Santa Clara County Democratic Party

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The Santa Clara County Democratic Party today released a letter sent to Rolando Bonilla, candidate for San José City Council, District 5, demanding that he and his campaign cease and desist from using the logos of the Democratic Party in campaign communications. The letter stated that use of the logos on a mailer purporting to be a "Democratic Voter Guide" implied endorsement when, in fact, Mr. Bonilla knows he is not endorsed by the Democratic Party. To the contrary, the Santa Clara County Democratic Party recently passed a resolution calling on Mr. Bonilla to withdraw from the race, in light of reports of allegations by his former wife that he committed acts of domestic violence.

Candidate Peter Ortiz is the sole endorsed Democrat in the San José City Council, District 5 race.

Santa Clara County Democratic Party Chair Bill James stated, "District 5 voters should know that Trustee Peter Ortiz earned our sole endorsement, and no other candidate should use the name or logos of the Democratic Party to imply otherwise."

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 nonpartisan elections wholly within Santa Clara County.