

Resolution Encouraging Santa Clara County Democratic Candidates to Scrutinize Campaign Contribution Sources

WHEREAS since the Supreme Court decisions in Buckley v. Valeo and Citizens United v. FEC, the American political system has seen an enormous influx of money from corporate sources; and

WHEREAS this increased corporate influence has resulted in policy regarding numerous issues being tailored for the interests of big business and against the common good, and such corporate influence in the political system and political donations with undisclosed sources erode public trust in government and diminishes public support of democratic institutions; and

WHEREAS the Democratic Party fights for a more just society built on equality and the good of the American People, not only business interests, and candidates including Congressman Conor Lamb (D-PA 18) have succeeded winning their elections in very difficult circumstances without relying on corporate PAC donations;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Santa Clara County Democratic Central Committee implores all candidates seeking it's support to limit their reliance on donations from Political Action Committees that advocate for businesses, especially PACs that advocate for policies at odds with the platforms of the Democratic Party, the California Democratic Party, and the Santa Clara County Democratic Central Committee; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Santa Clara County Democratic Central Committee shall require all candidates running with or seeking any form of support from the Santa Clara County Democratic Party to disclose whether they are accepting donations from corporate PACs.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the SCCDP will not support any candidate taking donations from corporate PACs advocating policies at odds with the SCCDP.

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