

**San Mateo County Democratic Central Committee**  
**Hybrid Meeting Minutes, July 17, 2025**

**7:00 PM**

- **Guest Speaker:** Former Congresswoman Anna Eshoo

**7:30 PM - Call to Order**

- Chair Maki called the meeting to order and requested two changes to the meeting agenda: move introductions of new alternates to the beginning of the meeting and add a Fundraising and Events report and an AAPI Alliance club report following the E-Board report.
- A motion was made and seconded to approve the July General Meeting Agenda as amended by Chair Maki; motion approved with majority vote and no objections.
- Motion made and seconded to approve the June General Meeting Minutes; motion approved with majority vote and no objections.

**7:35 PM – E-Board Reports**

- The following members introduced their new alternates and the alternates spoke briefly:
  - Chair Maki introduced Ruben Abrica
  - Sandra Lang introduced Carlos Tapia
  - James Coleman introduced Vanessa Tapia
  - Uma Krishnan introduced Kim Woo
- Chair Maki reported that e-board decided to donate \$500 to SMC Latinx Democratic Club for their August 16th fundraiser and to approve an additional \$1000 for resistance and outreach.
- Our Fundraising and Events Chair Jennifer Kim is working on a fundraiser for September. She couldn't be here tonight but expect to hear more from her soon.
- Annual member, alternate, and associate dues are due today. Chair Maki sent everyone an email on this subject today.
  - Members owe \$70, except Uma Krishan who recently paid.
  - Alternates owe \$35, except Adina Levin, Antoinette Damico, Kimberly Woo, and Ruben Abrica.
  - Associates, who have not paid dues in 2025, owe \$25 for 2025-2026 dues.
  - The easiest way to pay associate dues is here.
  - Clubs also need to recharter now, which involves sending a current list of members who live in San Mateo County and paying \$1 per member, sending a list of officers, and providing the bylaws. Vice chairs Maryann Moise and Victoria Sanchez De Alba will be handling club rechartering.
  - Clubs who want to participate in the California Democratic Party (CDP) 2025-26 Pre-Endorsing Conferences must successfully register by submitting their Club Roster through the Club Registry before the 12 pm (noon) deadline on August 6, 2025
- The next CADEM E-Board meeting will be held August 22-24 and will be virtual.
- At our June meeting, the Central Committee members passed a resolution "committing to being present in their communities, building bridges with grassroots allies, and taking visible, principled action to protect and defend immigrant rights at this critical time." Chair Maki expressed her commitment to this and expressed her hope that others on the body also take this seriously.
- The Resistance Task Force has mapped a course forward for us. They have attended two neighborhood events in EPA, where they talked to attendees about how they felt about what was going on and what was important to them. They also introduced the San Mateo County

Democratic Party to the folks they talked to, and if needed - offered referrals to resources and directed people to opportunities to protest and take action on our website.

- Chair Maki expressed her desire to see other members, alternates, and associates following their lead by:
  - Identifying a local event where people would congregate such as street fair
  - Organizing half a dozen people to participate in shifts.
  - Bring a table and our banner. The party will provide handouts.
  - And then just showing up - and talking to people - finding what's important to them - letting them know who we are - offering referrals and protest opportunities, if they are requested.
- April is planning to participate in another event this weekend in North Fair Oaks and will talk more about what the task force is doing later tonight.
- Chair Maki stated her hope that we can work with other groups and take more powerful actions. For example, last weekend Chair Maki attended the Jayapal Resistance Lab and was very impressed. Their message was that we the citizens need to take action to protect our Democracy and stop authoritarianism. Our actions should weaken the pillars that support Trump. Pillars such as business, the media, elected officials, federal workers, faith communities, universities, military. We can weaken the pillars that support Trump through non-violent action such as protests and labor strikes. We encourage Democrats to protest. The RESIST WITH US tab on our website lists nearby opportunities. Congresswoman Jayapal has another [Resistance Lab training on September 7](#).
- Chair Maki discussed possible new locations for our monthly meetings. We are considering
  - Diana Reddy's church on Woodside Road in Redwood City and Alexis Lewis's church in Foster City. Both have hybrid meeting capabilities.
  - Possible other locations were discussed.
  - Alternate Carlos Tapia offered space at the Deputy Sheriff's Association building in downtown Redwood City which has an event space designed for hybrid meetings on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor.
  - Please send suggestions to Chair Maki for consideration. Locations with access to transit are preferred.

#### **7:45 PM – AAPI Club Report on student fellowship**

- Uma Krishnan, chair of the AAPI Alliance, reported that their club is offering their first student fellowship for young people of color to get involved in the political space and local government. If anyone knows a student interested in this space, please encourage them to apply.
- Uma also informed the committee that they should contact Faith in Action if they hear about or receive ICE raid information because there is a lot of misinformation and AI-generated false images spreading and they are helping to provide factual information and resources.

#### **7:45 PM - Resistance Task Force**

- April Vargas reported that the next event for the Task Force is the Chase Love experience on Saturday, July 20<sup>th</sup> from 2-8pm at 3180 Middlefield Road in Redwood City. This is a nonprofit that works to support the unhoused residents in our community. There is no charge to participate and April has requested this committee donate \$50.
- April thanked everyone that donated to offset the cost of our storage unit move. We've raised \$750.
- April reported that we finally received our portion of the sales from the 2024 campaign store, and it was over \$700 this time. There is a lot of new stuff there now so go check it out.
- Email April if you want to get involved.

**8:04 PM - VOTE - Resolution - [Decrying Increased Domestic Terrorism Attacks in the United States](#)**

- Rick Bonilla read the resolution and motioned to approve the resolution. Uma Krishnan seconded the motion.
- Diana Reddy informed the body that they all received the revised resolution and noted that Rick Bonilla and Congressman Mullin were added as Co-Sponsors.
- The motion passed unanimously with 24 yes votes, 0 no votes, and 0 abstentions.

**8:10 PM - URGENT - Resolution - [Resolution in Support of Coalition for a Safer San Mateo County Statement of Sheriff Accountability](#)**

You can see the statement SMCDems would sign [here](#).

- Asheigh Evans introduced and read the statement.
- Paul Bocanegra provided comments and encouraged members to vote to support the statement.
- Paul Bocanegra moved to approve and Jon Woodell seconded.
- Brief comments were made.
- The motion passed with 16 yes votes, 1 no votes, and 5 abstentions.

**8:20 PM - Legislative Reports, Club Reports, Director Report**

- Dianna Reddy reported that the next DFA (Democracy for America) meeting will be Wednesday, August 6. It's their annual mid-summer night potluck at Dianna's house.
- Rick Bonilla on behalf of the Bay Area Jewish Democratic Coalition thanked everyone for the vote on today's resolution which will be submitted to CADEM for consideration of inclusion by the state party. Finally, Rick thanked the IBEW for their generosity in providing our meeting space.
- Ashleigh Evans noted that the Democracy for America mid-summer potluck will include the 1<sup>st</sup> annual sign contest. Bring your best protest sign for prizes.
- Diana Reddy thanked District 1 for the fabulous refreshments and reminded District 2 will be next month.

**8:35 PM - Lightning Round**

- Comments by John Woodell, Ruben Abrica, Paul Bocanegra, and Alexis Lewis.

**8:40 PM Adjournment**

- Chair Maki adjourned the meeting.