

## **Resolution to Ban Chokeholds and Tear Gas in San Jose and Santa Clara County**

WHEREAS the City of San Jose Police Department and the Santa Clara County Sheriff Departments have just executed a militaristic response to protests concerning police abuse, the response including: A curfew, para military riot gear, and rubber bullets and teargas; and

WHEREAS deployment of police in military gear, using shotguns to fire projectiles at women, children, and elders, and using chemicals banned in warfare against the residents of our city and county was inappropriate; and

WHEREAS the City of San Jose spends over 33% of its budget on a militarized police force, while social needs go unfunded;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Santa Clara County Democratic Party requests that the City of San Jose ban the use of chokeholds and teargas by the San Jose Police Department against citizens, reallocate the City budget to more fully fund social services for residents, and reduce the militarization and cost of the San Jose Police Department; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Santa Clara County Democratic Party requests that the County of Santa Clara ban the use of chokeholds and teargas by the Santa Clara County Sheriff Department against citizens, reallocate the County budget to more fully fund social services for residents, and reduce the militarization and cost of the Santa Clara County Sheriff Department.

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