

## **RESOLUTION OPPOSING DIVERSION OF MEASURE E HOUSING BOND FUNDS**

WHEREAS, in 2020 the voters of the City of San José passed Measure E to “fund general City of San José services, including providing affordable housing for seniors, veterans, disabled, and low-income families and helping homeless residents move into shelters/permanent housing”; and

WHEREAS affordable housing in San José continues to fall far short what is needed to protect residents at risk of becoming homeless while also being able to transition those currently experiencing homelessness into stable, permanent housing, and Measure E specifically states that funds will be used to provide affordable housing; and

WHEREAS diverting Measure E funding entirely to interim housing will gravely harm the ability of the City of San José to provide permanent, affordable housing for seniors, veterans, disabled persons, and low-income families, thereby undermining a core promise of Measure E;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Santa Clara County Democratic Party urges the San José City Council to reject the Mayor’s proposal to divert Measure E funds to solely fund interim housing in the 2023-2024 city budget, and to instead ensure that Measure E funds continue to be used to fund both interim housing and affordable permanent housing, as contemplated by voters when they passed Measure E, as part of an integrated approach to transition those experiencing homeless to stable, permanent housing while providing long term housing security for all residents.

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