

Resolution Addressing Student Housing Insecurity in Santa Clara County Schools

WHEREAS the 2025 Santa Clara County Point-In-Time Count found 10,711 people experiencing homelessness on a single night, with child-only households being 56% unsheltered, and the number of homeless families with children growing 37 percent since 2023; and

WHEREAS the 2025-2026 Santa Clara County Youth Task Force Housing Survey found that students without stable housing situations struggle with chronic absenteeism, food insecurity, and fall behind academically; and

WHEREAS 33%+ schools surveyed had no clear referral relationships to outside housing organizations, and students may not be consistently receiving or even hearing about McKinney-Vento Act protections they are entitled to, like free transportation to their school;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Santa Clara County Democratic Party calls on the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors to strengthen McKinney-Vento Act compliance across all county schools and actively inform students of their entitlements; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Santa Clara County Democratic Party supports the County's creation of a centralized housing resource directory through School Linked Services and expansion of basic needs support at high-need school sites; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors, the Office of Supportive Housing, the Santa Clara County Office of Education, and local school boards within Santa Clara County.

Submitted by Christian Do