

RESOLUTION 17-07.16

Chemical Contaminants From Military Bases

WHEREAS, media reports have begun to surface, and a Pentagon/Department of Defense statement has been made, regarding significant health and environmental damage done to members of the military, veterans, families and other personnel at military bases around this country, as well as harm to surrounding communities and their civilian populations, due to the use of a fire fighting foam, Aqueous Film Forming Foam (AFFF), which contains toxic chemicals perfluorooctane sulfonate (PFOS) and perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA) — chemicals linked to serious health problems such as liver damage, thyroid condition, testicular cancer, kidney cancer and kidney disease. This per fluorinated chemical contamination (PFC) has also leached into surrounding ground water and has spread to public drinking water systems; and

WHEREAS, the EPA has identified more than 140 contaminated sites in 38 states, with nearly 400 more sites still being investigated — this includes sites in California. The Pentagon has reportedly spent more than \$200 million on its investigation of such bases and former bases while also aiming to cut off further exposure to contaminated water, and says it is working openly and transparently, in concert with regulatory agencies and communities; and

WHEREAS, this health and environmental threat at military bases has resulted from as many as two decades or more usage of this foam; it is important to ask if usage has ever been covered up and not exposed and disclosed; the foam is no longer used at some bases but is still used at others; different branches of the U.S. military have been faster than others in identifying those bases deemed impacted or under investigation — meanwhile, military personnel, veterans and others increasingly cite health issues potentially stemming from direct or indirect exposure to this foam; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the California Democratic Party urges Congress to investigate the use of AFFF, and to call for full transparency and accountability as well as adequate provision by the VA of testing and medical care and services for those, including military personnel and veterans who have been impacted; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, this resolution shall be communicated to all Democratic Members of the Californian Congressional Delegation, and the California Department of Veterans Affairs.

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Resolution 17-11.02

Demand For Humanitarian Intervention In Myanmar (Burma)

WHEREAS the current Government of Myanmar (Burma) operating under the unjust "citizenship" laws passed in 1982, are engaged in serious human rights violations and continue with increasing severity to oppress the fundamental human rights of indigenous ethnic minority groups using such measures as forced relocations into confinement camps, forced labor, restricted movement and access to critical life support including food, water, medical aid and hospitalization; and

WHEREAS according to the UN refugee agency (UNHCR) more than 500,000 Rohingya Muslims have already been displaced due to violence in Rakhine State and have sought refuge in Bangladesh and neighboring countries, while over one million Rohingya Muslims and other ethnic minorities continue to live in Myanmar (Burma), mostly in the Rakhine state, and continue to be the target of the Burmese government's repressive behavior and as a result continue to experience threat to life and security, forced confinement into labor camps, sexual exploitation, denial of the right to healthcare, education and free political and religious expression, and

WHEREAS the United States Department of State in its annual report of Human Rights Practice has regularly expressed since 1999 its particular concerns over the severe legal, economic, and social discrimination, against the Rohingya Muslim and other ethnic minorities in Myanmar (Burma); but international staff members of the UN and international non-governmental organizations are prohibited from entering the areas affected by the conflict, and are unable to deliver humanitarian aid, including food, water, and medicine to the Rohingya and other impacted ethnic minorities in need;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the California Democratic Party strongly condemns the Government of Myanmar (Burma) and the increasing scale of inhuman treatment of targeted ethnic and religious minorities in particular the indigenous Muslim Rohingya; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the California Democratic Party supports the peaceful non military intervention of the United Nations and other international non-governmental organizations peacefully entering the conflicted Burmese territory with the delivery of food, water and medicine to the Rohingya minorities and others impacted by Myanmar's (Burma's) crimes against universal human rights; and a copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to the Burmese Government, the United Nations and California's Congressional Representatives.

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Resolution 17-11.03

Resolution condemning Myanmar's (Burma) persecution of the Rohingya

WHEREAS the Rohingya are ethnically-Bengali Muslims who have lived in Buddhist-majority Myanmar (Burma) since before that country gained independence in 1948; but the government of Myanmar (Burma) denies them citizenship, rendering the Rohingya stateless and subject to long-term discrimination and persecution; and WHEREAS after an armed Rohingya group attacked Myanmar (Burma) security posts on August 25, 2017, the military and security forces of Myanmar (Burma) have brutally retaliated against the entire Rohingya population, including systematic murder, torture, rape, and the burning of entire Rohingya villages; hundreds of thousands of Rohingya have fled Myanmar (Burma), and the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights called this forced displacement a "textbook example of ethnic cleansing;" and

WHEREAS the Trump Administration said that it was "very concerned" about the violence, but has refused to criticize the government of Myanmar (Burma) and the California Democratic Party recognizes the genocidal character of the conflicts; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the California Democratic Party condemns the government of Myanmar (Burma) for its severe and systematic violation of the human rights of the Rohingya population, including ethnic cleansing and other crimes against humanity; urges that sanctions be imposed on Myanmar (Burma); and urges that those responsible for human rights abuses against the Rohingya be prosecuted; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be transmitted to Senators Dianne Feinstein and Kamala Harris, and to the Democratic members of the California House of Representatives delegation.

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Resolution 17-11-04

Urging Congress to Join the California Democratic Congressional Representatives Calling for Direct Talks with North Korea

WHEREAS Donald Trump has threatened to "totally destroy" North Korea when he addressing the United Nations (9/18/17) and has previously stated North Korea "will be met with fire and fury like the world has never seen ... " (8/8/17); and

WHEREAS California's Congressional Representatives and over 60 members of Congress called for direct talks with North Korean leaders to avoid a military confrontation; and

WHEREAS former President Jimmy Carter was quoted as saying (8/10/17) that he met ordinary North Koreans who wanted a peace treaty with the US "but were convinced that we planned a preemptive military strike against their country; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the California Democratic Party condemns further incendiary rhetoric that reinforces North Korea's fear of a US invasion and nuclear attack and denounces Donald Trump for undermining State Department diplomatic efforts with North Korea, urging all members of Congress to stand with California Democratic Congressional representatives in pushing for direct talks with North Korean leaders; and

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the California Democratic Party will distribute a copy of this resolution to all representatives in the House and Senate, Secretary of State Tillerson and President Donald Trump.

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Resolution 17-11.07

Protecting Young People in the DACA Program– Standing with Dreamers

WHEREAS the United States of America is a Nation of immigrants and Donald Trump has just put more than 800,000 immigrant youth at risk by ending the popular Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program, playing politics, and with this callous plan ignoring morality and the facts that young people who were brought to this country as children have deep roots in our communities, attending schools, getting higher education, holding down jobs, advancing careers, paying taxes and raising their own families; and

WHEREAS the announced ending of DACA has already upset the lives of hundreds of thousands of young people who no longer know what their immediate future will be, the most likely outcome will be mass deportations that will break apart families, destroy careers, disrupt businesses of every size and end the countless contributions these individuals would have made to our society for generations to come; and

WHEREAS immigration arrests have increased 38% in Trump's first six months in office, with more than half a million people in detention centers awaiting immigration hearings, these arrests and deportations rip families and communities apart, as Trump continues to use inflammatory, anti-immigrant rhetoric that is being repeated across the country it has become clear that speaking out is not enough, Congress must act; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the California Democratic Party stands in resistance against the Trump Administration's heartless punishment of the hundreds of thousands of young men and women living in America under DACA provisions; we recognize the commitment these young people have made to our nation and their contributions and service to the only country they call home; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the California Democratic Party stands firm in the belief that Congress should act swiftly to pass a clean, stand-alone DREAM ACT and that inaction or opposition from members of Congress is unacceptable and will be viewed as support for Trump's cruel ending of DACA, and that this resolution shall be communicated to the California Democratic Congressional Delegation who must be leaders in delivering an appropriate legislative solution.

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Resolution 17-11.08

The Confederacy And History Education

WHEREAS during the Civil War, the Confederacy took up arms against the United States of America in order to fight to maintain slavery and white supremacy; and

WHEREAS the Neo-Confederate extremist group "League Of The South," along with other hate and extremist groups from the far right, have been organizing and participating in rallies such as the "Unite The Right" rally in Charlottesville, VA, which sought to mobilize using Confederate propaganda to promote their racist and secessionist agendas and stoking the hate of a white supremacist attack that resulted in nineteen injuries and the death of Heather Heyer; and

WHEREAS on July 14, 2016, the California State Board of Education developed a History-Social Science Framework which includes critical thinking skills and "...promote[s] an engaged and knowledgeable citizenry in history, and related social sciences..." with standards stating, "it is the obligation of the state of California to impart upon all students an engaging and relevant history–social science education that will shape how they participate in their world"; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the California Democratic Party recognizes the critical need to ensure that California's students receive instruction and education that connects the painful history of our country's past with the realities of today through open and honest dialogue and calls upon the Superintendent of Public Instruction to ensure that comprehensive information on lingering institutional racism, Confederate propaganda, monuments, statues and flags, from the Civil War Era through the present, are included in the curriculums; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall be communicated to the Superintendent of Public Instruction, Democratic members of the California State Legislature, and all statewide Democratic elected officials.

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Resolution 17-11.10

Resolution Affirming Commitment to Support and Rebuilding in the Aftermath of Deadly Hurricanes and Wild Fires

WHEREAS deadly storms have ravaged Texas, Louisiana, Puerto Rico and the US Virgin Islands and WHEREAS in California fires have destroyed homes and vineyards in the North Bay area and Butte County, killing people, destroying property, scorching the vineyards, and polluting the environment; and WHEREAS the California Democratic Party sends heartfelt condolences to the loved ones of those who have died in all these disasters and to those who have lost their homes and their livelihood; and BE IT RESOLVED THAT the CDP will do everything we can to elect Democrats who take the consequences of climate change seriously, provide relief for all people affected by these vicious storms, and ensure that the people of the U.S. Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico get the care, support, relief and resources they deserve; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the CDP will insist on rebuilding these communities with trained tradespeople, paid at prevailing wages, constructing accessible, affordable housing, zoned with environmental protections based on climate science.

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Resolution 17-11.33

75th Anniversary of Executive Order 9066 - Japanese American Camps - NEVER AGAIN

WHEREAS in 1942, President FDR signed Executive Order 9066, resulting in the incarceration of 120,000 West Coast Americans of Japanese ancestry (Japanese Americans) - including CA Democratic Party members: Assemblymembers Nakano and Furutani; Representatives Honda, Mineta, and Bob and Doris Matsui; and Kazuo Umemoto - in 10 camps during World War II, including Manzanar and Tule Lake, where the Japanese Americans brought only that they could carry, interrupting lives and stripping their freedom, while after the war, thousands had no home; and

WHEREAS During World War II, despite the incarceration, 33,000 fought for the US in the 442nd Combat Team and 522nd Artillery Battalion and 6,000 in Military Intelligence, and over 70 years later, they received the Congressional Gold Medal from President Obama; In 1944, Justice Murphy dissented in *Korematsu v U.S.* stating, "I dissent ...from this legalization of racism. Racial discrimination in any form and in any degree has no justifiable part whatever in our democratic way of life"; In 1980, President Carter signed the Commission on Wartime Relocation Act, which reviewed the incarceration through 20 hearings, finding it was caused by "racial prejudice, wartime hysteria and a lack of political leadership," recommending an apology and survivor reparations, as the Democratic Party acknowledged this and other errors of inequality and injustice by our country and Presidents and learned to fight to not repeat history; In 1983, *Korematsu*, Yasui, and Hirabayashi successfully challenged their conviction, as US officials withheld evidence, and the lower court overturned the ruling, but not the Supreme Court; and

WHEREAS Trump called for a Muslim Registry and Travel Ban during his campaign and followed it with Executive Order 13780, while his spokesman stated, "We did it during World War II with Japanese" as the children of *Korematsu*, Yasui, and Hirabayashi followed and filed an amicus brief against it; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the California Democratic Party memorializes the 75th anniversary of EO 9066 as one of the nation's grave racial injustices imposed upon the 120,000 Japanese Americans during World War II; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the California Democratic Party calls for Executive Order 9066 to always be remembered, so that the U.S. will NEVER AGAIN allow this act of injustice to happen against any race, religion, gender, sexual orientation, age, natural origin, or people with disabilities.

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Resolution 17-11.13

Project Labor Agreement Resolution

WHEREAS the working men and women of the California building and construction trades have fought many legislative, regulatory, and electoral battles to preserve the option of entering into Project Labor Agreements (PLA) for both public and private infrastructure projects; and

WHEREAS Project Labor Agreements are the optimal method to deliver public and private projects that guarantee workers earn fair wages for their work while providing public agencies and private customers a construction product that reduces costs, promotes on-time project completion, and delivers higher quality construction through the use of a highly skilled and trained workforce; and

WHEREAS wages under PLAs contain middle class healthcare and pension benefits that reduce the burden on the public healthcare system and contribute to the local community and economy by providing local workers, including emancipated youth, minorities, women, veterans and the previously incarcerated with a career in construction and fair retirement benefits after their career ends; now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the California Democratic Party urges all elected and/or appointed boards of public agencies in California to enter into discussions with their local Building and Construction Trades Council(s) and Building and Construction Trades Unions to develop appropriate Project Labor Agreements that cover all of a local agency's construction projects, including, but not limited to, paving, tree trimming and other cyclic work.

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Resolution 17-11.14

Reaffirming Democratic Party Support for Labor

WHEREAS labor unions built the middle class and continue to be the last line of defense for working people to counterbalance the power of wealthy special interests and rampant corporate greed; and unions are vital to advancing an economic and social justice agenda by advocating for higher wages for workers, shared prosperity, quality public education, affordable health care for all, retirement security and racial and gender equality; and WHEREAS the millionaire and billionaire funders of anti-union laws that have taken hold in other states are bankrolling court cases that would severely restrict unions from representing and advocating for working people in California; and

WHEREAS the well-funded effort to weaken unions harms all working people in California and undermines the Democratic Party's ability to pursue economic justice for all; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the California Democratic Party calls on every Democrat to work hand-in-hand with our union brothers and sisters to assist them in organizing and strengthening the middle class; and

HEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the California Democratic Party fully supports the rights of working people to stand together in a union in order to negotiate a fair contract with their employees, and roundly rejects any effort to roll back the ability of workers to bargain collectively and form unions.

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Resolution 17-11.16

Increasing Student Voter Engagement

WHEREAS the future of the Democratic Party relies on engaging and empowering young people to have a voice in the political process; and

WHEREAS students at high schools, colleges and universities of near-voting and voting age throughout California should be engaged as early as possible in the party structure, especially as Memorandums of Understanding regarding voter engagement have already been signed and agreed upon by the Secretary of State, multiple community Colleges, CSU, and UC; and

WHEREAS the drive to get more students involved in civic engagement already exists, seen in successful initiatives such as UCLA students peer registering over 10,000 students in 2016; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the California Democratic Party recognizes the importance of fostering political engagement and empowering young people on campuses including high schools, trade schools, colleges and universities; and affirms that providing resources to students, including voter engagement trainings, fostering peer-to-peer programs, supporting and advocating for Young Democrats running for office, and encouraging on-campus Democratic clubs to engage young people at the earliest stages of civic engagement is critical for the future of the party; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the California Democratic Party will distribute a copy of this resolution to the CDP leadership and all Democratic electeds in the state to foster partnerships between the party and campuses across the state.

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Resolution 17-11.21**Denounce the influence of money in politics, and act in accordance with the California Democratic Party (CDP) platform**

WHEREAS the 2016 CDP platform states "...a healthy democracy is based on public financing of political campaigns at all levels of government, campaign spending limits and full disclosure of political spending... We will fight the culture of corruption [and] cronyism..." and

WHEREAS money's influence in politics corrupts a healthy democracy as stated in the Princeton Study (2014) "Testing Theories of American Politics: Elites, Interest Groups, and Average Citizens," in the 2011 model legislation "American Anti-Corruption Act," and in the Sunlight Foundation Study (2014) "Fixed Fortunes: Biggest Corporate Political Interests Spend Billions, Get Trillions," which reports that the 200 most politically active companies in the U.S. spent \$5.8 billion on lobbying and campaign contributions from 2007-2012, and those same companies got \$4.4 trillion directly back from the government they lobbied; and

WHEREAS so far, voters in over a third of the states in the Union, including California, have voted to overturn Citizens United v. FEC (2010), demonstrating that the voters want to end the funding of political expenditures by corporations; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the CDP denounces the culture of corruption and cronyism wherein corporations and corporate lobbyists seek to control the political process through campaign contributions and has launched an effort to address the issue through the formation of a high-level Campaign Finance Reform task force; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the CDP will send a copy of this resolution to the California Congressional Delegation, State Legislators, and to the Democratic National Committee.

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Resolution 17-11.22**Animal Agriculture and Our Environment**

WHEREAS The California Democratic Party supports preserving and protecting the environment, reversing the real and imminent threat of climate change, protecting and ensuring the health and wellbeing of all people, and showing compassion to and supporting the humane treatment of animals; and

WHEREAS animal agriculture is the leading cause of species extinction, ocean dead zones, water pollution, habitat destruction, deforestation and is responsible for more greenhouse gas emissions than is emitted from all transportation, using over half the water in the US, and half the water usage of the average Californian is associated with meat and dairy products as EPA statistics show that animal agriculture consumes over 540 times as much water as fracking and a third of the world's freshwater is consumed by the animal agriculture industry; and WHEREAS the world population is growing by 1.10 per cent per year, yielding an additional 83 million people annually--with estimates of a population of 8.6 billion in 2030, 9.8 billion in 2050 and 11.2 billion by 2100; and the detrimental impact that animal agriculture has on our planet will only worsen due to this growing population and growing demand; and even without fossil fuels, we will exceed our CO2 limit solely as a result of animal agriculture; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the California Democratic Party recognizes the advantages of a plant based diet, including its positive environmental impact--specifically its value in meeting our future food supply needs and its contribution to lowering greenhouse gas emissions and freshwater consumption-- and its proven health benefits in preventing diabetes and heart disease; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED to promote much needed further education on this issue we shall communicate this resolution to Governor Jerry Brown, Dr. Barbara Ferrer, Director of Los Angeles Department of Public Health, Karen L. Smith, MD, MPH Director & State Public Health Officer and Karen Ross, Secretary of California Department of Food and Agriculture and the State Superintendent of Public Instruction of California Tom Torlakson.

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Resolution 17-11.26

Stop Nestle's Water Raid

WHEREAS Nestle' has been withdrawing water by means of boreholes and lateral wells several hundred feet from the Strawberry Creek watershed in the San Bernardino National Forest and recording it with the SB Valley Municipal Water District under the heading of Groundwater Recordation Levels; and, Nestle' markets the water labeled as "Arrowhead Spring Water"; and Nestle' withdrew 36 million gallons in 2016 during a drought when a stream gauge at the bottom of the watershed on June 22, 2016 recorded .23 cubic feet per second, the lowest streamflow in 95 years; and by August 30 of this year, the streambed was dry as Nestle' continued to withdraw water; and

WHEREAS extracting water on federal land places it under the jurisdiction of the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) which defines "spring water" as water that flows naturally to the surface"; and, "the location of the spring shall be identified"; and, water extracted through a borehole or tunnel is permissible provided that an appropriate hydraulic connection exists between the natural orifice of the spring and the borehole or tunnel; and a 1999 report forwarded to the FDA stated that they were "unable to affirm" that some springs met the standard of identity for "spring water" since there was no "confirmation of a connection between the borehole and the spring"; and

WHEREAS the Forest Service completed a review of documents from the FDA in July 2017, revealing the apparent noncompliance of some of the water sources in a 1999 report; and, Nestle' hired a law firm which now includes the former top food official of the FDA from 1998-2003 who sent a letter stating the company's position; and, within 3 weeks without any further testing, inspection or empirical evidence, the Trump Administration's FDA reversed their decision on August 21, 2017 based solely upon the information Nestle's lawyers provided; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the CDP reject the Trump Administration's decision and seek the Governor's support in reopening an investigation using means at his disposal to determine if due diligence was used to establish that the criteria for labeling Nestle's product as "spring water" has accurately been met; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if an Environmental Impact Report is deemed necessary, that water extraction cease during this process, allow public comments; and further, this resolution shall be forwarded to Senators Kamala Harris, Dianne Feinstein, and Representative Paul Cook.

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Resolution 17-11.27

Commending the First Responders

WHEREAS the courageous efforts of firefighters, police, sheriffs, national guard, nurses, counselors, doctors and operating engineers saved many lives and properties, against all odds, and

WHEREAS these brave men and women worked tirelessly for weeks, even though many of them suffered personal damages, injuries, and losses of their own homes; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the California Democratic Party hails the heroic efforts of our first responders and calls on every Californian to thank them for all they give for our state; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the California Democratic Party will support policies and practices that improve the safety of all Californians in each and every community, and that our first responders are provided the best training, and most current equipment and protective gear available.

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Resolution 17-11.28

Standing up Against Sexual Harassment

WHEREAS the California Democratic Party strongly supports the rights of all individuals to work in a safe and professional environment free from all forms of discrimination, harassment, bullying and abuse including sexual harassment and sexual violence, and

WHEREAS the #MeToo and #WeSaidEnough campaigns have shined a badly needed light on the pervasive sexual harassment disproportionately impact women, queer and trans individuals, and communities of color every day across all industries, and in politics, sparking a long overdue discussion about our Party's obligation to ensure that all women, regardless of whether they are Activists, Elected Officials, Party Officers, Staff or Volunteers, are able to contribute their time, energy and activism free from harassment and intimidation, and

WHEREAS treating every person equally, with dignity and respect, is a core value of our Party, and that our operations and policies at every level, from our Democratic Clubs and Central Committees to our candidates to our State Party, and now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the California Democratic Party stands in solidarity with the victims of sexual harassment, and encourages all Democrats to demand policies at the local, state, and national level that eliminate sexual harassment; allow victims of harassment to confidentially report their harassment through a hotline; require transparency, accountability, and input from survivors and victims advocates in harassment policy creation, procedural implementation, and training; employ whistleblower protections, anti-retaliation provisions, and mandatory sexual harassment training at the workplace; complete harassment investigations conducted by professional and independent investigators; allow victims to sue their harassers; allow victims to have a day in court; end forced agreements which burden victims with silence and shame and prevent future employers from discovering harassment settlements; and

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the California Democratic Party must actively and continually strive to ensure that our Party is a place free from harassment, discrimination, abuse, bullying and intimidation, where every person is able to contribute their activism towards building the progressive future our state and country deserve.

Author: CDP Chair Eric C. Bauman and Christine Pelosi

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Resolution 17-11.34

Real Infrastructure Investments

WHEREAS the California Democratic Party believes that by uniting our Party around a bold vision for jobs and infrastructure, we have the best chance of passing legislation that works for all, and in the process stopping any infrastructure legislation aimed at solely making money for Wall Street banks and foreign companies; and

WHEREAS Donald Trump's stated vision for infrastructure spending is a cynical ploy full of shell-game financing, attacks on workers' rights and environmental oversight, and would create billions in profits for corporate interests at the public's expense; and

WHEREAS the California Democratic Party stands for an infrastructure policy that includes the following core principles: Investments that create new jobs building roads, bridges, clean energy infrastructure, telecommunications systems, parks, schools, libraries, housing and community assets; ensures that direct public investment provides the overwhelming majority of funding for infrastructure; prioritizes racial and gender equity through project labor agreements/community workforce agreements and environmental justice; embraces 21st-Century clean energy jobs, including expansion of solar and wind power, energy efficiency and energy grid modernization; expands and enforces Buy America provisions, requiring the use of Davis-Bacon prevailing wage standards, local and veteran-hiring policies; ensures the wealthiest Americans and profitable corporations who benefit from public goods pay their fair share for maintaining them; ensures that investments are not paid from raiding Social Security, Medicaid or any other social program; prioritizes resilient infrastructure that can withstand environmental disasters, physical or cyber attacks;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the California Democratic Party calls on its Members of Congress to support Rep. Ted Lieu's efforts in the House and similar efforts in the U.S. Senate to unite Democrats around these principles, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we join progressive and civil rights organizations from around the country in mobilizing constituents to stand together in rejecting so-called “infrastructure” proposals that reward the billionaires at the expense of working families, the environment, and social justice.

Submitted by CDP Chair Eric C. Bauman and CDP Vice Chair Daraka Larimore-Hall

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Resolution 17-11.30

Resolution in Support of Port Truck Drivers

WHEREAS the ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach are among the nation’s most valuable engines of economic growth and prosperity and are critical to global trade; yet because of misclassification of highly skilled port drivers as “independent contractors” working in an extremely dangerous industry, drivers are forced to toil in sweatshop working conditions for low wages and are denied basic rights and protections that most workers receive such as workers’ compensation, disability insurance, Social Security, minimum wage, and health and safety law protections; and WHEREAS the industry has fought to avoid taking responsibility for providing and maintaining clean trucks that meet diesel truck emission environmental standards, requiring port drivers to lease-to-own their trucks, and as a result, Southern California port drivers continue to be misclassified and their earnings have dropped below minimum wage – sometimes as little as 67 cents per week – because the industry is now deducting expensive truck payments and other operation costs from their paychecks; and

WHEREAS the mayors of Los Angeles and Long Beach have announced a Clean Air Action Plan calling for both ports to be net-zero emissions by 2035, in keeping with both cities’ climate goals, including use of a truck rate structure encouraging the use of near-zero and zero-emissions trucks, with the goal of transitioning to a zero-emissions fleet by 2035, and these laudable goals should not come at the expense of port drivers; and THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that as a matter of public health and safety and climate justice, the California Democratic Party thanks Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti and Long Beach Mayor Robert Garcia for their unwavering support and to also demand that companies doing business at the ports follow federal and state labor, tax and transportation law, and requiring industry - not port drivers – to bear the costs of further upgrades to their fleets to meet climate goals; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall be communicated to Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti, Long Beach Mayor Robert Garcia, Port of Los Angeles Board of Harbor Commissioners, and Port of Long Beach Board of Harbor Commissioners.

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Sponsored by Los Angeles County Democratic Party

RESOLUTION 17-07.64L

Resolution Condemning Hate Crimes Specifically Targeting Muslim and Jewish Persons and Communities

WHEREAS in 2015 hate crimes targeting Muslims in the United States increased by 67 percent, reaching a level of violence not seen since the aftermath of the September 11, 2001 attacks according to the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) and anti-Semitic incidents increased in the United States for the second straight year, according to the Anti-Defamation League’s 2015 Audit of Anti-Semitic Incidents; and

WHEREAS in 2017 there have been more than 100 reported bomb threats against Jewish Community Centers, Jewish Day Schools, and other Jewish organizations and institutions in more than 38 states, Jewish cemeteries have been desecrated in Missouri and Pennsylvania, and there has been a significant rise of online harassment and hate speech directed at Jewish journalists and individuals through social media; and

WHEREAS in 2017 Islamic centers and mosques have been burned in Texas, Washington, and Florida, and hate-based violence against those who are perceived to be Muslim--including members of the South Asian communities and Hindu and Sikh Americans--has also been on the rise; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the California Democratic Party (CDP) affirms that we are a party that stands united in condemning hatred in all of its forms; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the CDP calls for more vigorous investigation of hate crimes in California by its Justice Department and to better inform the public on how to report hate crimes or potential hate crimes.

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Sponsored by Micha Liberman, AD45; Ryan Skolnick, AD38; Morgan Hannigan, AD14; Victoria Solkovits, AD45; Susan Rowe, AD5; Hakeem Brown, AD14; Anamarie Avila Farias, AD14; Rita Xavier, AD15; Jonathan Klein, AD51; Kacey Carpenter, AD24; Andrea Beth Damsky, AD79; Brigitte Hunley, AD11; Andrew Lachman, AD62; Andrea Beth Damsky, AD79; Thomas Bilbo, AD14; Glenn Glazer, AD29; Sue Hamill, AD14; Paula Bauer, AD14; Dan Gordon, AD53; Wendy; Bloom, AD15; Patrick Weiss, AD42; Dan Kalb, AD15; Mark Malouf, AD10; Brenda Crawford, AD14

Resolution 17-11.25

Resolution Calling For A Moratorium On New Oil Drilling and Production Licenses

WHEREAS oil production poses an immediate and persistent threat to the global environment, and climate change is real with fossil fuels the main source of greenhouse gases. Further investments in infrastructure to produce fossil fuels runs contrary to CDP platform to “oppose new fossil fuel infrastructure projects;” and

WHEREAS health problems associated with oil production sites include but are not limited to clusters of cancers and asthma. The continued permitting of a growing number of oil drilling and production activities directly affects and will continue to harm Californians who live, go to school, and play nearby, usually affecting disproportionately communities of Latinos and/or African Americans. These toxic health outcomes affect productivity and increase healthcare costs for all Californians; and

WHEREAS the Department of Conservation’s Division of Oil, Gas, and Geothermal Resources is responsible for regulating oil extraction in California and DOGGR concedes in its 2017 Renewal Plan it has been “a dramatically understaffed organization” and has taken “short cuts,” “established work around solutions” or “simply not complete[d] the requirements.” “The Division is currently in the process of updating, and where necessary, revising regulatory standards related to the production of oil and gas in the State of California.” DOGGR further admits it has “enforced some regulations inconsistently and, in some cases, incorrectly.” DOGGR has only begun “a thorough assessment of its performance and capacity,” And until this Renewal Plan is final, DOGGR will continue to be inadequately staffed and working with archaic regulations; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the California Democratic Party to protect the health, welfare, economic interests, environmental quality, and human and civil rights of all Californians calls for a ban on pending and new oil production notices, permits, and approvals until an updated regulatory scheme is in place, fully funded, and fully staffed with rigorous quality controls and verification; and

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED This resolution is to be forwarded to the governor, state officers, and all members of the assembly and senate, and Department of Conservation.

Author: Craig Scott, Assembly District 54

Sponsored by Culver City Democratic Club, CDP Native American Caucus, Region 4, 54th AD Democratic Club, Black Young Democrats of Sacramento; Audrey Wong AD66, Margarita Lacabe, AD 18, Ava Kennedy AD 4, Richard Mathews EBoard AD 45, Brigitte Hunley, AD 11, Susie Shannon AD 50, Deana Ingelsrud AD 50, Julie Zafiratos AD 35, Eleanore Rewarts AD 3, Dianne Parmeter AD 63, Brian Hitchcock AD 66, Monique Tallon AD 43, James M. Ta’bor II AD 43, David Weiner AD 42, Ernesto Gomez AD42, Elizabeth Castillo AD63, Melissa Johnson-Camacho AD 4; Alexander Calleros EBoard AD 43, Marisela Cerda AD 30, Joey Aszterbaum EBoard AD 42, Rafael Chagoya AD 53

Resolution 17-11.12

Censuring Donald J. Trump

WHEREAS Donald J. Trump, by equating on the one hand groups that espouse bigotry, intolerance, hatred, anti-Semitism, and violence; to, on the other hand, citizens who exercise their right peaceably to assemble pursuant to the First Amendment to the Constitution, and who express their support for the ideals embodied in the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution, has thereby abdicated the role of moral leader of the United States; and

WHEREAS Donald J. Trump, by issuing several executive orders to restrict immigration on the basis of religion and national origin and by defaming various persons on the basis of their ethnicity, and by prohibiting transgender people from serving in the military, and by pardoning former sheriff Joe Arpaio from his recent conviction for violating the civil rights of people of color has emboldened such racist, xenophobic and homophobic groups to commit future acts of intimidation and violence, and thereby has undermined respect for civil order and the courts, and has endangered the public safety; and

WHEREAS Donald J. Trump, upon seeing the Final Draft of the National Climate Assessment Report, prepared by 13 federal agencies under the supervision of the National Academy of Sciences pursuant to a Congressional mandate, has disbanded the Federal Advisory Committee for the Sustained National Climate Assessment, which was to advise the federal government on steps to be taken to address its findings, thereby flouting Congress; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the California Democratic Party calls upon all California State legislators and all California members of the United States Senate and the House of Representatives to introduce, support, and pass resolutions in the California Legislature and in the United States Congress, respectively, censuring Donald J. Trump for his inequitable, perfidious, and dangerous acts which are totally unworthy of the head of a civilized nation; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution should be distributed to the California Democratic State and Federal delegations.

Author: Dotty Lemieux

Sponsored by Democratic Central Committee of Marin

Resolution 17-11.31

Oppose Bans And Call For The Implementation Of Regulations As Permitted Under State Law Which Allow For The Cultivation, Manufacture And Sales Of Cannabis

WHEREAS the people of California voted in favor of legalizing cannabis which allows for the adult-use of cannabis for any reason; and

WHEREAS state laws have been passed which promote the merger of regulations for the medical and adult uses of cannabis providing for a robust and comprehensive implementation of cannabis legalization; and

WHEREAS many counties and cities throughout California have enacted bans against implementing regulations that would allow for the commercial cultivation, manufacture and sale of cannabis as approved by the voters; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the California Democratic Party encourages counties and cities to cease banning and to enact ordinances regulating the commercial cultivation, manufacture and sale of cannabis; and

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the California Democratic Party encourages California citizens to get involved with local Democratic clubs and with their local Democratic Central Committee to partner with local government officials to provide their citizens with safe, reliable, local and legal access to cannabis as permitted under voter-approved state law.

Author: Lanny Swerdlow, Assembly District 42

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