



SANTA CLARA COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY

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## **SANTA CLARA COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY** **PASSES POST-KATRINA RESOLUTIONS**

### **State Party Adopts County's Calls to Take Action and Rethink Priorities after the Tragedy of Recent Hurricanes**

San Jose, CA (October 28, 2005) – The Santa Clara County Democratic Party (<http://sccdp.org>) has passed six resolutions in the wake of Hurricane Katrina's devastation of the Gulf Coast, addressing a wide range of related issues from the president's failure to protect the American people to the need for restoring sound fiscal policies in Washington D.C.

Among the resolutions passed were calls for proactive energy legislation; eliminating the gaps in social and racial equity; opposing the Republicans for their failure to invest in America; and a protest against the President's failure to protect the American people. Another resolution challenges misplaced priorities between Iraq and the United States. The full resolutions can be read at (<http://sccdp.com/resolutions.php>).

Here are summaries of some of the key resolutions passed by the Santa Clara County Democratic Party. Each resolution was subsequently adopted by the state Democratic Party:

- **RESTORING SOUND FISCAL POLICIES:** The Santa Clara County Democratic Party supports Democrats in Congress who are fighting against further tax cuts, such as the repeal of the Estate Tax, and will work to elect a Democratic Congress in 2006 that will restore sound and responsible fiscal and monetary policies in Washington.
- **MISPLACED PRIORITIES:** The Santa Clara County Democratic Party calls upon the President and Congress to wind down American military efforts in Iraq so that our government can concentrate its energies and treasure on rebuilding the areas damaged by the hurricane and once again invest in our national infrastructure and strengthen our education system so that there will be opportunities for the many poor Americans -- exposed so graphically during the evacuation of New Orleans -- to recover from the effects of generations of deprivation and racism and to at last really have a chance to partake of the American Dream.
- **ENERGY LEGISLATION:** Calling on the President and Congress "to repeal the dangerous provisions of the recently passed Energy Bill and enact proactive energy legislation and regulations (including the promotion of conservation and alternative fuels) which will protect our environment, support economic growth, distribute the economic burdens equitably, and protect our vital national interests."

The Santa Clara County Democratic Party strives to build, sustain, and use our collective power to enable good Democratic candidates to win elections at all levels and to fight for important Democratic values such as first class schools, affordable healthcare, quality jobs, safe communities, innovative energy policies, reliable Social Security, a clean environment, and honest and open government.