

Santa Cruz County Democratic Central Committee

General Meeting Agenda

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740 Front Street, #165

Santa Cruz, CA 95060

March 26, 2025, 7:00 p.m.

- I. Call to Order –Chair Jenni Veitch-Olson 1902
- II. Attendance and Welcome Visitors. Land Acknowledgement
 - 1) Present: Dominic, Adam, Edward, Leslie, Linda Wilshusen, Tony, Pat for Adele, Denise, Gigi, Rachel Williams, Kristen Brown, Ayo for Akin, Ami, Diana, Justin, Celeste, Glenn, Joe, Linda, Rae, Gail, Lowell for Robert Rivas, Andrew for Dawn, Ari for Zoe, Emmanuel for Jimmy, Cindy Jaconette, Jenni for Cindi, Lara, Evelin, Barry
 - 2) Absent: Bodie, Ed, Coco
 - 3) Swearing in of Lowell Hurst
- III. Agenda Changes
 - 1) Guest change Pellerin for Lofgren. Lofgren will be joining us in April.
 - 2) \$250 donation to NAACP fund for Black high school students.
 - 3) Approve letter of support for Justin Cummings.
 - 4) Move to accept all three M/S/P (Glenn/Emmanuel)
- IV. Approval of Minutes
 - 1) M/S/P (Leslie/Ayo)
- V. Old Business
 - 1) None.
- VI. New Business
 - ~~1) Guest Speaker Congressmember Zoe Lofgren (Jenni)~~
 - 2) Guest Speaker Gail Pellerin. Reviewed actions in the fight against the Trump administration. Discussed AB 282, AB 820, AB 275, AB 414 and a wildfire prevention bill. Reviewed state budget, federal impacts and cuts. Discussed California election laws and impacts of Federal EOs on them. Took Q&A.
 - 3) \$500 donation request for Santa Cruz Pride (Leslie)
 - i. M/S/P (Glenn/Barry)
 - 4) \$250 donation to NAACP Black High School Students Financial Aid Fund
 - i. Amended by Ayo to \$300.
 1. M/S/P
 - ii. Main motion M/S/P
 - 5) Letter of Support for Justin Cummings
 - i. Justin spoke to his qualifications and accomplishments.
 - ii. M/S/P (Leslie/Adam)
- VII. DCC Reports – **Please keep all reports to 2-minutes**
 - 1) Chair –Jenni Veitch-Olson
 - i. Attended Watsonville Legislative Breakfast. Between state budget and Federal issues, the picture is grim, especially with respect to Watsonville Community Hospital and the levee repair.
 - ii. Thanked the community for their fighting the good fight.
 - 2) Vice Chair – Kristen Brown
 - i. Chamber of Commerce / Pride shared event.
 - 3) Treasurer – Keith Gudger
 - i. Refer to the treasurer’s report in groups.io
 - 4) Secretary – Glenn Glazer
 - i. Six people do (Gigi, Rachel Williams, Kristen, Diana, Justin, Rae) not have alternates.
 - 5) Ways and Means – Leslie Steiner
 - i. Reviewed income and expense numbers.
 - ii. Planning next gala around first responders. Some discussion regarding political tendencies of first responders.
 - 6) PR – Tony Russomanno
 - i. Thanked Denise for doing the newsletter.
 - ii. Please find another subcommittee chair.
 - 7) Events – Diana Alfaro
 - i. Marching during Pride on June 1st
 - ii. Earth Day April 19th
 - iii. Memorial Day Parade in Felton
 - 8) E-Board –Glenn Glazer, Lara Triona
 - i. Convention end of May
 - ii. Will take CPUC resolution to convention.
 - 9) Legislative – Lara and Cindy
 - i. Report [here](#).
 - ii. Moved by Subcommittee to oppose the first two EOs. Passed.
 - iii. M/S/P (Adam/Lara) Oppose the Reproductive Rights EO
 - iv. Oppose SB 580
 1. Ayo moved to refer back to subcommittee. M/S/P.
 - 10) Voter Reg/Engagement – Rachel Williams

- i. No report.
- VIII. Chartered Club Reports- **Please keep all reports to 2-minutes**
 - 1) College Democrats at UCSC – Kameron Tessier
 - i. Just sent Kameron off to DC.
 - ii. Had their final meeting and will have a spring break meeting.
 - iii. Working on plans for Student Union races and guest speakers.
 - 2) Democratic Club of North Santa Cruz County– Lara
 - i. Conversation with Indivisible on March 19th.
 - ii. Location moving to the Water District.
 - iii. April meeting focusing on the environment.
 - 3) Democratic Women’s Club – Cindy Jaconette
 - i. DWC is sponsoring the program "Solidarity Economics -Building an Economy that Works for All".Featuring Chris Benner, PHD Faculty of UCSC Monday, April 14, 7:00-8:30pm. This is offered at Cabrillo College, Horticulture Building. Free to all. Light refreshments Focus points:
 - 1. Let's build a society where people and the planet matters.
 - 2. Understand how social movements are essential for economic prosperity.
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 - 4. Can we build an economy that builds on our mutual interdependence and common destiny?
 - 4) MCDC – Denise Elerick
 - i. Still having hybrid meetings.
 - ii. Last meeting with Sheriff Clark.
 - iii. Next meeting: ways to engage in the fight against the administration.
 - 5) PVCCDC – Cyndi Valdez
 - i. Jenni reported.
 - ii. March: had a community meeting on the unhoused with Dr. Robert Ratner.
 - iii. City council denied appeal, tiny home village going forward.
- IX. Allied Group Reports - **Please keep all reports to 2-minutes**
 - 1) Region 9 – Dominic Dursa
 - i. Convention: May 30th through June 1st.
 - ii. Region 9 meeting coming up soon.
 - iii. Clubs: rosters will need to be submitted in summer for pre-endorsement vote counting.
 - 2) CDP Rural Caucus – Glenn Glazer
 - i. What to do about broadband vs. Elon
 - ii. Changing of the guard: Joy Sterling is not running for re-election as chair.
 - 3) Labor – Francisco / Casey
 - i. No report.
 - 4) Indivisible – Amanda Harris
 - i. No report.
 - 5) Affordable Housing – Tim Willoughby
 - i. Success, finally, Watsonville City Council voted to deny an appeal that would have to stop the “Tiny Village”. The project will have 34 units for the unhoused.
- X. Public Comment and Announcements
 - 1) Ayo: Working on a Cost of Living Task Force resolution.
 - 2) Andrew: Working with HSC to signature gathering for market rate housing. Is gathering a lot of support. Needs gatherers, see him or Amanda to participate.
 - 3) Rae: Convention overlaps with Pride. Perhaps some coordination and education regarding convention is in order.
 - 4) Edward: Will be speaking at Picture This on veteran homelessness this weekend. Very close to zero veteran homelessness. See [here](#)
 - 5) Diana: Needs to step down from Events.
- XI. Adjournment 2105

Next E-board Meeting: April 9th, 2025 6:30pm Next General Meeting: April 23rd, 2025 7:00p