



Statement on Effort to Recall PAUSD Trustee Shounak Dharap

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The Santa Clara County Democratic Party opposes the effort to recall Palo Alto Unified School District (PAUSD) Trustee Shounak Dharap, ostensibly for his actions in joining with fellow board members to approve certain curriculum changes. Recalls should be limited to extreme cases, such as those involving abuses of power, illegality, or ethical lapses. In this case, we believe Trustee Dharap acted in good faith and with the best interests of the district and its students in mind. In addition, a recall election would be costly and divisive. We urge PAUSD residents to reject the effort to recall Trustee Dharap.