



SANTA CLARA COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY
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Initiatives Defeated, Democrats Elected with Support of County Party's Efforts

San Jose, CA (November 9, 2005) – The Santa Clara County Democratic Party (<http://sccdp.org>) succeeded in driving up voter turnout in Tuesday's special election, contributing to Democratic victories in a range of local elections and statewide initiative votes. Hundreds of SCCDP volunteers helped educate thousands of voters in Santa Clara County by knocking on thousands of doors, passing out over 16,000 literature pieces, and speaking with thousands of voters at community events. Our volunteers also registered nearly a thousand new voters.

"We maintained a consistent SCCDP presence nearly every weekend all summer, at over 60 events, from local farmers markets to major festivals, as well as new citizen ceremonies," said SCCDP Volunteer Coordinator Adrienne Grey.

In conjunction with the Alliance for a Better California and No on Proposition 73, SCCDP volunteers contacted thousands of additional voters by knocking on doors and making phone calls leading up to the November 8 election. Voter turnout was 45% with each of Gov. Schwarzenegger's initiatives being defeated in the county by a larger percentage than overall in the state.

In addition, SCCDP-endorsed candidates fared very well in local races. Among the winners:

- **Peter Arellano** was elected to rejoin the **Gilroy City Council**.
- In **Sunnyvale**, **Tony Spitaleri** and **John Howe** won their seats and allowed the city council to remain entirely Democratic.
- The three endorsed Democrats, **Anita Hermann**, **Wendy Bockholt**, and **Jeffrey Arnett**, were the three candidates elected to the **Sunnyvale School Board**.
- **Dana Tom** was the top vote-getter in the **Palo Alto Unified School District** election.
- Both of our endorsed candidates for **Palo Alto City Council**, **John Barton** and **Peter Drekmeier**, were elected.
- **Paul Fong** was reelected to the **Foothill-DeAnza Community College District Board**.

The Santa Clara County Democratic Party strives to build, sustain, and use our collective power to enable good Democratic candidates to win elections at all levels and to fight for important Democratic values such as first class schools, affordable healthcare, quality jobs, safe communities, innovative energy policies, reliable Social Security, a clean environment, and honest and open government.

