Amador County Democratic Central Committee
October 5, 2026
Minutes

Call to Order at 5:30 pm

1. **Roll Call & Set Quorum**

Members: Gail Sweet, Robert Dalton, Lori Jagoda, Luisa Almeida, Steve Christensen, MarySue Bizzarri, Maurice Bizzarri, Mari Galino, Amanda Aikawa, Brian Jobson (Zoom), Christoper Taylor, Lynne Standard-Nightengale

Quorum set with three districts represented and four officers present.

2. **Public Comment:**
    - Luisa Almeida is hosting a fundraiser for Michael Masuda at her home on 10/22/206 from 11 am to 2pm. It will be a light luncheon and details will be distributed. She also has two seats available at her table she purchased for Operation Care's Purple Gala fundraiser on Saturday, October 10. It starts at 6 pm at the Italian Picnic Grounds with Gary Redmond the guest waiter. No cost to attend however it is a fundraiser. Contact Luisa if you would like to attend.
    - Amanda Aikawa and Chris Taylor continue to work on the Prop 40 team. They are being outspent by the opposition. CADEM has endorsed Prop 40. Amanda is asking members to consider allowing their names to be entered into an app called Reach that tracks campaign progress. Speak to Amanda if interested. Also, need to vote no on Prop 41 & 42 if want Prop 40 to count.
    - MarySue Bizzarri is asking people to vote for Ben Allen for Insurance Commissioner and not Jane Kim.
    - Christeen Ferree has a video from the League of Women voters that explains the propositions she will share with members. AAUW is also hosting a session on 10/21/2026 at the Jackson Civic Center to explain the propositions. It will be from 5 to 6:15 pm and University of Pacific will be the presenter.
3. **Approval of Agenda:** Remove swearing in of Bill Dye as a member due to health issues. Remove discussion of Audit Committee. M/S—Lynne Standard-Nightengale/Christeen Ferree. Approved with edits.
4. **Approval of minutes** – M/S—Lynne Standard-Nightengale/MarySue Bizzarri. Approved

Treasurer Report – MarySue reports $1000 was sent to both the Masuda and Brandon campaign. Current balance is $2932.58 for both Federal and State accounts. First State

filing is due 10/15/2026. Bob Dalton is helping MarySue with the filing. She also now has access to ActBlue account.

5. **New Business**

- **Upcoming events:**

i. 10/10/2026 Operation Care Purple Gala (see above)

ii. 10/10/2026 Postcard writing at Drytown Social at 11 am. Steve will sent out email to confirm after speaks to Susan Feist

iii. 10/17/2026 No Kings Rally 11 am to 12:30 pm at the Industry Blvd/Hwy 49 junction in Martell. Steve has signs that say VOTE and is asking participants to bring Masuda and Brandon signs. This will be a Get Out the Vote (GOTV) event. After the rally, the plan is caravan to the Administration Building and drop off ballots.

iv. 10/21/2026 AAUW Proposition event (see above)

v. 10/24/2026 Masuda caravan. It will start in Jamestown and plans to be at Detert Park at 1 pm, Ione at 4 pm, and Minnie Provis Park in Sutter Creek at 5 pm. Flyer will be sent out

vi. Steve is requesting canvassers to hand out pamphlets for both Masuda and Brandon in areas the campaigns have given him maps for. No knocking required unless choose to. Just leave the information. Contact Steve if interested. Steve has talked to Greg Wall, Amador High School Government chair to ask if high school students could assist with canvassing. Steve was directed to principal and was informed they could not ask students to participate in partisan events. Both Masuda and Brandon spoke to Mr. Wall's classes.

vii. Masuda internal polling shows he is only 7% behind McClintock and numbers are improving.

viii. Gail Sweet knocked on doors in her neighborhood and reports a lot of people have Ring cameras and may or may not answer the door based on what they see. Sixty plus people attended the Masuda town hall in Ione.

6. **Old Business**

- **Update Data Center**: Still no filing for permits. Group of people went to the Board of Supervisors meeting and spoke during public comments trying to get the topic on the agenda. It did not make the agenda and the group will try again. Foothill Conservancy is asking for a one year moratorium to evaluate true costs/benefits. Biomass company has kept their permits in place

however they are not adequate for the proposed data center. Jeff Brown has reevaluated his position on the project and not fully supporting it per Lynne.

- **Report from Finance Committee**: See treasurer's report.
- **Social Media Committee**: Maurice will post all events when he receives the flyers/information.

7. **Announcements--**none
8. Meeting adjourned at 6:20 pm after motion from Lynn and second by Bob. Approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Jagoda, Secretary