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## Silicon Valley Young Democrats Early Endorsements

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## SVYD Endorses in two races and two issues

SAN JOSE, California -- The Silicon Valley Young Democrats are proud to endorse two young democrats as well as two issues important to all bay area youth. On March 19th, the Silicon Valley Young Democrats voted to endorse <a href="Mason Fong">Mason Fong</a> for Sunnyvale City Council and <a href="Lucas Ramirez">Lucas</a> Ramirez for Mountain View City Council. That night, they also voted to support the <a href="NO on Evergreen Senior Homes Initiative">NO on Evergreen Senior Homes Initiative</a> as well as the <a href="Recall Judge Aaron Persky">Recall Judge Aaron Persky</a> campaign.

"As a democratic club for young dems, we look to endorse candidates and issues important to our demographic" says SVYD Political Director Angel Martinez. "Our goal is to encourage young people to take part in government affairs, increase the efficiency of popular government, and contribute to the growth and influence of youth in the political arena."

Mason Fong is running to be the City's youngest elected City Councilmember at the age of 27 and currently serves as an appointed Library Board Trustee for the City of Sunnyvale. He has an extensive career in public service as a current Housing & Transportation specialist to San Jose Councilman Chappie Jones, is a former Senior Congressional Aide to Congressman Ro Khanna, and a former Congressional Aide to Congressman Mike Honda.

Lucas Ramirez currently serves as a commissioner on the Environmental Planning Commission is a former two-term Chair of the Human Relations Commission, and a former appointee to the Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) 2000 Measure A Citizens Watchdog Committee/Citizens Advisory Committee.

Other SVYD endorsement include <u>Raul Peralez</u> for District 3 Councilmember, <u>Kalen Gallagher</u> for District 9 Councilmember, <u>Patrick Ahrens</u> for Foothill-De Anza Community College Board,

<u>Tara Sreekrishnan</u> for Cupertino City Council, and <u>Richard Nguyen</u> for Campbell Union School District.

For more information on the Silicon Valley Young Democrats endorsement process, or information on how to get involved with the SVYD, please contact SVYD Political Director via email at Angel@svyd.org

**About SVYD:** As a group of students and young professionals dedicated to spreading Democratic ideals, the Silicon Valley Young Democrats seek to embody the spirit of forward thinking that has made the region renowned. Their motto, "Innovation in Politics", reflects their deeply held convictions that an idea holds immense power. They also believe in the Silicon Valley spirit of possibility and the democratic ideals of civil and just society.