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Statement from Santa Clara Mayor Candidate Anthony Becker Concerning Police Union Endorsements

Santa Clara, CA, September 19, 2022 – Today I declined any endorsement opportunity offered by the Santa Clara Police Union political action committee (Santa Clara POA PAC). The PAC has asked me to take a “pledge to protect the elected police chief.”

When we, as public officials take the oath of office, we vow to serve our community without reservations or exceptions. Our city ethics and values state that councilmembers will “work toward consensus building and gain value from diverse opinions.” This is the opposite of pledging in advance to “protect” a specific city official or office from the democratic process.

The discussion of an elected versus appointed police chief has been a hot topic of late. I cannot in good faith take a pledge that might oppose the lawful will of the community that I am elected and committed to serve.

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