberly Ellis.
  - iii. Looking for Progressive City Council and Supervisor candidates to be guest speakers.



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

- 1) Region 7:
  - i. Dom is the only candidate now
- 2) CDP Rural Caucus – Glenn Glazer
  - i. See agenda emailed to the group.
- 3) Labor – Casey for Glen Schaller
  - i. Kaiser pulled out of Santa Cruz for their construction project.
- 4) Swing Left – Rene Bloch
  - i. More canvassing coming up in Patterson and Los Banos later this summer.
  - ii. Organizing to support election coming up in Ohio and Virginia
- 5) Housing Santa Cruz County – Diana Alfaro
  - i. See above

X. Public Comment and Announcements

- 1) Cyndi: Liberation Paddle Out, June 18<sup>th</sup>
- 2) Cynthia: Juneteenth event at Loudon-Nelson June 17<sup>th</sup>
- 3) Adam: Transphobic letter in Good Times got lots of backlash. Adam encouraged people to hold haters accountable.
- 4) Jenni: Drag Story Time Event in Watsonville was protested, volunteers helped with counter-protesting
- 5) Rae: This afternoon was a legal industry event on pronouns in court. Eight judges came, everyone was on the same page.
- 6) Coco: Pride parade: June 4<sup>th</sup>, we are in section 2. Go to Cathcart near Pacific. Arrive by 1015.
- 7) Bodie: Wrote a Lookout article on prejudice and antisemitism at UCSC: <https://lookout.co/santacruz/community-voices/opinion-from-community-voices/story/2023-05-21/uc-santa-cruz-antisemitism-ucsc-students-should-expect-more-from-their-administration-in-combating-antisemitism-and-hate>
- 8) Lani: Campaign kickoff on the 11<sup>th</sup> .
- 9) Kristin: Next update on June 8<sup>th</sup> for Capitola Housing Element.
- 10) Kristin: Mobile home park residents are facing a 57% increase. Emergency ordinance in progress to restrict this to 5% . More information in Stacey's email to the group here: <https://cruzdcc.groups.io/g/cruzdcc-discussion/message/2061> . Andrew wrote a letter on behalf of the committee, see here: <https://cruzdcc.groups.io/g/main/message/9586> .
- 11) Glenn: Monica Martinez is running for Supervisor in District 5. Had a great event at Roaring Camp last weekend.

XI. Adjournment 2038

**Next E-board Meeting: June 14th, 2023 6:30pm Next General Meeting: June 28th, 2023 7:00p**