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Manh Nguyen Renounces Negative Campaigning in District 4 Runoff Election

SAN JOSÉ, CA -- Journalist and publisher **Manh Nguyen** announced that his campaign will not welcome independent expenditures on his behalf by political action committees and other special interests in the June 23rd runoff election for the District 4 seat on the San José City Council. He will renounce any false, ad hominem, or other negative campaign tactics by his opponents or supporters.

Nguyen advanced to the runoff by overcoming more than \$250,000 of independent spending by special interest groups in support of his opponents in the April 7th special election. He now moves on to a head-to-head contest with legislative aide and union-backed candidate Tim Orozco.

"I am committed to running an honest and honorable campaign that speaks to the critical issues facing our community," said Nguyen, who shared the endorsement of the San José Silicon Valley Chamber of Commerce during the primary, but refused any independent spending.

"All too often, independent expenditures result in negative attacks that only serve to degrade our democratic process and keep voters from participating," Nguyen continued. "We have an obligation to elevate our public discourse and ensure that voters can make informed decisions on who would best represent them at City Hall."

According to campaign finance reports, Nguyen raised more money from San José residents than any other candidate in the primary election, and he was the only candidate to receive a majority of his donations from inside San José. He plans to duplicate this effort for the runoff.

The Chamber's political action committee (ChamberPAC) spent more than \$97,000 to support attorney Lan Diep in the primary, and the National Association of Realtors added nearly \$25,000 on his behalf. Meanwhile, the South Bay Labor Council invested over \$125,000 in support of Orozco.

"I am proud to represent the interests of small business owners working hard to survive in the Silicon Valley economy," said Nguyen. "But I am equally proud to be running an independent campaign that puts the needs of the people first."

Nguyen has asked Orozco to join him in a pledge to refrain from negative campaigning during the runoff.

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