



**SANTA CLARA COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY**  
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## **SANTA CLARA COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY** **SUPPORTS MURTHA-PELOSI CALL FOR TROOP** **WITHDRAWAL FROM IRAQ**

San Jose, CA (January 12, 2006) – With the Iraq War costing Santa Clara County taxpayers approximately \$1.7 billion so far, the Santa Clara County Democratic Party (<http://sccdp.org>) has passed a resolution urging the United States government to begin the withdrawal of U.S. troops from Iraq so that our nation can restore essential funding for social programs benefiting our citizens.

Over 2,000 U.S. servicemen and -women have lost their lives and over 15,000 have been wounded with some of the wounded permanently disabled. Many of the 103,000 American military who have returned from Iraq are suffering from post traumatic stress disorder, depression, anxiety and other war related illnesses. In addition, over 100,000 Iraqi civilians and security forces have lost their lives and many others are suffering from the effects of this war with severe physical and emotional problems.

This war is causing division amongst the peoples of Santa Clara County and our nation, and has brought disrepute to our country because of accusations of political imprisonment and torture.

The SCCDP has therefore resolved to support the withdrawal of all U.S. troops from Iraq, according to the plan set forth by Congressman John Murtha and supported by Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi.

The complete resolution can be read at (<http://sccdp.com/resolutions.php>).

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.