santa clara county DEMOCRATIC PARTY
the democratic party of silicon valley

America at 250:
An Unfinished Union

Democracy depends on both hope and persistence. We see that hope in the young people stepping forward to debate policy, introduce resolutions, and imagine a better future. We that in our candidates, putting themselves out there to iterate on our “more perfect union” dreamt of 250 years ago. As we all know, hope is not passive. It requires us to remain engaged and to keep showing up for our neighbors and our shared values. Each of us has a role to play. Our history may be difficult, but it is not finished and together, through courage, compassion, and sustained action, we can still write a better chapter.



The Youth Take the Gavel!

On July 9, the Santa Clara County Democratic Party's **Youth Takeover** gave high school and college students the opportunity to experience what it's like to participate in local government. The event placed students at the center of the meeting as they introduced resolutions, led discussions, and debated policy ideas on issues they cared about. Throughout the evening, youth delegates presented resolutions on a variety of topics, asked follow-up questions, proposed amendments, and shared their perspectives before casting their votes. All resolutions presented during the takeover were passed, showing the teamwork and passion of everyone involved!

More than just a meeting, the takeover gave youth a firsthand look at the policymaking process. Instead of simply learning about civic engagement, students had the chance to speak up, defend their ideas, and experience how local policy discussions unfold. Needless to say, our future is bright with the possibility of these youths in leadership!

Don’t Wipe ICE Out of Your Memories

Seven months have passed. Seven months since communities across the country first filled streets, school campuses, and city halls in response to ICE brutality. In those early days, the outrage was impossible to ignore. Thousands of students walked out of their classrooms, neighbors organized legal aid, entire families gathered at rallies, and people

spoke with a conviction that injustice should never be met with silence. But movements are not defined by the passion of their beginnings. They are defined by the endurance of those who remain after the headlines fade. Seven months later, ICE raids continue. Families continue to live in fear. Children continue to be separated from the people they love, and allegations of excessive force continue to surface.

Just this week, 25 year old Colombian immigrant Johan Sebastián Durán Guerrero was shot and killed by an ICE agent during an enforcement operation in Maine. He had come to the United States hoping to build a better life for his three year old daughter. In less than thirty seconds, a little girl lost her father, and a woman lost the love of her life. The fight that inspired so many to act months ago did not end simply because public attention shifted or because exhaustion set in. Injustice becomes its most dangerous when it becomes familiar; that's when we surrender part of our humanity. Death cannot be met with a simple shrug. It cannot become just another headline. It must continue to demand our outrage.

We are here to remind you to keep talking. Refuse to become desensitized. Every conversation that pushes back against dehumanizing rhetoric, every neighbor who chooses compassion over indifference, every volunteer, advocate, educator, and voter who refuses to let this issue disappear contributes to something larger than themselves. History has never been shaped by those who waited patiently for injustice to resolve itself. It has always been shaped by ordinary people who reached a point where they could no longer accept the world as it was. So bring politics to the dinner table. Let yourself grieve when another family becomes another headline. Show up to the protest. Keep fighting, even when it feels repetitive, because that repetition is exactly what injustice fears. The fight is not over, and neither is our responsibility to meet it with persistence and the belief that America is still worth striving toward.

SCCDP Endorsements in Local Races

The SCCDP process to endorse local candidates is underway. The SCCDP has exclusive authority to grant the Democratic Party's endorsement in nonpartisan races for offices/seats wholly within Santa Clara County, including county offices, 15 cities and towns, 28 school districts, 4 community college districts, and a number of special districts. See a full list of local offices **here**.

The SCCDP Endorsements Process is explained here and Democratic candidates who want to seek our endorsement should complete the form here. Endorsement questionnaires will be sent to candidates beginning later this month (July) and through the end of the candidate filing period. Interviews will be conducted in August after which the SCCDP Endorsement Committee will meet to determine its recommendations to the County Central Committee, which likely will make its final endorsement decisions at its meeting on September 3, 2026.

Under The Radar

Not to be a broken record, but, Trump, his family, and the GOP are deeply corrupt. Let's check on the latest:

Ballroom donor. Konstantin Sokolov, a Russian-born private equity investor in Chicago, will serve as chairman of a new state department enterprise fund. **https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2026/jul/14/trump-ballroom-donor-central-asia-tripp**

FCC Officials Took Pricey Gifts From Paramount - you know, the folks involved in a merger. **https://www.propublica.org/article/paramount-mergers-fcc-kennedy-center-gala**

The Trump administration is subpoenaing reporters that reported on his Quatari bribe jet. **https://www.nytimes.com/2026/07/11/business/media/new-york-times-trump-subpoenas.html**

Trump gifted a lavishly encrusted ring from Belgian diamond group that won tariff relief. **https://www.cbsnews.com/news/belgian-diamond-group-gifts-trump-ring/**

Even Trump's teleprompter operator is corrupt. **https://abcnews.com/US/white-house-teleprompter-operator-made-100k-betting-trumps/story?id=134764573**

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