

**Santa Cruz County Democratic Central Committee**  
**General Meeting Minutes**  
**VIRTUAL**

740 Front Street, #165  
Santa Cruz, CA 95060  
December 11, 2024, 7:00 p.m.

- I. Call to Order –Chair Andrew Goldenkranz at 1905
- II. Attendance and Welcome Visitors. Land Acknowledgement
  - 1) Present: Dominic, Leslie, Tony, Pat for Adele, Denise, Gigi, Yvette for Rachel, Albi, Akin, Ami, Bodie, Diana, Celeste, Coco, Glenn, Joe, Linda, Tim, Andrew, Cindy, Jenni, Lara, Kameron
  - 2) Absent: Adam, Edward, Linda, Justin, Ed
- III. Agenda Changes
  - 1) None
- IV. Approval of Minutes
  - 1) M/S/P (Rae/Diana)
- V. Old Business
  - 1) None.
- VI. New Business
  - 1) Joe Health Announcement: stepping back from DCC due to health concerns.
  - 2) DSCC Eboard Election (Andrew)
    - i. Rene resigned. We have two eboard seats, Glenn has one, the other should be someone who identifies as female.
    - ii. DCC Eboard: Andrew is not running for re-election as chair.
  - 3) CPUC Resolution (Glenn)
    - i. (Glenn/Coco) 21-0-2
  - 4) Democrat of the Year and Pride Award (Leslie)
    - i. Nomination: Dr. Jen Hastings for DoY 25-0-2 (Monica/Leslie)
    - ii. Nomination: Adam for Pride Award 23-0-2 (Leslie/Pat)
  - 5) 2025 Budget Approval (Keith)
    - i. Reviewed significant items. It is noted that the budget is not set in stone and can be amended up or down later if the need arises.
    - ii. M/S/P (Glenn/Diana) 26-0-1
- VII. DCC Reports – **Please keep all reports to 2-minutes**
  - 1) Chair – Andrew Goldenkranz
    - i. Dom asked us to hold an ADEM election site.
    - ii. Thanked Events for November and December events
  - 2) Vice Chair – Jenni Veitch-Olson
    - i. California now has a majority of women senators and many more women legislators.
  - 3) Treasurer – Keith Gudger
    - i. Reviewed uploaded financial overview.
  - 4) Secretary – Glenn Glazer
    - i. Lisette Jones is Pellerin’s new alternate and MCDC has a new rep and alt. Will publish the new roster after getting the address of the alternate.
  - 5) Ways and Means – Leslie Steiner
    - i. Gala coming up. March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025 at 1730
  - 6) Communications – Tony Russomanno
    - i. Recommends Joe and Kameron to be co-chairs. This may change due to Joe’s announcement.
  - 7) Events – Diana Alfaro and Rae Spencer-Hill
    - i. Parade and party December, joined by electeds and electeds to be.
    - ii. MLK/Women’s March on 1/20, requested \$400 for that. More details TBA.
  - 8) E-Board –Glenn Glazer
    - i. This weekend, virtual.
  - 9) Legislative – Lara and Cindy
    - i. Working on moving election dates and rail/trail speed up legislative items for next session.
  - 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. Thanked Diana/Rae for two great events.
    - ii. Election turnout on campus was very high.
    - iii. Mayor Keeley spoke at the last club meeting.
  - 2) Democratic Club of North Santa Cruz County– Monica Martinez (Lara)
    - i. Paused on meetings in December, back in January.
    - ii. Moving general meetings to the third Wednesday of the month.
  - 3) Democratic Women’s Club – Cindy Jaconette
    - i. Thanked Diana/Rae for the past events.
    - ii. Working on bylaws.
  - 4) MCDC – Denise Elerick
    - i. Meeting last night at a local wine pub, thank you night for Zach Friend and welcoming Kim DeSerpa. Swearing in 12/23 at 1400.

- 5) PVCCDC – Cyndi Valdez
  - i. Jenni: had a holiday party.
- IX. Allied Group Reports - **Please keep all reports to 2-minutes**
  - 1) Region 9 – Dominic Dursa
    - i. Check out CalMatters Instagram for changes in Trump voters since 2020.
  - 2) CDP Rural Caucus – Glenn Glazer
    - i. Next month.
  - 3) Labor – Francisco / Casey
    - i. Letter to DNC: [https://linkprotect.cudasvc.com/url?a=https%3a%2f%2faficio.org%2fpress%2freleases%2flabor-movement-principles-worker-centered-dnc&c=E.I.VLyRcpIuTrfmjGPjJexsKviTXa-amraECaDXpjLgUdHsfu9t45N57twGamYogVBh6k47jdjNfANBnMPz8mSELNepIMmsoOtLkCwfOPF8x7071B0teXF&typo=1&ncr\\_add=1](https://linkprotect.cudasvc.com/url?a=https%3a%2f%2faficio.org%2fpress%2freleases%2flabor-movement-principles-worker-centered-dnc&c=E.I.VLyRcpIuTrfmjGPjJexsKviTXa-amraECaDXpjLgUdHsfu9t45N57twGamYogVBh6k47jdjNfANBnMPz8mSELNepIMmsoOtLkCwfOPF8x7071B0teXF&typo=1&ncr_add=1)
    - ii. PLA achieved with the County of Santa Cruz.
    - iii. Affordable housing projects need to use local union workers. Considerable discussion on this.
  - 4) Swing Left – Rene Bloch
    - i. Not present.
  - 5) Affordable Housing – Tim Willoughby
    - i. Cabrillo College picked their developer
    - ii. Scotts Valley City Council voted to complete the Town Center project.
    - iii. Watsonville moved forward with the Tiny Village community.
    - iv. Diana: Scotts Valley getting 100 units of affordable housing on Scotts Valley Drive, first 100% affordable housing project in decades.
    - v. Diana: did not appreciate SV City Manager and other staff speaking against the project and it went forward anyway.
- X. Public Comment and Announcements
  - 1) Glenn: Justin Cummings elected chair of the Coastal Commission!
- XI. Adjournment 2026

**Next E-board Meeting: January 8th, 2025 6:30pm   Next General Meeting: January 22nd, 2025 7:00p**