

## Santa Clara County Democratic Party

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San Jose, CA – The Santa Clara County Democratic Party today released a statement emphasizing that Steven Lee, Raven Malone, and Carolyn “Cari” Templeton are the only Palo Alto City Council candidates endorsed by the Democratic Party. The Party expressed concern that voters might be misled by mailers and newspaper ads in which candidates not endorsed by the Democratic Party used the official logo of the California Democratic Party, without authorization, including by printing the logo alongside logos of other organizations that had endorsed those candidates.

Santa Clara County Democratic Party Chair Bill James stated, “We object to the repeated unauthorized use of the California Democratic Party logo by candidates who did not earn our endorsement. Under the rules of the California Democratic Party, the Santa Clara County Democratic Party has ‘exclusive responsibility’ to confer the Democratic Party endorsement in local races in our county, and in this race we’ve endorsed only Steven Lee, Raven Malone, and Cari Templeton.”

The Santa Clara County Democratic Party is the official Democratic Party body in Santa Clara County, California. The Santa Clara County Democratic Party represents and speaks for the Democratic Party in Santa Clara County and has sole authority to confer the Democratic Party endorsements in non-partisan elections wholly within Santa Clara County.