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Dear SVYD Members and Supporters,

As we approach SVYD's first ever gala, Blueprint: Drafting the Future, it's impossible not to reflect on the moment we are living in. Across the country, fundamental rights are under attack – from reproductive freedom to LGBTQ+ rights, from voting access to protections for immigrant communities. These attacks are designed to make people feel powerless, isolated, and discouraged. But in this moment, our community knows the truth: the future is something we draft together.

Drafting the future means showing up – not just when it's convenient, but when it's hard. It means standing beside each other in the fight for justice, in public and in private. It means holding our elected officials accountable, making sure they show up for the issues that impact our communities most. But it also means showing up for our neighbors, friends, and fellow organizers when they need support.

This work is not easy. It's exhausting, frustrating, and sometimes disheartening. But history has shown what happens when we don't give up. Grassroots organizing works. We've seen victories in our communities that were once thought impossible, achieved because everyday people refused to sit back and instead rolled up their sleeves, raised their voices, and demanded better.

Moving forward, the question isn't if we can make change – it's how we will continue to do so. Protecting each other, lifting one another up, and taking care of our community is how we sustain this fight. Every phone call, every meeting, every public comment, every act of solidarity builds the foundation for a stronger future.

SVYD exists to help build that foundation. There are countless ways to stay involved, to connect with others who share the same hopes, frustrations, and determination to make a difference. Members and associates are encouraged to show up – to our meetings, to local organizing efforts, to civic events – and to reach out for opportunities to engage further. **There is space for everyone in this movement, and every action, big or small, helps draft the future we deserve.**

The fight is far from over, but it's one we fight together.

In solidarity,

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

Jaria Jaug

President, Silicon Valley Young Democrats