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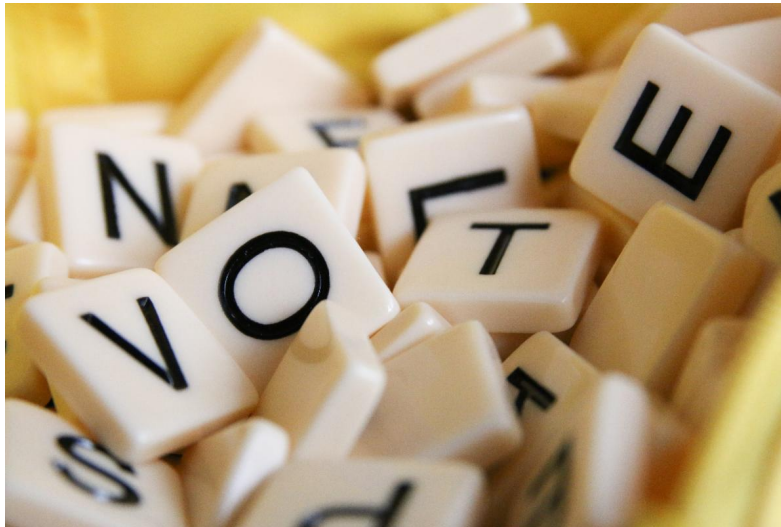


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Dear Democrat,

Voting is underway in Santa Clara County and throughout California, adding greater urgency to our midterm election campaign efforts, which have been underway since President Biden was elected.

Locally, we have endorsed over 80 candidates, including [Sylvia Arenas for County Supervisor](#), [Cindy Chavez for Mayor of San Jose](#), and [numerous candidates](#) for city council, school board, community college district, and the County Board of Education.

Our democracy is on the line. Please step up to vote, donate, and volunteer. Share our [city/district specific voter guides](#) with friends. Use the [CADEM endorsement lookup tool](#) to enter your address and see the state and local endorsed candidates specific to your ballot. [Donate](#) to help us defeat the [MAGA effort to take over local school boards](#). Volunteer with a local campaign. Sign up to [phone bank](#) or [canvass](#) to keep the U.S. House of Representatives from falling into Republican control.

Please don't sit on the sidelines and risk waking up on November 9 wishing you had done more to protect our democracy and preserve our local schools and communities.

San Jose Mayor's Race

As Election Day draws near it is critical that the 10th largest city in our nation elect the best candidate to serve our diverse and wonderful city. [Cindy Chavez](#) is the only candidate with a track record of bringing communities together and bringing the needed solutions to the many problems we face.

The Santa Clara County Democratic Party interviewed all Democrats running for mayor, and Chavez won our endorsement because of her dedication to the values we all share, including supporting a woman's right to choose, reasonable gun safety laws, addressing homelessness, and so much more.

Perhaps one of the most telling examples of why Chavez earned our support has been the recent actions by the other candidate in this race, actions which led to SCCDP passing a [resolution](#) that called out the other candidate for their actions which pit the Vietnamese and Hispanic communities against each other.

San Jose cannot afford to elect a mayor who will divide our communities, we must come together and work towards improving our city. Vote Chavez for a better San Jose!

Volunteer Highlight: Rebecca Sayed

Rebecca Sayed still remembers a local newspaper photo from the 60s, of her mom marching with farmworkers while pushing Rebecca, a baby at the time, in a buggy. That march was only one among many political events Rebecca's mom took her to as she was growing up.



"She dragged me along everywhere," Sayed joked.

Somewhere along the way, Sayed picked up the activism bug too.

With her leadership, the SCCDP just concluded its postcarding campaign for the upcoming midterm elections. At the beginning of October, the campaign mailed 15,000 postcards prepared by an army of volunteers into strategically-important congressional districts in the Central Valley and the Santa Clarita area.

And Sayed's work continues as one of the leaders of the SCCDP's phonebanking team.

Since its launch after 2016, the phonebanking team has made calls for Joe Biden, Josh Harder, Gavin Newsom and others. Currently, it's working to notch crucial November wins in the Central Valley, Arizona and Nevada.

With captains, tech leads and chat moderators, the team is well-run. Sayed works hard to keep it that way, knowing that volunteers won't return otherwise.

She also works hard to keep it fun: in the summer of 2021, she hosted a party at her house for the top phonebankers as well as for the phonebank captains.

Sayed loves the people she meets through her political activism, because, she says, "they're all doing this out of the goodness of their hearts."

To join one of the SCCDP's current phonebanks and help Dems prevail in November, click [here](#).

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