

Santa Cruz County Democratic Central Committee

General Meeting Minutes

Zoom Conference Calling

May 27th, 2020, 7:00 p.m.

- I. Call to Order –Chair Coco Raner-Walter
- II. Attendance and Welcome Visitors – Introductions
 - 1) Members and Alternates: Keith Gudger, Joe Hall, Nora Hochman, Tony Russomanno, Adam Spickler, Rachel Williams, Andrew Goldenkranz, Rene Bloch, Adele Gardner, Pat Manning, Gigi Kelbert, Akin Babatola, Tamara Rice, Cyndi Dawson, Clayton Strawn, Stacey Falls, Shawn Orgel-Olson, Diana Alfaro, Cynthia Mathews, Hollie Locatelli, Jenni Veitch-Olson, Gwen Chiaramonte, Jack McCourt, Glenn Glazer, Linda Kerner, Richelle Noroyan, Clint Bonds, Coco Raner-Walter, Carolyn Livingston, Robin Musitelli, Carol Fuller, Molly Regan, Franco Picarella, Glen Schaller, Edward Estrada, Denise Elerick
 - 2) Members absent without Alternate present: Jenny Sarmiento, Ray Cancino, Mary Anne Clare
 - 3) Guests: Tina To, Richard Lewis, Karen Araujo, Jeff Zella, Maria Mead
- III. Agenda Changes
 - 1) None.
- IV. Approval of Minutes
 - 1) April and May: (M/S/P) Hollie Locatelli/Richelle Noroyan
- V. Old Business
 - 1) Speaker Jeff Shields on SB 917
 - i. Absent
- VI. New Business
 - 1) Bylaws first reading (Tony Russomanno)
 - i. Tony gave an overview of the proposed changes.
 - ii. Akin Babatola and Cynthia Mathews proposed sending out a clean copy also.
 - 2) CARES Resolution (Adam Spickler)
 - i. Adam gave an overview and history
 - ii. (M/S/P) Glenn Glazer/Richelle Noroyan
 - 3) Support for nonprofits during the coronavirus pandemic (Ray Cancino)
 - i. Absent
 - ii. Coco gave a brief overview of Capitola pulling funding for Community Bridges.
- VII. DCC Reports – **Please keep all reports to 2-minutes**
 - 1) Chair – Coco Raner-Walter
 - i. Nothing beyond opening remarks.
 - 2) Vice Chair – Gigi Kelbert
 - i. Current postcard project, all postcards allocated for GOTV in Kern County.
 - ii. Weekly census phone banks on Wednesdays in collaboration with the CDP.
 - iii. Requests that each member to do at least one.
 - 3) Treasurer – Carolyn Livingston
 - i. Dues are 99% received
 - ii. Balance is \$17,851 at end of April
 - iii. Proposed operating budget
 - iv. Alternative to Swing Left Proposal: Volunteer sponsorships
 1. Initial budget of \$1,000
 2. Will solicit directed donations
 - v. Sidebar discussion of how items are agendized and how items are put in the budget
 - 4) Secretary – Glenn Glazer
 - i. Personal Pronouns on the roster
 - ii. Various list updates and subgroup creation
 - iii. We have only four members left who do not have alternates
 - iv. 18 members/alternates who are not on committees
 - v. Thank for those who did detailed reports, that's most of you.
 - 5) Corresponding Secretary – Cynthia Mathews
 - i. Sent letter to CDP regarding lack of transparency in the Bauman harassment matter.
 - ii. Will send out CARES letter.
 - 6) Ways and Means – Akin Babatola
 - i. Thanks to the committee for a successful Zoom meeting.
 - ii. Need to choose a date. Looking at dates in September and October.
 - iii. Thanked Coco and Tony for work on the donor letter.
 - 7) Public Relations – Tony Russomanno
 - i. Looking for substitutes for canvassing

1. Sponsor the Vote
2. Map the Vote
- ii. Denise Elerick: Adopt a state may be useful. Will send info to Tony.
- iii. Adam Spickler: Need to add to discussion what these tools are used for.
- 8) Events –
- 9) E-Board – Pat Manning
 - i. Next eboard meeting is in August if it happens.
- 10) Legislative – Andrew Goldenkranz and Cynthia Hawthorne
 - i. See Santa Cruz County DCC Legislative Committee.pdf
 - ii. Glenn Glazer: Is going through the Legislative Committee a requirement for Committee consideration of bills?
 1. Andrew: No, we want to make things easier when we can, not harder.
 - iii. Cynthia Mathews: Suggested connecting with our electeds on their priority bills.

VIII. Chartered Club Reports- **Please keep all reports to 2-minutes**

- 1) College Democrats at UCSC – Edward Estrada
 - i. Trying to organize issue based Zoom calls
 - ii. Akin Babatola: Police are requesting a separate facility, taken offline.
- 2) Democratic Club of North Santa Cruz County– Maryann Clare
 - i. Absent.
 - ii. Had Marsa Greenspan, new Executive Director of Friends of the Santa Cruz Public Libraries as our speaker at the last meeting. She gave us a update on how libraries are managed, updates on Measure S and what’s happening with funds for Boulder Creek’s library.
 - iii. We are not doing our Spring Fundraiser due stay at home orders. We may put bumper stickers, pins & ? ? on our website that we will offer to people and of course we would love to get donations for them.
 - iv. Some of us will be writing postcards for T J Cox in support of SCCDCC’s effort.
- 3) Democratic Women’s Club – Molly Regan
 - i. DWC Board meetings resumed in May via Zoom; next meeting Monday, June 8th
 - ii. Planned summer fundraisers for Jimmy Panetta & Nancy de la Peña have been cancelled
 - iii. Exploring potential topics & speakers for a virtual program or tele-town hall
 - iv. Planning a virtual endorsement forum for late August & a program on ballot propositions for September hosted by John Laird
- 4) PVCCDC – Ray Cancino
 - i. Absent.
 - ii. We meet on Zoom, will be cancelling our August annual fundraiser and will try to do a online fundraiser this year.
 1. We will only be donating resources to South County candidates and will not be financial supporting other electeds
 2. We will be endorsing other candidates.
- 5) People’s Democratic Club- Franco Picarella
 - i. PDC to sign on to letter from Adam Scow to Jimmy Panetta asking him to support five coronavirus related HR Bills, and to oppose one, namely HR 6580 (Fletcher).
 - ii. PDC to support the SC Climate Action Network's Zero Carbon 2030 Campaign. Will invite Pauline Seales to make presentation to membership.
 - iii. PDC to support the Surveillance Technology Ordinance. Approved by EBoard and General Membership.
 - iv. Endorsed John Leopold.
 - v. PDC President Brian Murtha will write a letter to SC City Council requesting that all printed communications be printed in Spanish as well as English.
 - vi. Next General Membership Zoom meeting is on June 11 at 6:30 PM.
- 6) MCDC – Denise Elerick
 - i. MCDC has sent out a survey about how to move forward during COVID
 1. Would you attend a Zoom meeting , tele town hall?
 2. What guest speakers would you like to hear from?
 3. What subjects/topics are you curious about?
 4. What campaigns or issues are you working on?
 - ii. Working on incorporating results

IX. Allied Group Reports - **Please keep all reports to 2-minutes**

- 1) Region 7 – Omar Torres
 - i. No Report
- 2) Joe Armenta, CDP (jarmenta@cadem.org)
 - i. Thank you to those
 - ii. Mark Kelly event on June 14th <https://www.mobilize.us/cadems/event/275230/>
 - iii. Census phone banks on Wednesday <https://www.mobilize.us/dashboard/cadems/event/275396/>
 - iv. House party events: clubs and such reach out to him.

- 3) CDP Rural Caucus – Glenn Glazer
 - i. Wrote a letter to the CDP Chair requesting that survivors be involved in the report review process and that the report be disseminated as widely and transparently as possible while still protecting the privacy of survivors. Joined nine other caucuses in a petition for this.
 - ii. Promoted and supported a virtual town hall with candidates Audrey Denney (CD1), Pamela Swartz (SD1) and Elizabeth Betancourt (AD1).
 - iii. Wrote a letter to Gov. Newsom thanking him for his courage to resist reopening calls and to encourage him to continue following the science.
- 4) Housing Action Network – Diana Alfaro
 - i. Overview of Affordable Housing month events
 1. May is Affordable Housing month, resource constrained to due to shelter in place order.
 2. See website for events, self-guided tour and other options.
 - ii. Update on the new housing org
- 5) Labor – Glen Schaller
 - i. No report due to technical audio issues.
- 6) Swing Left – Rene Bloch
 - i. Christy Smith calling and texting.
 - ii. Flip White House/Senate/Gerrymandering
 - iii. Letter writing parties going great! Next ones scheduled for May 23rd, June 3rd, 20th, 30th.
 - iv. Dan Pfeiffer/Cecilia Munoz Event May 19th.
 - v. Swing Left Santa Cruz is partnering with Mission for Arizona for ongoing phone and text banks. These include early voter registration, early voter chasing, Mark Kelly voter ID and persuasion plus some down ballot actions.
 - vi. Had event with TJ Cox combined with post carding and calling action. Next one June 6th.
- X. Public Comment and Announcements
 - 1) Joe Hall: Suggests inviting Gail Pellerin as a speaker on changes to the election system and budget cuts.
 - 2) Glenn Glazer: Santa Cruz Pride, <https://www.facebook.com/events/291168221918535/>
 - 3) Glenn Glazer: CPUC meeting Thursday at 10AM
 - i. 1. Call this number between 9:50 and 10AM. Press *1 right away to share your name/organization with the operator to be on the speakers list. 1-800-857-1917, passcode: 9899501
 - ii. You can watch the webcast, but need to call in to comment: www.adminmonitor.com/ca/cpuc
 - 4) Jack McCourt/Nora Hochman: Suggested choosing which candidates to support by policy and not just because they are Democrats.
 - 5) Adam Spickler: Soliciting volunteers for Virtual Pride video, got many takers.
 - 6) Cynthia Mathews: Maybe do the Pellerin presentation as a webinar?
 - 7) Karen Araujo: Nice to be here, thank you for having me.
- XI. Adjournment 2036

Next E-board Meeting: June 10th, 2020 6:30pm Next General Meeting: June 24th, 2020 7:00p