

Santa Clara County Democratic Party

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San Jose, CA - On June 2, 2022, the Santa Clara County Democratic Central Committee (SCCDCC) adopted a resolution calling on San José Mayoral candidate Matt Mahan to renounce the support and endorsement of the Silicon Valley Association of Republican Women (SVARW), which [listed Mahan](#) as their endorsed candidate [with his consent](#).

The SCCDCC members adopted the resolution without a single “no” vote, after viewing excerpts of [videos posted on the SVARW’s website](#), which exposed the group as providing a platform for extreme positions far outside the bounds of traditional conservatism, much less the values of our community. Examples include:

- George Soros and former Vice President Mike Pence should be [“executed for treason”](#)
- The January 6 insurrection was a [“false flag” operation](#) by the AFL-CIO to allow the 2020 election to be “stolen” from Trump
- [Teachers are “deranged” and “wicked people”](#) for providing a supportive environment for LGBTQ+ students
- People should avoid the COVID vaccine and instead use discredited so-called alternative treatments such as [Ivermectin and Hydroxychloroquine](#)
- Critical Race Theory [“causes” children to identify as transgender](#)
- [Schools should not support LGBTQ+ kids](#) who come out at school
- City Councils should be [targeted by protests](#) if they support the LGBTQ+ community or the “Black Lives Matter” movement
- School board candidates should [hide their anti-LGBTQ agenda](#) and opposition to historical fact-based teaching on the subject of race, when speaking to a general audience

Santa Clara County Democratic Party Chair Bill James stated, “The SVARW welcomes and applauds speakers who express disdain for LGBTQ+ members of our community, denigrate teachers, tout thoroughly discredited conspiracy theories about allegedly

stolen elections, spread misinformation about COVID-19 and discredited sham cures, disrupt city council meetings to advance an anti-LGBTQ and anti-antiracism agenda, oppose women's reproductive freedoms, oppose common sense gun regulations, and even call for innocent people to be executed for supposed 'treason'. No Democratic candidate or officeholder should allow their name to be associated with the SVARW."

The Santa Clara County Democratic Party represents over 500,000 registered Democrats in Santa Clara County and is the official governing body of the Democratic Party in our county.

Enclosed: Copy of Resolution Calling on Matt Mahan to Renounce Support from Extremist Group

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