

## **RESOLUTION CALLING ON MATT MAHAN TO RENOUNCE SUPPORT FROM EXTREMIST GROUP**

WHEREAS; the Silicon Valley Association of Republican Women (SVARW) advances wild conspiracy theories, including denial that Trump lost the 2020 election, promotes racist framing of public discourse, such as the Critical Race Theory strawman, amplifies misinformation with respect to COVID and long-discredited so-called alternative treatments, takes action to harm the LGBTQ+ community, such as by rallying against the banning of harmful conversion therapy and opposing affirming approaches to teaching about gender and identity in our schools, opposes common sense regulation of guns, opposes abortion rights, hosted a talk in support of Putin and his unprovoked invasion of Ukraine, and more; and

WHEREAS; in a time when our most basic rights, including a woman's right to choose, are being taken away, to the extent that forced continuation of pregnancy and forced childbirth will soon be required by law in most of the United States, and white supremacist shooters armed with military grade weapons and body armor drive long distances to kill Black Americans, Asian Americans, Latino Americans, Jewish Americans, and others, in their places of worship and as they peacefully go about their daily lives, not to mention the children killed in mass shootings at their school, whereas in times such as these we must require those who would be our leaders to be clear where they stand and to take a stand, and state clearly where they stand; and

WHEREAS the SVARW has formally endorsed Matt Mahan for Mayor of San José and when the endorsement and nature of the SVARW and its positions and agenda were brought to his attention candidate Mahan welcomed their support, despite the positions and values of the SVARW being thoroughly antithetical and irreconcilable in every way with those candidate Mahan stated he supported in seeking the endorsement of the Santa Clara County Democratic Party;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Santa Clara County Democratic Party calls on candidate Mahan to renounce the support and endorsement of the SVARW and publicly call on them to remove his name from their list of endorsements.

*Adopted by the Santa Clara County Democratic Central Committee on June 2, 2022*