

**Santa Cruz County Democratic Central Committee  
General Meeting Agenda**

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February 24th, 2021, 7:00 p.m.

- I. Call to Order –Chair Andrew Goldenkranz at 1900 PT
- II. Attendance and Welcome Visitors - Introductions
- III. Agenda Changes
- IV. Approval of Minutes M/S/P (Richelle/Rachel W)
- V. Old Business
  - 1) None
- VI. New Business
  - 1) Officer Candidate Speeches ( two minutes ) ( Andrew )
    - i. Secretary
      1. Melahat Rafiei
      2. Candidate speech for Secretary
      3. If you are interested in joining our campaign for CDP Secretary - please use the following link to visit our website and social media pages. <https://linktr.ee/melahat> If you'd like to email or call Melahat directly please do so at [info@melahat.org](mailto:info@melahat.org) or 949-350-7733. I'm the campaign manager and can also be reached at [cory@psc campaigns.com](mailto:cory@psc campaigns.com) or via cell at 562-506-5597.
  - 2) Swearing in of new members (Andrew)
    - i. Lou Chiaramonte
  - 3) Relational question. ( seven minutes ) ( Andrew )
    - i. Brief discussion. Break outs next month.
  - 4) HRC Forum and Resolution ( Andrew )
    - i. Preface on civility.
    - ii. Turned over the meeting to Cyndi, who gave an introduction.
    - iii. Dr. Jen Hastings presentation
    - iv. Matt Nathanson
    - v. Rahshan Williams
    - vi. Dani Drysdale
    - vii. Questions for guests (Andrew)
    - viii. Moved the resolution (Cyndi/Ray)
      1. Question called by Nora (Roll call vote: 16-11-3)
      2. Main motion: (Roll call vote: 23-2-5)
  - 5) Approval of Ways & Means Budget ( Carolyn )
    - i. Diana & Akin: Explanation of budget request. Moved to VII.6.
- VII. DCC Reports – **Please keep all reports to 2-minutes**
  - 1) Chair – Andrew Goldenkranz
    - i. Recommended reading: The Sum of Us by Heather McGee.
  - 2) Vice Chair – Cynthia Mathews
    - i. McGee was speaking at Bookshop Santa Cruz today.
  - 3) Treasurer – Carolyn Livingston
    - i. January 31, 2021 Bank Balance is \$16,471
    - ii. In February 61% of members have paid their dues for calendar year/Members 60.00 Alternates 40.00
    - iii. Committee to approve bank signatories: Chair Andrew Goldenkranz, Treasurer Carolyn Livingston, Asst Treasurer Hollie Locatelli and Events Chair Collen (Coco) Raner-Walter
      1. M/S/P (Glenn/Coco) unanimous consent.
    - iv. Inauguration Party net 2,081 with 35% of DCC members donating and 40% of total donations were big donors. Thank you to Akin Babatola, Carol Fuller, Adele Gardner, Glenn Glazer and Gail Pellerin for being big donors.
  - 4) Secretary – Glenn Glazer
    - i. Roster updates, Agenda template updates
    - ii. DSCC Delegate documentation to party, include list of delegates, list of DCC members and other forms.
  - 5) Corresponding Secretary – Rena Dubin
    - i. Wrote to the governor regarding ACA and resolution on HR. 45 sent out to congressional reps and leaders.
  - 6) Ways and Means – Akin Babatola
    - i. Expected return of \$7k on a \$4k investment.
    - ii. Diana: theme of building bridges, highlighting South County. Robert Rivas as MC and a host of other speakers.

- iii. Cynthia M.: Are we deferring Democrat of the Year? Yes.
- iv. Glen: Date? March 20<sup>th</sup>, proceeds? to the DCC efforts.
- v. Joe: Time? 6-7PM
- vi. Rachel: Online auction? No.
- vii. Motion to fund not to exceed \$4k, mostly for party baskets
  - 1. M/S/P (Glenn/Akin)
- viii. Akin: two more events this year
- 7) Public Relations – Tony Russomanno
  - i. No report
- 8) Events – Coco Raner-Walter
- 9) E-Board – Pat Manning
  - i. Glenn: review of ADEM situation
- 10) Legislative – Clint Bonds/Stacey Falls
  - i. Overview by Clint and Stacey
  - ii. Clayton is doing intake. Shared form and new parts.
  - iii. Ray: Feedback included
  - iv. Stacey: track impact of passed leg
  - v. Clayton: come join the subcommittee
- 11) Voter Reg/Engagement – Keith Gudger and Rene Bloch
  - i. No Report

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

- 1) College Democrats at UCSC – Edward Estrada
  - i. Putting on a program for students to get involved in politics.
  - ii. Work on LBGT women of color
  - iii. Work on decriminalizing sex work
- 2) Democratic Club of North Santa Cruz County– Maryann Clare
  - i. Santa Cruz County Health Officer Gail Newel was our guest speaker this month. She gave an outstanding presentation on COVID-19 which included a very informative slide show. Following that Gail answered many well thought out questions with clear and concise answers. I urge other Democratic Clubs to invite Gail Newel to speak.
  - ii. Our action Items were:
    - 1. To send cards and notes to thank and support our Congress members and their staff.
    - 2. Call & write Senators to support conviction of Trump.
    - 3. Call & write representatives to support the investigation and conviction of members of congress that were involved in the January 6th insurrection.
    - 4. Please feel free to join us in these efforts.
- 3) Democratic Women’s Club – Molly Regan
  - i. February climate change program on Saturday 2/20 with Mark Stone, Tiffany Wise-West, David Reid & Elissa Benson.
  - ii. March program will focus on what the Democratic Party should be doing at the national level. Additional details forthcoming.
  - iii. DWC Board voted to contribute to the DCC’s March gala.
- 4) MCDC – Barry Scott
  - i. Presentations from local electeds.
- 5) PVCCDC – Ray Cancino
  - i. Discussion of structural racism and inequities, how to minimize that.
  - ii. Clubs should look at bylaws with regards to people switching parties.
  - iii. Will give a grant to Community Action Board, Immigration Project, to cover one person's naturalization fees
- 6) People’s Democratic Club- Franco Picarella
  - i. Discussed priorities for the upcoming year.
  - ii. Various issue discussions

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

- 1) Region 7 – Omar Torres
  - i. Region 7 Meeting, Monday at 6:30.: <https://tinyurl.com/cdregion7>
  - ii. Announced guest list, officer candidate speakers
  - iii. Will have another meeting for resolutions in March
- 2) CDP Rural Caucus – Glenn Glazer
  - i. Met on 2/15 over Zoom, primary agenda item was a forum with Delaine Eastin and Rusty Hicks.
- 3) Housing Action Network – Diana Alfaro
  - i. Housing Santa Cruz County launch tomorrow featuring Betty Yee.

ii. RSVP:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdDxsse6n2pKj8AMNU30gOJiFEyyZhsX1ZEMb8Tgc0qRcxQ2w/viewform>

4) Labor – Glen Schaller

i. No Report

5) Swing Left – Rene Bloch

- i. 2021 will include Virginia and a couple of special elections. We are also planning to support the Governor's campaign against the recall. 2022 is expected to include District 10 and 21. We all need to stay on top of how the redistricting lines are going to be drawn. For Senate Mark Kelly of Arizona and Catherine Cortez Masto of Nevada need in person work. Other swing states will need our remote work. Take action interest survey available on [swingleftsantacruz.org](http://swingleftsantacruz.org)

X. Public Comment and Announcements

- 1) Adam: Cabrillo has a request and a subcommittee to consider changing the name. Several events are planned, including presentations, art, poetry and so on. Would appreciate help from DCC/clubs to advertise events.
- 2) Linda: DCNSCC has Mark Stone speaking on fire insurance cancellation
- 3) Richelle: Adam, you might want to do outreach to the Portuguese community re: Cabrillo.
- 4) Cynthia M: Fire insurance may be a good issue for DCC.
- 5) Cynthia M: Santa Cruz is removing the last fake mission bell and correcting Loudon Nelson's name in various places.
- 6) Lou: "South Bay Indigenous Solidarity (a group I founded in 2019) will be hosting an online, interactive, multimedia event on Thursday March 17, at 7:00 PM. The event will focus on the Amah Mutsun Tribal Band's efforts to protect Juristac. Located in the Santa Cruz Mountains south of Gilroy, Juristac is the Tribe's most sacred ceremonial site. It is threatened by a proposed open-pit sand and gravel mine. We are especially hoping that the event will be attended by representatives from different DCC clubs and similar organizations. Our hope is that these organizations will be willing to play our multimedia 'Sacred Grounds' presentation at their own meetings. We are working with the Amah Mutsun Tribal Band to get as many people as possible directly involved with the effort to Protect Juristac. I would also like to personally thank the Santa Cruz County DCC for supporting local, regional, and state resolutions in the Democratic Party regarding the protection of Juristac.
- 7) Glenn: Clubs should join CDC <https://caldc.org/about-cdc/>
- 8) Joe Hall: please put Newsom recall on next agenda.

XI. Adjournment 2133

**Next E-board Meeting: March 10th, 2021 6:30pm Next General Meeting: March 24th, 2021 7:00p**