

Resolution to Increase Campaign Finance Transparency

Whereas *Citizens United v. FEC (2010)* upheld the right for corporations to make political contributions on the basis of their personhood, and *NRSC v. FEC (2026)* has removed all limits to this spending; and

Whereas these Supreme Court Cases have enabled corporations to keep their funding secret, leading to the creation of billionaire-backed super PACs (political action committees) without spending limits; and

Whereas an analysis of the over 5.5 billion dollars spent on the 2024 Federal election found that 1.9 billion dollars of the contributions were dark money (i.e., spending meant to influence political outcomes where the source of the money is not disclosed); and

Whereas, despite existing legislation to increase disclosure or reduce the amount of funding that different groups can receive, dark money spending is expected to increase in the 2026 and 2028 election cycles;

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Santa Clara County Democratic Party shall henceforth require its endorsed candidates to publicly oppose dark money spending in their race and to call publicly for voluntary and timely disclosure of campaign spending and contributions over 1000 dollars by any entity engaged in 'dark money' funded expenditures in support of the candidate.