

## Santa Clara County Democratic Party

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San Jose, CA – The Santa Clara County Democratic Party today joined other progressive organizations and leaders in condemning the Silicon Valley Organization’s racist campaign activities, as reported by news organizations. The Democratic Party further called for top leaders at the SVO to be replaced, and for Democratic leaders to join the Party in demanding real change at the SVO.

Santa Clara County Democratic Party Chair Bill James stated, “Once again, the SVO leadership’s excuse appears to be that they’re not racists, they just hired campaign consultants who used racist imagery and failed to supervise them. It’s time for a change in leadership, values, focus, and tone at the SVO.” James acknowledged Councilmember Dev Davis’ condemnation of the SVO’s most recent use of a racist image to support her, but he notes she remained silent for months as the SVO spent hundreds of thousands of dollars to attack her opponent, Jake Tonkel, and Democratically-endorsed candidate David Cohen, using false and misleading ads to perpetuate a status quo that is increasingly far out of step with our community’s priorities and values.

Fortunately, on November 3, voters can have their say and reject the SVO’s tactics.

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.