



Santa Clara County Democratic Party

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The Santa Clara County Democratic Party released the following statement on the death of Mahsa Amini and the ensuing protests and Iranian security forces' response.

Santa Clara County Democrats stand in solidarity with the people of Iran as they rise up in protest against the brutal and needless death of Mahsa Amini while in custody for alleged violations of Iran's oppressive dress code, which imposes on women strict requirements not applied to men, and which exposes even conservatively dressed women to the arbitrary whims and notorious brutality of Iran's security services. Santa Clara County Democrats are shocked and saddened by the violent and overly aggressive response of Iran's security services to the protests against Mahsa Amini's death, which at last report had resulted in 35 deaths and countless injuries and arrests.

Santa Clara County Democratic Party Chair Bill James stated, “Mahsa Amini never should have been arrested in the first place, and Iranian women should not be at risk of suffering a brutal death for perceived violations of a dress code imposed on them by others. We call on the Iranian government and security forces to cease their attacks on those protesting Mahsa’s death, for a thorough and unfettered investigation by a trusted international body into the circumstances of her arrest and cause of death, and full accountability for all those determined to have been responsible for Mahsa’s death.”

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