

Santa Clara Community Organization  
 General Membership meeting  
 March 5, 2026

Those in attendance – 24 (7 Board members, 8 residents, 9 guests)

\*virtual attendees

<u>Board members</u>		<u>Residents</u>		<u>Guests</u>	
Kate perle	Matt Vohs	Ty Allman	Sarah Kelly-Quattrocchi	Alexi Miller	Justin Cory
Terri Reed	Louie Vidmar	Kellie Steiner*	DJ Kelly-Quattrocchi	Monique Despain.	Beth Gerot*
Patti Zachary	Jerry Finigan	Rod Graves	Todd Weaver	Michael Lambros.	Miriam Mickelson
Scott Sorenson		Cindy Graves	Patty Driscoll	Eric Dziura	Peter Simmith Kelly Mclver

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m. by the Chair, Kate Perle. She described the Santa Clara Committee Organization and its mission for those new to the group. She called for self-introductions from the audience. She introduced the two candidates for the open seat on the Eugene Water and Electric Board – Eric Dziura and Alexi Miller who gave a short resume for themselves and their what their priorities would be if elected to the EWEB Board. This was followed by a question/answer period, ending at 7:27 p.m.

Kate introduced Peter Simmith of Better Eugene Springfield Transportation – a nonprofit doing studies on the River Road and Highway 99 corridors. He described the area of study and the outreach goals. He said there needs to be an agreement on what the problems are before solutions can be discussed. BEST is in the process of surveying residents as well as holding a series of interviews – a process about halfway accomplished. He used a power point to report the data collected so far. This was followed by a question/answer period, ending at 7:48 p.m.

Scott Sorenson introduced Justin Cory, principal of Madison Middle School. He described the programs he was proud of at Madison including the woodshop, the band program, The theater program, and other assets that make Madison unique. He said the college career day is scheduled of March 27<sup>th</sup> and that he was proud of the talent shows that were held. He said State testing is coming up. Their black community group is active with the message that there is no place for hate at Madison. This was followed by a question/answer period.

Kelly Mclver, Director of Communications for School District 4j introduced himself. He expressed appreciation to Cory for taking his time from his busy schedule to come to this public meeting. He introduced the new superintendent of the Eugene School District – Miriam Mickelson – who was in the audience. He said that the main mission for District 4j is that every child in the system gets a fair shake. Kelly said that the District is the largest school district in the State with a population of 14,000 students in 19 elementary schools, 8 middle schools, and 4 high schools. He described how the governance structure for the District works. He characterized the new superintendent and some funding information. The District has a budget of \$600 million, with \$300 million in the general fund. The District is facing some financial challenges because of enrollment decline – mostly due to a decline in the birthrate and the lack of people moving into the community because of housing costs here. Also the District was working from federal funding implemented during the pandemic, and those funds have run out. He showed a graph of a 5-year forecast showing the financial shortfall of \$30 million. The District is responding by implementing a three

phase plan to reach stability. At present this will mean the reduction of 150 licensed staff, 87 classified staff, and 32 unrepresented staff – 269 total. The goal, though, is to continue a high quality of education and a maintenance of the environment of belonging and stability; as well as planning for long term viability.

This was followed by a question/answer period, concluding at 8:46 p.m.

Kate opened a brief business meeting. Matt Vohs moved the minutes from the February 5<sup>th</sup> meeting be approved as submitted. Louis seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 8:48 p.m.

Submitted,  
Jerry Finigan, secretary