

## **Resolution in Support of Countywide Student Town Halls for Inclusive Youth Engagement**

**WHEREAS** Santa Clara County is home to a diverse student population across numerous school districts, each impacted by decisions made at the county level in education policy, resource allocation, and school equity; and

**WHEREAS** students often lack accessible, structured opportunities to voice concerns, share lived experiences, and inform board-level decisions in a format that welcomes open dialogue beyond formal Youth Advisory Boards; and

**WHEREAS** a regularly scheduled Countywide Student Town Hall—convened by the Santa Clara County Board of Education with participation from student representatives across school districts—would create a more transparent, participatory, and equitable feedback loop between youth and education decisionmakers;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Santa Clara County Democratic Party supports the establishment of a **biannual Countywide Student Town Hall**, hosted by the Santa Clara County Board of Education, open to student representatives from every public high school and youth-serving organization in the county, and structured to elevate student voices on mental health, curriculum, climate action, civic education, and school equity; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Santa Clara County Board of Education, the Santa Clara County Office of Education, all district superintendents, and the Santa Clara County Youth Advisory Board to encourage collaboration and action.

**Submitted by:**  
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