

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS
SANTA CLARA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT**

RESOLUTION NO. 20-

**RECOGNIZING SENATOR KAMALA HARRIS
AS THE FIRST WOMAN OF COLOR TO BE SELECTED AS
A VICE PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE ON A MAJOR POLITICAL PARTY TICKET**

WHEREAS, the 19th Amendment gave women the right to vote nationally on August 18, 1920; and

WHEREAS, Secretary of State Bainbridge Colby certified the constitutional amendment on August 26, 1920, ending the struggle women's right to vote that started a century earlier; and

WHEREAS, the women of the United States have designated August 26, the anniversary date of the certification of the 19th Amendment; and

WHEREAS, August 26th is now known as Women's Equality Day; and

WHEREAS, the women of the United States have united to assure that these rights and privileges are available to ALL citizens equally; and

WHEREAS, the women of the United States are to be commended and supported in their organization and activities; and

WHEREAS, the history of women in American politics predates that anniversary by decades. Long before suffrage was extended to women nationwide through the constitutional amendment, women were running for office; and

WHEREAS, throughout the history of this nation, women of color, especially Black women, have been at the forefront in moving us toward a more representative and unified society. From the voting booth to grassroots movements, women have fought for and uplifted this country with their vote and voice. But their representation in the highest levels of government has never matched their unwavering participation in our democracy; and

WHEREAS, for far too long, we have undervalued women of color, especially Black women's political power and their role in shaping our culture, communities, and country; and

WHEREAS, on August 11, 2020, Presidential candidate, and former Vice-President Joe Biden chose California Senator Kamala Harris as his Vice-Presidential nominee; and

WHEREAS, the Santa Clara Valley Water District does not support a political party or engage in partisan politics; however, it recognizes the overwhelming significance of this moment and what it means for this nation; and

WHEREAS, the announcement of Senator Kamala Harris as a vice presidential candidate on a major party ticket marks a historic milestone and a significant moment for both women and people of color in our country. Senator Kamala Harris is the first woman of color to be selected as the running mate on a major-party ticket, as well as the first multiracial woman, the first South Asian woman, and the first Black woman; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of the Santa Clara Valley Water District does hereby congratulate Senator Kamala Harris as being the first woman of color to be selected as a vice presidential candidate on a major political party ticket, and commend Presidential candidate, and former Vice-President Joe Biden, for making such a historic selection.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of the Santa Clara Valley Water District by the following vote on September 22, 2020:

AYES: Directors

NOES: Directors

ABSENT: Directors

ABSTAIN: Directors

SANTA CLARA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT

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Chair, Board of Directors

ATTEST: MICHELE L. KING, CMC

Clerk, Board of Directors