San Mateo County Democratic Central Committee
Hybrid Meeting Minutes, August 20, 2026

7:07 PM – Speaker

- President of the Board Supervisors Noelia Corzo provided an update on the work and accomplishments of the Supervisors and her priorities for the upcoming year.

7:32 PM – Call to Order

- Chair Maki requested to amend the agenda to remove the vote on the Menlo Park resolution and defer vote on that topic which is a ballot measure issue for the endorsement meeting, as recommended by the bylaws chair. A motion was made and seconded to approve the August General Meeting Agenda as amended by Chair Maki; motion approved with majority vote and no objections.

7:33 PM – Laborers Union, Local 261 Appreciation

- Rick Bonila presented a proclamation and gift to the Laborers Union, Local 261 in appreciation for letting us use their wonderful meeting space for our meetings.

7:37 PM – Introduction of Candidates

- Chair Maki asked all candidates running for elected office this November who were present at the meeting or online to introduce themselves (which continued as people joined throughout the meeting).

7:47 PM – Superintendent of Schools Candidate Richard Barrera

- Candidate Richard Barrera spoke about his campaign and his policy platform.

7:58 PM – E-Board Reports:

- Chair Maki reminded Members, Alternates and Associates that dues should have been paid by the July Central Committee. More than half the dues are still unpaid as of today.
- The Vice Chairs are working with the clubs to recharter and they are mostly done.
- Communications Director Ally Chan reported on the state E-Board endorsements – one vote that was noteworthy is the Prop 40 Billionaire tax; initially it did not pass by a few votes but was reconsidered and ended up passing at 61% (60% needed)

8:02 PM – Endorsement Committee Update

- Chair Maki reported that we will be interviewing 62 candidates, including a number of uncontested candidates. In 2024, some good uncontested Democrats were unhappy because we didn't endorse in those races so we decided to change our position on this.
- Our five schedulers are in the process of scheduling interviews for August 29-30.
- We have 23 interviewers. We probably could use a few more. You cannot interview if you are a candidate. Some of you indicated which races you are especially interested in. Chair Maki will try to accommodate your wishes, but scheduling is pretty complicated so it may not be possible.
- We have 29 local ballot measures to review and 15 volunteers. We need 14 more people to research ballot measures. Research involves documenting what the ballot measure would do, what the pros and cons are, and maybe the backers and deciding what position to recommend that the Central Committee take.
- Communications Director Ally is creating points of contact for each ballot measure so please reach out to Ally if are connected to it in some way.

November 2026 Endorsement Schedule:

8/29-30	Candidate interviews
8/31	Endorsement Committee #4 Meeting ● Review candidate endorsements ● Decide ballot measure endorsements ● Review Central Committee voting process
8/31	Central Committee & candidates sent candidate and ballot measure recommendations
9/3	Central Committee Vote on Endorsement Committee's Recommendations
	Slate Mailer
9/20	Estimate mailer costs and contributions
9/24	Finalize design, candidates, printer
10/7	Ballots mailed

- Slate Mailers
    - We expect the cost of sending over 20,000 mailers to households with 2 more super voters will cost $20,000.
    - The donation request per candidate will vary depending on how many of a candidate's constituents will receive the mailer and how many candidates and ballot measures want to be on the mailer. If all ballot measures want to be on the mailer and we endorse candidates in all possible races, the donation request for Sally Lieber and county wide ballot measures will be about $1700. John Woodell anticipates doing 3 mailers again.

8:20 PM – VOTE

- **Resolution Supporting SB 954**
- Chair Maki discussed the history of CEQA and the resolution, including how it's changed since the last time this body voted on it.
- Following discussion, a motion to approve the resolution and the motion was seconded
    - The motion was approved with 18 yes votes, 0 no votes, and 0 abstentions

8:30 PM – Legislative Reports, Club Reports, Director Report

- Uma Krishnan reported that Chai with the AAPI is happening August 30th; it's a free event, please bring your family and come enjoy.
- Diana Reddy thanked District 2 for tonight's refreshments and reminded District 3 that it's their turn next month.
- Diana Reddy reported that Democracy for America is holding its Zoom meeting Zoom the first Wednesday in September and the focus will be an analysis of the primaries and a discussion of where we should focus for November.

8:35 PM – Lightning Round

- Comments by Victoria Sanchez De Alba, Sally Lieber, Sandra Lang, Nick Lochrie, Phoebe Shin Venkat, and April Vargas.

Technical issues prevented further audible discussion for Zoom listeners.

9:00 PM – Adjournment

- Chair Maki adjourned the meeting.