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Dear SVYD Members and Supporters,

First, thank you. Your dedication and passion made this year's accomplishments possible. Because of your commitment, we've helped shape our communities in ways that truly matter. Whether it was attending events, engaging in discussions, or advocating for change, your efforts have been instrumental in electing leaders who prioritize people over politics, and who understand the struggles and hopes of those they represent.

Now that the elections are behind us, our work doesn't end—it shifts focus. This is the moment to stay engaged and build on the critical wins we've achieved at the local level. These victories remind us that change happens when we take action, and it's that action that sets the foundation for even greater progress.

If you're wondering how to make an impact moving forward, here are some ways to get involved:

- Join a board or commission. Local boards and commissions play a vital role in shaping policies, and they need voices like yours.
- Attend city council meetings. Speak out on the issues that matter most to you—whether it's housing, transit, climate, or community programs.
- Volunteer. While election season may be over, there are always opportunities to lend your time to local causes and advocacy efforts.
- Stay informed. Keep up with what's happening in your community and make your voice heard.
- Intern with an elected official. Gain valuable experience while making a difference in local, state, or congressional offices.
- Get involved with SVYD. Our members come from diverse backgrounds and are passionate advocates for issues ranging from equity and housing to labor and environmental justice. Join us to learn, connect, and grow your impact.

Together, we've shown that local action leads to real results. By continuing to engage, we can make our voices louder, our communities stronger, and our future brighter. Whether you've been with us for years or are just starting your journey in advocacy, there's a place for you here.

Thank you again for your commitment to progress and for being part of this incredible movement. I'm excited to see how we'll continue to shape our communities in the months and years ahead.

In solidarity,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jaria Jaug'.

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President, Silicon Valley Young Democrats