

**[Proposed Emergency] RESOLUTION CONDEMNING HATEFUL RHETORIC AND HARASSMENT
TOWARDS LOS GATOS MAYOR MARICO SAYOC**

WHEREAS Mayor Marico Sayoc is an exemplary leader and stands for values and principles we all support; and

WHEREAS, as the sole female woman of color on the Los Gatos City Council, Mayor Sayoc has promoted diversity awareness, understanding, and inclusiveness as important steps all members of our community should embrace; and

WHEREAS, as an Asian Pacific Islander (API) of Filipino-American descent, Democratic woman elected official in Los Gatos, Mayor Sayoc has been the subject of vitriolic sentiment and behavior from hateful right-wing and COVID-denying groups, and has had her family harassed by said groups; and

WHEREAS it is expected that elected officials affiliated with the Democratic Party stand for the ideals of our Party, as well as speak out against the alt-right, anti-LGBTQ+ hate mongers, and science-denying provocateurs of violence, and

WHEREAS, *we join* Assemblymember Evan Low and Senator Dave Cortese, and countless other Mayors in Santa Clara County, who have written a letter to the Town of Los Gatos addressing this behavior towards Mayor Sayoc in the light of a time when incidents of hate crimes against the API community have spiked in the last year-and-a-half; and

WHEREAS the Santa Clara County Democratic Party has taken a strong stand against bullying and harassment of women, people of color, and all groups who have been historically marginalized;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Santa Clara County Democratic Party stands in support of Mayor Sayoc and urges the Members of the Los Gatos Town Council to publicly condemn the hateful comments, harassing behavior towards Mayor Sayoc, and stand as an ally to women of color in elected office who are also being targeted; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Santa Clara County Democratic Party encourages individuals and activists to participate in all activities denouncing racism, sexism, and anti-LGBTQ+ and in support of inclusiveness and diversity.

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