

RESOLUTION 17-05.02**Emergency Relief to Fight Catastrophic Famine in Somalia**

WHEREAS in 2011, severe drought caused a famine in Somalia that took the lives of over a quarter of a million people, half of whom were children under the age of five; and

WHEREAS humanitarian agencies are warning the current drought could be far more catastrophic with 6.2 million drought-affected Somalis already in dire need of assistance, including more than 363,000 acutely malnourished children and 70,000 severely malnourished children in need of urgent, life-saving support; and

WHEREAS the UN's International Organization For Migration is asking for so little to save the lives of so many: just \$24.6 million in aid, which is about equal to the cost of providing security at Trump Tower from Election Day to Inauguration Day;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the California Democratic Party believes it is a moral imperative for the United States of America to help the Somali people in their time of dire need by taking the lead in providing the necessary funds to save hundreds of thousands, if not millions, of lives from suffering and dying in a catastrophic famine; and AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the California Democratic Party forward copies of this resolution to the U.S. Secretary of State, the Democratic members of the United States Senate, the Democratic members of the United States Congressional Delegation, and all California Democratic Central Committees urging them to push for immediate action in this matter.

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RESOLUTION 17-05.03**U.S. Leadership and Aid in South Sudan Crisis**

WHEREAS 100,000 Sudanese face immediate starvation and another one million are in desperate need of food; and WHEREAS United Nations officials have declared the South Sudan famine has been intentionally caused and exacerbated by the Sudanese government to use as a weapon against its own citizens; and

WHEREAS the United States has both the economic and political means of supporting UN efforts to provide relief to the starving victims of this catastrophic famine;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the California Democratic Party believes it to be a moral imperative that the United States provide necessary aid in support of UN relief efforts and take a strong stance in the international community to help bring an end to this atrocity.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the California Democratic Party send a copy of this resolution to the U.S. Secretary of State, the Democratic members of the United States Senate, the Democratic members of the United States Congressional Delegation, and all California Democratic Central Committees urging them to push for urgent action in this matter.

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RESOLUTION 17-05.04**Resolution Against the Deployment of U.S. Troops to Syria**

WHEREAS after 15 years of the "war on terror," an American policy of direct military confrontation and nation-building has not decreased the threat of terrorism, but rather created additional threats; and

WHEREAS the conflict in Syria is a vast quagmire of shifting alliances making it difficult to properly vet any potential allies in the area and the situation will ultimately only be settled by political negotiation rather than additional foreign military intervention; and

WHEREAS the United States may best assist the suffering people of Syria by offering refuge, providing humanitarian assistance and working with the global community to bring all parties to the negotiating table;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the California Democratic Party opposes the introduction into Syria of United States ground forces, both regular military and contractors;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the California Democratic Party send a copy of this resolution to the Democratic members of the California Congressional Delegation.

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RESOLUTION 17-08.01

Condemning Violations of Rights and Freedoms Worldwide

WHEREAS the California Democratic Party has repeatedly condemned human rights violations throughout the world, and amongst the fundamental values of the Democratic Party are: (a) Liberal democracy, which includes the right to choose the nation's political leaders by free and fair elections; (b) The rule of law, protected by an independent judiciary; (c) Freedom of expression; (d) Freedom of and from religion; and (e) Freedom and equality for women, and for religious, ethnic and minorities; and (f) Freedom of sexual orientation, gender identity and gender expression, and WHEREAS under certain governments, these rights and freedoms are abused and denied: (a) Elections, when they occur, are in one-party states, or are managed from above and don't offer meaningful choices; (b) The rule of law is absent—rulers violate laws with impunity, corruption has free reign, and citizens have no recourse; (c) Governments control the media, imprisoning or murdering independent journalists; (d) Patriarchal structures limit women's bodily autonomy and citizenship rights; (e) Ethnic and religious minorities have their existence denied by the majority, their cultures and religions suppressed; (f) Laws endorsed murder, violence and discrimination related to sexual orientation and gender identity, and

WHEREAS certain governments have declared homosexuality a crime and/or have forbidden same sex relationships and in some countries punish such relationships by lashes or by death, after trials that do not meet international standards; have severely restricted freedom of expression by, among other things, arresting and intimidating journalists; have repressed women; have tortured and murdered political opponents by shootings, hangings, and throwing them from rooftops; and such discrimination and mistreatment amounts to the systematic violation of basic human rights;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the California Democratic Party condemns and deplores the deficiency of rights and freedoms throughout the world, and looks forward to the day when all people enjoy the same rights and freedoms we take for granted here; condemns those governments which suppress freedom of speech, freedom of the press, and violate its citizens' basic human and civil rights; condemns the persecution of religious minorities and urges the Trump administration to make promoting and defending human rights a focus of its foreign policy; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be forwarded to California's United States Senators and to the Democratic members of California's House of Representatives delegation.

Authored and sponsored by CDP Resolutions Committee

RESOLUTION 17-05.16

Resolution Calling for Greater Economic and Technical Assistance for Central American Countries and Refugees and for Greater Transparency and Controls in Efforts Involving Interdiction of Refugees in Mexico or Central America

WHEREAS increasing levels of violence and poverty in Central America have resulted in many individuals, men, women and children fleeing their countries of origin, such that many of them have been determined by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees to be deserving of asylum or some other form of protection; and WHEREAS while some observers believe that the United States has aided Mexico's efforts to secure its borders from migrants coming from Central American countries to prevent their settling in Mexico or moving on to the United States and others, including the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees office, have commended the United States for recognizing that many of the migrants are fleeing violence, not just poverty and that the United States has also entered into agreements with Mexico and Costa Rica to either expedite processing for refugees among the migrants or provide asylum in those countries, and that the United States has provided some financial assistance to help Central Americans fight the drug cartels, improve their economies, and improve their judicial and law enforcement systems, and yet the amount of assistance is not sufficient to substantially improve the economic and criminal justice systems; and

WHEREAS President Donald Trump has made clear that America will not assist refugees and his budget plan cuts foreign aid so that eventually economic and refugee migrants, whose numbers have declined in 2017, will eventually increase attempting to make the perilous journey to Mexico and the United States;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the California Democratic Party supports 1) increased economic assistance by the United States and other countries to improve Central American economies, ensuring a greater standard of living which will help reduce crime and violence and the need for people to flee their country of origin, 2) efforts to ensure that the United States and Mexico not take steps that would create additional hazards for refugees and other migrants from Central America, 3) steps to ensure that there be greater transparency in determining U.S. support for the interdiction of Central American migrants and 4) work with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees and the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights to ensure that deserving refugees receive asylum or some

other form of protection and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the California Democratic Party forward this Resolution to Democratic members of the California congressional delegation and urge their support of its policies.

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RESOLUTION 17-05.18

Election Protection Resolution Urging the Democratic National Committee to Safeguard Voting Rights and Protect the Integrity of Our Elections

WHEREAS it has been well documented that a database program to prevent alleged voter fraud known as “Interstate Crosscheck,” currently in use in up to 30 states, has wrongly tagged voters, listing them as either registering in two states, or potentially voting in two states, a felony crime, and the methodology used to tag a voter is that they share a first and last name with another voter, e.g., that Maria ISABEL Hernandez of Virginia is supposedly the same voter as Maria CRISTINA Hernandez of Louisiana, thus providing an excuse to purge millions of mainly non-white voters from their state voter registration databases; and

WHEREAS it has also been documented that other means of vote suppression and manipulation, such as gerrymandered districts, racially discriminatory voter ID laws, reducing polling locations in demographically targeted areas, and failing to supply adequate staff and working voting equipment, have resulted in either disenfranchisement, or discouragingly long lines and inordinate wait times before citizens can cast their votes, often as in states such as Pennsylvania, on paperless electronic machines that provide no human-readable backup record in case of machine failure or for audit and recount purposes; and

WHEREAS the use of voting and vote-counting machines running on secret, undisclosed software, without any meaningful ability to verify the integrity and accuracy of such systems or to audit the results they produce, raises concerns that our elections could be, and may have been, rigged through misuse or manipulation of such systems; NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the California Democratic Party urges the Democratic National Committee to demand that our elections be fully transparent, verifiable, and routinely audited, that the U.S. Justice Department conduct an immediate investigation into the Interstate Crosscheck programs racially and ethnically biased purge operation — and that the list of over seven million Americans suspected of voting or registering in two states be challenged; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we urge the Democratic National Committee to establish and expedite a 50-state strategy to explore, investigate, and pursue all remedies in overturning current and future methods used in undermining U.S. citizens’ right to vote or to have their votes counted as cast in free, fair, verified elections, including “Jim Crow” voter ID restrictions, targeted reductions in polling locations, times, staff, and equipment, unverifiable paperless election systems running on secret, undisclosed software, and other vote suppression and manipulation techniques, including gerrymandering.

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RESOLUTION 17-05.25

Expressing Support of the California Democratic Party for the 1951 Refugee Convention and the Protection of Muslims and Immigrants Traveling to and Residing in the United States of America

WHEREAS the 1951 Refugee Convention, ratified by 145 State parties including the United States of America, outlines the rights of the displaced and the legal obligations of States to protect them; its core principle being non-refoulement, asserting that a refugee should not be returned to a country where they face serious threats to their life or freedom; and the UNHCR reports that 65.3 million people were displaced in 2015, including 4.9 million Syrian, 1.2 million South Sudanese, and 3.1 million Iraqi refugees; and

WHEREAS the Trump Administration issued an Executive Order creating a travel ban on seven majority Muslim countries, including Syria, Iran, Iraq, Sudan, Libya, Somalia and Yemen, ordering that no U.S. visas would be issued to their citizens and that visa holders would be denied entry, which has been denounced by heads of state, government bodies and community and international leaders, as evidenced by the unanimous vote in the UK House of Commons requesting the Executive Order be repealed; German Chancellor Angela Merkel stating that “the fight against terrorism does not justify a general advance against certain countries and people with a certain belief;” and the African Union recognizing in a statement the hypocrisy of issuing a travel ban on three of its members from where slaves were once taken to the U.S.; and

WHEREAS the California Democratic Party strongly condemns the travel ban and harassment of refugees, visa holders and legal residents as reckless, irresponsible and malicious; and acknowledging the importance of protection from the threat of terrorism, but that this ban subverts confidence of our immigration process and achieves nothing in protecting our nation from terror threats

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the California Democratic Party affirms that its values of equality and tolerance extend to communities around the world where we stand in solidarity with those facing hatred, discrimination and isolation; and we commit to taking action against the inhumane banning of immigrants from majority Muslim countries from travel to the U.S. along with any attempt to institute a Muslim registry; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we call on our congressional representatives to stand firm in denouncing the Trump Administration's efforts to create policies that are divisive and dangerous, while separating us from the international community and those who subscribe to the basic tenets of refugee conventions and global human rights.

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RESOLUTION 17-05.27

Resolution Opposing Republican Attempts To Weaken Special Education

WHEREAS the Federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) ensures services to children with disabilities and governs how states and public agencies provide early intervention, special education and related services to more than 6.5 million eligible infants, toddlers, children and youth with disabilities in 1975; and
WHEREAS the Trump Administration, along with Republicans, have demonstrated plans to weaken and undermine special education including Education Secretary Betsy DeVos stating that special education is "best left to the states" and admitting a limited knowledge and understanding of special education laws and services and, supports moving to divest dollars from public schools through private school vouchers and charter schools which are not bound by IDEA; and

WHEREAS in 2000, U.S. Attorney General Jeff Sessions publicly stated that IDEA "may be the single most irritating problem for teachers throughout America today...creating a complex system of federal regulations and laws that have created lawsuit after lawsuit, special treatment for certain children, and that are a big factor in accelerating the decline in civility and discipline in classrooms all over America";

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the California Democratic Party condemns any efforts by Republicans at every level of government to weaken special education laws, enforcement and funding; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the California Democratic Party calls upon all elected officials to join the DPOC in working to protect and strengthen special education laws, and ensure full funding of IDEA, provide support to families with special needs students and ensure every child has access to early intervention, services and a safe and appropriate learning environment that encourages all students reaching their fullest potential.

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RESOLUTION 17-05.28

For Our Future – Reject Nuclear Energy

WHEREAS the nuclear power industry produces and accumulates toxic, poisonous, radioactive, nuclear waste year after year to the tune of 2000 metric tons annually, with no end in sight; which must be contained, stored, guarded, protected, and isolated, from the human population for hundreds of years, and in some cases thousands of years; and

WHEREAS nuclear industry promoters told stories in 1970 that nuclear power would be generated with only a cup of nuclear waste when in reality we now have 70,000 metric tons of high level nuclear waste that can cause cancer by exposure or breathing the dust and provide a lethal dose to those who even just wander too close to the waste;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the California Democratic Party urges that all nuclear power reactors will be phased out entirely and replaced with safer, healthier, renewable energy products such as solar, wind, and heat, which are known to be non-radioactive, and non-poisonous, require no fuel, burn nothing, produce no air pollution, and can be recycled.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the California Democratic Party supports moving existing nuclear waste away from earthquake prone areas, away from eroding sinking beachfronts, transported in specially designed shielded vehicles on specially designed roads away from and downwind of the public.

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RESOLUTION 17-05.29

Protection and Ownership of Federal Public Lands

WHEREAS President Theodore Roosevelt recognized that America is heir to a glorious heritage of natural beauty, and that in honoring TR's legacy, the people of the United States asked their federal government, as their representative, to preserve and protect this natural beauty by creating public lands that are owned and held in trust for the people of the United States by their federal government, and further, that their federal government's

ownership of federal public lands has enabled several generations of Americans to experience their nation's natural beauty, as TR experienced it, in its pristine and unvarnished state absent such events as drilling and mining, and absent commercial enterprises that are inconsistent with TR's legacy; and

WHEREAS TR's legacy of federal public lands that are owned, preserved, protected and held in trust for the people by their federal government is today threatened by elected and appointed federal officials who would destroy this federal protection by selling or leasing the people's public lands to private individuals and/or corporations, or by transferring the people's public lands to state governments who could then sell or lease the people's public lands to private individuals and/or corporations; and

WHEREAS selling, leasing or transferring federally owned public lands would mean that such events as drilling and mining, as well as commercial activities inconsistent with TR's legacy, would be possible, we the people could no longer promise our children, and their children's children that they would experience our nation's natural beauty as did TR, and has our generation, in its pristine and unvarnished beauty.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the California Democratic Party urges the California State Assembly and the California State Senate to support continued federal ownership of federal public lands and, further, that federal public lands should never be sold to private individuals, and/or corporations, or transferred to state governments without the protections that exist for federal public lands, for as TR wrote, "Once it's lost, it's gone forever," but, rather, that federal public lands should be owned, protected, and preserved in perpetuity by the federal government of the United States, as the representative of the people of the United States, for the people of the United States

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RESOLUTION 17-05.33

CDP Resolution to Budget for Peacebuilding for People and the Environment

WHEREAS the Administration's budget has proposed moving \$54 billion from human and environmental spending at home and abroad to military spending, bringing military spending to well over 60% of federal discretionary spending, and part of helping alleviate the refugee crisis should be providing greater economic assistance which may prevent wars that create refugees and the President himself admits that some of the military spending of the past 16 years has made us less safe, not safer, and fractions of the proposed military budget could help pay for much top-quality education from preschool through college, help alleviate hunger and starvation on Earth, move along the U.S. conversion to clean energy as well as improve the U.S. infrastructure and increase U.S. foreign aid rather than cutting it; and

WHEREAS even 121 retired U.S. generals have written a letter opposing cutting foreign aid and a United States helping to provide clean drinking water, schools, medicine and solar panels to others would be more secure and face far less hostility in the world; and

WHEREAS our environmental and human needs are desperate and urgent, it should be noted that many economists have said that domestic spending has a more powerful positive impact on the economy than military spending which would generate more jobs and tax revenue; now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the California Democratic Party urges the United States Congress to move our tax dollars in exactly the opposite direction proposed by the President, to ensure we do our best to meet human and environmental needs; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the California Democratic Party send this resolution to all Democratic California members of the House of Representatives and Senate for guidance when deliberating policy decisions.

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RESOLUTION 17-05.35

Resolution for Repeal of the 2001 Authorization of Use of Military Force

WHEREAS the 2001 Authorization for Use of Military Force (AUMF) has resulted in a continuous series of military actions that have manifestly brought us closer to worldwide conflict than to global peace and security.

WHEREAS the 2001 AUMF has been cited in justifications of warrantless surveillance and wiretapping activities, indefinite detention practices, extrajudicial targeted-killing operations, and an ever-growing and indefinite pursuit of an ill-defined enemy abroad.

WHEREAS the 2001 AUMF has served as justification for actions that have in turn brought ever more extreme organizations such as ISIS to the fore.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the 2001 Authorization for Use of Military Force should be repealed; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the California Democratic Party opposes future American military operations entered into without the explicit authorization of the U.S. Congress, as required by the U.S. Constitution.

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RESOLUTION 17-05.40

The Role of Debates and the Media in Fair and Competitive Presidential Primary Elections in California

WHEREAS the California Democratic Party Platform seeks to enhance the democratic process by ensuring an educated citizenry, equal opportunity for influence, honest public debate, competitive elections and robust civic participation, and debates generally require candidates to reveal their positions on regional issues, thus influencing voter attitudes towards candidates, and subsequently, voting behavior and election results and race outcomes, yet no presidential primary or general election debates were held in California or the entire West Coast of the United States in the presidential election year 2016; and

WHEREAS the newsgathering association the Associated Press called the California Democratic primary election in favor of Secretary Hillary Rodham Clinton on the day prior to Primary Election Day, and polling data from May 29-June 3, 2016 by at least 18 news agencies and reputable pollsters placed Senator Bernie Sanders within 2 percentage points (44-47%) of Secretary Hillary Rodham Clinton (46-49%) in the state of California, it may be concluded that the AP assertion of Clinton's national win prior to Election Day was premature and that the worldwide announcement of this via mass media likely decreased turnout and influenced voting behavior and the primary election results; and

WHEREAS California is the most populous state in the nation, with more registered voters than 46 other states combined and both the lack of presidential debates and mass media calling of elections are known to depress and discourage voter participation of all citizens;

THEREFORE consistent with the California Democratic Party Platform and in defense of the voter franchise of all Californians be it resolved that the California Democratic Party shall strongly endeavor to see that presidential debates are always held in this populous state through negotiations with the DNC and with the Presidential Candidate campaigns; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chair, on behalf of the California Democratic Party shall work with the DNC to explore the influence of the mass media in calling results for any national election—whether primary, special or general—prior to the close of voting in order to encourage participation in elections by all voters.

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RESOLUTION 17-05.46

Resolution Expressing the Support of the California Democratic Party for Transgender Student Rights

WHEREAS our transgender youth are among the most vulnerable groups in our schools, with a suicide attempt rate of eight times their straight peers and far more likely to experience bullying, harassment, and violence. Transgender youth are, therefore, most in need of the protections of fairness and equality; and

WHEREAS the Trump Administration revoked federal guidelines, adopted during the Obama Administration, that allowed transgender students to use bathrooms corresponding with their gender identity, receive equal treatment free of gender discrimination, and ensure they are able to pursue an education in a safe and inclusive environment; and WHEREAS the California Democratic Party platform states that Democrats will "protect the right of all people to use facilities and participate in all aspects of society consistent with their true gender identity, regardless of the gender assigned them at birth;"

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the California Democratic Party affirms its commitment to protect the rights of Transgender youth, including the right to choose bathroom facilities on school campuses based on their true gender identity and calls on our congressional representatives to speak out and stand firm in denouncing the Trump

Administration's efforts to revert back to draconian laws which allow for the discrimination and isolation of Transgender youth; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be transmitted to all members of California's Congressional Democratic delegation and the 6 co-chairs of the Congressional LGBT Caucus.

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RESOLUTION 17-05.49

A Resolution to Protect and Defend the Voters of California Decisions to Allow for the Medical and Adult-use of Marijuana by Nullification through Non-cooperation

WHEREAS in 1996 the voters of California passed Prop. 215 allowing for the use of marijuana when recommended by a physician and in 2016 passed Prop. 64 legalizing the use of marijuana by all adults 21 and over and have set up state and local government regulated distribution systems for marijuana; and

WHEREAS California's legalization of marijuana conflicts with the federally enacted Controlled Substances Act which lists marijuana as a schedule one drug which is defined as "drugs with no currently accepted medical use and a high potential for abuse" and which enacts severe penalties for violations including life in prison without parole; and WHEREAS in *Prigg v. Pennsylvania* (1842), *New York v. United States* (1992) and in *Printz v. United States* (1997), the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that states cannot be compelled to enforce federal law and, as written by Justice Sandra Day O'Connor, Congress may not simply "commandeer the legislative processes of the States by directly compelling them to enact and enforce a federal regulatory program" and that in *Independent Business v. Sebelius* (2012), the Court held that the federal government cannot compel states to enforce federal law by threatening to withhold funding for programs already in place and that allowing Congress to essentially punish states that refuse to go along violates constitutional separation of powers;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the California Democratic Party that the California legislature immediately pass a law that will "*prohibit a state or local agency from taking certain actions without a court order signed by a judge, including using agency money, facilities, property, equipment, or personnel to assist a federal agency to investigate, detain, detect, report, or arrest a person for commercial or noncommercial marijuana or medical cannabis activity that is authorized by law in the State of California and transferring an individual to federal law enforcement authorities for purposes of marijuana enforcement*" and that a copy of this resolution be sent to all California Democratic state assembly and senate members;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the California Democratic Party that state Attorney General Xavier Becerra take all pre-emptive and legal measures to achieve nullification of federal marijuana prohibition laws through noncooperation and to create impediments to enforcing and implementing federal laws prohibiting the use and distribution of marijuana as permitted under California state law and that a copy of this resolution be sent to him.

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RESOLUTION 17-05.50

Recognition of the Necessity of Paid Family Leave

WHEREAS the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993 only covers about half of all workers in the United States, and among those workers who are eligible for the unpaid leave, almost 80 percent don't take it because they cannot afford to do so; and

WHEREAS California's paid family leave laws have been enormously successful in demonstrating the need for these programs as both families and businesses – small and large – actually do better with these programs in place due, in part, to greater worker retention and satisfaction; and

WHEREAS the United States has already fallen behind other competitive countries as the only industrialized nation that does not offer psaid maternity leave, even though offering this alone could add as much as 5 percent to our nation's gross domestic product simply by encouraging women to participate in the workforce to the same extent as men;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the California Democratic Party believes that Paid Family Leave should be a national priority and encourages all its members to work toward bringing California's success to the rest of the country so all Americans and American businesses can experience the rewards and benefits of Paid Family Leave. AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the California Democratic Party forward copies of this resolution to the Democratic members of the United States Senate, Democratic members of the United States Congressional Delegation, and all California Democratic Central Committees.

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RESOLUTION 17-05.51

Protecting Employees' Right of Privacy

WHEREAS privacy is a fundamental human right; and

WHEREAS the fundamental right to privacy is constantly being tested by exemptions that allow employers to implement retaliatory and punitive measures against employees who try to assert their right to privacy;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the California Democratic Party stands firm against any legislation that would undermine an employee's fundamental right to privacy, including, but not limited to the right to withhold information about: genetic information, health information (including weight and cholesterol levels), intentions to start a family or become pregnant, political affiliation or party registration, and personal social media accounts or passwords.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the California Democratic Party will forward copies of this resolution to the Governor, the State Attorney General, the California State Legislature, the Democratic members of the United States Senate, Democratic members of the United States Congressional Delegation, and all California Democratic Central Committees.

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RESOLUTION 17-05.52

The Abandonment of Uranium Mines

WHEREAS the California Democratic Party recognizes the sovereignty of indigenous nations and supports the federal laws regarding treaty rights and is working to establish a relationship with indigenous governments, and the legislatures of California value the environment as part of a historical, cultural, and economic value to all people and future generations, including national parks, wilderness and conservation areas, Sacred Places, bodies of water, and watersheds; and

WHEREAS uranium production has occurred throughout the western United States, including the state of California, prior to the existence of laws or regulations requiring clean-up of mines and mine wastes leaving thousands of abandoned uranium mines, which remain unreclaimed today, continue to contaminate land, air, and water with heavy metals, elevated levels of radioactivity, and past and current uranium mining, transport, and processing disproportionately occur on indigenous lands damaging the environment, water resources, and integrity of Sacred Sites; and

WHEREAS abandoned uranium mines create undue risk of exposure to elevated levels of radioactivity by the public population which lead to serious health effects, often passed on genetically to future generations, including but not limited to various cancers, kidney disease, auto-immune disease, and birth defects, and unreclaimed abandoned uranium mines and mills transmit uranium off site or into groundwater via wind, water cycle contaminating sources of fresh water, drinking water, such as underground aquifers and watersheds, and there is current and ongoing uranium mining, uranium processing, and proposals for new mines within the Colorado Plateau that will exacerbate existing radioactive waste, contamination, and negative health impacts, including uranium mining near the Grand Canyon, and there is no federal or state law enforcing clean up of all abandoned uranium mines, no designated safe place to put mine waste, creating thousands of radioactive waste sites across the United States;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the California Democratic Party calls upon the Congress to create enforceable laws, adequate funding to clean up abandoned uranium mines, lands and bodies of waters contaminated by abandoned uranium mines, protect the environment and public health from new uranium mining, by enforcing stricter clean-up regulations; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be transmitted to all members of the California Democratic Congressional Delegation.

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RESOLUTION 17-05.53

Supporting Reforms to DNC Victory Fund Practices

WHEREAS Victory Funds are intended to provide a fundraising and fund-sharing, coordinated campaign mechanism between the Democratic Party's presidential nominee, the Democratic National Committee (DNC), and State Democratic Parties; and

WHEREAS unlike previous presidential elections, in 2016 the Victory Fund structure was used during the primary presidential nominating process, allowing donors who had maxed out on contributions to their preferred presidential candidate's campaign to contribute a vastly larger additional amount of money to their preferred candidate, and allowing candidates for the nomination to spend these funds on social media consultants to "correct the record" and on social media advertising for themselves during the primary, which was deemed acceptable Victory Fund money use so long as some sort of minimal solicitation for contributions was included; and

WHEREAS these monies are intended to help elect Democrats from the top to the bottom of the ticket in a coordinated fashion during the general election, yet many state parties are concerned that after they transferred monies received via Victory Fund fundraising back to the Victory Fund during the primary, that money was then controlled by campaign staff, used to make expenditures during the primary, and not always forthcoming during the general election;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the California Democratic Party believes that the DNC's Victory Fund rules need to be reformed so that they are transparent, fair to candidates for our Party's presidential nomination who are not soliciting additional contributions from wealthy donors and bundlers who have maxed out on contributions they are allowed to make to a campaign, and not able to be used for any kind of political gain during the primary process.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the California Democratic Party supports, and asks our DNC Delegation to support, a restriction by the DNC on any expenditure of Victory Fund money before the Party's presidential nominee has been chosen—including, but not limited to, giving control of Victory Fund money to any campaign's staff or using Victory Fund money to pay for any kind of staff, consultants, or advertising.

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Sponsored by Region 3

RESOLUTION 17-05.55

Resolution to Advance Voting Rights in Primary Elections to Voters Who Will Be 18 Years Old On or Before the Associated General Election

WHEREAS 17-year-old California residents who will be 18 by the time of a general election cannot vote in the primary election associated with that election; and

WHEREAS disenfranchising those who cast a vote in a general election the opportunity of casting a vote in a primary election unfairly prevents the opportunity of voters to decide which candidates will appear in the upcoming general elections; and

WHEREAS 17-year-olds who will be 18 on or before a general election can vote in primaries and caucuses in a large number of states, including Alaska, Connecticut, Delaware, Hawaii, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, Maine, Maryland, Mississippi, Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico, North Carolina, Ohio, South Carolina, Virginia, Vermont, Washington, West Virginia, Wyoming, and in the primaries held in the District of Columbia;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the California Democratic Party supports the advancement of voting rights in California primary elections to 17-year-olds who will be 18 on or before the general election following the associated primary; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be communicated to the Governor, the Secretary of State, the Senate President Pro Tempore, the Speaker of the State Assembly, and all Democratic state legislators.

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Sponsored by San Joaquin County Democratic Central Committee

RESOLUTION 17-05.57

Resolution on Ballot Formulation

WHEREAS it is the goal of any democracy to accurately and efficiently carry out elections in a manner providing access to all its voters; and,

WHEREAS the November 2016 San Bernardino County vote by mail ballot potentially created over counts due to placement of a fold and the resulting shadow on the ballot; and,

WHEREAS nonpartisan research has been done on ballot formatting clarity and the sources of vote tabulation error (e.g. the Brennan Center for Justice's 2008 Better Ballot Guide and the Brennan Center for Justice's 2012 Better Design, Better Elections Guide), which suggests that current California ballot designs are sub-optimal and wide scale changes should be made by state election officials - such as developing a checklist of design best practices for ballot

designers, conducting usability testing of ballots before finalizing the design and instructions, publicizing sample ballots that look like the ballots voters will use at their polling places, creating ballot design guidelines and templates for each brand and model of voting system, requiring counties to report the number of overvotes, undervotes, and spoiled ballots, ensuring that new voting system guidelines include requirements that support good ballot design, and putting a greater emphasis on ballot design in the Election Assistance Commission's role as a clearinghouse of election information and resources for local election officials;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the California Democratic Party believes that a well designed and easy to understand ballot is important to the proper functioning of our democratic system and urges the California Secretary of State and all county registrars of voters to promote and utilize best practice ballot design to ensure that the intent of the voters is recorded accurately.

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RESOLUTION 17-05.58a

Ranked Choice Voting (RCV)

WHEREAS ranked choice voting (RCV) is a method that has been adopted and used by certain charter cities in California, notably Berkeley, Oakland and San Francisco for their local races as well as in some localities in 18 other states; and

WHEREAS elections cost municipalities, counties and the state of California hundreds of millions of dollars and an advantage of ranked voting at the local level is that ranking candidates in order of preference on one ballot would eliminate the need for runoff elections; and

WHEREAS while some concerns have been expressed that RCV voting in local non-partisan elections is complex and confusing and may reduce turnout, proponents argue that general law cities should have the same opportunity to choose which system they prefer and that problems of complexity and confusion can be worked out with better education;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the California Democratic Party supports the right of general law cities in California to have the same opportunity to adopt ranked choice voting (RCV); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to Governor Brown and all elected Democratic members of the California Assembly and Senate.

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RESOLUTION 17-05.68

Supporting Efforts to Develop Practices of Racial Justice

WHEREAS the majority of police officers are good, fair, hard working people whose indispensable public service is often undermined by a minority of bias practices and policies which threaten the positive efforts of the units and departments they operate in; and

WHEREAS fair and equal treatment by law enforcement toward people of all races, religions, and nationalities is a crucial factor in the realization and maintenance of peace, freedom, and justice; and

WHEREAS recent collaborative reviews by The Department of Justice's Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS Office) have been extremely successful in uncovering and assessing elements which foster unfair biases within police departments and hinder the good work of fair and just officers;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the California Democratic Party encourages all local and state police departments and municipalities to develop a routine practice of requesting similar thorough reviews from relevant outside agencies in an effort to assess and uncover any practices or policies that may be fostering unfair biases within the department.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the California Democratic Party will forward copies of this resolution to the Governor, the State Attorney General, the Democratic members of the California State Legislature, and all California Democratic Central Committees.

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RESOLUTION 17-05.70

Resolution Concerning Police Transparency and Accountability

WHEREAS California is one of the most secretive states concerning incidents of law enforcement misconduct and excessive use of force, and this secretiveness implies that all police engage in systemic misconduct which is not the case, compared to other states that make records public regardless of whether misconduct is found, or states such as Texas, Kentucky and Utah which make records public when police are found guilty of misconduct; and

WHEREAS far too many African Americans and Latinos have been killed at the hands of law enforcement in

California which has placed use of excessive force against communities of color in the spotlight; and WHEREAS the Criminal Justice section of the 2016 California Democratic Party Platform states: "Support law enforcement officers with excellent pay and benefits, and hold them accountable for misconduct. Dismiss any peace officer that does not uphold the high standards and trust afforded them by the community and government;" THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the California Democratic Party will work to remove all legal obstacles to accountability for police misconduct, while encouraging de-escalation training; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the California Democratic Party supports at a timely and legally appropriate time making public all records and files --including written and video footage -- related to an incident of police use of force resulting in injury or death.

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RESOLUTION 17-05.75

Resolution in Support of Equitable Solutions in the Justice System for California's Drivers of Limited Means

WHEREAS according to a 2015 report from the Lawyer's Committee for Civil Rights of the San Francisco Bay Area, in California "a litany of practices and policies turn a citation offense into a poverty sentence: the revenue incentives of fine collection lead to increased citation enforcement, add-on fees for minor offenses double or quadruple the original fine, and people who fail to pay because they don't have the money lose their driver's licenses" [1] and "Once an initial deadline is missed, courts routinely deny people the right to a hearing unless they can afford the total amount owed up front, and payment in full becomes the sole means for having a license reinstated" [2]; and WHEREAS while California's 2015 amnesty program for traffic violators unable to pay their fine(s) is a laudable step in the right direction, it "does not define what it means to be 'in good standing' on a payment plan and allows counties to establish specific policies" [3,] which empowers some county court systems to not waive an upfront \$50 participation fee for low-income residents and maintains a system in which "for people with post-2013 tickets, courts and debt collectors are still refusing to consider people's ability to pay when setting the initial fines, which means the system continues to disproportionately hurt the poor" [4]; and

WHEREAS recognizing that some of these and other assessed costs may be driven by an erosion of funding of California's court system, the California Democratic Party (CDP) platform supports "restoration of full funding for the Courts" [5];

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the CDP expresses its support for equitable solutions in the justice system for California's drivers of limited means that would allow them to quickly and efficiently reinstate their driver's license and/or vehicle and, if penalties are prescribed, charge them at a rate proportional to the drivers' means to pay them; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the CDP expresses its support for an extension of the 2015 amnesty program for traffic violators unable to pay their fine(s) while calling on California's Governor and Legislative Branch to take further steps -- if necessary, in concert with California's Judiciary Branch - to enhance the program's equity.

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RESOLUTION 17-05.76

Resolution Encouraging Cities and County Governments to Pass Regulations that are Reasonable and to Engage Citizens in the Drafting and Promulgation of Any Regulations

WHEREAS the voters of California passed Prop. 64 in November 2016 which allowed adults 21 and over to possess marijuana and cultivate up to six plants and barred local governments from banning indoor and greenhouse cultivation; and

WHEREAS city and county governments are implementing personal use marijuana cultivation regulations that include excessive licensing fees, background checks, fingerprinting, right of city and police agencies to inspect at any time they want without a warrant and impose fines up to \$1,000 per day for violations and do not require any licenses, background checks and inspections for personal cultivation of any other plant including such dangerous plants such as hemlock and oleander; and

WHEREAS Prop. 64 only allows the enactment of "reasonable regulations to reasonably regulate..." and that regulations that are financially prohibitive, unduly burdensome and not required of any other plant is by definition unreasonable;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the California Democratic Party encourages cities and counties to enact regulations and licensing requirements that are clearly and unmistakably reasonable,
AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the California Democratic Party encourages cities and counties to engage citizens in the drafting and promulgation of any proposed regulations for the personal cultivation of indoor and greenhouse cultivation of marijuana as permitted under Prop. 64.
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RESOLUTION 17-05.78

Preserving Voter Rights in Homeowner Associations (HOAs)

WHEREAS the Legislature and the California courts have established that California's 52,000 homeowner associations (HOAs) are self-governing, quasi-governmental entities with many of the duties and powers of cities and counties, e.g. the power to foreclose; and
WHEREAS free and fair elections – VOTING – is vital to the political health of self-governing communities, because VOTING is the means for millions of California HOA owners to choose their leaders and hold them accountable; however, there are ongoing legislative campaigns to take away homeowners' rights to vote in HOA elections or to run for seats on governing HOA boards, and the HOA industry markets such legislative campaigns as "cost-saving" measures when the savings will be negligible, given the fact that most California associations are 25 units or fewer and, therefore, do not incur large costs when conducting elections, and given the fact that existing law [Civil Code §§5100 et seq] lets HOAs use, for example, volunteer poll workers with the County Registrar of Voters to supervise elections; and
WHEREAS existing law governing HOA laws removes control of elections from the incumbents but ongoing legislative campaigns by the HOA industry attempt to restore power over elections to incumbents, that is: boards already in power;
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the California Democratic Party stands against any effort to cancel elections together with the sitting board's power to set qualifications for voting and for running for office since this is a lethal combination as it will permit the board to eliminate any challenge to the status quo by first disqualifying a dissenting candidate, then avoiding public exposure by cancelling the election; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution will be sent to Governor Jerry Brown, Attorney General Xavier Becerra, Pro-Tem Kevin De Leon and Speaker Anthony Rendon, Insurance Commissioner Dave Jones and Democratic members of the California State Legislature.

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Sponsored by Riverside County Democratic Party

RESOLUTION 17-05.84

Rural Telephone and Internet Service Quality

WHEREAS reliable telecommunications service is essential for many aspects of Californians' personal and professional life, and California law has provided a commitment to universal service through ubiquitous infrastructure and affordable pricing by (1) assuring the continued affordability and widespread availability of high-quality telecommunications services to all Californians; (2) focusing efforts on providing educational institutions, health care institutions, community-based organizations, and governmental institutions with access to advanced telecommunications services; (3) encouraging development and deployment of new technologies and equitable provision of services to meet consumer need and support the ubiquitous availability of a wide choice of state-of-the-art services by supporting adequate long-term investment in the necessary infrastructure; (4) bridging the "digital divide" by assuring access to state-of-the-art technologies for rural, inner-city, low-income, and disabled Californians. (5) requiring fair treatment of consumers including reasonable service quality standards, sufficient information for making informed choices, and fair processes for resolving billing and service problems; and has repeatedly directed the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) to set standards for universal service and develop strategies to achieve them; and
WHEREAS millions of Californians, particularly in rural areas, rely on landline phone service as their primary option for service because wireless phone service may not be available due to topography or vegetation, and because it may be more reliable and continue to operate during power outages; and
WHEREAS during the past few years all Californians, but especially those living in rural areas, have increasingly experienced telephone service quality problems and interruptions caused by inadequate maintenance of telecommunications network facilities by service providers, and failure to invest in upgraded infrastructure;
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the California Democratic Party calls for a renewed commitment to universal telecommunications services, including a requirement that all subscribers of telecommunications service be guaranteed access to highly reliable voice service, internet access at speeds appropriate to a modern society, advanced services and network and communications services, including specifically landline service on which rural

residents particularly depend, without interruption or interference; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution be forwarded to the CPUC and
Democratic members of the California State Legislature so that necessary changes to legislation and regulation will
be made so that all Californians, including specifically those residing in rural areas, are provided high quality, highly
reliable telephone and internet services.

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RESOLUTION 17-05.87**Justice for Farm Workers**

WHEREAS 80,000 indigenous farmworkers from Oaxaca, Guerrero, Chiapas, Tabasco, and Vera Cruz, Mexico pick
berries for numerous growers in the San Quintin valley of Baja California while Driscoll corporation buys, packs, and
distributes these berries in the U.S., and since March 2015 San Quintin farmworkers conducted strikes and mass
mobilizations demanding an increase in wages from 100 to 300 pesos per day [raise from \$7.50 to \$15], an 8-hour
workday, overtime, healthcare, vacation, an end to sexual abuse of workers, and legal recognition of their
independent union (Alianza) as representative of Alianza farmworkers who pick fruit primarily for export to the U.S.
under Driscoll's label through Mexican subsidiary farmers while these very growers refuse to negotiate fair labor
contract/s, therefore Alianza resorted to call for a U.S. national consumer boycott; and

WHEREAS the San Quintin farmworkers live in rat-infested makeshift camps in make-do shelters of cardboard
boxes, plastic tarps, and sticks with no functioning toilets or proper water resources while farmworker wages are
illegally withheld, they are gouged by overpricing at company stores, are subjected to inadequate piece rates and
retaliation for their efforts to improve living and working conditions; and

WHEREAS in California, State Board of Food and Agriculture protect the health and welfare of California citizens
while in San Quintin farmworkers have no such protection from exposure to the spraying of dangerous carcinogenic
pesticides on the berries that result in diseases such as cancer, kidney failure, skin rashes, and respiratory problems;
and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that 80,000 San Quintin farmworkers seeking the boycott of Driscoll berries to force
the Driscoll corporation to negotiate for better wages, working conditions, living conditions, and recognize the efforts
of their union (Alianza) on behalf of their workers and rehire farmworkers who had been fired for going on strike and
calling for the consumer boycott to work with small family farmers to achieve the goals of this resolution; and

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the California Democratic Party supports the San Quintin farmworkers' demand
of a union contract and recognizes and commends Alianza's efforts on behalf of the workers, and accordingly, the
California Democratic Party supports the boycott of Driscoll berries.

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RESOLUTION 17-05.88**The Need for Climate Change Literacy**

WHEREAS our greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions must be significantly reduced and if, how, how much, and by
when, this is done is a science-based, political question, requiring that both the general public and our elected
officials be informed and motivated; and

WHEREAS (1) in late 2013, California adopted the "Next Generation Science Standards" (NGSS); (2) at the October 2015
Conference of the North American Association for Environmental Education (NAAEE), the California Environmental Literacy
Task Force (CELTF) presented the environmental elements of the NGSS, revealing that the standards do not guarantee the
needed climate literacy; and (3) in May of 2015, the California State PTA adopted "Climate Change Is a Children's Issue", a
resolution asking school districts to take important actions, including "to educate students on climate and energy literacy and
human sustainability"; and (4) elected officials are responsible for policies to reduce GHG emissions; and

WHEREAS students deserve all of the scientific facts that will clearly and significantly impact their future and, to do their job,
elected officials need a sufficient understanding of this unfolding crisis;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the California Democratic Party reinforces the need for all high school students
to know, before they graduate, and elected officials to know, acknowledge, and address, as soon as possible, (1)
both the existence of and the reason for anthropogenic climate change; (2) its potential for harm; (3) the difference
between stabilizing the climate at a livable level and destabilization; (4) science-based, climate-stabilizing, GHG
reduction targets; (5) the primary variables and considerations in identifying those targets and (6) the approximate
amount of life style and technology change required to achieve those climate-stabilizing targets.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this support be communicated to Governor Edmund G. Brown, Senate Pro-Tem Kevin de Leon, Speaker Anthony Rendon, the League of California Cities, the California State Association of Counties, the Superintendent of Public Schools Tom Torlakson, the State Board of Education, the State legislature, and the California School Board Association, in the hope that this issue will come to the attention of all of our elected officials, including school board members.

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RESOLUTION 17-05.93

Ensuring That Needed Economic Development Does Not Result in Projects That Create Disproportionate Environmental Impacts in Communities of Color or Low Income Communities

WHEREAS most low income communities and communities of color are in great need of economic development and projects that will not only lead to employment for their youth but taxes that help pay for schools, teachers, parks and recreation centers and enhance the overall quality of life, and yet some proposed development adds little economic value to the community and some proposed development disproportionately impacts communities of color and low income communities for the devastating impacts of noise, traffic, and environmental pollution and;

WHEREAS communities of color and low income communities often confront disproportionate environmental impacts from long standing industries as well as some new projects, resulting in a higher degree of noise, traffic and environmental pollution than other parts of the same or neighboring cities or counties, sometimes because of the perceived lack of political clout of low income communities and communities of color, and;

WHEREAS when environmental justice concerns are a factor in reviewing projects needed for the economic health of the community and when communities have a district election system so that they can more directly control the land use permit process, projects of little economic value but harmful environmental impact can be rejected and projects of economic value can find the harmful environmental impacts either eliminated or mitigated so that residents and workers in the community can be more likely to enjoy both a healthy environment as well as find local gainful employment and have a local civic and school system that is able to provide the tax base essential for good schools, public safety and parks and recreation activities,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the California Democratic Party reaffirms its support of district elections and supports efforts to factor in environmental justice concerns about disproportionate environmental impacts on low income communities and communities of color so that needed economic projects can enhance rather than diminish the quality of life for the community; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the California Democratic Party send a copy of this resolution to every Democratic County Central Committee and request that the County Committee forward a copy of the resolution to all City councilmembers and County supervisors who are registered Democrats.

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Sponsored by United Democrats of Southern Solano County

RESOLUTION 17-05.97

Commitment to Truth, Transparency and Reconciliation in order to Restore Public Trust and Party Unity

WHEREAS certain Democratic voters feel disenfranchised because of concerns regarding the Democratic National Committee presidential primary, including charges of candidate bias that still attract public controversy; and

WHEREAS there are a growing number of remarkable grassroots activists who stand ready to join the fight, to rally voters nationwide through community organizing, phone banking, small-donor fundraising, and harnessing the power of social media, but are reticent to do so without addressing the issues of transparency and fairness in the DNC process; and

WHEREAS the DNC Victory Fund joint fundraising structure is essential to win elections, but should mirror the California Democratic Party process whereby no candidate receives any financial support until duly endorsed by the membership;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the DNC be held accountable to remain neutral until endorsements are complete, to treat all Democratic candidates fairly and equitably regardless of their history with the Party, to spend Victory Fund money only on duly endorsed candidates, to celebrate rank and file investment in the Party, and to ensure that every major complaint about bias and misconduct is reviewed in a transparent process, similar to the CDP compliance review commission which hears and arbitrates on the challenges that can arise in a robust State Party by objectively reviewing all testimony, investigating any circumstances, and producing the official decisions that are now available on a public webpage <http://www.cadem.org/our-party/compliance-review-commission>; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the California Democratic Party continues their commitment to implement and expand the highest standards of transparency to guide our political practices, including greater representation of ADEM delegates, in order to restore and preserve public trust and party unity.

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RESOLUTION 17-05.99

Make Public Playgrounds Inclusive To Children With Disabilities

WHEREAS playgrounds play a critical role in supporting the development of a child's motor skills, critical thinking, problem solving, social skills, and imagination; and

WHEREAS according to the U.S. Census Bureau's ACS, there are more than 200,000 young children in the state of California with disabilities which can prevent children from utilizing traditional playground equipment; and

WHEREAS it is the moral obligation of ethical government to ensure that every child has safe and equal access to utilize, enjoy, and thrive in public playgrounds;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the California Democratic Party strongly encourages every city/municipality in the state of California to ensure public playgrounds are inclusive to children with disabilities and fully compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act's (ADA) "Accessibility Guidelines for Play Areas" by 2027.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the California Democratic Party send a copy of this resolution to the Governor, the Democratic members of the California State Legislature, and County Democratic Party Central Committees.

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RESOLUTION 17-05.102

Debt Relief

WHEREAS there are several models, known as Debt Jubilee, for debt relief which allow debtors to start with a clean slate every 7 years and which provides economic efficiency and fairness for consumers, and there are consumers in California who declared bankruptcy and/or went into default on their mortgages in order to take advantage of the Making Home Affordable (MHA) portion of the Troubled Asset Relief Program (TARP); and

WHEREAS mortgage lenders and other financial institutions whose unscrupulous lending practices created the mortgage crisis of 2009 took advantage of tax bailouts of banks and rejected eligible borrowers and/or processed applications at a snail's pace; and

WHEREAS many of the consumers who applied for the MHA program ended up having to seek bankruptcy protection and now have disadvantageous FICO scores, and as a result there are numerous consumers excluded from full economic participation;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the California Democratic Party supports efforts consistent with the debt jubilee model that will help consumers restore their credit rating to their pre-MHA status in a timely way such that the damage to consumer credit status is prevented in as many cases as possible; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to all Democratic members of the California State Legislature and Congressional delegation.

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RESOLUTION 17-05.104

Reclaiming Public Higher Education

WHEREAS the State of California made a commitment in 1960, through the Master Plan for Higher Education, to a high quality, free, and universally accessible higher education for all Californians. However, since the year 2000 the state's support per student at UC and CSU has dropped by 40%, student fees have exploded by almost 300% and in the past twelve years California residents have graduated with \$12 billion in student debt with an average student loan payment of \$351 per month which forces them to delay major life decisions; and

WHEREAS the privatization model forced upon systems through a policy of state disinvestment from higher education has led to skyrocketing student fees, historic and disastrous levels of student debt, and misallocated university administrative priorities. Privatization further created a prohibitively intricate and complex financial aid matrix for low income families to access higher education; and,

WHEREAS in recent times, support for such policies has increased amongst the public; according to a December 2016 poll by the Public Policy Institute of California, 67% of respondents agreed public colleges and universities did not receive enough state funding and 72% agreed the cost of attendance keeps students out. A series of proposals for arriving at such a policy conclusion have been set forth across the state, such as the “The \$48 fix: Reclaiming California’s Master Plan for Higher Education;” and,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the California Democratic Party supports a recommitment to the Master Plan by increasing public funding to fully fund core operations, restore academic quality and per student funding to historical levels and eliminate tuition at the UC, CSU, and CC through progressive taxation applying to all Californians. Every in-state student ready and willing should have the access and opportunity to attend a public college or university at no additional cost. The financial aid system should be used to support living costs of low- and middle-income students while attending college; and,

AND THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the California Democratic Party supports student loan relief through bankruptcy protection of student loans.

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RESOLUTION 17-05.105

Focus on Homelessness 2017

WHEREAS the Department of Housing and Urban Development has reported that more than one-third of the nation’s chronically homeless live in California; and

WHEREAS In many counties and cities across the state, overwhelmed local governments often send the homeless to other cities and towns, because their own resources are too limited to adequately deal with their homeless populations; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the California Democratic Party oppose the practice of municipal governments sending homeless persons out of their jurisdictions, along with ending the local levying of fines, fees and penalties against the homeless; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the California Democratic Party supports the creation of a State Homelessness Task Force, directed through the Governor’s Office, to form a coordinated statewide resource team to provide information, coordination and resources to effectively and compassionately address the issue of homelessness.

Author: Francisco Ramos, AD42

Sponsored by Riverside County Young Democrats, executive board

RESOLUTION 17-05.110

Resolution Calling on Cities and Counties to Refuse Contracts with ICE

WHEREAS the U.S. Department of Homeland Security’s Immigration and Customs Enforcement—or ICE—has entered into MOUs—Memoranda of Understanding—with multiple California police and sheriff departments to deputize local law enforcement to carry out mass deportations; and

WHEREAS ICE MOUs give the Trump administration a contractual means to override local elected officials who may publicly oppose collusion between local law enforcement and ICE on interrogations, raids, and indefinite detentions that separate families, instill fear in immigrant communities, and create great anxiety for students in our public schools and universities; and

WHEREAS often the ICE MOU’s allow local governments to terminate the contractual arrangement with ICE unilaterally by writing a simple letter to ICE ending the contractual relationship, thus refusing to cooperate unless a federal judge has issued a warrant;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the California Democratic Party, in keeping with past resolutions to protect and respect immigrant communities, urges all local city, county, school districts and state governments to terminate or refuse to enter into agreements or Memorandums of Understanding (MOU) between Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) and state and local law enforcement to collaborate with ICE on raids, detentions, and deportations

conducted without a warrant from a federal judge, and to cooperate only when such a federal judicial warrant has been issued; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED a copy of this resolution will be posted on the website of the California Democratic Party and shared with all Democrats holding state office and serving as county supervisors.

Sponsored by Marcy Winograd; Eric C. Bauman, AD46, Chair, LA County Democratic Party; Katrina Bergstrom, AD43; Karen Bernal, AD7; Ruth Carter, AD10; Vincent Casalaina, AD15; Elizabeth Castillo, AD63; Alice Chan, AD10; Alexis Edelstein, AD 62; Kimberly Ellis, AD15; Gilbert Feliciano, AD46; Erika Feresten, AD 50; Joy Frew, Appointed ADDelegate 50; Glenn Glazer, AD29; Melissa Grant, AD50; Natalie Gray, AD29; Larry Gross, AD46; Greg Harnage, AD6; Sue Himmelrich, AD50; Mayme Hubert, AD10; Jon Katz, AD50; Michael Katz, AD18; Rabbi Jonathan Klein, AD51; Margarita Lacabe, AD18; Carole Levers, AD55; David L. Mandel, AD7; Ralph Miller

RESOLUTION 17-05.31L

Oppose Trump's Rescission of Federal Permit Requirements For Cadiz Corporation's Proposed Water Mine, Pump and Pipe Project

WHEREAS the Cadiz Corporation proposes an unsustainable water mining project of five times more ground water than can be recharged naturally according to federal agency estimates, from a hydrologically connected ground water system underlying the pristine East Mojave Desert, which President Obama said "exemplifies the remarkable ecology of the Mojave Desert, where the hearty insistence of life is scratched out from unrelenting heat and dryness;" and

WHEREAS monitoring and empirical testing have shown that human, animal and plant communities in the East Mojave desert rely upon a residual and connected underground water supply system that is naturally balanced by a relatively low amount of annual rainfall providing scarce natural percolating artesian springs and seeps in exceedingly rare riparian areas sustaining safe refuge to a wide variety of rare and endangered plants and wildlife; and recent monitoring by a small population of area residents indicates that the addition of even one well in the hydrologically connected area causes ground water levels to significantly drop which concern is complicated by global warming, drought and desiccation in recent years; and

WHEREAS despite California State Senator Dianne Feinstein's proclamation that the Cadiz water mining project poses a grave threat to the California desert and should not be approved and despite the efforts of the State of California's to provide funding for development of sustainable water supplies for southern California including improved technology for treatment and recycling, salt desalination plants, pipe replacement, new coastal rainwater catchment basins and reservoirs, the Donald J. Trump administration in one of its first acts overturned the Obama Administration's decision to require a federal project permit and environmental review;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the California Democratic Party supports Senator Dianne Feinstein in her vehement opposition to President Donald J. Trump's callous disregard for empirical scientific evidence and environmental sustainability, and his administration's rescission of federal permit requirements to relieve the Cadiz Corporation's project from federal environmental impact review;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall be copied to the White House and the United States Department of the Interior.

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RESOLUTION 17-07.03

Resolution Calling On Israel and Palestinian Authority To Return To Direct Negotiations For Permanent Peace

WHEREAS, in the past, Israeli government and the Palestinian Authority committed to undertake certain steps to finalize, through direct bilateral negotiations, borders and the creation of a democratic Palestine, living beside a Democratic Israel in peace; and each U.S. President since then has tried to move the parties closer to that end, and

WHEREAS, neither the Israeli government nor the Palestinian Authority have taken the requisite steps to bring the parties closer to peace, including instituting direct negotiations, protecting minority rights, and reining in extremist elements that seek to erect barriers to peace, such as Israel's failure to end illegal settlements, enacting, laws and policies that stifle dissent in Israel, and the Palestinian Authority's refusal to engage in direct negotiations with Israel , and its ineffectiveness in ending incitement violence and anti-semitism.

WHEREAS, those who have sought to characterize the delays and setbacks in the process of attaining a peaceful two - state resolution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict as being entirely the fault of one side or the other, or who oppose such a solution, subject to punishments or sanctions that would create humanitarian crises for the Palestinians or security crises for the Israelis that would further destabilize the region and would deny each party the right to self-determination, are not advancing the pursuit of peace, understanding or respectful discourse on the issue, and

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the California Democratic Party calls on the Israeli Government and the Palestinian Authority to return to direct negotiations between the parties and take such steps necessary to achieve, peace, mutual recognition, and the final resolution of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict as well as respect human rights (including minority, women's and LGBT rights); and encourages activists in the United States to seek respectful common ground that should serve as an example to Israelis and Palestinians of what hope, love, respect and conciliation can achieve, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the California Democratic Party calls upon our elected members of Congress to oppose attempts to undermine a two state solution and support the parties returning to negotiations.

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RESOLUTION 17-07.07

Resolution Opposing the Ban on Muslims Entering the United States

WHEREAS, after the first week of his administration, it has become evident that President Trump is following through on his campaign promise to implement a ban on Muslims entering the United States and took the first steps on Jan. 27 by executive order; and

WHEREAS the California Democratic Party strongly condemns the seven nation ban and harassment of refugees, visa holders and legal U.S. residents as

reckless, irresponsible, and malicious political theater that undermines the credibility of our core American values; and

WHEREAS, the California Democratic Party shares the widely held belief in protecting the U.S. from the threat of terrorism, however, the president's measure disrupts and subverts the confidence of our immigration process and achieves nothing in protecting our nation from terror threats;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the California Democratic Party stands in solidarity with of all those affected by the executive order and demands that its civic, party and state leaders condemn the president's order and demand its abolishment;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the California Democratic Party instructs and authorizes its Chair and Executive Board to communicate and present this resolution to Congressional and Legislative representatives who represent any part of California.

Author Santa Clara County Democratic Central Committee

Sponsored by CDP Region 7 and Santa Clara County Democratic Central Committee

RESOLUTION 17-07.09

Citizenship by Birth for American Samoa

WHEREAS, in 1901, the Supreme Court ruled that people born in areas that had become part of the American Empire [sic] after the Spanish-American War did not have the same rights as people born in territories destined to become states such as New Mexico and Hawaii; and

WHEREAS, people born in the 50 states and the four other American territories, including Guam and Puerto Rico are automatically U.S. citizens by birth, American Samoans do not receive U.S. citizens by birth right, limiting their opportunities to vote, gain employment and travel abroad or move to United States;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that the California Democratic Party supports U.S. citizenship by birth for the people of American Samoa; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, this resolution shall be communicated to the Democratic members of the California Congressional Delegation.

Author: Craig Athon, Assembly District 66

Sponsored by Los Angeles Democratic Central Committee

RESOLUTION 17- 07.08

Resolution Condemning the Persecution of LGBTQ People in Chechnya

WHEREAS the California Democratic Party has repeatedly condemned human rights violations throughout the world and among the fundamental values of the Democratic Party are freedom and equality for all persons regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity; and

WHEREAS Russia has shown itself to be hostile to LGBTQ people and has violated their human rights resulting in the current abuse, kidnapping, torture and execution of LGBTQ people in Chechnya; and

WHEREAS the process to obtain United States visas for humanitarian relief fail to recognize LGBTQ families without access to marriage equality and are onerous, time-consuming, and unavailable to Chechen LGBTQ individuals; NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the California Democratic Party strongly condemns the actions of the Russian and Chechen governments and (1) condemns the violence and persecution in Chechnya and calls on Chechen officials to immediately cease the abduction, detention, and torture of individuals on the basis of their actual or suspected sexual orientation, and hold accountable all those involved in perpetrating such abuses; (2) calls on the Government of the Russian Federation to protect the human rights of all its citizens, condemn the violence and persecution, investigate these crimes in Chechnya, and hold accountable all those involved in perpetrating such abuses; (3) calls on the United States Government to continue to condemn the violence and persecution in Chechnya, demand the release of individuals wrongfully detained, and identify those individuals whose involvement in this violence qualifies for the imposition of sanctions; and (4) affirms that the rights to freedom of assembly, association, and expression and freedom from extrajudicial detention and violence are universal human rights that apply to all persons, and that countries that fail to respect these rights jeopardize the security and prosperity of all their citizens, and

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the California Democratic Party calls on the United States Government to provide visas distributed on “urgent humanitarian grounds” to those LGBTQ Chechens who can demonstrate that they are in immediate danger and that this resolution be forwarded to all members of California’s Senate and Congressional delegations.

Author: Jane Wishon, Assembly District 54, Craig Scott, Assembly District 54

Sponsored by Stonewall Democratic Club, Christine Pelosi DNC; Susie Shannon DNC; Laurence Zakson DNC; Two regions endorsed to cosponsor

RESOLUTION 17-07.06

A Resolution of the California Democratic Party To Rein in U.S. Military Overspending and Enabling Effective Domestic Policy

WHEREAS, the United States has been quick to engage in military action and to provide billions in foreign military aid. The massive scale of assistance the United States provides to nations around the world is a reflection of its ubiquitous presence across the world and magnitude of its economy. The United States provides far more military assistance than any other country, and in terms of arms sales, it controls at least half the global market. In a time where millions of Americans do not have basic necessities to live, such as clean water and air, healthcare, we cannot afford to start wars and increase our military presence across the world indefinitely; and

WHEREAS, the human cost of war has devastated thousands of families at home and abroad. 6,700 soldiers have died and one million have been injured in the Iraq and Afghanistan wars. 500,000 servicemen and women returned home with PTSD and Traumatic Brain Injury. The death toll increases as 21 veterans every day commit suicide. Thousands more lives lost abroad, ie, over 500,000 Iraqis have died, including innocent women and children; and WHEREAS, the U.S. military budget is bloated. In 2015, military spending accounted for 54% of federal discretionary spending, while all other categories such as Medicare, Social Security, Education, Veterans Benefits, Energy & Environment each account for 6% or less. The U.S. spends more on military than the next 7 leading countries combined;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the California Democratic Party calls upon the U.S. Senate and U.S. Congress of California to end perpetual wars, move away from a policy of unilateral military action, and toward a policy that utilizes diplomacy, and ensuring the decision to go to war is a last resort, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the California Democratic Party call upon the U.S. Senate and U.S. Congress to amend or propose legislation that would restore authorization of military force back to Congress.

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RESOLUTION 17-05.119L

Resolution To Support a Requirement that Presidential Candidates Disclose Five Years of Tax Returns in Order to Appear on California’s Primary Election Ballot

WHEREAS a democratic norm has been established in that Presidential candidates of all parties have disclosed their tax returns for over forty years, following the failure of President Richard Nixon to fully comply with the tax code; and WHEREAS tax returns, as former Republican presidential candidate Mitt Romney has observed, “provide the public with its sole confirmation of the veracity of a candidate’s representations regarding charities, priorities, wealth, tax conformance, and conflicts of interest...” and may reveal...“inappropriate associations with foreign entities, criminal organizations, or other unsavory groups;” and

WHEREAS President Donald Trump, while candidate, and continuing to this date as President, despite vowing on numerous occasions to do so, has not disclosed his tax returns to the public; and the California Democratic Party has a longstanding tradition of supporting democratic norms and promoting greater transparency in government; NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the California Democratic Party goes on record supporting a procedural requirement that all future presidential candidates of all parties disclose their most recent five years of tax returns, in order to appear on a primary election ballot in the State of California; AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the California Democratic Party will work with our Legislative representatives, our Governor and others so that they understand that it is our firm belief that requiring presidential candidate tax return disclosure is an essential democratic norm that must be restored and will benefit all voters, regardless of party affiliation, in all future primary elections.

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RESOLUTION 17-07.14

Opposing the Trump Administration Ban on Military Personnel

WHEREAS on July 26, 2017, the Trump Administration issued a ban on Transgender military personnel preventing Transgender cadets from military academies and other recruits from commissioning into the armed forces and mandating the expulsion of as many as 6,600 Transgender military personnel serving in active duty in the Armed Forces, all of whom rely on military service careers for their livelihood, medical insurance, life insurance, education grants and other service related benefits; and

WHEREAS the Transgender population has served the United States military with honor and distinction, and has included among its ranks former Navy Seal Kristen Beck, who received the Bronze Star, Purple Heart and Meritorious Service Medal during her time in service, echoing a 2016 Rand Corporation study which showed that other countries, such as the United Kingdom, allow everyone to serve regardless of gender identity and which has had no impact on military readiness, cohesion or effectiveness; and

WHEREAS the California Democratic Party Platform states that we will “protect the right of all people to.... participate in all aspects of society consistent with their true gender identity, regardless of the gender assigned them at birth.”

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the California Democratic Party affirms that its shared values of equality and tolerance compels us to speak out and take action against the immoral and inhumane Trump Administration order banning the Transgender community from serving in the armed forces and expresses our commitment to stand in solidarity with those facing down hatred, discrimination and isolation; and

Be it Further Resolved that the California Democratic Party send a copy of this resolution to the California Democratic Congressional delegation, calling on each to stand firm in denouncing the Trump administration’s Transgender military ban and to take all actions necessary to compel its reversal.

Author: Susie Shannon, Assembly District 50, Eric C. Bauman, Assembly District 46 and Rachel Rose Luckey - One of 8 elected Transgender officials in L.A. County,

Sponsored by Susie Shannon

RESOLUTION 17-07.17

Calling for Higher Safety Standards at America’s Existing Nuclear Power Plants

WHEREAS, a nuclear accident or terrorist attack on a nuclear power plant would result in a massive release of radiation that can contaminate a large populated area and have immediate and long-term health consequences for hundreds of thousands of people; and

WHEREAS, there are 99 nuclear reactors operating in 30 states along with four new sites under construction, there are serious safety concerns regarding construction and operational safety standards, threats from fire, terrorist attacks and the dangers posed by earthquakes and flooding; spent fuel stored on site is also vulnerable to accident or attack, and the reprocessing of spent fuel only makes such nuclear materiel more valuable in the making of a terrorist bomb and therefore a more attractive terrorist target; and

WHEREAS, we can demand higher safety standards and require the Nuclear Regulatory Commission enforce those standards, we can find an alternative to the Yucca Mountain nuclear waste site which the Obama administration has declared unworkable, and we can deal with the dangerous spent fuel kept in cooling ponds at existing nuclear sites, after cooling for five years, these materials can be transferred to safer cement dry casks, which would also improve safety for hot spent fuel that must be kept in cooling tanks;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the California Democratic Party supports following these broad nuclear power safety goals for existing plants: attaining the highest safety standards for nuclear power plants and holding the Nuclear Regulatory Commission responsible for enforcement, such safety standards must protect against all probable terrorist attacks and natural disasters; continue the ban on nuclear fuel reprocessing and invest in finding an alternative to the Yucca Mountain nuclear waste site to serve as a safe geologic repository for spent nuclear fuel, and

until such a site is available, we should transfer spent fuel (when appropriate) from wet storage to the safer system of dry casks.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, this resolution shall be communicated to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, the California Congressional delegation, Speaker Anthony Rendon, President pro Tem Kevin de León and Governor Jerry Brown

Author: Tony Hale, Assembly District 66

RESOLUTION 17-07.19

Protect Our National Monuments and Public Lands

WHEREAS President Theodore Roosevelt in his first term as President made environmental conservation a cornerstone of his Presidency and dedicated Devils Tower the first United States Monument in 1906 thereby setting our Country on a course of preservation of unique public lands keeping them for the public in perpetuity, and WHEREAS our national monuments and parks are treasures that must be protected from exploitation, destruction and provide beautiful places in which people can find history, beauty, solitude and spiritual rebirth, and WHEREAS our national monuments and parks also provide economic benefit to the communities that surround them and if destroyed can never be replaced.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the California Democratic Party vigorously opposes the movement and/or any plans of the current presidential administration to declassify or reduce in size any national monuments and marine sanctuaries in the Sonoran Desert, the San Gabriel Mountains, Cascade Siskiyou and parts of the Grand Canyon to declare they are not public lands and lift prohibition against multiple use including oil/gas drilling, and industrialization, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be forwarded to the Acting Director, National Park Service, Senators Feinstein and Harris and the California Democratic Congressional Delegation requesting that they vigorously oppose declassifying any of our National Monuments and Marine Sanctuaries and actively support keeping all of our National Monuments, Marine Sanctuaries and public lands public.

Author: Ruthee Goldkorn, Assembly District 61

Sponsored by Riverside County Democratic Party

RESOLUTION 17-07.18

RESOLUTION TO ABOLISH THE SLAVERY EXCEPTION

WHEREAS, mass incarceration has been used to keep African Americans in bondage since the end of slavery; legal scholar Michelle Alexander writes, in her New York Times bestseller, *The New Jim Crow*, “[t]he backlash against the gains of African Americans in the Reconstruction Era was swift and severe. As African Americans obtained political power and began the long march toward greater social and economic equality, whites reacted with panic and outrage. ... [T]ens of thousands of African Americans were arbitrarily arrested during this period, many of them hit with court costs and fines, which had to be worked off in order to secure their release. With no means to pay off their ‘debts,’ prisoners were sold as forced laborers to lumber camps, brickyards, railroads, farms, plantations, and dozens of corporations throughout the South;” and

WHEREAS, the use of African American and Latino prison labor by private corporations continues to this very day; “inmate work programs have turned into a massive supply of incredibly cheap and involuntary labor at one time or another in the last few years for everyone from Walmart to McDonald’s to Victoria’s Secret to the U.S. military. Even Whole Foods’ cheese was produced by prison labor, until public outcry shut it down,” according to “Corporate America has a secret slave labor force” in *The Week* magazine; and

WHEREAS, the use of African American and Latino prison labor by private corporations is made possible through the slavery exception; the exception is found in the 13th Amendment to the United States Constitution; the exception allows slavery and involuntary servitude within the United States “as a punishment for crime whereof the party shall have been duly convicted.”

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the California Democratic Party calls for an amendment to the constitutional amendment striking the slavery exception in the 13th Amendment and the California Constitution; and

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, a copy of this resolution shall be sent to the Congressional Black Caucus, the Democratic caucuses in the United States House of Representatives and the United States Senate, the governor, the California Legislative Black Caucus, and the Democratic caucuses in the California State Assembly and the California State Senate.

Author: Mister Phillips, Assembly District 15

Sponsored by CDP African American Caucus, Zachary Denney AD13 and Jeffery C. Hall, AD 35

RESOLUTION 17-05.74L

Resolution to Remove Abusive Officers from Law Enforcement

WHEREAS the majority of law enforcement officers in California are compassionate and dedicated public servants who put their lives on the line every day to protect Californians; however, the massive problem of law enforcement brutality in California cannot be ignored, and the emotional and financial costs of law enforcement brutality are a burden we can no longer tolerate, and abuse payouts for a single law enforcement agency in a single County totaled more than \$50 million last year alone, so as Democrats, we can no longer pretend that the current system works, and we must create a system for all law enforcement in California that rewards the majority of compassionate and dedicated law enforcement officers and removes the abusive officers from service; and

WHEREAS every law enforcement officer in California should be required to undergo a yearly certification process as medical professionals are required to do, and this process should include a requirement for continuing education hours, a review of the last 12 months service record including dash cam and body cam footage, and certification by supervisors and community oversight that the officer is in good standing and fit for service; and

WHEREAS no law enforcement officer in California should be allowed to continue their employment without such a review being completed on an annual basis, and any officer not successfully passing their annual review will immediately be ineligible for service and will not be able to return until the open issues have been resolved, thus, this process will show that California is fully committed to creating the best law enforcement agencies in the world; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the California Democratic Party states that legislation be written, passed and signed by the Governor as quickly as possible requiring that every law enforcement officer in California be undergo a system of annual review and certification which should include a requirement for continuing education hours, a review of the last 12 months' service record including dash cam and body camera footage, and certification by supervisors and community oversight that the officer is in good standing and fit for service; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution will be sent to every member of the California Assembly and Senate and the Governor, and this resolution will be sent out to every media outlet operating in the State of California that CADEM staff can easily reach.

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RESOLUTION 17-05.113L

Mount Baldy Safety Signage

WHEREAS the summit of Mount San Antonio in the Angeles National Forest is LA's highest peak better known as "Mount Baldy," is 10,064 feet in elevation boasts spectacular views, it is nonetheless treacherous, with areas such as "Icehouse Canyon" and the seven tenths mile long "Devil's Backbone" trail along a rocky ridge to the "Notch" and the summit portion of the mountain, often coated with ice, buffeted with strong winds that at times gust to 100 miles per hour, with the trail narrowing to little more than 18 inches across one stretch with a precipitous drop off on one or both sides; and

WHEREAS even the strongest or most skilled of climbers might lose footing in Icehouse Canyon or fall from the parapets of Devil's Backbone only to be hard pressed to stop the ensuing downward slide and having done so climb the steep icy grade back to the trail at the top of the ridge or climb out of the canyon with highly potential fatal consequences; and

WHEREAS the California Democratic Party is very concerned that at the expense of lives, safety and considerable cost to the state and local agencies in the past 15 months since April 9, 2017, Mount Baldy has claimed the lives of 6 hikers and put at risk of great peril the lives of search and rescue teams and tracking dogs in efforts to recover lost hikers or their corpses;

THEREFORE the California Democratic Party resolves to urge the Angeles National Forest to install signage at the trail head and at the dangerous trail portals which signage would include written language and pictorial icons or ideograms expressing the danger of the trail ahead and what precautions might be taken; with strongly suggested language being "enter at your own risk—you may be liable for costs associated with your rescue or recovery;"

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to the Angeles National Forest administration.

Author: Ruth Musser-Lopez, AD33

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RESOLUTION 17-05.59

Resolution to Make Election Day a Holiday in California

WHEREAS California has the opportunity to improve our State by making election day a State holiday, and as Democrats, we are committed to ensuring that every eligible person has not only the right to vote, but is able to do so in a way that does not place an undue burden on them; while other States have made it more difficult to vote, California has worked to expand voting rights, thus establishing a California State holiday on election day is the next step in making sure that the voices of all Californians are heard; and

WHEREAS by establishing a State holiday, in conjunction with other common-sense expansions of voting rights such as 45 days of early voting, no postage required on ballots or communication with elections offices, ballot drop off at government sites, expanded voter education, automatic voter registration, linking change of address information to voter databases, extra targeted assistance for those who have not voted, universal voting at every polling station and expanded vote center outlets, then many more Californians will have their voices heard; and

WHEREAS with common sense expansions of voting rights such as making election day a holiday, California has the opportunity to have the highest voter turnout in the Country, which will improve the quality of our elections, our candidates and our Democracy; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the California Democratic Party supports making election day a State holiday, THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution will be sent to every member of the California Assembly and Senate and the Governor.

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RESOLUTION 17-05.94L

Resolution to Support Solar on Every Possible Rooftop in California

WHEREAS California has the sunshine, the technical know-how, and the continuing energy requirements to become the world's leading producer of renewable energy, as well as it's hardware, software and supporting components, and it will provide millions of new jobs for Californians, while reducing our dependence on polluting fossil fuels and turning California into the model for the rest of the world; and

WHEREAS California is a State prone to earthquakes, and according to many seismologists, a substantial earthquake is long overdue in California, thus only by putting solar on every possible rooftop and improving the way these systems are structured, can Californians have hope that they will have the needed electricity to keep their lights on and refrigerators running in the weeks and months after a catastrophic earthquake; and

WHEREAS utilities and other electricity providers should be enabled to add the cost of rooftop solar systems to their rate base and thus own the equipment on each rooftop and are responsible for repairs and upgrades, while all customers need to do is check a box and then the provider is responsible for everything else, and this will enable utilities to transition to green energy companies without risk assuming they meet the following requirements: 1) systems meet cost requirements so rate payers are not overcharged 2) systems installed within 30 days and hooked to the grid within 48 hours 3) owners/renters of the building are given an app to see real time electricity production and usage 4) Customers pay no additional cost other than standard rates for electricity; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the California Democratic Party recommends that legislation be written, passed and signed by the Governor as quickly as possible enabling Utilities and other electricity providers should be enabled add the cost of rooftop solar systems to their rate base as quickly as possible; and

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED this resolution will be sent to every member of the California Assembly and Senate and the Governor.

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RESOLUTION 17-05.107L**Resolution to Support Equal Pay for Equal Work**

WHEREAS the Democratic Party is committed to full equal pay for equal work for women and all discriminated populations; and

WHEREAS By implementing equal pay for equal work, California's economy will become even stronger and more resilient; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the California Democratic Party fully supports Equal Pay for Equal Work and will do everything in its power to make sure it is implemented in California as quickly as possible.

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RESOLUTION 17-07.44**Banning the Usage of Chlorpyrifos**

WHEREAS, the California Democratic Party platform calls for the phasing out of pesticides that pose threats to farm workers, consumers, and pollinators; and

WHEREAS, residential use of chlorpyrifos has been banned since 2000 and, in 2015, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) under President Obama moved to ban the use of chlorpyrifos for agricultural use due to increased scientific evidence that unborn children and infants exposed to chlorpyrifos suffered an adverse effect on their cognitive development of children, including an increased chance of autism, ADHD, and a lower IQ level; and

WHEREAS, in California over 1 million pounds of chlorpyrifos are used annually in agricultural fields across California and in 2015 the EPA found unsafe levels of chlorpyrifos in the air and on our food, but in March 2017 the EPA administrator Scott Pruitt, under President Trump reversed the proposed ban on chlorpyrifos; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the California Democratic Party urge the California Department of Pesticide Regulation to ban the agricultural use of chlorpyrifos for the safety of all who work, live, or attend school in or near agricultural fields, especially the mothers and young children who are especially at risk of its harms; and

BE IF FURTHER RESOLVED that the good health and wellbeing of California's residents being a top priority of the California Democratic Party; that the resolution be forwarded to the state legislature calling for a ban on the use of chlorpyrifos in agricultural fields.

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RESOLUTION 17-07.49**Repealing the Top Two Primary and Empowering Grassroots Democrats**

WHEREAS, the so-called Open Primary was the brainchild of California Republicans and Arnold Schwarzenegger designed to reduce the influence of progressive California Democrats while increasing the influence of corporate special interests in the Assembly, State Senate and Congress; and,

WHEREAS, the Open Primary has caused the Democratic Party and our progressive allies in labor, environment, human rights and healthcare to spend twice as much on each campaign, often waging fierce battles in Democrat on Democrat races; and,

WHEREAS, the Open Primary often eliminates Democrats from fielding candidates in General Elections; now, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the California Democratic Party calls for a constitutional amendment repealing Proposition 14, which created the Open Primary, and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the California Democratic Party will work with our allies to create a coalition dedicated to reforming the primary process so that it empowers grassroots Democratic voters, guarantees all parties may have a candidate of their choosing in the general election ballot and increases the chances of electing progressive candidates statewide.

Author: Eric C. Bauman, Chair, California Democratic Party

Sponsored by Resolutions Committee

RESOLUTION 17-07.87

Designating August 26, 2017, as Women's Equality Day

WHEREAS, the women of the United States have historically been treated as second-class citizens and have often been denied the full rights and privileges, public or private, legal or institutional, which are available to male citizens of the United States; and

WHEREAS, the women of the United States have united to assure that these rights and privileges are available to ALL citizens equally, as demonstrated by the largest march in United States history, this year's Women's Equality March on Washington D.C., and

WHEREAS, the women of the United States have designated August 26, the anniversary date of the certification of the Nineteenth Amendment, which culminated a 72-year, non-violent campaign to extend the right to vote to women, as symbol of the continued fight for equal rights; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the California Democratic Party recognizes the commemoration of that day in 1920, on which the women of America won their right to vote, as an opportunity to continue to work for equal rights for ALL citizens, and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the California Democratic Party is committed to the long-term struggle to insure the eventual realization of true equality for all women everywhere.

Author: Eric C. Bauman

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RESOLUTION 17-07.95

Supporting Fair Housing in California

WHEREAS, Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968, also known as the Fair Housing Act (FHA), prohibits discrimination in the rental, sale, or financing of housing on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, family status, and disability, and includes a powerful affirmative mandate that federal agencies actively work to dismantle segregation and create equal housing opportunities, known as the obligation to Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing (AFFH); and

WHEREAS, The Obama Administration promulgated important regulations to flesh out the AFFH obligation, making it explicit that states, local governments, and housing authorities must take "meaningful actions, in addition to combating discrimination, that overcome patterns of segregation and foster inclusive communities free from barriers that restrict access to opportunity based on protected characteristics,;" and

WHEREAS, Republicans in Congress have introduced legislation to overturn the AFFH rule, the Trump administration wants to see this important tool for combating discrimination overturned, and Housing and Urban Development Secretary Ben Carson has called AFFH "socialist" and "government-engineering," and because California's Fair Employment and Housing Act—which is meant in part to be the state equivalent of the federal FHA—does not include an affirmative obligation like that in the federal Fair Housing Act;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That that the California Democratic Party calls upon the our Congressional Delegation to protect Fair Housing Act and to further protect the Obama promulgated regulations, to ensure that as a state we continue to proactively dismantle segregation and discrimination in all policies, such as in housing, transportation, infrastructure, and economic development.

Author: Michelle Pariset, Assembly District 7, Andres Ramos, Assembly District 9

Sponsored by Region 3

RESOLUTION 17-07.51

RESOLUTION TO STRENGTHEN THE ENFORCEMENT OF THE FAIR EMPLOYMENT AND HOUSING ACT

WHEREAS, employment discrimination robs people of their human dignity and often also of their financial stability and their health; when discrimination is allowed to ensue unchecked it also robs our communities of valuable opportunities to be better and to be stronger; and

WHEREAS, recently published research demonstrates that employment discrimination remains a persistent challenge for black workers; 17% of black workers are unemployed as compared to 9% of white workers in California; while black Americans are more educated than previous generations, they still earn only three quarters of what white workers earn; lack of enforcement of employment discrimination laws is a problem that is well documented; even in California, where protections against employment and housing discrimination were established over 50 years ago, for many Californians enforcement remains out of reach; and

WHEREAS, under current law, the Fair Employment and Housing Act (FEHA) is the principle California statute prohibiting employment discrimination; the FEHA is silent on the question of whether municipalities can participate in the enforcement of the FEHA, neither granting permission nor banning local enforcement activities.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the California Democratic Party supports allowing cities and counties to represent complainants/plaintiffs in FEHA claims and supports full funding for the Department of Fair Employment and Housing and for the Fair Employment and Housing Commission, so they can handle their current caseloads and the increased caseloads that local participation might bring; and

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the California Democratic Party shall send a copy of this resolution to the governor, the California Legislative Black Caucus, the Democratic caucuses in the California State Assembly and California State Senate, the Congressional Black Caucus, and the California congressional delegation.

Sponsored by State Senator Steven Bradford

RESOLUTION 17-07.73

Natural Gas Storage Safety and New Energy Storage

WHEREAS, Sempra's Aliso Canyon Natural Gas Storage Facility on the edge of the City of Los Angeles had a massive blowout in 2015 that continued for months; that spewed 100,000 tons of natural gas containing poisons; that continues to make residents of the San Fernando Valley sick; that was the largest methane leak in U.S. history, producing massive climate damage, as methane produces tens of times more warming than carbon dioxide; and that hurts California's ability to meet our climate goals; and

WHEREAS, current law (Natural gas storage moratorium of 2016) requires both a root cause analysis of the blowout and that new natural gas cannot be injected into Aliso until a safety determination is made but did not require that the safety determination be based upon the results of the root cause analysis; and no engineer would sign off on a fix for a significant safety problem without knowing the root cause and verifying that the fix prevents all problems when similar circumstances are repeated; and

WHEREAS, every study other than ones written by Sempra has confirmed that energy reliability can currently be assured without using any natural gas from Aliso, Aliso still contains about 18% of its full capacity of natural gas, that gas remains available in case of emergency need, the Governor has the authority to order injections at Aliso should the reserve need to be replenished or augmented, and more energy storage that is not based on natural gas would improve our ability to meet future needs as well as help with our plans to deploy more renewable energy;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the California Democratic Party calls on the legislature to require that the Aliso safety determination be based upon the results of the root cause analysis, to require that Sempra pay for its environmental and public health damage and for a study on long-term health impacts, to improve safety at all similar facilities in California, and to take steps to eliminate the need for any natural gas storage including expanding the use of renewable energy sources and alternative energy storage as called for in the Platform of the California Democratic Party; and

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution will be sent to the Governor and to the Democratic members of the State Legislature.

Author: Richard Mathews, Assembly District 45

Sponsored by CDP Regions 12, 15, Senator Henry Stern and Assemblymember Matt Dababneh

RESOLUTION 17-07.83L

Quality Education Resolution

WHEREAS the surest gateway to economic success in America is quality education; and

WHEREAS the current administration pledges to reduce public education funds for traditional schools and fund charters and vouchers: and

WHEREAS the NAACP recently held 6 Hearings in six states, taking testimony from all sides, to gain insight into the quality of public education and issued a report, "Quality Education for all: One school at a time" with significant findings that the quality of traditional schools is fast eroding under the false concept of choice.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the California Democratic Party go on record opposing the Trump cuts to public education and the diversion of traditional school dollars to vouchers: and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the California Democratic Party supports infusing traditional public schools with more resources to properly educate urban and rural children, and that the California Democratic Party asks for a moratorium on "for Profit" charter schools and insist that all schools receiving public funds be regulated, with certificated teachers, be accountable and transparent, and function by a universal set of rules established by local school boards.

Sponsored by Alice A. Huffman CDP/DNC member

RESOLUTION 17-07.84L

Resolution Condemning Racism, White Supremacy, Anti-Semitism And Islamophobia At The "Unite The Right Rally" And Other Extremist Activities.

WHEREAS on August 12, 2017, White Supremacists and Neo-Nazi organizations conducted an armed, violent "Unite the Right" protest in Charlottesville, Virginia that was filled with hate speech against women African-Americans, Latinos, Jews, Muslims, (including chants of "Jews will not replace us" and mobs of protesters threatening a local synagogue), extensive injuries to people and property and ultimately the killing of Heather Heyer by domestic terrorists attending the rally, and

WHEREAS the events of August 12, were one of many organized or carried out with the intention of intimidating women African-Americans, Latino immigrants, Muslims, Jews and/or LGBTQ persons, with others in Portland, Chicago, San Francisco, Laguna Beach and Boston, and

WHEREAS rather than take a strong stand against violence, hate and discrimination, President Trump and many other Republican leaders/media figures once again refused to focus on and condemn Neo-Nazi and White Supremacist violence, choosing instead to castigate “all sides” and support the “cultural preservation” arguments which are thinly veiled covers to justify hate speech and intolerance, and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the California Democratic Party condemns the “Unite the Right Rally” organizers and participants for their hate speech and support of policies to turn back the clock on social progress, promotion of racism, xenophobia, homophobia, Islamophobia and Anti-Semitism, and acts of violence, and further condemns all other organizations, regardless of their place on the political spectrum that seek to intimidate, promote acts of violence against, support discrimination against, or intimidate women African-Americans, Latino immigrants, Muslims, Jews, other people of color and/or LGBTQ persons from participating in or exercising their civil rights. America’s acceptance of diversity and protections of civil liberties, however imperfect at times, has made us stronger and promoting discrimination and hate runs contrary to core American values.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the California Democratic Party commends the business and arts leaders who have resigned their positions on Presidential advisory boards in protest of President Trump’s defense of the “Unite the Right Rally” for being inconsistent with American values and calls for the censure of any political leader who would seek to justify or defend the Neo-Nazi and White Supremacist organizers of the “Unite the Right Rally.”

Author: Iyad Afalqa

Sponsored by Andrew Lachman AD62/DNC; Iyad Afalqa, EBoard AD74 / Chair; Arab American Caucus Mister Phillips, Contra Costa County Committee, African American Caucus Ryan Hughes; President Democrats for Israel Sunny Zia, AD70

RESOLUTION 17-07.89

Fighting To Disclose True Contributors

WHEREAS ever-increasing amounts of funds are raised and spent in support of and opposition to state and local ballot measures, especially in the form of advertisements; and

WHEREAS misleading political advertising is often paid for by persons who avoid having their identities disclosed on election-related advertisements by channeling funds through one or more groups before those funds are received by a committee, thereby undermining the purpose and intent of laws requiring disclosure on such advertisements; and WHEREAS the California Democratic Party platform states that California Democrats will “Support and implement full disclosure of funding sources for political advertisements, including the largest major funders of all political television, radio, print, slate mailer, and online advertising for ballot measures, independent expenditures, and issue advocacy, in a way that clearly and unambiguously identifies the largest major donor(s), and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the California Democratic Party continues to support legislation which would require that ballot measure ads clearly disclose their largest true contributors, even if funders try to hide behind multiple layers of organizations, and

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be provided to Governor Brown, Assembly Speaker Anthony Rendon, Senate President pro Tem Kevin De Leon, Assembly Elections Committee Chair Marc Berman, Assembly Appropriations Committee Chair Lorena Gonzalez, Senate Elections Committee Chair Henry Stern, Senate Appropriations Committee Chair Ricardo Lara, Assembly members Kevin Mullin and Marc Levine, and to our area’s members of the California Legislature asking them to make every effort to make this a reality.

Author: Eric C. Bauman

Sponsored by the Resolution

RESOLUTION 17-07.37

Anti-Austerity & Budgetary Economic Justice

WHEREAS Economic inequality is at historic high levels, which concentrates economic and political power in fewer and fewer hands while leaving millions bound by debt and deprived of the resources they need to survive and thrive. WHEREAS California has many areas of deep poverty, found in both rural expanses and urban cores, where many people have been left behind by “new economy” wealth and under-served by programs which still suffer from recession-era cuts.

WHEREAS Austerity economic programs, defined as privileging creditors with enhanced guarantees of debt service and corporations with deregulation and tax breaks / incentives while cutting public programs, have been shown around the world to be economically disastrous and lead only to the immiseration of working people and civil strife.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the California Democratic Party reaffirms its dedication to promoting equality of opportunity through economic justice and the redistribution of wealth by rejecting austerity economics and pledging to support a strongly progressive tax structure, debt relief for the needy, deep investments in public infrastructure, and an expansive social safety net that ensures that all Californians benefit from the wealth of our great state.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the California Democratic Party asserts that its priority will always be fighting for the working people and needy of our great state, neither forgotten when the economy is booming or left behind when budgets are tight and times are hard.

Author: Xavier Aubuchon-Mendoza, Assembly District 19

Sponsored by Xavier Aubuchon-Mendoza

RESOLUTION 17-07.88

Resolution Reaffirming CDP Support for Single-Payer, Medicare-for-all Style Healthcare

WHEREAS, California Democrats believe that access to quality, affordable healthcare is a basic human necessity and the inalienable right of every person, and that ensuring that Californians are able to access their right to healthcare is the essential duty of every policymaker who believes in a Healthy California for all of our residents, and, WHEREAS, the data are absolutely clear that single-payer, Medicare-for-all style healthcare programs not only provide better and more comprehensive care for patients, they do so at costs substantially lower than those of corporate healthcare providers, meaning that Californians are paying higher insurance premiums than necessary so that powerful corporate insurance executives can line their own pockets with exorbitant compensation and bonus packages and pay dividends to their shareholders, and,

WHEREAS, single-payer, Medicare-for-all style healthcare has been a Democratic Party priority for decades, and has been proposed by lawmakers numerous times, and as polls show has been embraced by the vast majority of voters, including an overwhelming number of younger voters who were galvanized by the belief that transitioning to single-payer, Medicare-for-all style healthcare is the defining moral imperative of our time and is essential to creating a Healthy California for everyone in our state, now,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the California Democratic Party reaffirms its fundamental and unshakable support for single-payer, Medicare-for-all style healthcare, consistent with our belief that access to quality, affordable and comprehensive healthcare is a basic human right, and now,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the California Democratic Party calls upon Democratic Central Committees, Democratic Clubs, caucuses, chartered organizations, grassroots activists and elected officials to continue organizing for a Healthy California by making single-payer, Medicare-for-all style healthcare a reality in our state.

Author: Eric C. Bauman

Sponsored by Resolutions Committee

RESOLUTION 17-07.43

Close the Commercial Property Loophole in Prop. 13

WHEREAS, Proposition 13, passed in 1978, is unfair in that it allows commercial property owners to avoid paying their fair share and has shifted the tax burden away from business and onto residential property, including everyday homeowners and working families; and

WHEREAS, the state of California continues to face chronic budget crises in large part because Proposition 13 has forced the state to rely on more volatile revenue sources than the property tax, like income taxes and sales taxes paid by working families that move in tandem with economic cycles, causing deficits and requiring cuts to vital services that grow our economy and thereby worsening economic downturns;

WHEREAS, regularly reassessing non-residential commercial property would, according to an analysis of data provided by the University of Southern California, generate at least \$9 billion in additional revenue for California, and shift the tax burden from homeowners, renters, and working families to corporations and commercial landholders;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the California Democratic Party supports commercial property tax reform that will require non-residential commercial properties to be reassessed regularly while maintaining Proposition 13 protections for residential property and small business owners; and

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the California Democratic Party will communicate this position to Democratic elected officials

Author: Omar Torres

Sponsored by Santa Cruz County Democratic Central Committee

RESOLUTION 17-07.60

Cities & Counties, Refuse Contracts with ICE

WHEREAS the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Immigration and Customs Enforcement—or ICE—has entered into MOUs—Memoranda of Understanding—with multiple California police and sheriff departments, such as Ventura County, to deputize local law enforcement to carry out mass deportations ...

WHEREAS ICE MOUs give the Trump administration a contractual means to override local elected officials who may publicly oppose collusion between local law enforcement and ICE on interrogations, raids, and indefinite detentions that separate families, instill fear in immigrant communities, and create great anxiety for students in our public schools and universities ...

WHEREAS often the ICE MOU's allow local governments, like the City of Pasadena and the County of Los Angeles, to terminate the contractual arrangement with ICE unilaterally by writing a simple letter to ICE ending the contractual relationship, thus refusing to cooperate unless a federal judge has issued a warrant ...

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the California Democratic Party, in keeping with past resolutions to protect and respect immigrant communities, urges all local city, county, school districts and state governments to terminate or refuse to enter into agreements or Memorandums of Understanding (MOU) between Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) and state and local law enforcement to collaborate with ICE on raids, detentions, and deportations conducted without a warrant from a federal judge, and to cooperate only when such a federal judicial warrant has been issued.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED a copy of this resolution will be posted on the website of the California Democratic Party and shared with all Democrats holding state office and serving as county supervisors.

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RESOLUTION 17-05.32

Resolution Opposing the Dakota Access Pipeline

WHEREAS the Missouri River is the principal source of water for both the City of Bismarck, North Dakota, and the Standing Rock Sioux Reservation approximately 35 miles downriver from Bismarck, and the Dakota Access Pipeline LLC has proposed to construct a 1,100 mile Pipeline ("DAPL") with a capacity of 570,000 barrels of crude oil per day – which it originally planned to cross the Missouri River immediately upstream from Bismarck but, when faced by opposition from city residents concerned about pollution of their drinking water from possible oil spills during pipeline operation, revised its proposed routing in order to have the DAPL cross the Missouri downstream from Bismarck and immediately upstream from the Standing Rock Reservation which was established through the Fort Laramie Treaties of 1851 and 1868, between the United States and the Great Sioux Nation, as a perpetual homeland for the Standing Rock Sioux and treaties are, under the U.S. Constitution, part of "the supreme Law of the Land;" and WHEREAS the various Sioux tribes, as descendants of some of the first residents of North America, whose status and rights are protected by the Fort Laramie Treaties and other treaties, are every bit as entitled to safe drinking water as are Bismarck residents of European, African or Asian ancestry, and are further entitled to a continued supply of water suitable for sustenance of the fish and wildlife critical to their way of life, and construction of the DAPL would also threaten the integrity of historic sites and archaeological/cultural resources deemed sacred by the Sioux, including burial grounds subject to the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act ("NAGPRA"), and WHEREAS the government agency responsible for issuing or denying the permits necessary for the DAPL, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, has failed to (a) engage in the consultation provided for in both the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples and Executive Order 13175, (b) recognize its duty to assure compliance with the National Historic Preservation Act, and (c) issue a proper Environmental Impact Statement as required by the National Environmental Policy Act; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the California Democratic Party strongly opposes the Dakota Access Pipeline and, in particular, calls upon (1) the Corps of Engineers to immediately initiate serious and thorough consultations with the Standing Rock and other Sioux officials, accompanied by issuance of a comprehensive Environmental Impact Statement on the entire DAPL project while assuring its compliance with §106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, §10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act, Executive Order 13175, and applicable provisions of the NAGPRA, and (2) our entire Congressional delegation to assure, by oversight hearings and other measures as necessary, full compliance with all of the foregoing requirements.

Sponsored by San Bernardino County Democratic Party

RESOLUTION 17-05.45

Religious-Based LGBTQ Discrimination

WHEREAS the freedom of religion is a right to be protected and upheld, but should not be used as a tool to legally discriminate against marginalized populations;

WHEREAS all too often, discrimination occurs against LGBTQ individuals under the guise of 'religious freedom,' even in California;

WHEREAS in 2016, more than 200 pieces of legislation were introduced throughout the United States at the state and federal levels seeking to roll back the rights of LGBTQ individuals in the name of 'religious freedom,' and the ACLU states that they expect the volume of religious freedom bills to continue to rise in 2017 and the effect of these laws curtails and undermines essential and hard-won rights and protections for LGBTQ people;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the California Democratic Party affirms its commitment to protect the life, liberty and pursuit of happiness of LGBTQ individuals by denouncing efforts to discriminate against the LGBTQ population under the guise of 'religious freedom.'

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the California Democratic Party calls on our congressional representatives to speak out and stand firm in denouncing any use of 'religious freedom' to discriminate against LGBTQ individuals in any aspect of their lives and vote against any legislation that proposes to do so.

Authors: Evan Minton, AD6 and Denise Penn, Chair, CDP LGBT Caucus (South)

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RESOLUTION 17-05.56

Resolution to Protect Our Democracy with Public Source Voting Systems

WHEREAS a citizen's right to vote and to have that vote counted as cast - the hallmark of America's constitutional republic - is jeopardized by proprietary code electronic voting systems vulnerable to inside and outside threats and hacks; and

WHEREAS the California Democratic Party Platform has previously embraced open source voting technology, and because computer scientists and election protection experts agree that electronic hacks would be undetectable to the public due to corporate ownership of the software, and that "security by obscurity" is a failed defense methodology; and

WHEREAS there has been documented evidence of threats to our elections from foreign governments seeking to undermine the very foundation of our democracy;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the California Democratic Party renews our call for General Public License open source paper ballot voting systems and for state funding of said systems to an extent necessary to expedite said system's immediate deployment via encouraging pilot programs and/or pooling of resources as well as all other available measures to protect our democracy; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the California Democratic Party calls on the State of California to (1) make the use of corporate owned "secret software" unavailable for election systems, and (2) direct counties to discontinue its use in favor of publicly owned paper ballot voting systems.

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RESOLUTION 17-05.65

Resolution on the Need to Guarantee Mental Health Parity of Services

WHEREAS this widespread neglect of treatable mental illnesses and addictions has resulted in escalating the number of suicides, increasing the incarcerations of people with mental illnesses and treatable addictions, widening the divide of broken families with painful, lifelong losses, and these exponential costs of neglect negatively impact families and the State of California endlessly without resolution; and

WHEREAS the California Democratic Party Platform makes clear its intention when it states: "Promote parity of services for mental health and substance-related disorder benefits . . . under all private and public health care and delivery plans."

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the California Democratic Party recognizes that the cost of neglect and discrimination is a needless, wasteful, ever-increasing expense for state and local budgets; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the California Democratic Party affirms the critical need to guarantee treatment of serious mental illnesses or addiction disorders on the same terms as that guaranteed for physical illnesses or disabilities.

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RESOLUTION 17-05.85

California Oil Severance Tax

WHEREAS the State of California faces major attacks on the rights of its citizens for healthcare, education, and public services, while the federal government is moving to eviscerate and eliminate healthcare benefits under the Affordable Care Act (ACA), federal funding for education, social services, and public worker pensions while at present the Trump cabinet is preparing legislation to pass major tax cuts for billionaires and millionaires nationally that includes the 1% in California, as a result the State of California must pass legislation to protect its citizens by immediately passing an Oil Severance Tax; and

WHEREAS the State of California loses close to \$3 billion annually because of the oil tax loophole, and is the only major oil producing state that has no tax on oil extracted onshore or offshore, while the State of Alaska's oil extraction tax raises 25% for its citizens, and the state of Texas uses an extraction tax that produces \$2 billion for education annually with education cheaper in Texas than in California; and

WHEREAS the State of California could place a 7% tax on crude oil and natural gas raising \$3.5 billion annually for education by passing an Oil Severance Tax to fully fund public education at community colleges, State, and UC institutions of higher education, California has over 130 billionaires and we must make the 1% pay for this medical and educational crisis, California is 43rd in "per pupil" spending K-12, out of 50 states, has cut \$20 billion from education in recent years, with a 2/3 absolute majority in the legislature with a Democratic Governor, we can take legislative action to defend the people of California, we cannot wait for ballot initiatives to save citizens' lives in California, while 2% of this tax will go toward environmental cleanup, and clean air programs; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the California Democratic Party supports passage of an Oil Severance Tax to fully fund free for all, including immigrants, public education, community colleges, and all public institutions of higher education in California for all;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that California Democratic Party carries this motion in full force to pass an Oil Severance Tax to fully fund free for all, including immigrants, public education, community colleges, and all public institutions of higher education in California for all.

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RESOLUTION 17-05.100

Resolution for a California State Bank

WHEREAS the State of California has the 8th largest economy in the world which is dependent on a sustainable supply of affordable credit for individuals, businesses and public purposes such as education, roads and infrastructure development and repair, and

WHEREAS the state of North Dakota has for years successfully operated a state bank much to the benefit of the citizens of North Dakota while in California state funds are invested only in private banks giving those private banks the right to profit off of the interest earned from loaning public funds, and

WHEREAS a State Bank of California would be an FDIC-insured institution and would afford citizens of California the opportunity to profit from the interest earned on loans of public funds from a State Bank of California, which profit would be returned annually to the General Fund of the State of California to help sustain public services or reduce personal income taxes of California citizens,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the California Democratic Party urges California Democratic State Legislators, the Governor, Lieutenant Governor and State Controller to support legislation creating a California State Bank.

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RESOLUTION 17-05.101

Resolution for a State Sales Tax on Securities Trading

WHEREAS the State of California is in need of additional funds to balance its budget, provide for public schools, improve roads and all forms of public transit, operate and maintain state parks, improve Medi-Cal services, increase services to the homeless and provide for a number of other state services, and

WHEREAS investment banks, hedge fund and securities brokers continue to operate what amounts to a huge financial casino that works to massively increase the wealth of a few individuals at the top, while the middle class shrinks and struggles to make ends meet, and

WHEREAS investment banks, hedge funds and securities brokers pay zero sales taxes on securities speculation and trading while average California families pay sales taxes ranging from 7.25% to 9.75% on the purchase of items including restaurant food, children's shoes and school supplies,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the California Democratic Party urges Democratic State Legislators and the Governor to enact a sales tax on Securities Trading in California with the proceeds to go toward eliminating any state budget deficit and increasing funding of parks, public transit, roads, education, Medi-Cal, homeless services and other services determined by the Governor and Legislature to be needed.

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