



santa clara county ★★
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Every Vote Counts



Dear John,

Every Vote Counts

For the first time in California we may have a three way race for a congressional seat (CA CD 16) in November. ([Every vote counts in Silicon Valley, where two congressional candidates literally tied for second place](#)) The two candidates who are now tied for second place, Assemblymember Evan Low and Supervisor Joe Simitian may join Sam Liccardo on the ballot for Anna Eschoo's congressional seat. ([How every vote – even these odd ones – counted in the Bay Area's historic, dead-heat House primary](#)) Stay tuned as we are awaiting a ruling on a request by "voters" for a recount.

If you didn't think your vote mattered, think again. One less vote would have placed Low or Simitian in third place and out of the November race. One vote, your vote, made a difference. And this is EXACTLY why we work so hard to make sure as many people as possible have their votes counted.

The ballot in November will have the Presidential race, a California Senate race, California congressional races and many local seats (mayors, city councils, Board of Supervisors, and school boards.) As we just saw, your ONE vote can decide who represents us in our government and what laws are passed.

We thank you for all the work you do to help get people out to vote, and we look forward to continuing to join with you to make sure that EVERY VOTE COUNTS!

SCCDP endorsed candidates shine in the Primary Election

The final results of the March 5th Primary Election are in and SCCDP endorsed candidates have advanced to the November 5th General Election in five of the six contests covered. Three candidates with sole endorsements advanced: Betty Duong in Santa Clara County Supervisorial District 2, and Olivia Navarro and Domingo Candelas in San Jose City Council Districts 6 and 8, respectively. Dual endorsed candidates Margaret Abe-Koga and Sally Lieber will face off in Santa Clara County Supervisorial District 5. Pamela Campos, one of three endorsed candidates for San Jose City Council District 2 will also be on the ballot in November. Lenka Wright, sole endorsed candidate for San Jose City Council District 10, ran a great campaign but did not advance. A summary of the results is available at sccdp.org/results.

SCCDP will conduct another round of endorsements for General Election contests without Primary Elections. These include several City and Town Councils and Mayoral contests, numerous School Boards, and other Special Districts. Of particular interest are School Board contests featuring MAGA extremists who intend to turn our schools into indoctrination facilities for their damaging agenda. Book banning, anti-LGBTQ+ hate, and racial animus permeate their plans. Only a concerted effort by Democratic activists can keep these people off our School Boards and out of the pipeline to higher office. SCCDP will be tracking these candidates at sccdp.org/schools as information becomes available.

Stronger Together

Two upcoming events highlight our efforts to partner with our counterparts in other counties.

First, we're co-hosting a candidate training series jointly with the San Mateo County Democratic Party. The sessions will be held on Fridays, via Zoom, 11:30am-12:30pm, from April 26 to June 14. Each session will include a panel featuring speakers from both counties. The series will focus on campaign basics and is intended to encourage and prepare Democrats to run successfully. Interested candidates should sign up [here](#).

Second, on Saturday, May 11, 11am-12:30pm, via Zoom and at locations locally and in the Central Valley, we'll hold the latest in our occasional series of fundraisers to support the county Democratic Party in Kings, Kern, and Tulare Counties. Each of these south Central Valley counties comprises part of CD-22, where we hope to unseat Republican David Valadao, one of the worst MAGA rubber stampers in the House, by electing [Democrat Rudy Salas](#), a respected former Assembly member who narrowly lost to Valadao in 2022. We've raised over \$4,000 toward our initial goal of \$15,000. To attend (in person or via Zoom) please [make a donation in any amount](#). Help us raise the resources needed to elect Democrats in the Central Valley!



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