

San Mateo County Democratic Central Committee
Hybrid Meeting Minutes, May 21, 2026

7:08 PM – Speaker

- Lorena Melgarejo of Faith in Action discussed ICE Action in San Mateo County

7:57 PM – Call to Order

- A motion was made and seconded to approve the May General Meeting Agenda; motion approved with majority vote and no objections.

7:58 PM - E-Board Reports

- Chair Maki made the following comments:
- The PA system in the meeting is not working this evening, so people on Zoom cannot be heard in the room
- June Election
 - We sent mailers to 18,567 households with 2 or more people voted in the last 2 primaries.
 - We will receive \$11,530 in donations, which cover the cost.
 - Request donations varied from \$30 for Measure A to \$2000 for candidates, whose constituents were all SMC voters.
- November Election proposed endorsement process
 - June 9th first Endorsement Committee meeting; this will be to decide roles
 - July 21st second Endorsement Committee meeting, including voting on questionnaire
 - July 13th - August 7th Candidate pull papers
 - 9/1 Endorsement meeting
 - 9/15 Slate Mailers to the printers
- Chair Maki will be away 6/26-7/14 and possibly 6/13-6/21
- Northern Vice Chair Victoria Sanchez De Alba reported that she is connecting with the chartered club to attend and sponsor the June 7th fundraiser.
- Southern Vice Chair Maryann Moise reported that she attended the last meeting of Indivisible San Mateo and discussed our endorsement process and the results of endorsement process.
- Communications Director Ally Chan reported that she will address the topic of a better Zoom set-up (such as an Owl) with the E-board; she also mentioned that she will attend the state E-board meeting at the end of July as our representative and they will vote on the billionaire tax; please let her, James Coleman or Uma Krishnan know if you have topics you want to address.

8:08 PM – [April 2026 Financial Report](#) (Cammie Edwards)

- Controller Cammie Edwards presented the financial report for the last full month of data which was April; there was no activity last month in the state account with about \$45k of funds available to use; we paid approximately \$11K for the slate mailer out of the federal account with a balance of ~42K. Money paid for slate mailers not showing yet.

8:09 PM – June 7th Fundraiser

- Chair Maki reported about our upcoming fundraiser:
- [Former Judge LaDoris H. Cordell](#) speaking on “The Eleventh Command: The Importance of Activism in America”
- Get your ticket [here](#).
- The Event will be held at Deputy Sheriff’s Association Hall, 2421 Broadway, Redwood City.
- Big thank you to Deputy Sheriff and alternate Carlos Tapia, who donated the use of the hall.
- This event is being put on by Diana Reddy, Roczana Enriquez, Martha Cullimore, Nirmala Badrapalli, Jlov Haro, and Chair Maki.
- SMC Dems needs to make \$20,000 this year, just to keep the party running. We need to make

\$10,000 at this fundraiser, and another \$10,000 in the fall.

- The cost will be \$30 per attendee or \$1500 for 50 people and \$3000 for 100 people.
- So far we have made \$5600, which includes
 - Change Champions from Vamsi Velagapudi
 - True Blue Supporters from Senator Becker, Congressman Liccardo, Assemblymember Stefani, former Senator Hill, Controller Cammie Edwards, Chair Maki, and Juan Raigoza.
 - \$250 from San Mateo County Central Labor Council, Diana Reddy, and Eric Siegel.
 - 11 single tickets
- Please sponsor, attend, and recruit others.

8:15 PM – Candidate Recruitment (Maryann Moise)

- Southern Vice Chair Maryann Moise reported that the candidate recruitment committee is meeting next week to help meet the CADEM mandate that a democrat runs for every open seat; if you heard about open seats with no democrat running, please reach out to the committee.

8:17 PM – Candidate Training

- Supervisor Noelia Corzo reported that candidate training (last of the 5-part series) is happening tomorrow from 12-1:30pm; there will be 4 panelists, including Supervisor Corzo and anyone interested in running for office or helping someone campaign should attend.

8:20 PM – Legislative Reports, Club Reports, Director Report

- Dianna Reddy reported that San Mateo County Democracy for America (DFA) has been doing a deep dive of candidates across the country including many interesting Senate and Congressional races which has been interesting; they meet the first Wednesday of every month; the upcoming summer potluck is June 20th and Diana's house.
- Diana Reddy thanked District 3 for refreshments and next month it will be District 5 (due to a skip that happened).
- Northern Vice Chair Victoria Sanchez De Alba and April Vargas reported for the Farmworkers Affairs committee that 555 Kelly was approved; however a small group is gathering signatures for ballot referendum, so there is still work to do. Rick Bonilla suggested we provide a resolution supporting the project and provide it to the HMB City Council and he will bring that forward next month with Victoria and April.
- Southern Vice Chair Maryann Moise reported that the Coastsides Dems annual meeting happened last weekend; 3 new members were elected, and they heard from local candidates and did endorsements.
- Helen Wolter provided a legislative update from Marc Berman who is supportive of VLF and working hard to return funding to San Mateo County; all bills must be voted out of their house of origin by midnight on May 29th.
- Supervisor Noelia Corzo reported that they had an update meeting on VLF today for elected officials and community based organizations with about 100 individuals joining online; unfortunately, the Department of Finance ended discussions with us about a permanent fix which is not good news; we should know by mid-June if we will receive any funds; the impacts of these cuts are significant for our county and every local city. We need to start a task force to see what else we can do. There was a study session about using Article 34 for development and preservation of affordable housing so expect to hear more about this soon.

8:38 PM – Lightning Round

- Comments by Supervisor Noelia Corzo, Rick Bonilla, John Woodell, Elsa Schafer, Lisa Diaz Nash, Seema Patel, and Sandra Lang.

8:51 PM – Adjournment

- Chair Maki adjourned the meeting.