

San Mateo County Democratic Central Committee
Hybrid Meeting Minutes, June 26, 2025

7:00 PM

- **Guest Speaker:** Kalimah Salahuddin, Chair of the SMC Independent Civilian Advisory Commission on the Sheriff's Office, discussed the latest issues before the ICAC, the commission's recommendations, and an update on the removal and replacement of the current San Mateo County Sheriff.

7:50 PM - Call to Order

- Chair Maki requested a change in the agenda to give her the ability to sign a letter to the Board of Supervisors outlining the attributes expected of the new Sheriff. Mark Nagales raised a procedural question about the topic not being on the agenda since nobody has seen the materials. Chair Maki agreed to agendize the matter at the next meeting.
- A motion was made and seconded to approve the June General Meeting Agenda; motion approved with majority vote and no objections.
- Motion made and seconded to approve the April General Meeting Minutes; motion approved with majority vote and no objections.

8:00 PM - E-Board Reports

- Chair Maki reported that Sam Hindi resigned as Controller. If anyone is interested in this position, please contact Karen. You must be a member or an alternate and not an elected official.
- Southern Vice Chair MaryAnn Moise reported that on behalf of Chair Maki, she attended a special meeting with Congressman Liccardo aimed to bring together the SMC and Santa Clara Central Committees with all the local grassroots organizations doing organizing. She was joined by Northern Vice Chair Victoria Sanchez De Alba and April Vargas. These groups reported they don't feel like they know what's happening locally with the party and want better connections and collaboration with the Central Committees. Congressman Liccardo is committed to supporting our work and his office sent up a Signal group to encourage better communication among the groups. Maryann thanked Congressman Liccardo's office for holding the meeting.

8:05 PM - Bylaws Committee Update

- Rick Bonilla reported that the Bylaws committee has two very long and thoughtful meetings about the question of restricting elected central committee members from endorsing non-Democrats in local races and has decided to make no recommendation to make changes to the bylaws at this time because the committee could not reach consensus on the unintended consequences of a change.

8:15 PM - Public Storage Update (April Vargas)

- April Vargas reported that we've moved to a smaller storage unit, saving \$556/month.
- There was a tremendous amount of labor involved in this effort: thank you to Susan Rick, Justin Fang, James Coleman, Riley, and Chair Maki for assisting with the moving.
- It cost \$1465 for two truckloads of disposal by Junk Kings South San Francisco, but we were able to give away some of the better items.
- The new unit is indoor so it will be easy to keep things clean and anyone who accesses the new unit is responsible for keeping it clean and organized.
- Chair Maki thanked April for her extraordinary efforts with this project and requested that every member that was not able to physically help with the move donate online to help cover the costs.

8:20 PM - Resistance Task Force

- April Vargas introduced the group (14 very active members and 25 other members) was organized after the November election to try and reach those in our counties who we have not been feeling included and heard by the Democrats.
- At EPA Councilmember Ruben Abrica's suggestion, the task force attended the Cinco de Mayo event in EPA that was hugely successful.
- 3 members of the task force discussed their experiences and perspectives:
 - Isela Dimery joined because she is distraught after election as mother of a black/brown child
 - Ravneel Chaudhary discussed the importance of SMCDems partnering with local grassroots groups
 - EPA Councilmember Ruben Abrica discussed his perspective on the importance of SMCDems involvement in local communities

8:39 PM - VOTE - URGENT - Resolution Urging Action Against Illegal Detentions, Racial Profiling, and ICE Abuses Targeting Immigrant Communities

- Northern Vice Chair Victoria Sanchez De Alba and April Vargas presented the resolution and encouraged support.
- Adam Rak requested a wording change to the last sentence to read: we also strongly encourage all Democratic elected officials in or representing San Mateo County to do the same.
- Northern Vice Chair Victoria Sanchez De Alba made a motion to support the amended resolution; Mark Nagals seconded.
- The motion passed with 24 yes votes, 0 no votes, and 0 abstentions.

8:56 PM - First Reading - Decrying Increased Domestic Terrorism Attacks in the United States

- Jon Levinson provided a first reading of the resolution and he and Diana Reddy spoke in favor of supporting this resolution at our next meeting when it is voted upon.

9:00 PM - Legislative Reports, Club Reports, Director Report

- Francesca Segre for Congressman Liccardo provided an update on his work in D.C. and locally
- Adam Rak thanked Congressman Liccardo for his budget request for transportation infrastructure on the Coastsides.
- Diana Reddy on behalf of Democracy for America invited everyone to their upcoming meeting on July 2nd with speakers discussing support for Ukraine.
- Ashleigh Evans reported that the SMCDems Biomass resolution was one of the 11 total resolutions passed by CDP (they started with 70 and only 11 made it).

9:05 PM - Lightning Round

- Comments by Elsa Schafer, Sandra Lang, Lissette Espinoza-Garnica, Riley, Phoebe Shin Venkat, Jim Lawrence, John Woodell, Rick Bonilla, Uma Krishnan, and Juslyn Manalo.

9:26 PM Adjournment

- Chair Maki adjourned the meeting.