

Standing with Democracy in Opposition to the Rise of Right-Wing Nationalism

Whereas right-wing nationalist or religious nationalist governments have been elected in a number of democracies including Hungary, Indonesia, Israel, Italy, the Philippines, Poland and Turkey, and far right parties have emerged in Brazil, Sweden, Chile, Costa Rica, Norway, Germany, France and the United Kingdom, and even the United States Republican Party has been transformed into a far-right nationalist party; and

Whereas many of these nationalist governments have used demagoguery to obtain slim, temporary legislative majorities, and once in power, sought to persecute marginalized communities, women and LGBTQ persons, disempower labor rights and eliminate or reduce the power of an independent judiciary to protect civil rights, eliminate political dissent, and impose religious restrictions on society at large; and

Whereas vibrant democracies depend on equal protection of law for all citizens, an independent judiciary, and the right of dissent, the answer to the rise of far-right nationalism which, like the rise of Trump in the United States, is to support leadership change through the restoration of democracy and voter empowerment through citizen activism, not violent overthrow or imposition;

Therefore, be it resolved that the Santa Clara County Democratic Party supports the principle of democratic government with an independent judiciary that interprets law without political, religious or populist interference; and

Be it further resolved, that the Santa Clara County Democratic Party stands in solidarity with the citizen activists of those countries seeking to protect their democracies, marginalized communities and LGBTQ rights in their countries through their right to protest.

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