

Santa Cruz County Democratic Central Committee
General Meeting Agenda

740 Front Street, #165, Santa Cruz

June 28th, 2023, 7:00 p.m.

- I. Call to Order –Chair Andrew Goldenkranz at 1905
- II. Attendance and Welcome Visitors – Introductions
 - 1) Land Acknowledgment – Andrew
 - 2) Attendance: Dom, Keith, Edward, Rene, Pat, Gigi, Kristen, Bodie for Akin, Stacey, Rafa for Diana, Gabriela for Cynthia, Jenni, Celeste, Gwen, Glenn, Linda, Rae, Coco, Felipe, Andrew, Cindy, Franco, Ray, Monica, Barry.
- III. Agenda Changes
 - 1) No changes, approved by consent.
- IV. Approval of Minutes
 - 1) M/S/P (Joe/Coco)
- V. Old Business
 - 1) None.
- VI. New Business
 - 1) Katie Porter (Andrew)
 - i. Spoke from her backyard and took questions.
 - 2) Barbara Lee (Andrew)
 - i. Rain check.
 - 3) Bills from the Legislative Committee, see [report](#) for more details. (Stacey)
 - i. M/S/P Stacey/Ray 21-0-0
 - 4) Vote to support a panel on anti-transgender legislation at PV Pride. (Jenni)
 - i. M/S/P Glenn/Leslie 27-0-0
 - 5) Vote to financially support PV Pride. (Jenni)
 - i. M/S/P \$200 (Glen/Glenn)
 - 6) Vote to support to add our name to a petition to CPUC to not reduce solar benefits for renters, multifamily residences, farms and schools. (Glenn)
 - i. M/S/P (Joe/Coco) 28-0-0
- VII. DCC Reports – **Please keep all reports to 2-minutes**
 - 1) Chair – Andrew Goldenkranz
 - i. Thank you to everyone who showed up at Pride.
 - ii. Thank you to Rae for organizing Juneteenth and everyone who showed up
 - iii. Shout out to PVDCC for the John Laird event.
 - iv. Shout out to those who helped with the Gail Pellerin event.
 - v. Book reviews: Best Things First and Write Too Long
 - vi. Eboard seat: Pat is stepping down. Rene Bloch elected and Glenn Glazer re-elected. 27-0-0
 - 2) Vice Chair – Jenni Veitch-Olson
 - i. 4th of July Parades: Scotts Valley, see Rae. Aptos, see Andrew or Jenni. Other parades will be in Watsonville, Pleasure Point and Boulder Creek.
 - ii. The state of CA allocated \$8 million to assist those who are living in encampments along the Pajaro River. This funding will also create a micro-village of 34 tiny homes and a navigation resource center in Watsonville. This is a partnership between the Counties of Santa Cruz and Monterey, as well as the City of Watsonville. Housing advocates are encouraged to follow this project.
 - iii. Book review: Rouge Justice by Stacey Abrams
 - iv. Keith: Zach Friend is looking for a convertible for Aptos parade.
 - 3) Treasurer – Keith Gudger
 - i. See report online. Mostly idle month.
 - 4) Secretary – Glenn Glazer
 - i. Book review: It's Okay To Be Angry About Capitalism by Bernie Sanders
 - ii. Routine Secretary business: roster updates and such.
 - 5) Ways and Means – Akin Babatola and Leslie Steiner
 - i. Trying to get Schiff for fundraiser August 16th, 5-7 PM. Limit of 125 participants.
 - 6) Communications – Gigi Kelbert and Tony Russomanno
 - i. No report.
 - 7) Events – Coco Raner-Walter and Diana Alfaro
 - i. See above regarding parades and pride.
 - 8) E-Board – Pat Manning, Glenn Glazer
 - i. Eboard: August 18th – 21st in Visalia
 - 9) Legislative –Stacey Falls
 - i. See above.
 - 10) Voter Reg/Engagement – Keith Gudger and Rene Bloch.
 - i. Reviewed Juneteenth event.
 - ii. Worked Merced County Fair, registered 17 people.
 - iii. SB 846: Voter registration any time someone gets an ID or driver's license. Basically requires an opt out and will greatly increase registration numbers.
- VIII. Chartered Club Reports- **Please keep all reports to 2-minutes**
 - 1) College Democrats at UCSC – Laz Meiman
 - i. Bodie: No report.
 - 2) Democratic Club of North Santa Cruz County– Monica Martinez
 - i. Fundraiser: August 19th at 3PM at Heavenly Cafe

- ii. Next meeting: Ryan Skolnick on CalCare July 11th at 6PM.
 - 3) Democratic Women's Club – Cindy Jaconette
 - i. Next meeting in August, details soon.
 - 4) MCDC – Denise Elerick
 - i. No report.
 - 5) PVCCDC – Celeste Gutierrez
 - i. Fundraiser for John Laird last month.
 - ii. Meetings fourth Monday from now on in person
 - 6) People's Democratic Club- Franco Picarella
 - i. No events planned yet. Looking to get Porter and Lee to come in.
- IX. Allied Group Reports - **Please keep all reports to 2-minutes**
- 1) Region 9 – Dominic Dursa
 - i. Regional Meeting in Aromas July 15th. Will be hybrid. Discussed agenda and deadlines.
 - 2) CDP Rural Caucus – Glenn Glazer
 - i. Considering moving to chartered org.
 - ii. Speaker Rivas spoke to our meeting, the first rural speaker in over 50 years.
 - 3) Labor – Glen Schaller
 - i. Labor Day Celebration in Watsonville, details TBD.
 - ii. Labor Delegates doing their meetings as hybrid.
 - iii. California Mortgage Relief program expanded to include property tax backlogs from the pandemic.
 - iv. Retiring in two months.
 - 4) Swing Left – Rene Bloch
 - i. Live Voter registration effort at Merced County Fair (CD-13) gained 17 voter registrations. Further live, phonebank, and texting voter registration efforts are being organized.
 - ii. Phonebank for Ohio August 8th special VOTE NO to require 60% vote threshold. The intent of the August measure is to prevent women's health from passing this November. Ohio will also be one of the swing states for Senate next year. Tuesdays at 2:30PM. [RSVP](#)
 - iii. Letter writing for Ohio available through [Vote Forward](#) which is now part of Swingleft. The effort encourages Democratic leaning young women to vote.
 - 5) Housing Santa Cruz County – Diana Alfaro
 - i. MBEP released a white paper as part of the HE, release event was well attended.
 - ii. Linda: meeting to consider and review HE. Public comment was on commercial/residential balance.
- X. Public Comment and Announcements
- 1) Monica: Launched campaign in April for the 5th District seat. McPherson officially announced he is retiring.
 - 2) Joe: Running for SDCC District 5. Passed his goal of \$5,000. Resigning his position, as he has moved to County District 5.
 - 3) Lani: Her launch was June 11th, had a good crowd. Met her fundraising goal.
 - 4) Bodie: Thank you to Adam Spickler for being on his KSQD radio show to talk about Pride. KSQD has added two frequencies, and now ranges from San Mateo to Monterey.
- XI. Adjournment 2040

Next E-board Meeting: July 12th, 2023 6:30pm Next General Meeting: July 26th, 2023 7:00p