[Proposed Emergency] Resolution Calling on Rolando Bonilla to End His Campaign for San Jose City Council and Resign from the San Jose Planning Commission Due to Domestic Abuse Allegations

WHEREAS, the Santa Clara County Democratic Party advocates for policies and people that value gender equality and respect for others; acknowledges the vital importance of believing survivors; and is staunchly against domestic and intimate partner abuse; and

WHEREAS, according to media reports, Rolando Bonilla's former wife stated in court filings that when she was pregnant Bonilla "grabbed her by the hair and shoulders, shoved her and covered her mouth and nose until she 'almost fainted,'" and Bonilla's former wife also reportedly stated in court papers that Bonilla "grabbed me hard by my arms, then pulled my hair and slammed my back into the wall," and that Bonilla warned her not to speak about his family or she would "see what domestic violence was," and stated that Bonilla was given supervised visits with their infant and was ordered to attend an anger management program; and

WHEREAS, the Santa Clara County Democratic Party stands with survivors of sexual, domestic, and intimate partner violence, and furthermore believes that candidates and officeholders should meet the very highest standards of personal and professional conduct;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Santa Clara County Democratic Party finds these allegations against Mr. Bonilla to be deeply disturbing and believes it is in the best interest of the people of San Jose that Mr. Bonilla should withdraw from the campaign for San Jose City Council District 5 and resign from the San Jose Planning Commission and any other public office.