

Santa Cruz County Democratic Central Committee
General Meeting Agenda

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April 28th, 2021, 7:00 p.m.

- I. Call to Order –Chair Andrew Goldenkranz: 1902
- II. Attendance and Welcome Visitors – Introductions
 - 1) 24 members, quorum
- III. Agenda Changes
 - 1) None
- IV. Approval of Minutes
 - 1) M/S/P (Nora/Adam) by acclamation
- V. Old Business
 - 1) None
- VI. New Business
 - 1) Guest speaker Assemblyman Ash Kalra, AD-27
 - i. Spoke on opportunities to come out of the pandemic strong, budget, CalCare and Medicare expansion to vision, dental and long term care, as well as lowering the Medicare age. Made it a two year bill to give it time for more crafting of the funding and building momentum. Need to find an orderly transition plan.
 - ii. Listed a few other priorities and the need to be PAC free.
 - iii. AB416 is also a priority, requires that when the state contracts with others, they have to guarantee that they are not contributing to tropical or boreal deforestation.
 - iv. Q&A
 - 2) Relational meeting (Andrew) (8 minutes)
 - 3) Endorsement of Rail-Trail Study (Barry Scott)
 - i. Barry gave a history of purchases and studies to date.
 - ii. Q&A
 - iii. M/S/P (Richelle/Ray) 24-1-3
 - 4) Endorsement of letter regarding outsourcing union jobs (Glen)
 - i. Tabled.
 - 5) Consent Calendar for Legislative items: (M/S/P) Glenn/Tony 23-0-1
 - i. SB 467 (Weiner)-- would set a 2500 foot setback to protect neighborhoods and schools from fracking;
 1. Pulled, bill died in committee, will come back under a new number.
 - ii. SB 379 (Weiner) --Equitable and Inclusive UC Healthcare act, would ensure that UC contracts with private providers for health care contain full services for women's health and gender-affirming care.
 - iii. SB 731 (Durazo (Mark Stone is co-author on Assembly side): would seal criminal records after sentencing and parole/probation requirements are satisfied, including nonviolent felonies, to allow for job search, housing, other re-entry issues for formerly incarcerated people
 - iv. SB 62 (Durazo, Gonzales)--would end sweatshop labor in garment industry in the form of piece work and wage withholding
 - v. AB 650 (Maratsuchi)--would extend hazard retention stipends to non-executive health care workers to reflect the stress and disruption in that industry to workers.
 - vi. SB 54 (Allen)--reduce and eliminate single use plastic packaging
 - 6) Newsom Recall
 - i. Andrew mentioned that it was certified.
 - ii. General discussion of strategy, especially local strategy.
 - 7) Convention Roundtable (Andrew)
 - i. Various members spoke, giving highlights and lowlights and things they attended and got done.
- VII. DCC Reports – **Please keep all reports to 2-minutes**
 - 1) Chair – Andrew Goldenkranz
 - i. Swearing in Tim Willoughby
 - ii. Recommended The Upswing by Robert Putnam
 - 2) Vice Chair – Cynthia Mathews
 - i. Not present
 - 3) Treasurer – Carolyn Livingston
 - i. March 31, 2021 Bank Balance is 28,986
 - ii. 96% of members have paid their annual membership dues
 - iii. Spring Gala net 11,281 with 26% of donations from DCC members and 56% from Electeds and Unions.

- 4) Secretary – Glenn Glazer
 - i. Thanks to Mary Ann, Carolyn, Molly, Rene and Franco for submitting reports ahead of time.
 - ii. Thanks, Diana, for talking notes for me at Eboard.
- 5) Corresponding Secretary – Rena Dubin
 - i. Send out letters in support of AB 1400.
- 6) Ways and Means – Akin Babatola
 - i. Nothing new since last month.
- 7) Public Relations – Tony Russomanno
 - i. Will send rail trail letters to publications.
- 8) Events – Coco Raner-Walter and Diana Alfaro
 - i. Got piñata for BBQ.
- 9) E-Board – Pat Manning, Glenn Glazer
 - i. No Report
- 10) Legislative – Clint Bonds/Stacey Falls
 - i. We discussed a number of pieces of state legislation, some briefly, and some in detail.
 1. Denise encouraged us to support AB1344 by writing Arambula’s office to help move it out of committee. Here is a link to a PDF from Denise <https://drive.google.com/file/d/10KdDugFCBPCc-KFWGptJMOIouPZEqKLh/view?usp=sharing>, and here is a sample letter/template. Please use this to write a letter of support. <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1oi1Cg7V-vKBYXWygPhY6iCxs8meyQm3jj5lt1we7OA/edit?usp=sharing>
 2. We heard a presentation on AB387 to create public sector housing. We decided that it is too early to take action on this bill, but we might when it has moved along a bit.
 3. We are also excited about SB379 to make sure the UC system doesn't discriminate in providing health care, AB650 to grant hazard pay/”recognition bonuses” for health care workers, SB467 which takes on fracking and aims to phase out any new permits by 2027, SB731 time done for nonviolent felonies, SB62 anti sweatshops. Some of these we might get ask for a resolution of support.
 - ii. We are considering how much activism to get involved in, and will look into this question as we continue to work to define our role.
- 11) Voter Reg/Engagement – Keith Gudger and Rene Bloch
 - i. No Report

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

- 1) College Democrats at UCSC – Edward Estrada
 - i. Successful event with Kumar and Hodge
 - ii. Looking into creating a PAC.
- 2) Democratic Club of North Santa Cruz County– Maryann Clare
 - i. Elizabeth Strater, Director of Strategic Campaigns @United Farm Workers was are speaker at our April 6 DCNSCC meeting. Her talk was very enlightening about the lack of rights people that harvest our food have. It is amazing that in many states the rights of other workers are denied to the farm workers.
 - ii. May is Affordable Housing Month. Our county is looking at a tiny house ordinance.
 - iii. Donna Ziel Report that Cabrillo College is hiring a new vice-president of instruction. They are still having discussions about renaming Cabrillo College. The events any around this will be posted on our web site. www.svslvdemocrats.org
- 3) Democratic Women’s Club – Molly Regan
 - i. April program held on 4/24 – Money Matters: Santa Cruz City & County Budgets Explained with speakers Santa Cruz Mayor Donna Meyers, Santa Cruz City Manager Martín Bernal, Santa Cruz County Supervisor Ryan Coonerty, and Santa Cruz Assistant County Administrative Officer Nicole Coburn.
 - ii. May is Affordable Housing Month, which will also be the subject of our May 2021 program; details to be finalized and circulated.
 - iii. The DWC is hosting a virtual fundraiser for Jimmy Panetta on Thursday, May 6, 2021.
 - iv. The DWC Board voted to support SB 380 which would make the End of Life Options Act permanent and prevent it from sunseting. Mark Stone signed on as a sponsor and the DWC sent John Laird a letter requesting that he add his name as a sponsor.
- 4) MCDC – Barry Scott
 - i. Barry and Suzanne discussed a welcome letter and ask to join the club to those that have attended, and will be attending the 4/1/21 meeting.
 - ii. To date 37 people have registered for the 4/1 meeting. Susan will send out a meeting reminder.
 - iii. All agreed that the topic for the May meeting will be utilities. Barry will send out some feelers for guest speakers. Next meeting is May 6th.
 - iv. Club will not meet in June, July and August. We are hopeful that we can meet in person in September!
 - v. Discussion of questions/issues for guest speakers. Order of speakers will be Mark Stone, John Laird and then Jimmy Panetta.
 - vi. Suzanne and Barry will both be on the club bank account and debit card holders.

- vii. E Board meetings will be at 6:30PM going forward.
 - viii. Barry will cover meeting etiquette after welcome statement.
 - ix. When we resume in person meetings we will continue to also have a Zoom call in place for those that cannot attend in person.
- 5) PVCCDC – Ray Cancino
 - i. Postponed previous meeting.
 - ii. Censored two members, Georgia Acosta and Daniel Dodge.
 - iii. Supported letter to RTC, Acosta recall.
 - iv. Celeste introduced herself
 - 6) People’s Democratic Club- Franco Picarella
 - i. The PDC hosted guest speaker, Lenny Siegel, a former Mountain View City Council Member, who spoke to us regarding Safe Parking Lots for Houseless people who live in their vehicles, many of whom are employed in essential businesses like restaurants and retail food stores. As for the mini homes community that has been developed in Mt. View, we learned that a private property owner donated the land in 2018, and Lenny liaisonned with the City Council to move this project forward.
 - ii. At the meeting I reported on the issue of the outsourcing of jobs at the jail which we learned about at last month's DCC meeting. We will be writing to the County Supervisors strongly condemning this practice.
 - iii. At our E-Board meeting we discussed regarding the recall of Governor Newsom campaign and will present a Resolution to our members for a No vote at our May meeting.
 - iv. We are hoping to have Senator Laird speak to us on this issue, and the possibility of a reconciliation of the State's affordable housing and density bonus provisions.
 - v. Finally, we discussed how we might recruit younger folks to become PDC members.

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

- 1) Region 7 – Omar Torres
 - i. Congrats to all of our new state party officers.
 - ii. Convention is allowing proxies.
 - iii. Some speeches may be pre-recorded.
- 2) CDP Rural Caucus – Glenn Glazer
 - i. Online elections during convention.
 1. Acclamation
 - ii.
- 3) Housing Action Network – Diana Alfaro
 - i. Affordable housing month is in May.
- 4) Labor – Glen Schaller
 - i. Look forward to potential combined virtual Annual Labor Celebration/Labor Day/campaign kick off for Stop Republican Recall on 9/6.
 - ii. Franco: today is Workers’ Memorial Day
 - iii. Support the PRO Act.
- 5) Swing Left – Rene Bloch
 - i. We had an inspiring presentation from Redistricting Commissioner Isra Ahmad. Its important to be part of the process which will draw the lines for the next 10 years.
 - ii. Letter Writing Party was focused on Virginia.
 - iii. Texting against the Newsom recall is ongoing. Statewide there's been 4 million texts and 460 volunteers so far. There's a special need for Spanish Mandarin, and Korean speakers.
 - iv. Calling for For the People Act S.1 to West Virginia and Arizona on Saturdays to connect local voters to Joe Manchin and Kristen Sinema.
 - v. May 18th will be a presentation from Jaynie Parish Navajo County Democrats and Natalie Burdick Manager AZ LD 6.

X. Public Comment and Announcements

- 1) Glenn: Donna Meyers has spearheaded a resolution to the City Council to support Medicare for All and CalCare, which passed.
- 2) Richelle: Biden is the first president to use the word ‘genocide’ to refer to the 1915 Armenian genocide.
- 3) Lou: April 15th Juristac event.
 - i. Protect Juristac Presentation and Action Hour, hosted by South Bay Indigenous Solidarity. RSVP to get the Zoom login at: [bit.ly/SacredGroundsApril](https://www.facebook.com/events/274676964088392/) The Facebook event page can be found at: <https://www.facebook.com/events/274676964088392/>
- 4) Carol: Any eboard plans to fight the recall? Andrew: still early, waiting on convention and meeting with Tricia Webber.

XI. Adjournment 2119

Next E-board Meeting: May 12th, 2021 6:30pm Next General Meeting: May 26th, 2021 7:00p