RESOLUTION 13-07.02
Resolution Encouraging the Further Development and Appropriate Use of Desalination and Recycling Water Programs Using Renewable Non-Nuclear Energy Sources as Part of the Statewide Water Resource Management Plan
WHEREAS the current California Democratic Party Platform calls for a comprehensive statewide water resource management plan yet does not address when to utilize desalination if and when appropriate; and
WHEREAS our need for potable water exceeds the availability of our traditional sources, requiring major water projects and imports from other states even in "wet" years, and given that the erratic weather associated with climate change will threaten the availability of all water sources; and
WHEREAS recycled, reclaimed, and desalinated water created by using renewable non-nuclear energy sources and state of the art technology that protects species and the environment, represent a large source of water unaffected by climate variations; and
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the California Democratic Party shall call upon the Governor and the State Legislature to encourage increased research, development, and appropriate implementation of reclamation, recycling and desalination using environmentally safe technologies and renewable non-nuclear energy sources; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the California Democratic Party shall call upon the Governor and the State Legislature to encourage increased use of reclaimed, recycled and desalinated water to help secure the water that will be needed to protect the environment and maintain the ecological balance needed to protect all people, fish and wildlife.
Sponsored by Mariposa County Democratic Central Committee, Oakhurst Democratic Club, Region 4, and Brian Washman

RESOLUTION 16-06.36L
Following Scientific Consensus
WHEREAS some advocates or opponents of public policy ignore, deny or misrepresent scientific evidence; the Scientific Method has proven to be the most powerful tool for unbiased understanding of the world around us and has created the greatest technological achievements of humankind; and
WHEREAS Scientific Consensus (the collective points of agreement between scientists within a shared field of science through the process of peer review, the sharing of information at scientific conferences and the replication of experiments using methodologies and data available from free and open publication) provides our best way of distinguishing fact from propaganda and misinformation in our changing and complicated world; and
WHEREAS not all issues can be determined by the Scientific Method; issues of faith, equality and compassion cannot be determined by science, but must be decided by our own moral compass and shared values;
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the California Democratic Party should seek out and consider Scientific Consensus when defining our positions and when making public policy on scientific matters and on issues that can be determined by the Scientific Method; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the California Democratic Party should communicate this resolution to the California Senate's Select Committee on Science, Innovation and Public Policy and to the California Assembly's Select Committee on Science, Technology, Engineering and Math Education.
Sponsored by Tony Hale, Region 16 and the San Pedro Democratic Club

RESOLUTION 16-06.37L
Resolution Opposing the Continued Use of the Internal Revenue Code Against Medical and Adult Use Marijuana Dispensaries and Providers
WHEREAS California, 28 states and the District of Columbia have legalized the use of marijuana medicinally and eight states and the District of Columbia have legalized the adult-use of marijuana,
WHEREAS sections of the Internal Revenue Code have been enacted to prevent drug traffickers from being able to claim business expenses related to illicit dealings on their federal tax returns, and
WHEREAS the Internal Revenue Service is applying rules that apply to businesses providing medical and adult-use marijuana permitted under state law, thereby disallowing the deduction of normal business expenses resulting in ruinous and unfair tax bills, resulting in businesses and individuals associated with marijuana distribution, as permitted by state law, held liable for unpaid taxes, resulting in bankruptcy and undue hardship, now
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the California Democratic Party requests the President of the United States of America to direct the Internal Revenue Service to suspend enforcement of sections of the Internal Revenue Code against businesses and individuals furnishing medical-use marijuana and adult-use marijuana, as permitted by state law, in the same manner that President Obama directed the Department of Justice to suspend criminal prosecutions against businesses and individuals that furnish marijuana as permitted by state law, and now
THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the California Democratic Party requests that the United States Congress exempt licensed medical marijuana and adult use facilities from Internal Revenue Code sections in jurisdictions where medical and adult-use marijuana is legal under state law.
Sponsored by Brownie Mary Democrats of California
Resolution for an Executive Order Directing the California Attorney General to Investigate, Manage, Interpret, Prosecute or Inquire About Matters Relating To Sexual Misconduct of Law Enforcement Officers

WHEREAS, public concerns have been raised that the alleged incidents of sexual misconduct by law enforcement officers cannot be investigated or prosecuted at the local level without conflict or bias, or the public perception of conflict or bias; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary in the interests of public safety and public trust to ensure that a full, reasoned and independent investigation and prosecution of any such incidents is conducted without conflict or bias, or the perception of conflict or bias; and

WHEREAS, the foregoing compels us to conclude that constitutional obligations provide that in cases where an issue of a real or perceived conflict of interest exists, and to ensure full confidence in our system of criminal justice, the Attorney General of the State of California should be directed to investigate, manage, interpret, prosecute or inquire about any such incidents.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the California Democratic Party requests the California Attorney General to investigate, manage, interpret, prosecute or inquire about any alleged incidents of sexual misconduct by law enforcement officers to ensure that the laws of the State are being adequately enforced. The Attorney General shall have all the powers of a district attorney, and the Attorney General’s compliance with this order will supersede in all ways the authority and jurisdiction of a county district attorney to manage, interpret, prosecute or inquire about any such incidents.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, for any matter covered herein, the Attorney General will provide a report on all cases where the Attorney General declines to prosecute on any charges. The report will include, to the extent possible and lawful, an explanation of that outcome and any recommendations for systemic reform arising from the investigation.

Sponsored by Jerilyn Stapleton
Authored by Jerilyn Stapleton, AD 46; Pamela Price, AD 18

Resolution Regarding Fraudulent Organic Products

WHEREAS, consumers of organically produced products (annually, U.S. consumers spend $39.7 billion on organic food; and $43.3 billion for all organic sales) depend on labels that indicate chosen items (food, feed, beer, wine, vitamins, personal products, clothing, etc.) have been certified to have been produced organically (acc. Organic Foods Production Act of 1990); that is, produced without synthetic chemicals or genetically engineered ingredients; must not have been produced on land to which any prohibited substances, including synthetic chemicals, have been applied during the preceding three years; must have been produced and handled in compliance with an appropriate organic plan; and, an entity that intended to sell or label agricultural products as organic first had to be certified as an organic producer or handler according to applicable regulations,

WHEREAS, non-organically produced items can contain various pesticides (including glyphosate and other herbicides, fungicides, insecticides) and/or genetically engineered ingredients that are collectively known to be potentially harmful to people, animals and the environment.

WHEREAS, recent investigations have revealed that glyphosate-based herbicides, fungicides, other pesticides and/or genetically engineered ingredients have been found in items represented as organically produced and, thus, subjected victimized people, animals, and the environment to: illnesses and other disorders; and loss of income due to contamination of organic products (loss of sales) and due to the necessary reestablishment of an organic farm or other enterprise.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the California Democratic Party (CDP) opposes all misrepresentation, adulteration, misbranding, and false labeling that indicates non-organic items have been produced organically when in fact they were not; and requires that such knowingly and intentionally fraudulent acts (including sales, distribution, and/or deliberate contamination of an organic enterprise’s crop or other product) be investigated by the State’s Attorney General and carry penalties including: fines and restitution of damages, goods, and services to all victims of the fraud, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the CDP communicates this resolution (that is in accord with President Obama’s Financial Fraud Enforcement Task Force & California Organic Products Act of 2003 “COPA”) to all Democratic elected officials in the CA Legislature that the CDP is firmly opposed to any adulteration, fraudulent labeling or misrepresentation of organic crops or other products, and supports to the fullest extent of the law, monetary fines, restitution of damages, withdrawal of organic certification, etc. and public censure (mandatory media notification).

Sponsored by Susie Shannon, AD50 and Progressive Democrats of the Santa Monica Mountains
Authored by Dr. Stephen Frantz, AD45

Resolution in Support of Hotel Workers “Stand With Hotel Housekeepers”

WHEREAS it is common that Hotel Housekeepers are working 14 hour double shifts, and cleaning upwards of 24 rooms a day which is a near impossible task that threatens the lives of housekeepers, most of whom are women, and

WHEREAS workers and guests have a right to an environment free of sexual assault and yet sexual harassment is a reality for many Hotel Workers, especially women and according to recent studies, 82% of hotel employees have been subject to verbal aggression and
incidents of “deviant customer actions” on the job; and sexual assault victims in the hotel industry have reported “detrimental physical and psychological effects” including “anxiety... sleep problems, weight loss, depression... and nervous breakdown”;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the California Democratic Party stands in solidarity with Hotel Housekeepers in limiting the daily workload to 4,000 square feet or 12 average-sized rooms in an eight hour work day, and be provided a safe working environment free from sexual assault/harassment or worker intimidation; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that Hotel Housekeepers shall be provided with a portable panic button, and security should respond immediately. Workers shall have a right to be re-assigned to an area other than the area where the assault occurred and the hotel shall post signs alerting guests that workers have a panic button and are protected by law from sexual assault. Signs shall be posted in hotel guestrooms, bars, and hallways.

**Sponsored by** CDP Region 16, CDP Vice Chair Eric Bauman, CDP Region 16 Director Sergio Carrillo, Long Beach City Councilmember Jeannine Pearce, Long Beach City Councilmember Roberto Uranga, Unite-Here Local 11, Coalition for Good Jobs & Healthy Community, Yes We Can Democratic Club, California NOW

**Authored by** Tonia Reyes Uranga

**RESOLUTION 16-11.10**

**Eliminate Implicit Bias Causing Misdiagnosis and Undertreatment of Stroke in Patients of Color and Women**

WHEREAS stroke is a leading cause of serious long-term disability and the fifth leading cause of death in the United States, killing approximately 130,000 people nationwide and over 13,500 citizens of California each year, and the American Heart Association/American Stroke Association (AHA/ASA) is dedicated to prevention, diagnosis and treatment to save lives from stroke,

WHEREAS in a 2014 Johns Hopkins study, it was found that women were 33 percent more likely to be misdiagnosed and people of color were 20 to 30 percent more likely to be misdiagnosed, suggesting that women and people of color are not getting the treatment currently available to men and white people and nearly 10 strokes are ischemic strokes, which are treatable if detected quickly by tissue plasminogen activator, also known as tPA, but a 2016 AHA/ASA funded study found that African American patients are 28 percent more likely and other patients of color 17 percent more likely than white patients, and women 8 percent more likely than men not to receive tPA treatment, even when they are eligible for it;

WHEREAS a May 2016 John Hopkins study established that medical errors are now the third leading cause of death, meaning it is now more important than ever to address implicit bias in our health care system, where recent research suggests that stereotypes lead to less effective care for people of color including receiving fewer recommended treatments for chronic illness, including HIV/AIDS, cancer, and heart disease;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the California Democratic Party urge that health care providers and associations acknowledge and address the growing research showing implicit bias jeopardizing the lives of people of color and women and develop training, protocols and practices to specifically address misdiagnosis of strokes in women, patients of color and younger people;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the California Democratic Party supports developing statewide standards for designating stroke centers and their transport protocol as well as creating a mandatory registry which would provide important mechanisms to monitor patterns of care and progression of disease, evaluate healthcare effectiveness and safety, and improve clinical outcomes in a real world setting.

**Sponsored by** CDP Chairman John Burton, American Heart Association/American Stroke Association, Senator Holly Mitchell

**Authored by** John Burton, AD 17; Martha Escutia, AD 57; Shawnda Westly, AD 7

**RESOLUTION 16-11.11**

**California Indian History Curricular Reform**

WHEREAS, the education of citizens, particularly our youth who are our future leaders, about California tribal histories, cultures and contemporary issues and the contributions of California Indian tribes to the State of California is vital to the understanding of California’s origins, and rich heritage, and prosperous future; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to California History Social Science Content Standards for California public schools, the Spanish Mission Era and Gold Rush are currently taught to students in 4th grade, and this existing curricula fails to examine genocidal practices perpetrated against California Indians during these periods resulting in a romanticized and inaccurate presentation of historical events; and

WHEREAS, California Indian students may not find the existing school curriculum relevant to their lives or experiences and contrary to their family histories and the majority of students in California remain uninformed about the experiences, contributions and perspectives of their California tribal neighbors, fellow citizens and classmates and this lack of accurate and complete curricula about California Indians may contribute to the persistent academic achievement gap between California Indian and other students as well as the lack of cultural intelligence and proficiency; now

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that collaborative curricular reform strategies are needed to incorporate expanded and improved curricular materials about California Indian tribes and to create programs for cultural exchange and the presentation of native perspectives recognizing that California public institutions of higher education, in consultation with tribal communities and American Indian educators, are key leaders in the implementation of curricular reform and delivery of professional development for educators, to support their cultural fluency and curriculum delivery.
RESOLUTION 16-11.12

Support for the People of Standing Rock Reservation Resolution

WHEREAS, the Dakota Access Pipeline would carry over half a million barrels of dirty crude oil from the Bakken oil fields in North Dakota through South Dakota and Iowa to Illinois to connect to other pipelines bringing oil to the East Coast and the Gulf, and this pipeline is slated to pass through the tribal lands of Standing Rock Sioux near Cannon Ball, North Dakota, and underneath the Missouri River, not only desecrating the ancestral burial grounds of the Standing Rock Sioux but bringing potential harm to their main source of drinking water; and

WHEREAS, the transport of heavy crude is particularly volatile, leading to 18.4 million gallons of oils and chemicals spilled, leaked, or released into the air, land, and waterways between 2006 and 2014 in North Dakota alone, causing death, contamination of soil and water, and all kinds of disease, and scientists have warned that in order to avoid wide-scale, catastrophic climate disruption, the vast majority of known remaining fossil fuel reserves must be left in the ground, and Native Americans and other activists defending their land and water have the right to defend their land and water and engage in non-violent protest without fear of being brutalized; and

WHEREAS, many large corporations, have been putting profits ahead of the common good of communities and the environment, and through activist Supreme Court decisions have been granted constitutional rights and powers of person-hood and advantage by the doctrine of money being considered free speech thereby diminishing democracy and the voice and power of the people; now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Democratic Party of California stands with the Standing Rock Sioux and calls for the Federal Government to make permanent the moratorium on construction of the Dakota Access Pipeline on and near the Standing Rock Reservation by revoking permits for construction issued by the Army Corps of Engineers and we call upon our party at all levels to support a just transition to a renewable energy economy and invest in the construction of a nationwide sustainable energy infrastructure that will address the growing threat of climate change and its consequent droughts, floods, fire, crop failure, species extinction and other dire consequences of global warming; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to President Barack Obama, the California Congressional delegation, the Secretary of the Interior Department and Director of the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

Sponsored by CDP Region 2

Authored by Nadine Peyrucain, AD 14

RESOLUTION 16-11.13L

Resolution Celebrating the Life of Legislator and Activist Tom Hayden

WHEREAS in the 1960s Tom Hayden helped to spark a movement among young people to embrace the urgency of the times through the founding of Students for a Democratic Society, which became a driving force in the Democratic Party’s rejection of segregation and embrace of the effort to end the Vietnam War; and

WHEREAS Tom Hayden never matured into complacency or abandoned the democratic process but kept a lifelong commitment to pursuing liberalism in the Democratic Party as a member of the California Legislature for 18 years and as an elected delegate to six Democratic National Conventions including in 2016;

WHEREAS Tom Hayden’s life embodies the hope in the Port Huron Statement of 1962 “that the political order should serve to clarify problems in a way instrumental to their solution” and stands as a rebuke to the forces of apathy and cynicism that drive down participation and engagement in the political process;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the California Democratic Party dedicate our November 2016 Executive Board meeting to the memory of Tom Hayden and the movement for social justice that lives on in the platform and the people of our Party.

RESOLUTION 16-11.14L
Resolution to Defend California’s Accomplishments
WHEREAS California Democrats have led the nation in raising wages and improving working conditions, confronting the existential threat of climate change, expanding health care for children and families, integrating all of our law-abiding immigrants into our communities without fear of separation from their families, and protecting the rights of all Californians; and
WHEREAS Donald Trump and the Republicans’ policies would increase inequality and cost American jobs, and his campaign emboldened bigotry and misogyny in our communities and our schools; and
WHEREAS Governor Jerry Brown stated that “we will protect the precious rights of our people and continue to confront the existential threat of our time – devastating climate change”; Senator-elect Kamala D. Harris stated that “we have the power to give a voice to the voiceless and advance an agenda rooted in justice and equality”; and California’s Legislative leaders stated that “we will lead the resistance to any effort that would shred our social fabric or our Constitution”;
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the California Democratic Party join with Governor Brown and Democratic leaders in the Legislature and Congress to defend our accomplishments and the people of California from unjust and unconstitutional federal actions affecting our state.
Sponsored by California Democratic Party Chairman John L. Burton and the Resolutions Committee.

RESOLUTION 16-11.15L
Resolution To Oppose Any Defunding of Planned Parenthood or Overturning Roe v. Wade
WHEREAS Planned Parenthood has provided critical reproductive health services for 100 years to millions of women, men and their families and is a major component of California’s and the Nation’s Health Care System by providing cancer screenings, birth control and abortion care to women throughout the nation. Planned Parenthood’s seven California Affiliates serve their clients in more than 115 health centers throughout our state, serving 850,000 patients - many who could not get care anywhere else; and has been a safe, culturally sensitive and secure health provider where one in five women in the nation have sought confidential, professional, and compassionate care; and
WHEREAS Planned Parenthood’s doors are open to everyone, no matter their age, gender, sexual identify, ethnicity, race, religion, or immigration status by providing access to contraceptive care and abortion which has enabled tens of millions of women to obtain autonomy over their reproductive lives, educational equity and economic security. Planned Parenthood has been under attack from those in and out of government who want to overturn Roe v. Wade and shut the doors of health centers providing abortion services, including Planned Parenthood; and
WHEREAS the new Trump Administration has vowed to defund Planned Parenthood, appoint justices who will repeal Roe v. Wade and send millions of women to the back alleys of the past; and the California Democratic party has a long-standing policy of supporting women and their health care choices, including supporting candidates who promise to protect women’s health and rights;
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the California Democratic Party goes on record opposing all proposals in Congress and our State Legislature to defund Planned Parenthood, limit their ability to serve their clients, and/or appoint judges who have a record of opposing equal health care rights for all women;
AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the California Democratic Party will work with stakeholders and others to ensure that our Congressional and Legislative representatives understand our firm commitment to women’s health and rights and pledge to oppose any Trump/Pence Administration plans to defund Planned Parenthood.
Sponsored by Aleita Huguenin, AD 8