RESOLUTION 15-05.09
Resolution on California Universal Voter Registration
WHEREAS, the right to vote is the heart of American democracy, yet in every election millions of Californians are not registered to vote, and the number grows larger, and in 2014 a record low of only 31% of eligible voters voted, a downtrend started after WWII; and
WHEREAS, the other developed democracies have universal voter registration systems with near 90% of voters registered, resulting in a 63% to 90% Western Europe turnout, while in America voter registration is voluntary, much like voting itself, and state and local boards of election register voters resulting in millions of Californians unregistered, with highly unsatisfactory and declining turnout;
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the California Democratic Party supports the following changes to the voting registration system to accomplish California universal voter registration: (1) Use existing government databases to automatically register to vote all U.S. citizens 18 years and older, similar to the new Oregon law which directs its DMV to provide the Secretary of State names of qualified electors to be registered. (2) Create a fail-safe policy to ensure voters left off the rolls can register and vote on election day. (3) Provide every U.S. citizen, upon birth or naturalization, a voter registration number similar to a social security number to be used in all elections and activated when a voter turns 18. (4) Set a voter pre-registration age of 16 years to automatically pre-register youth, tying this policy to a "national voting curriculum" in every high school. (5) Require U.S. citizens to register to vote when completing taxes or actively opt-out of the process. (6) Tie Post Office Change of Address forms to the voter registration database. (7) Require state or local governments to send every residence a notice of those registered at that location. Residents may then make changes as needed and return the updated form.
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to all California Democratic state legislators, the California Secretary of State, and the Governor.
Sponsored by Santa Clara County Democratic Party

RESOLUTION 15-08.29L
Opposition to Bypassing the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)
WHEREAS the California courts have held that most ballot measures are exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA); additionally, the California Supreme Court has held that a project is not subject to CEQA if a City Council approves the project after a ballot measure in favor of the project that has qualified for the ballot; and WHEREAS developers have already used ballot measures to approve projects without meeting CEQA requirements, and this process can compromise protection of the environment and adversely affect the quality of life in our communities;
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the California Democratic Party urges the Legislature and Governor to eliminate loopholes in state law which can currently be exploited to allow projects to bypass the CEQA process; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the California Democratic Party will send this resolution to the Governor, Senate President Pro Tempore, Speaker of the State Assembly and Lead Chairs of the California Democratic Party Resolutions Committee.
Sponsored by the LACDP

RESOLUTION 15-08.30L
Diversity and Transparency in Hiring and Posting of Hiring Practices
WHEREAS Latinos, Asians, Native Americans and African Americans are often under-represented in state and federal employment as well as in public contracting firms and this is even more true when senior level jobs are considered as, for instance, Latinos make up 40% of California’s population but only 24% of the state’s employee workforce and in the federal workforce they make up 7.3% of the federal workforce but only 3.4% of federal senior pay-level jobs; and
WHEREAS one factor to ensure greater diversity in hiring practices is to ensure diversity in hiring panels yet much anecdotal evidence exists showing a lack of diversity in many hiring panels; and
WHEREAS California public hiring statistics are kept but they are not readily available to the public, and transparency and equal employment opportunity would be served by wider availability of these statistics; now
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the California Democratic Party urges that annual workforce hiring and promotion statistics of California public agencies and public contractors be posted at every public agency website and that every effort should be made to assure that hiring and promotion panels at all levels be diverse with representation where possible from the Latino, Asian, Native American and African American communities; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be circulated to Democratic members of the California Legislature.
Sponsored by Chicano Latino Caucus

RESOLUTION 15-08.35L
Clemency and Commuting Sentences for Non-Violent Marijuana Offenders
WHEREAS at least 45 people are in federal prisons serving Life Without Parole sentences for non-violent marijuana offenses; and
WHEREAS 23 states and the District of Columbia have passed laws legalizing the use of cannabis when recommended by a physician including 4 states and the District of Columbia that have enacted laws legalizing the recreational use of cannabis; and
WHEREAS President Obama has granted 89 clemencies mostly for prisoners sentenced under mandatory minimums for non-violent drug offenses;
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the California Democratic Party requests President Obama to grant executive clemency and commute the sentences of all prisoners in federal prison serving life-time sentences solely for non-violent marijuana offenses.
Sponsored by Lanny Swerdlow

RESOLUTION 15-08.37L
Increasing Representation at the County Level
WHEREAS the promotion of increased democracy, diversity, accessibility of elected officials to their constituents and government accountability are all core principles of the California Democratic Party; and
WHEREAS the California Democratic Party supports increasing opportunities for California’s citizens to be represented fairly at all levels and when population grows, it is important to consider whether the citizenry has adequate representation at all levels of government from city councils to boards of supervisors; and
WHEREAS having additional political representation provides more opportunity for elected officials to be available to their constituents and to reflect the diversity of the communities they serve; now
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the California Democratic Party supports increasing the number of elected members of county boards of supervisors from the current five to a minimum of seven members in any county whose population exceeds two million people at the 2020 Decennial Census.
Sponsored by Region 16

RESOLUTION 16-06.07
Equity In Public School Facilities
WHEREAS the California Democratic Party believes that every child in the State of California is entitled to a quality education at the public expense; and
WHEREAS inadequate school facilities can impede a child’s ability to learn; and
WHEREAS the State of California acknowledged in the matter of Eliezer Williams v. State of California that the State of California has an obligation to provide public school students with equal access to safe and decent school facilities;
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the California Democratic Party calls on all school districts within the State of California to give equal consideration to public schools serving less affluent and minority students when deciding how to allocate funds for the maintenance and construction of school facilities; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the California Democratic Party shall send copies of this resolution to Governor Edmund G. Brown, Jr., State Superintendent of Public Instruction Tom Torlakson, State Senate Democratic Caucus, State Assembly Democratic Caucus, California County Superintendents Educational Services Association, and
California School Boards Association; this resolution is not intended to affect the allocation of funds between traditional public schools and charter schools.
Sponsored by Mister Phillips

**RESOLUTION 16-06.08**

Resolution to Support the Fair Hotels Program
WHEREAS the 2014 Platform of the California Democratic Party supports fighting anti-worker initiatives and supports employee rights to organize and collectively bargain for enforceable organizing agreements that include employer neutrality, card-check recognition, and binding arbitration for first-time contract disputes; and
WHEREAS UNITE HERE, the Hotel and Hospitality Workers Union (representing over 250,000 members in the United States and in Canada) has developed the “Fair Hotel Program” in which organizations and individuals can show their support for good hospitality jobs by prioritizing union hotels for conferences and business meetings;
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the California Democratic Party, in keeping with its long-held and ongoing history of such policy, supports the UNITE HERE Fair Hotels Program, encourages all Democrats throughout California to use Fair Hotels for travel and business accommodations; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution will be communicated to the delegates and caucuses of the California State Democratic Party.
Sponsored by LACDP

**RESOLUTION 16-06.10**

Restore Payment In Lieu of Taxes (PILT) Funds for 36 Counties
WHEREAS the state of California through the Department of Fish and Wildlife (DFW) has purchased private land for the establishment of wildlife management areas and for environmental purposes effectively removing that land from the county property tax rolls in these 36 counties: Alpine, Butte, Colusa, Del Norte, Fresno, Glenn, Humboldt, Imperial, Inyo, Lake, Lassen, Madera, Marin, Merced, Modoc, Mono, Monterey, Napa, Nevada, Placer, Plumas, Riverside, San Bernardino, San Diego, San Luis Obispo, Shasta, Sierra, Siskiyou, Solano, Sonoma, Stanislaus, Sutter, Tehama, Tulare, Yolo and Yuba; and
WHEREAS from 1957 through 2002 the state of California compensated counties for the loss of property taxes – i.e. Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) – due to the establishment of wildlife management areas but DFW did not make PILT fund payments to counties from 2002 to 2015 and this loss of revenue for these counties has negatively impacted public safety, fire prevention and fire fighting, social programs for the homeless, including veterans and families with children, mental health programs including domestic violence and drug alcohol programs to name a few; and
WHEREAS in 2015-16 the Legislature appropriated $8 million in funding to pay the arrearages but the 2015-16 final State Budget Package eliminated the $8 million in arrearages that has been required for 45 years under F&G 1504 and in addition made the PILT payments “permissive” rather than required; now
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the California Democratic Party supports payment in full of the Payment in Lieu of Taxes arrearages owed to the 36 affected counties by the appropriation of $8 million to the DFW; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be communicated to the Governor, the Senate President Pro Tempore and the Speaker of the State Assembly.
Sponsored by LACDP; San Diego County DCC; Del Norte DCC; Sierra DCC; El Dorado DCC; Tehama DCC; Nevada DCC; Mendocino DCC; Mariposa DCC; Contra Costa DCC; Lake County DCC; Siskiyou DCC; Sutter County DCC; Placer County DCC; Humboldt County DCC; Sutter County DCC; Shasta County DCC; Regions 1, 2, 4 and 12; Lake County Democratic Club; El Cerrito Democratic Club; El Dorado Democratic Club; Oakhurst Democratic Club; San Joaquin Democratic Club; Garry Shay, Chair, Rules Committee, DNC Member; Jamie Beutler, Chair Rural Caucus; Hilary Crosby, CDP Controller; Jess Durfee, DNC San Diego; Ashleigh Evans, AD 22; Dotty LeMieux, CDP EBoard Rep., Marin County DCC; Lenore L. Albert, Appointed Delegate CA DSCC 2015-16; Ralph Miller, Secretary CDP Progressive Caucus, CDP EBoard Rep. Marin/Sonoma; Leah Hertzberg, LACDP. CDP EBoard; RL Miller, Chair CDP Environmental Caucus; Alexia Baca, Delegate AD 23; Susan Rowe, Chair Madera County DCC, CDP EBoard; Ces
Rosales, Northern CA Vice Chair, CDP Women’s Caucus; Cindy Ellsmore, Chair Sierra County DCC: Margaret Joehnck, Nevada County DCC, EBoard member; Carol Laval, CDP EBoard AD 23; Vincent Casalaina, Northern Vice Chair, CDP Progressive Caucus; Mayme Huber, AD 10; Tyron Jordan, AD 18; Michael Sutter, AD 62; Kathleen Mintert, Chair El Dorado County Democratic Women; Elizabeth Lasensky, DFA Member, Davis, CA; Peter Leinau, AD 5; William Fjellbo, CDP EBoard Rep, Madera DCC; Susie Shannon, CDP Region 12 Director; Susan McCall Carrasco, AD 23; Suzanna Aguilera-Marrero, CDP EBoard Rep, AD 23; Joe Wildman, Region 1, Regional Director; Charlie Brown, CDP Vice Chair Rural Caucus, Placer DCC, EBoard delegate; Craig Cheslog, Director, Region 2, CDP Rural Caucus Vice Chair, EBoard Rep, Contra Costa; Patty Hughes, CDP Vice Chair, EBoard Rep; Jennie Kleaver, Regional Director, Region 1; Rob Rowen, Chair, Shasta County

RESOLUTION 16-06.11
Protecting Students and Teachers from PCBs in Public Schools

WHEREAS Polychlorinated Biphenyls (PCBs) are known to cause cancer and other deadly diseases, impede normal brain and body development, harm intelligence by causing ADHD, lower IQ and other developmental issues; and the presence of PCBs in schools causes grave concern among parents, teachers and students; and

WHEREAS in 1976, PCBs were banned by Congress in the Toxic Substance Control Act (TSCA) because of their danger to human health, yet they remain in many Los Angeles County schools and in up to 25,000 schools nationwide putting children and teachers at risk; and

WHEREAS the California Constitution includes a “Right to Safe Schools” and the 2016 California Democratic Platform states “To help children and young adults reach their full potential, California Democrats will ... Actively identify and remove toxic chemicals, particularly PCBs which have been banned by Congress, from California’s schools to protect all children and provide them a healthy learning environment”;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the California Democratic Party reaffirms our Party Platform and Federal Law by calling upon all California school districts to protect the health of all students and teachers from exposure to dangerous levels of PCBs; we recommend testing of schools where the presence of PCBs are suspected and, where unsafe levels of PCBs are found we ask that these schools follow current best practices for containment of PCBs until they can be safely removed; if serious exposure risks are not addressed, we call upon the EPA to use its full power of enforcement to protect our students and teachers; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be communicated to the State Superintendent of Public Instruction Tom Torlakson and the California School Boards Association.

Sponsored by LACDP, Dorothy Reik and Jennifer DeNicola

RESOLUTION 16-06.12
California Democratic Party Supports Dr. Charles Lester

WHEREAS the 1976 California Coastal Preservation Act states that “the California coastal zone is a distinct and valuable natural resource of vital and enduring interest to all the people and exists as a delicately balanced ecosystem,” that “the permanent protection of the state’s natural and scenic resources is a paramount concern to present and future residents of the state and nation,” and sets as a goal to “Protect, maintain, and where feasible, enhance and restore the overall quality of the coastal zone environment and its natural and artificial resources”; and

WHEREAS throughout the 40-year history of the Coastal Act, every public opinion poll conducted has shown overwhelming support for the Coastal Commission’s role in upholding the Coastal Act, and Dr. Charles Lester provided strong leadership with accomplishments such as a Sea Level Rise planning document, the largest budget augmentation in 15 years, greater public transparency and accessibility, and new commitment to preserve and enhance public access for all coastal visitors; and

WHEREAS the Coastal Commission has terminated Dr. Lester, but there is widespread concern that this effort is politically driven and would result in significant impairment and harm to the mission of protecting California’s majestic coastline and guaranteeing coastal public access for all;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the California Democratic Party recognizes and thanks Dr. Lester for his leadership as Executive Director of the California Coastal Commission and supports robust coastal protections and
strong independent leadership for the Coastal Commission; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution will be sent to Governor Jerry Brown; Senate President pro Tempore Kevin de Leon; Assembly Speaker Anthony Rendon; and Steve Kinsey, Chair, California Coastal Commission.
Sponsored by LACDP

RESOLUTION 16-06.15  
Ensuring Voting Rights in Alabama  
WHEREAS any legitimacy a voter ID law has depends on citizens being able to easily acquire at no cost the identification documents which the voter ID law may require, such as a driver license; and
WHEREAS despite having a strict voter ID law, in September 2015, Alabama announced that for budgetary reasons it would close 31 driver license offices, including the driver license offices in every county in which African-Americans constitute more than 75 percent of registered voters; of the 11 Alabama counties with African-American majorities, eight would lose their driver license offices, thus adversely affecting African-American voters; and
WHEREAS Alabama later announced that it would re-open the closed driver license offices in November 2015, but only one day each month, which is insufficient to meet the needs of voters;
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the California Democratic Party condemns Alabama’s imposition of an undue burden on the voting rights of its citizens, particularly African-Americans through the closure of driver license offices, and urges the U.S. Department of Justice to investigate this matter under the Voting Rights Act; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to U.S. Attorney General Loretta Lynch, Alabama Governor Robert Bentley, and Alabama Secretary of State John Merrill.
Sponsored by LACDP

RESOLUTION 16-06.17  
Resolution To Advance A More Democratic Presidential Nominating Procedure and Party Structure  
WHEREAS, the historic 2016 Democratic Primary has engaged and energized many new voters, while raising widespread concern about the structure, process and flow of our Party’s nomination procedures; and,
WHEREAS, we have an opportunity to make the Democratic Party more democratic by reforming outmoded presidential nominating procedures and lending strength and credibility to our efforts to advance voting rights and political participation for all; and
WHEREAS, the current outmoded nominating system of caucuses that limit public participation, unpledged unaccountable “superdelegates” that undermine participation by trumping the will of the voters, and the practice of appointing corporate lobbyists, call us all to democratize our politics and our procedures so that we can more inclusively serve our Party and our country;
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the California Democratic Party advocate democratic reforms for the 2020 United States presidential nomination to enhance participation by supporting efforts to: (1) Dramatically limit the pool of unpledged voting delegates to elected and ex officio members of the Democratic National Committee bound at convention to vote for the pledged delegate winner of their constituency, while inviting all Democratic Governors and Members of Congress to attend Convention as non-voting honored guests; and, (2) End the practice of requiring unpledged delegates to announce their intended support before the National Convention; and, (3) Eliminate nominating caucuses and move toward Primary Elections in every State; and, (4) Change the national party Convention from a weekday-only event designed to accommodate the TV networks to include weekend days so that working people are better able to participate in the event while religious observances are also taken into consideration; and, (5) Change the Primary Election calendar to be more representative of the population and geography of our diverse Party base; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the California Democratic Party urges our delegation to the 2016 Democratic National Convention and our Democratic National Committee members to advocate for these proposed changes as we work to unite and strengthen our Party for the future with passion and respect.
Sponsored by Eric Bauman, Daraka Larimore-Hall, Christine Pelosi, Emily Thurber and CDP Resolutions Committee
RESOLUTION 16-06.23
Standing with the People of Flint, Michigan
WHEREAS Michigan Governor Rick Snyder and other responsible individuals allowed untreated water to release lead contamination into the city of Flint’s water supply; and
WHEREAS this contaminated water is linked to significantly increasing levels of lead in Flint children and adults and other health issues such as skin lesions and eye irritation; the lead levels are anticipated to have irreversible health consequences, especially for children; and
WHEREAS the change in water service that led to this health disaster was justified as an emergency cost cutting measure, but it was later revealed that the cost of water treatment would have only been $100 a day;
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the California Democratic Party stands with the people of Flint, Michigan in calling for the prosecution of Governor Rick Snyder and all other individuals responsible for the gross negligence which has endangered public health by the release of lead contamination into the Flint city water supply; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall be communicated to Attorney General Loretta Lynch, FBI Director James B. Comey and EPA Administrator Gina McCarthy.
Sponsored by LACDP

RESOLUTION 16-06.24
Stop Raids on Wildlife Refuge Water
WHEREAS there are efforts to lift the provisions of the Endangered Species Act and the Clean Water Act to take water away from federal wildlife refuges and direct it to private land owners and agribusiness for the growing of water-intensive crops such as almonds, pistachios, cotton and rice; and
WHEREAS private land owners and agribusiness have the ability to pump water from aquifer resources, but such water comes at a higher cost than draining wildlife areas; and
WHEREAS wildlife refuges are already suffering from severe water shortages and because these unique wildlife resources are not renewable their loss will have long-term consequences for environmentally challenged areas;
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the California Democratic Party opposes efforts to transfer water away from federal wildlife refuges to private land owners or agribusiness; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the California Democratic Party will send copies of this resolution to President Barack Obama, Secretary of the Interior Sally Jewell, Director of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Dan Ash, Senator Dianne Feinstein, Senator Barbara Boxer and members of the California Congressional Delegation.
Sponsored by LACDP

RESOLUTION 16-06.28
Tuition-Free Higher Education
WHEREAS founders of the great public universities believed that higher education is an investment in the future prosperity of states and nations; and
WHEREAS universal higher education for all is the new normal for the future; and
WHEREAS tuition-free education at public colleges and universities has a long history at local levels throughout our Nation’s past,
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the federal government shall support the cost of undergraduate tuition at all public colleges and universities; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this tuition-free program should be supported by a federal tax on speculative financial transactions with the exception of individual retirement accounts, protected healthcare accounts, and investments in startup companies or small businesses.
Sponsored by Robert M. Nelson, CD17 Sander convention delegation

RESOLUTION 16-06.29
Resolution Calling for an End to the United States’ Economic, Commercial and Financial Blockade against Cuba
WHEREAS in 1960, the United States government imposed an economic, commercial and financial blockade against Cuba, which continues to be in place, inflicting hardship on the men, women and children of Cuba by creating shortages of food, medicines and financial and trade opportunities, and denying U.S. citizens access to Cuban medical technology; and

WHEREAS on December 17, 2014, U.S. President Barack Obama and Cuban President Raul Castro announced a new era of relations between the two countries, and agreed to re-establish diplomatic relations, and have re-opened their respective embassies in 2015, and President Obama has now been welcomed in Cuba; and

WHEREAS 191 countries voted at the United Nations General Assembly in October 2015 in favor of lifting the U.S. blockade against Cuba; the majority of the people of the United States believe this blockade is ineffective, inhumane and in violation of U.S. laws and international conventions; and wish to have access to Cuban medical technology; THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the California Democratic Party calls for an immediate end to the United States’ economic, commercial and financial blockade against Cuba in all its manifestations.

Sponsored by Democratic Central Committee of Marin

RESOLUTION 16-06.38L
Thank You Senator Barbara Boxer for your decades of public service
WHEREAS, Senator Barbara Boxer was a Marin County Supervisor (1977-83), a member of Congress (1983-1993), and most importantly a U.S. Senator for California, in her 24th year (elected 1992); and

WHEREAS Senator Boxer has fought for the best of the Democratic Party values, including Civil Rights, including LGBT rights, the environment, protecting our coast from offshore oil and gas drilling, combatting HIV/AIDS, protecting a woman’s Right to Choice, Family Planning Services, expanding educational opportunities, supporting our troops and veterans, minorities and everyday Americans, and stood up for Anita Hill in the Judge Thomas hearings; and

WHEREAS when Senator Boxer ran for the US House, her slogan was “Barbara Boxer Gives a Damn,” and Senator Boxer has spent her whole life giving a damn for our country, California, its residents, especially those who needed that extra hand, and for the Democratic Party and its whole ticket

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the California Democratic Party thanks Senator Boxer for her public service, her Leadership, her help for so many, her political skills, and her advice and mentoring to thousands of young people helping make California the greatest state in the Union and the Democratic Party the strongest ever

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the California Democratic Party wishes Senator Boxer and her husband Stewart and the rest of her family to now have more time together to enjoy life outside of politics and we are very proud of you and what you accomplished.

Let’s show our appreciation for Senator Barbara Boxer

RESOLUTION 16-06.39L
The Orlando/Latino LGBT Massacre
WHEREAS another horrific massacre happened in America again, this time in Orlando, FL at the Pulse Club, a very popular LGBT Club on its "Latin Night," when a killer shot and murdered 49 people who went to enjoy an evening with friends and family, and June 17th marks one year from the killings at the Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church in Charleston SC (and Sandy Hook to San Bernardino are other tragedies); and
WHEREAS the investigation may take weeks, we do know now that the deceased killer had visited Disney World and other sites to possibly attack and murder Americans, but he chose the Pulse Club on "Latin Night," so he especially targeted the Latino LGBT community; and

WHEREAS while President Obama, Secretary Clinton, Senator Sanders, world leaders and other leaders in America have expressed their shock and full support for the LGBT communities, others like GOP nominee Donald Trump have made political attacks on President Obama and Muslims, instead of expressing support for the victims and families and a Sacramento minister (and other ministers) responded to the Orlando massacre targeting LGBT Latinos by saying, "I think that's great. I think that helps society."

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the California Democratic Party expresses their outrage of this latest mass murder, this one at the Latino LGBT community and condemns statements like the ones from the hateful ministers and lack of sympathy from Trump and other Republicans

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the California Democratic Party thanks the local citizens, First Responders and Medical Personnel who saved many lives and stands with the victims and their families in the Orlando LGBT community and urges that Americans of all faiths, race, ethnic communities, of all ages, without regard to sexual orientation or gender identity show their support for these victims of a hate crime and the rights of all Americans, regardless of faith to be protected and face no religious or human rights discriminations and once again urge Congress to pass laws (a special thanks to US Senate Democrats for the Filibuster and to Senator Feinstein for her legislation) that will outlaw the sales of assault weapons, starting with preventing those on Watch/No-Fly lists from purchasing assault weapons.

Sponsored by Bob Mulholland, Steven K. Alari, Andrew Lachman, Laurence Zakson, Shawn Bagley, Rep. Barbara Lee, John Cleary, LGBT Caucus Chair (North), Rachel Binah, Christine Pelosi, Denise Penn, LGBT Caucus Chair (South), Becca Doten, John A. Perez, Alex Rooker, CDP Vice Chair, Jess Durfee, Garry Shay, Mary Ellen Early, Keith Umemoto, Alice Huffman, Rep. Maxine Waters, Aleita Huguenin, Rosalind Wyman

RESOLUTION 16-06.40L

California Democratic Party Resolution Denouncing the Republicans’ Wrong Way Agenda and Cruel Budget That Would Reverse Proven Paths from Poverty to Prosperity and Put Vulnerable Americans in Harm’s Way

WHEREAS Republicans in the US House of Representatives have proposed a WRONG WAY agenda and cruel budget that call for the undermining, and in some cases elimination, of essential programs, such as Social Security, the National School Lunch Program, the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, Medicare and Medicaid, and Head Start, cutting off the path from poverty to prosperity for the 47 million Americans who live in poverty and increasing incidents of hunger among the 16 million American children who already experience it; and,

WHEREAS California Democrats are strengthening government anti-poverty and anti-hunger efforts while building a budget reserve, improving worker rights, increasing the minimum wage, establishing the strongest paid family leave and pay equity laws in the country, investing in childcare, funding homelessness prevention and leading the way on ensuring health care for all -- investments we know improve the quality of life for all Californians, invigorate our democracy, and strengthen our economy, now the 6th largest in the world; and,

WHEREAS we cannot stand by while Republicans in Congress pursue their WRONG WAY agenda and cruel budget to weaken government programs that have demonstrated their effectiveness by lifting 27 million Americans out of poverty every year for the past 45 years, undermining the health, education and life opportunities of children born into poverty, causing unnecessary suffering among elderly and disabled Californians, and weakening our economy and our democracy -- especially when we know is that there is a PROVEN WAY to help families lift themselves out of poverty and help all children thrive.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that by the adoption of this Resolution, the California Democratic Party OPPOSES the House Republican WRONG WAY agenda and cruel budget which will only serve to increase poverty and suffering and denounces House Resolution H.R. 5003 which begins the proposed erosion of proven anti-poverty programs by weakening the child hunger protections of the National School Lunch Program, literally taking food out of
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED we salute Democratic Members of Congress for taking the lead on economic justice and urge all members of the House of Representatives to reduce poverty by supporting the WORKING FAMILIES and WOMEN SUCCEED agendas to create paths to prosperity through raising wages and fair pay, bolstering workers' rights, and establishing national paid sick days, paid family leave, and access to childcare; and, because work isn’t always an option, strengthening government programs proven to reduce harm to those living in poverty and preserve access to the American Dream for ALL America’s children.

Sponsored by Christine Pelosi, Women’s Caucus Chair, DNC Member

RESOLUTION 16-06.41L
Resolution In Support of Actions in the Wake of the Orlando Massacre

WHEREAS a lone gunman massacred 49 people and wounded 53 others, many gravely, in Orlando, Florida in the early hours of Sunday June 12; and the kidnapped and entrapped victims were patrons of Pulse, a dance club operated as a “safe community space” for the benefit of the LGBTQ community; and the gunman had been investigated by the FBI as a possible terrorist threat, yet was easily able to allegedly purchase one or more weapons (including an assault rifle) to accomplish his bloody and deranged action; and everyday gun violence and mass murders have claimed the lives of many US residents in urban and rural areas, including thousands of Californians, each year;

WHEREAS the United States Food and Drug Administration (FDA) currently does not permit the donation of blood by men who have had sex with other men (MSM) at any point in the past year, despite the fact that public health groups including the American Red Cross, the American Association of Blood Banks, America’s Blood Centers, the American Medical Association (AMA), and leading LGBTQ and HIV/AIDS organizations have urged that the FDA’s restrictions be revised, and the AMA has called for individual testing assessments instead of a blanket policy based on sexual orientation;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the California Democratic Party lends its sympathy and support to the people of the LGBTQ community and communities of color in the wake of this crime; lends its continued support for legislation and enforcement of equal rights for all Californians, regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity; and calls on the FDA to remove any blood donation restrictions based on sexual orientation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the California Democratic Party supports Congressional and California Democrats’ continued efforts to save lives by: (1) enacting sensible gun safety legislation; (2) legislation to restrict the availability of military-style assault weapons with large-capacity magazines to the civilian public.

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