

Resolution Exposing Lan Diep as a Fake Democrat

WHEREAS San Jose City Councilmember Lan Diep was a proud and avowed Republican until just recently and changed his registration to “Democratic” only after the March 2020 primary election, in a cynical and dishonest attempt to deceive voters in District 4 into believing he shares their progressive values, when in fact he does not; and

WHEREAS Diep’s positions and voting record expose him as a “fake” Democrat, including his opposition to renter protections; his opposition to efforts to ensure multimillion dollar corporations pay their fair share of property taxes; his deciding votes to support giveaways to big developers, including excusing them from even the most minimal requirements and fees to provide affordable housing; and, inexplicitly, opposing establishment and funding of an Office of Racial Equity, until mass protests this summer forced the Council majority’s hand; and

WHEREAS Diep’s opponent David Cohen is the sole endorsed candidate of the Santa Clara County Democratic Party and truly lives, represents, and fights for Democratic values every day, including in his role as a member of the Berryessa School District Board, such as by fighting to maintain small class sizes and music programs despite funding challenges presented by the last recession; establishing a Chinese language immersion program; ensuring that social workers and counselors are available to serve students; protecting the environment by installing solar panels and improving energy efficiency; and co-founding the East Side Alliance, to improve communication and coordination among school districts in the East Side Union High School District; thus affirming his progressive and certified Democratic values;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Santa Clara County Democratic Party rejects and exposes as false and disingenuous Councilmember Diep’s eleventh hour awakening and conversion from Republican to Democrat; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Santa Clara County Democratic Party will undertake to make clear to voters in District 4 that David Cohen is the true and sole-endorsed Democrat in his race, and that Lan Diep is not truly a Democrat and instead stands in opposition to Democratic principles and priorities.

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