

Santa Cruz County Democratic Central Committee
General Meeting Agenda
VIRTUAL

October 25th, 2023, 7:00 p.m.

- I. Call to Order –Chair Andrew Goldenkranz at 1902
- II. Attendance and Welcome Visitors – Introductions
 - 1) Land Acknowledgment – Andrew
 - 2) Attendance: Keith, Joe, Tony, Adam, Rachel, Rene, Gigi, Akin, Cyndi Dawson, Stacey, Diana, Cynthia, Jenni, Vanessa, Gwen, Glenn, Linda, Peggy for Gail Pellerin, Andrew for Dawn Addis, Ari for Zoe Lofgren, Cindy Jaconette, Cindi Valdez, Kameron
 - i. Absent: Edward, Adele, Rae, Coco, Franco, Monica, Barry
- III. Agenda Changes
 - 1) Barbara Lee at 2000
 - i. Spoke and took questions.
 - 2) Approve M/S/P (Akin/Leslie)
- IV. Approval of Minutes
 - 1) Approval M/S/P (Leslie/Peggy)
- V. Old Business
 - 1) None.
- VI. New Business
 - 1) Swearing in of Adam’s new alternate, Linda Wilshusen (Andrew)
 - i. Adam explained Karen Darling’s move to Watsonville and introduced Linda. Linda gave a few words about herself.
 - 2) Start of nominations for Democrat of the Year (Andrew)
 - i. Jenni Veitch-Olson nominated by PVCCDC
- VII. DCC Reports – **Please keep all reports to 2-minutes**
 - 1) Chair – Andrew Goldenkranz
 - i. Reviewed Myth America which reviews myths in American culture.
 - ii. Shout out to those who went to the Diversity Center fundraiser, it was a success.
 - iii. Senate race Q/A at webinar
 - iv. Forwarding from Lani: consider the train.
 - v. Starting the campaign strategy, next meeting is November 1st.
 - vi. Doreen Castleman wants to host an event, Chanukah at Andrew’s house December 10th. 1600-1900
 - 2) Vice Chair – Jenni Veitch-Olson
 - i. Endorsements: committee will be meeting next week.
 1. Wednesday December 13th 1900 at DCC will be the endorsement meeting. Ballot measures may wait until January.
 - ii. Invited everyone to Dia de los Muertos event in Watsonville
 - iii. Lofgren BBQ event this Sunday, free tickets available
 - 3) Treasurer – Keith Gudger
 - i. Shared online report, around \$43,000 total in both accounts.
 - 4) Secretary – Glenn Glazer
 - i. Nothing to report.
 - 5) Ways and Means – Akin Babatola and Leslie Steiner
 - i. March 23rd at Seascape for next awards dinner. Reviewed potential awards. Requesting a budget of \$13,000. Moved by Leslie, second by Tony. Includes the \$1,500 spent so far. Passed by acclamation.
 - 6) Communications – Gigi Kelbert and Tony Russomanno
 - i. Discussion around various awards, only DotY is mandated.
 - 7) Events – Diana Alfaro
 - i. Scheduling the conversations with candidates ongoing.
 - ii. Registered for the holiday parade and after party.
 - 8) E-Board – Rene Bloch, Glenn Glazer
 - i. Convention is November 17th-19th.
 - 9) Legislative –Stacey Falls
 - i. No report.
 - 10) Voter Reg/Engagement – Keith Gudger and Rene Bloch.
 - i. Voter Reg at Los Banos College, registered 32 people
- VIII. Chartered Club Reports- **Please keep all reports to 2-minutes**
 - 1) College Democrats at UCSC – Kameron Tessier
 - i. 10/4: intro meeting, debrief GOP debates, 25 people
 - ii. 10/11: joint event with student housing community, various speakers
 - iii. Third meeting was a general meeting, discussed endorsement invitees
 - 2) Democratic Club of North Santa Cruz County– Monica Martinez
 - i. Endorsed Measure W
 - ii. Next meeting guests are Swing Left, 11/7 at Bruno’s
 - iii. 12/5 meeting will be a holiday party and end of year review
 - iv. Endorsement meeting 1/9, not ½
 - v. Endorsed Measure V
 - vi. Donated school supplies to local elementary schools.
 - 3) Democratic Women’s Club – Cindy Jaconette

- i. Thanks for the wonderful participation at our October 7 meeting Challenges Faced by Women of Color Running for Office in Santa Cruz County. Great coverage in the Good Times.
 - ii. On November 4, from 10am -noon The DWC is offering the program Ebb &Flow-Extreme Weather and West Cliff in Santa Cruz. Speakers will include Gary Griggs, Nathan Nguyen Dir of Public Works and Al Ramadan, Cofounder of Save West Cliff.
 - iii. On December 9, the DWC will be hosting an endorsement meeting. It will be informative for all and to vote one must be a DWC member by Nov. 8 to vote on December 9. Meetings will take place at the SC Police Dept. Community Room.
 - 4) MCDC – Denise Elerick
 - i. Not present
 - 5) PVCCDC – Cyndi Valdez
 - i. PVCCDC will be hosting an endorsement forum for Democratic candidates running for Supervisor Districts 1, 2 & 5 on Monday November 13 at Encanto restaurant in Watsonville, 7pm-8:30pm
 - 1. Eligible PVCCDC members will be able to vote for endorsement (deadline to participate in voting as an eligible member has already passed)
 - ii. Discussions regarding future potential voter registration opportunities in South County (Watsonville/Pajaro)
 - 6) People’s Democratic Club- Franco Picarella
 - i. Not Present
- IX. Allied Group Reports - **Please keep all reports to 2-minutes**
- 1) Region 9 – Dominic Dursa
 - i. Not present
 - 2) CDP Rural Caucus – Glenn Glazer
 - i. Discussed converting to a Chartered Organization
 - 3) Labor – Glen Schaller
 - i. Not present
 - 4) Swing Left – Rene Bloch
 - i. Successful Voter Registration at Los Banos College.
 - ii. Letter writing parties completed. All letters must be mailed by October 31st.
 - iii. Current Actions:
 - 1. Calling to key voters with us and the Bay Area Coalition every Wednesday to Virginia and Ohio. 2:30PM [RSVP](#)
 - 2. The GOP as an authoritarian party and the future of US Democracy! Outstanding expert Dr. Ruth Ben-Ghiat October 25th 5:30PM. [RSVP](#)
 - 5) Housing Santa Cruz County – Tim
 - i. Leg passed around 800 bills, many were housing bills. Constitutional amendment in November to lower housing bonds from two-thirds to 55%.
 - ii. Diana: Santa Cruz is on track with the housing element, has not seen Watsonville’s element.
- X. Public Comment and Announcements
- 1) Cynthia: North county Dia celebration, sponsored by Museum of Art and History, performances by Senderos, lots of community partners. Sat., Oct. 28, 4 - 8 at Evergreen Cemetery. <https://www.santacruzmah.org/events/diadelosmuertos-2023-1>
- XI. Adjournment 2053

Next E-board Meeting: November 15th, 2023 6:30pm Next General Meeting: November 15th, 2023 7:00p PHYSICAL