



santa clara county ★★  
**DEMOCRATIC PARTY**  
the democratic party of silicon valley

## Local LGBTQ+ community under attack



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Dear John,

Our LGBTQ+ community is under attack across the country – including in our own backyard.

Nationally, more than 520 anti-LGBTQ+ bills have been introduced in statehouses this legislative session, a record, with Florida, Texas and Tennessee among the states pursuing aggressive measures.

In our state, a group which goes by the cruel misnomer, Protect Kids California, is aiming to get **three anti-LGBTQ+ initiatives** on the November 2024 ballot.

In Santa Clara County, an equally misnamed group, Informed Parents of Silicon Valley, has been leafletting at local schools as part of a statewide push to ban LGBTQ+ books from school libraries. Many of the members of IPSV are not parents, and their leafletting tactics have been hostile and disruptive.

**Last month** at Laurelwood School in Santa Clara, a leafletter was cited for assault and battery.

**Also last month**, in San Jose's Franklin-McKinley School District, IPSV planned a community meeting to oppose LGBTQ+ books in libraries. They recruited San Jose City Councilmember Bien Doan and Franklin-McKinley school board trustee Marc Cooper to participate.

Doan backed out after a public outcry, but he has not given a satisfactory explanation of his association with IPSV.

Franklin-McKinley school board trustee Marc Cooper's involvement with IPSV shows how much each and every election matters.

In 2022, the Santa Clara County Democratic Party led a **campaign** to defeat several MAGA Republicans running for local school boards.

We won an overwhelming majority of these races, but three Republican incumbents were re-elected, as well as one MAGA newcomer – Marc Cooper.

We can't let the voices of intolerance gain a foothold. Watch this space for updates as we recruit our own school board candidates for 2024. And **volunteer** and **donate**.

### **A true voice for kids**

Nancy Pyle understood that education was about providing opportunities, not about silencing communities. And that public service was about uniting, not dividing.

A dedicated Democrat, Pyle, who passed away in July, taught schoolchildren for some 35 years, and then found a second career in public service.

As a community college trustee, Pyle worked tenaciously to find the funding that enabled San Jose City College to build a new library, and that brought a new nurse training facility to Evergreen Community College.



Then, from 2004 to 2012, she represented Blossom Hill and Almaden Valley on the San Jose City Council.

She brought the first Whole Foods in San Jose to a blighted neighborhood in her district, and worked with colleagues to get a livable wage for San Jose airport employees.

She held numerous Democratic Party fundraisers at her house, and she attended many party meetings and barbecues.

All this she did with positivity.

"Nancy led with her smile," said Steve Preminger, the former chair of the SCCDP.

May she inspire us all.

### **Democratic Victory Dinner on September 22**



We're delighted to announce that Attorney General Rob Bonta will be the keynote speaker at our **32nd annual Democratic Victory Dinner** on Friday September 22. He has been vocal, active and effective in his tireless efforts to protect the rights of all Californians.

The dinner will be held at the Signia by Hilton hotel (former Fairmont) in downtown San Jose. **Tickets are \$150 until September 15**, after which they increase to \$175 up until the day before the event, and \$200 at the door. Democratic clubs, candidates and

organizations are encouraged to [place an ad in our dinner program](#). We hope to see you there!

## The Biden-Harris record

We'd like to end by taking a few moments to celebrate the Biden-Harris administration's record:

- Capped the cost of insulin for seniors to \$35 a month
- Signed legislation protecting marriage for same-sex couples
- Rallied the world to support Ukraine against Putin's aggression
- Announced nearly \$300 billion in U.S. manufacturing investments
- Won the confirmation of Justice Ketanji Brown Jackson, the first Black woman to serve on the Supreme Court
- And more . . . <https://www.whitehouse.gov/therecord/>

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