

Santa Cruz County Democratic Central Committee

General Meeting Agenda

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740 Front Street, #165

Santa Cruz, CA 95060

June 12, 2025, 7:00 p.m.

- I. Call to Order –Chair Jenni Veitch-Olson at 1904
 - 1) Moment of silence for Mike Rotkin
- II. Attendance and Welcome Visitors
 - 1) Present: Dom, Adam, Lani for Edward, Casey, Linda Wilshusen, Tony, Denise, Gigi, Kristen, Ayo for Akin, Bodie, Ed, Coco, Glenn, Amanda for Joe, Linda Kerner, Rae, Lisette for Gail, Andrew for Dawn, Ari for Zoe, Emannuel for Jimmy, Cindy Jaconette, Jenni for Cindi, Lara
 - 2) Absent: Adele, Rachel, Ami, Justin, Celeste, Kameron, Barry
 - 3) Guests: Randy Villegas, Karin Meyer
- III. Agenda Changes
 - 1) None
- IV. Approval of Minutes
 - 1) M/S/P (Rae/Ayo)
- V. Old Business
 - 1) Swearing in of Eden Mendel (not present)
- VI. New Business
 - 1) Randy Villegas, CD-22 candidate (7 minutes, Jenni)
 - i. Gave his pitch for his candidacy
 - ii. Took Q&A
 - 2) Thank you to Keith for his service (Jenni)
- VII. DCC Reports – **Please keep all reports to 2-minutes**
 - 1) Chair –Jenni Veitch-Olson
 - i. Announced open seats election next month.
 - ii. Shout out to Ayo for passing his resolution at CADEM
 - iii. Convened the first Resisting Authority working group, decided on hyperlocal focus.
 - iv. Encouragement to everyone for all of the ongoing work.
 - 2) Vice Chair – Kristen Brown
 - i. No report
 - 3) Treasurer – Rae Spencer-Hill
 - i. Reviewed online report.
 - 4) Secretary – Glenn Glazer
 - i. Usual maintenance
 - ii. 8 missing members, 6 alternates.
 - iii. Groups.io tour offer
 - 5) Ways and Means – No chair at present
 - i. No report.
 - 6) PR – Denise Elerick, Ami Chen-Mills
 - i. Three July 4th parades: BC, Scotts Valley and Aptos.
 - ii. Website updates.
 - 7) Events – No chair at present
 - i. Diana: reviewed the three parades. John and Dawn will be with the DCC in Aptos.
 - ii. Thanked everyone for their help, reviewed her first meeting in 2009
 - iii. Glenn: Move that the committee formally thank Diana for all of her work on the committee and in the community. (M/S/P) Glenn/Linda W.
 - 8) Eboard – Glenn Glazer, Lara Triona
 - i. No report
 - 9) Legislative – Lara and Cindy
 - i. https://cruzdcc.groups.io/g/main/files/Legislative%20Committee/Meeting%20Notes/2025-06_SCCDCC_legislative%20report%28s%29/2025-06_SCCDCC_Legislative_Report_eboard.pdf
 - ii. Moved by committee, passed.
 - 10) Voter Reg/Engagement – Rachel Williams
 - i. Not present
- VIII. Chartered Club Reports- **Please keep all reports to 2-minutes**
 - 1) College Democrats at UCSC – Kameron Tessier
 - i. Bodie: nothing going on, summertime.
 - ii. Kameron going to work for Panetta.
 - 2) Democratic Club of North Santa Cruz County– Lara
 - i. BC parade with Monica, 1000
 - ii. Scotts Valley parade at 1100
 - iii. Next meeting on fire/emergency safety.
 - 3) Democratic Women’s Club – Cindy Jaconette
 - i. Working on a Women in Courage program.
 - 4) MCDCC – Denise Elerick
 - i. On summer break.
 - 5) PVCCDC – Cyndi Valdez

- i. Not present
- IX. Allied Group Reports - **Please keep all reports to 2-minutes**
 - 1) Region 9 – Dominic Dursa
 - i. Reviewed dates for clubs for pre-endorsing caucus representatives (one per 20)
 - 2) CDP Rural Caucus – Glenn Glazer
 - i. New Chair, Michael Saunders.
 - 3) Labor – Francisco / Casey
 - i. Speaking out against developments in Santa Cruz on wage violations and working comp suits.
 - ii. Working against AB 130 which would remove prevailing wage and other labor standards. Some discussion around this and local impacts.
 - 4) Indivisible – Amanda Harris
 - i. Very successful No Kings Day March.
 - ii. Next General Meeting July 20th.
 - iii. Working on July 17th protest.
 - 5) Affordable Housing – Tim Willoughby
 - i. Acknowledged and thanked Diana for being the housing champion.
- X. Public Comment and Announcements
 - 1) Glenn: Shout out to Indivisible for getting the real work done.
 - 2) Ayo: Thanked Amanda, also. Shout out to Glenn and Jenni for help with his resolution and next steps.
 - 3) Rae: Supervisor Martinez would be honored to have you join her as she celebrates Independence Day by walking (and handing out candy) in the Boulder Creek 4th of July Parade! Kids and friendly dogs on leashes welcome! The parade starts at 10 AM. We will meet in the Foster Freeze parking lot by 9:30 AM. If she can count on you, please [RSVP here](#) so we can provide updated instructions as we get closer to the parade.
 - 4) Rae: Report on battery storage facility:
https://www.santacruzcountyca.gov/portals/0/county/CAO/press%20releases/2025/BESS_EnvironmentCommission.061625.pdf
 - i. Casey: Vista is planning to demolish the building and will not rebuild. Not honoring their Maintenance Labor Agreement.
 - 5) Diana: Last shout out to Edward for his work with homeless veterans and on the school board.
 - 6) Andrew: Workforce Housing act qualified for the ballot and so did the realtor one. Initiating endorsement process.
 - 7) Andrew: AB 130 voted yea by many allies. Casey late revision is the problem.
 - 8) Lani: Attended and recommends Jayapal's resistance lab. See email to the group. <https://www.pramilaforcongress.com/the-resistance-lab>
 - 9) Lara: Gave convention report.
 - 10) Denise: SC was the first approved needle exchange, there will be an event on 4/18 here. Look to the group email for an invite.
 - 11) Emmanuel: Regarding table vote to impeach, little to no notice. Tabling based on potential efficacy of impeachment.
 - 12) Casey: John and Dawn opposed AB 130 after hearing about the revisions.
- XI. Adjournment 2040

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