# San Mateo County Democratic Central Committee Hybrid Meeting Minutes, September 18th, 2025

#### 7:00 PM - Speaker

#### • Igor Tregub provided a Ukraine Update

Born in Kyiv, Ukraine, Igor Tregub is an advocate for Ukrainian relief, resistance, and resettlement efforts. Elected in 2024 to the Berkeley City Council, Igor is also a renewable energy policy consultant, Alameda County Democratic Party Chair, and a member of the Sierra Club Board of Directors.

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

- Chair Maki called the meeting to order and requested a change to the meeting agenda to include a first reading of a resolution in support of SB 63.
- A motion was made and seconded to approve the September General Meeting Agenda as amended by Chair Maki; motion approved with majority vote and no objections.
- Chair Maki reported that the August meeting minutes are not complete yet and will be distributed for review and approval at the next meeting.

## 7:35 PM - E-Board Reports

- Chair Maki reported that the e-board made the following decisions at the last meeting:
  - o We approved bringing Controller candidate Cammie Edwards for approval by the Committee.
  - o We decided to have a fundraiser at Angelica's in Redwood City on 11/2 from 11:30 AM 1:30 PM and provide non-alcoholic drinks with CADEM VP David Campos as the speaker.
  - o We decided to require that all clubs rechartering have 20 members or more.
  - o We decided to ask the Central Committee to authorize the expenditure of up to \$2000 for Prop 50 buttons, water and snacks for IBEW, and Prop 50 flyers. As of a few weeks ago we have the following amounts in our accounts:
    - Federal \$45654.08
    - State APA \$82527.14
      - however, only \$38427.14 is available to use due to Senate Dem funds, State Restricted \$1774.66

#### 7:45 PM - Recognize Nancy Calibjo

- Alexis Lewis thanked and commended Nancy's great work over many years in support of our party. Nancy has strengthened our work in so many ways. We are deeply grateful for her time and leadership.
- April expressed her sadness to see Nancy move and her sincere appreciation and admiration for her generosity, professionalism, incredible gift for community building, and sense of fun.
- Thank you for everything Nancy. new wish you the best and will sincerely miss you.

## 7:55 PM - Tito Alvarez, CHASELOVE, Executive Director

- Mr. Alvarez discussed the initiative he founded
  - o CHASELOVE is a grassroots homeless outreach initiative that uses art, music, and events to raise awareness and support for unsheltered individuals in the Bay Area. What began as a personal mission has since evolved into a growing movement—and in 2025, CHASELOVE became fiscally sponsored, opening the door for larger-scale fundraising and deeper community impact. Through CHASELOVE, I've collaborated with artists, small businesses, and nonprofits to curate experiences that blend cultural celebration with resource mobilization.

#### 8:10 PM - VOTE - Controller Candidate Introduction and Vote - Cammie Edwards

- Cammie Edwards Bio
- Cammie introduced herself and her qualifications.
- A motion was made by Alexis Lewis to approve Cammie Edwards as our Controller; seconded by Mark Nagales.
- The motion passed unanimously with 22 yes votes.

## 8:15 PM - Prop 50 Mobilization, <u>VOTE</u> on \$2000 for Prop 50 flyers, buttons, snacks and water, + <u>VOTE</u> for \$500 for Yard Signs (to be available for purchase)

- April Vargas discussed this coming Sunday's canvas for Yes on Prop 50. This was the brainchild of the San Mateo County AAPI Alliance and the LatinX Dems. We are supported by the SMC Dems and the Working Families Party, and IBEW Local 716 where we will be meeting on Sunday to stage.
- It's crucial we get everyone to vote because there is a large counter-campaign going on.
- Uma Krishnan shared that this is a huge collaboration and there are many first-time canvassers and it's important we get out the vote.
- April requested we approve \$2000 to provide the resources for canvassing because the state party is not providing any supplies except for the walk pieces.
- A motion as made by [inaudible] to approve \$2000 for Prop 50 canvassing expenses; seconded by James Coleman.
  - o The motion passed unanimously with 20 yes votes.
- Diana Reddy reported that the Yes on Prop 50 campaign has signs that cost \$35 per sign, but 50 can be printed for \$10/sign. Diane wants 10 of them for Redwood City, leaving 40 available for purchase by others.
  - o In addition, Diana Reddy suggested the party approve \$500 for Diana to print an additional 50 of the Vote Yes on Prop 50 signs with the design provided by the campaign, and people can purchase them for \$10 per sign to recover the cost.
  - o The motion was made by Sandra Lang and seconded by Rick Bonilla.
  - o The motion was approved with 17 Yes votes, 1 No vote, and no abstentions.

#### 8:25 PM - VOTE - Proposal for donation to CA-22 DCC's of \$1500

- Eric Siegel discussed CA-22. Sadly, the effort to get Rudy Salas elected was unsuccessful. But there is hope. It's a median district with half the district being Republican and half Democrat. It also has the highest percentage of people on Medicaid at 68% of any congressional district in the entire country. The Democratic Central Committee of Kings and Tulare Counties are trying to raise funds to build momentum to unseat Valdeo in 2026 and turn out voters for Prop 50. Eric proposed donating \$1500 to support these efforts. Eric will match the first \$500 of additional individual contributions to this project.
- There was a discussion about whether to donate \$1500, \$2000 or more. A motion was made by Rick Bonilla to donate \$1500 now and revisit later whether to give more. Seconded by [inaudible].
  - o The motion was approved with 19 Yes votes, 0 No vote, and no abstentions.

## 8:35 PM - Fundraising and Events Report

- Jennifer Kim reported that the fall fundraiser will be November 2<sup>nd</sup> from 11:30am-2pm at Angelica's in Redwood City.
- Registration will be available soon. Tickets will be \$100.
- Jennifer requested that everyone think about connections you have to places and people to host events and reach out to her. Our work takes money and we need to host successful events to raise money. We need your help to do this.
- We are starting to plan for a major gala for 2026 so if you are interested, please reach out and get involved.

**8:40 PM – <u>VOTE</u> – Resolution in Support of SB 63 - 1/2 cent sales tax to support transportation** Gina Papan discussed SB 63, a November 2026 ballot initiative to fund Bart, Muni, etc. Public transit is a public good and must be run for the benefit of the public; this is the first measure to have accountability for the money built in. It is not perfect but a step in the right direction.

- James Coleman, in collaboration with Supervisor Corzo, introduced a resolution to support SB63.
   James thanked Assemblymember Papan and her staff for their support on this and getting good accountability provisions into the bill.
- Brief discussion occurred.
- A motion was made by Rick Bonilla to support the resolution as an emergency resolution; Seconded by Sandra Lang.
  - o The motion was approved with 20 Yes votes, 0 No Votes, and 1 abstention (Mark Nagales).

## 9:05 PM - Legislative Reports, Club Reports, Director Report

- Nick Lochrie reported for Congressman Mullin
- Joan Dentler reported for Senator Becker.
- Francesca Segre reported for Congressman Sam Liccardo
- Hene Kelly reported that the next CA DEM executive board meeting is October 24-26 in Monterrey. Importantly, next year the convention will be in San Francisco at the Moscone Center.

## 9:25 PM - Lightning Round

• Comments provided by Diana Reddy, James Coleman, Elsa Schafer, Uma Krishnan, and Sandra Lang.

## 9:30 PM - Adjournment

• Chair Maki adjourned the meeting.