

Resolutions Committee Report – May 2019 State Convention

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RESOLUTION 19-05.196L

TERRANEA RESORT BOYCOTT

WHEREAS near Los Angeles in Rancho Palos Verdes the Terranea Resort boasts fine dining, scenic beachfront views, and accommodations ranging from luxury guest rooms to private secluded villas and multiple women have come forward with allegations that they experienced sexual harassment or other misconduct while working at the Terranea Resort, which is owned by JC Resorts and Lowe Enterprises; and

WHEREAS; Terranea has actively sought to block a proposed ballot initiative that would require panic buttons for hotel housekeepers from coming before voters; and

WHEREAS; A growing coalition of individuals and organizations, such as California NOW and the Feminist Majority have pledged to stand with the Terranea silence breakers and called for a boycott of the Terranea;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the California Democratic Party pledges to boycott the resort by refusing to spend time or money at the Terranea until it is a place where women workers are treated with dignity and respect; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the California Democratic Party calls upon all individuals, companies, and organizations to stand with women and boycott the Terranea.

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Adopted by Orange County Democratic Party 5/20/2019

Resolution 19-05.49

Resolution Against Citizenship Questions on US Census

WHEREAS Donald J Trump (hence DJT) has engaged in harsh rhetoric regarding Latinos and other immigrant groups and sought to divide Americans on the basis of race religion, and country of origin for political gain, his administration has signaled its plan to ask questions about citizenship on the 2020 decennial Census with the purpose being to limit Democratic representation in Congress, the Electoral College and deprive California of its rightful share of about \$880 billion a year in federal funding for schools, roads and other public services; and

WHEREAS since the 1960s the US has welcomed significant groups of immigrants from Mexico, India, China, the Philippines, El Salvador, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Korea, Guatemala, Ireland, Russia, Poland, Italy, German and Eastern Europe as well as every country, race, and religion on earth, and the Constitution's Enumeration Clause requires that every person in the country be counted, DJT's attempt to politicize the Census turns its power against People of Color and the minority groups it has historically protected, and many immigrants will likely be deterred altogether from participating in the census for fear that government could arrest and deport them; and

WHEREAS Commerce Secretary Wilbur Ross lacks the authority to include a citizenship question, his decision to do so was arbitrary, dubious, politically motivated and done without proper studies about the consequences of that decision, in violation of the Administrative Procedures Act, three lower courts have found the citizenship question to be unconstitutional and in violation of the Administrative Procedure Act, and the Supreme Court must decide this case by the end of June when the Census Bureau will start printing the 2020 census questionnaires;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the California Democratic Party opposes the addition of this unprecedented and partisan citizenship question to the 2020 census

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Resolution 19-05.19

Supporting California as a Reproductive Freedom State

WHEREAS every person has the right to privacy and reproductive freedom including abortion as affirmed in the landmark Supreme Court case Roe v Wade that has been upheld numerous times over nearly half a century;

WHEREAS in 2019, over 250 pieces of legislation, to ban or limit abortion and/or including making abortion illegal before pregnancy is even detectable, have been introduced in 41 states and abortion many bans have been signed into law including most recently Alabama and Missouri, and further the Trump administration has permitted states to defund Planned Parenthood, enacted global and domestic “gag” rules, and appointed pro-life Supreme Court justices committed to overturning or undermining Roe v Wade, all actions disproportionately harming women of color, immigrants, and people with lower incomes;

WHEREAS California is a Reproductive Freedom state and our laws protect everyone’s right to obtain an abortion, and Governor Newsom has doubled down to protect reproductive health in California by asking for \$100M in his first budget covering all aspects including abortion, and Attorney General Becerra is actively leading litigation to make sure Roe v Wade is protected, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the California Democratic Party will always uphold a person's right to privacy and reproductive health including abortion and that we proudly state that California is a Reproductive Freedom state for all, and

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the California Democratic Party strongly encourage the State of California and people of conscience to withhold doing business with States passing laws attacking Reproductive Freedom and that copy of this resolution be sent to the Governor, the Pro Tem of the Senate and the Speaker of the Assembly.

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Resolution 19-05.45

No More Lives Lost to Senseless Shootings

WHEREAS the shooting of Stephon Clark was just one more in a recent string of police use of deadly force resulting in death, what many have come to call another life lost in a senseless shooting, often of African American men, and

WHEREAS there has been repeated public outcry to prevent this from happening to anybody else’s relative regardless of their race, there is little confidence that any real effective change has been put in place to prevent further such incidents, and

WHEREAS under current law, when police officers “reasonably” believe they are in danger, lethal force can be used, often resulting in the death of unarmed persons;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the California Democratic Party advocates changing the standard of using deadly force from “reasonable” to “necessary” and to train officers to consider alternative methods before resorting to deadly force, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the California Democratic Party strongly advocates for law enforcement agencies to develop and implement sensitivity training, as well as new rules of engagement, and require retraining their officers in these new skills.

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Resolution 19-05.90

Resolution Of The California Democratic Party In Support Of Full Parity For Mental Health Patients And Clinicians At Kaiser Permanente

WHEREAS mental illness is among the most common health problems faced by Californians, with nearly 1 in 6 California adults experiencing a mental illness of some kind and more than half of Californians believing that most people suffering with mental health conditions do not get the help they need; and

WHEREAS Kaiser Permanente (Kaiser), California's largest health insurer and provider of healthcare services with more than 8.8 million covered lives statewide, was fined \$4 million by the California Department of Managed Health Care in 2013 for violations of California's Mental Health Parity Act and standards for timely access to care, was cited for ongoing violations in two follow-up investigations, and is currently under a state-ordered monitoring program scheduled to continue until 2020; and

WHEREAS despite repeated claims to the contrary, Kaiser has barely increased its ratio of 1 full-time mental health clinician to every 3,000 plan members, and understaffing remains so severe that more than 60,000 California Kaiser patients annually are being referred to outside therapists who often cannot adequately coordinate their care with other Kaiser health professionals, thereby denying patients the integration of health care services that Kaiser promises; now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the California Democratic Party strongly supports the establishment of full parity for mental health patients and clinicians at Kaiser Permanente by boosting clinician staffing to levels sufficient to ensure timely access to appropriate care, with caseloads of no more than one new intake visit for every five return appointments, patient wait times of no more than ten business days for return appointments unless directed by the treating clinician, and third-party resolution of disputes regarding staffing standards; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED; Kaiser Permanente strictly limit and ultimately phase out the outsourcing of mental health services so as to ensure that Kaiser's mental health patients receive the full benefits of reliable, accountable, integrated mental and physical health care across the full spectrum of their treatment; and provide Kaiser's mental health clinicians with the same raises and benefits enjoyed by all other members of Kaiser's unionized workforce throughout the State of California, as required to address staff shortages and recruit and retain a stable and experienced workforce.

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Resolution 19-05.122

Resolution in Support of a Green New Deal

WHEREAS climate change represents an existential threat to humanity, which must reduce greenhouse gas emissions 45 percent by 2030 and achieve net zero emissions by 2050 if the world is to limit warming to 1.5 degrees Celsius; and

WHEREAS California is uniquely vulnerable to climate change devastation, as witnessed by drought-worsened wildfires (including the recent Camp Fire, Tubbs Fire, Mendocino Complex Fire, and Thomas Fire) with tragic human and economic consequences, and is equally vulnerable to sea level rise, atmospheric rivers causing inland flooding, and other impacts; and

WHEREAS a Green New Deal calls for net zero greenhouse gas emissions within a very short time frame; creating millions of good jobs; investing in the infrastructure and industry of the United

States; securing clean air and water, climate and community resilience, healthy food, and access to nature for all; and promoting justice and equity with respect to frontline communities, all while ensuring a just transition for workers in the fossil fuel and related industries will enable the United States to become carbon neutral, while in the process virtually eliminating poverty and making economic security available to every American;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the California Democratic Party demands a California Green New Deal to achieve the above goals, with hiring preferences for formerly incarcerated and socially and/or economically disadvantaged peoples; ramps up the deployment of building and vehicle electrification and zero-net, carbon-free infrastructure; transitions California away from extraction and refining of fossil fuels; creates substantial setbacks separating fossil fuel extraction from residential communities; upgrades America's buildings for efficiency and safety; adopts low-carbon, plant-based food, and small-scale and organic farming; expand affordable housing close to jobs; involves labor unions' leadership role in the process of job training and worker deployment; creates a network of public banks to finance infrastructure; respects Indigenous rights; ensures that local implementation of the transition from fossil fuels is led from the community level; and ensures that frontline communities affected by environmental justice are given priority to mitigate poor planning and zoning decisions of the past; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be sent to Gov. Gavin Newsom, Senate ProTem Toni Atkins, and Assembly Speaker Anthony Rendon, with instructions to draft legislation in keeping with the scale and urgency of the climate crisis.

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Resolution 19-05.126

UC For the Many, Not the Few

WHEREAS the University of California (UC) system is the largest employer in the state of California, with nearly 200,000 workers, and the California Democratic Party Platform advocates for quality public and private sector jobs "that permanently lift the working poor out of poverty to achieve self-sufficiency and a secure retirement", as well as workers' rights to organize; and

WHEREAS the University of California has forced its workforce represented by UPTE-CWA Local 9119 and AFSCME Local 3299 to strike and solidarity strike four times in the past year - in response to UC's insistence upon implementing unfair contracts, specifically that erode defined benefit pensions and destroy workers' rights to a secure retirement; and

WHEREAS UPTE-CWA Local 9119 and AFSCME Local 3299 have been bargaining for successor agreements for the past 24 months, and are continuing to be confronted with UC's proposed erosions to long-held union standards and worker benefits;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the California Democratic Party calls on the University of California to support good union jobs and to return to the bargaining table with UPTE-CWA Local 9119 and AFSCME 3299 to settle their respective contracts fairly, and to address the ongoing

issues of inequality, outsourcing, and erosion of union standards and benefits at the university; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the California Democratic Party calls on all elected officials in California to support public sector workers -- who work everyday to maintain and improve conditions that serve the public good, and are fighting for secure and stable union contracts and for union recognition -- and to resist austerity and privatization.

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Resolution 19-05.193

Expressing the Support of the California Democratic Party in Keeping Families Home, Protecting Renters from Excessive Rent Gouging and Unjust Evictions, and Supporting the Right to Organize and to Rent Control

WHEREAS skyrocketing rents in California have reached a crisis level, driving low-income residents from their homes and exacerbating our state's growing crisis of homelessness. Currently, some 7.7 million tenants live in 2.2 million single family rental homes, many of which are owned by large institutional investors. State law prevents these tenants from receiving any rent protections by prohibiting their inclusion in local rental laws and prevents local rent stabilization laws from applying to newly constructed units. Moreover, under State law cities with existing rent stabilization laws would be frozen at the level in place by ordinances in 1995; and WHEREAS a majority of California renters do not live in jurisdictions with local rent control laws, and state law currently allows landlords to implement unlimited rent increases with short notice to tenants. Tenants report rent-gouging, with increases sometimes doubling their rent or more, leaving no feasible way for them to afford to remain in their homes; and

WHEREAS current law allows landlords to evict tenants without reason, absent local controls, on 30- or 60-days' notice, depending on the length of tenancy. Being displaced from one's housing often means being displaced from one's community, requiring not only finding a new home, but often also a new school for one's children; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the California Democratic Party supports making limited, reasonable reforms to the State law by allowing local jurisdictions to include in their rent stabilization laws rental units that are older than ten years and single-family rentals, except those owned by small landlords with two or fewer units; and

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the California Democratic Party also supports anti-rent gouging policies that set a limit on allowable annual rent increases, protecting tenants while at the same time preserving the ability for landlords to make a fair return and maintain a successful business. The California Democratic Party also supports eliminating arbitrary evictions and requiring landlords to specify the reason for an eviction before requiring a tenant to move out of their home. The California Democratic Party unequivocally supports the right of tenants to organize so that tenants can speak out on all these issues without fear of retaliation or eviction.

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Resolution 19-05.198

END FEDERAL CANNABIS PROHIBITION

WHEREAS the voters of California in 2016 passed Proposition 64 to legalize the limited private and licensed industrial cultivation, manufacture, transportation, sale and possession of cannabis, setting the stage to create a major new market worth billions of dollars, tens of thousands of new jobs, and hundreds of millions of dollars in new tax revenues to be used for education, health care and other public works projects, and

WHEREAS polls have shown majorities of American citizens throughout the United States regardless of party affiliation or lack of party affiliation supporting the legalization, regulation and taxation of cannabis, and

WHEREAS federal law continues to prohibit the possession and sale of cannabis making criminals out of otherwise law-abiding citizens, resulting in racially biased enforcement, destroying families and communities and only benefiting criminals who continue to profit from its illegal status under federal law while preventing the development of the interstate commerce of cannabis and a valuable new market for California farmers and manufacturers,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the California Democratic Party supports the immediate end of the federal prohibition of cannabis.

BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED that to expedite this process in the name of justice and evidence-based public policy, the California Democratic Party encourages all California Congressional Delegation members to support and become members of the bi-partisan Congressional Cannabis Caucus.

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Resolution 19-05.142

RESOLUTION: OPPOSING THE AFFILIATION BETWEEN CALIFORNIA STATE-FUNDED HOSPITALS AND RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATIONS

WHEREAS the California Democratic Party platform identifies support for full reproductive health services, including the full range of reproductive, contraception and abortion services, and access to affordable, high quality, culturally sensitive health care services; and

WHEREAS California's Unruh Civil Rights Act promises that all those within the jurisdiction of the state are "free and equal" and "entitled to the full and equal accommodations, advantages, facilities, privileges, or services in all business establishments of every kind whatsoever."; and denying transgender people gender-affirming care constitutes sex discrimination in violation of constitutional equal protection, and clear case law demonstrates, under the equal protection and privacy guarantees of the California Constitution, that governmental entities must treat all pregnancy options neutrally; and

WHEREAS both the U.S. and California Constitutions prohibit "sponsorship, financial support, and active involvement of the [state] in religious activity," and Article XVI, Section 5 of the California Constitution provides that no California state entity "shall ever make an appropriation, or pay from any public fund whatever, or grant anything to or in aid of any religious sect, church, creed, or sectarian purpose, or help support or sustain any school, college, university, hospital or other institution controlled by any religious creed, church or sectarian denomination whatever...";

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the California Democratic Party opposes affiliation between any publicly-funded university or hospital and any religious-affiliated hospital or health care organization that openly discriminates against women and LGBTQ patients and requires its

doctors to comply with religious directives in direct conflict with the Party's platform and ethos, and must urge the University of California Board of Regents to adopt regulations that would prohibit any affiliation of UC hospitals, or any other state-funded hospital, with religious-affiliated hospitals; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the California Democratic Party will send copies of this resolution to Governor Newsom, Lieutenant Governor Kounalakis, State Attorney General Becerra, Secretary of State Padilla, Speaker Rendon, President Pro Tempore Atkins, Democratic members of the California State Assembly and State Senate, US Senators Harris and Feinstein, and members of University of California Board of Regents.

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Resolution 19-05.184

Supporting the Reassessment of Commercial and Industrial Property

WHEREAS since the passage of proposition 13 in 1978, cities and counties have faced significant limitations in their main source of funding, the property tax; and

WHEREAS while the intent of Proposition 13 is to help homeowners, loopholes in the system have permitted major commercial and industrial properties to avoid reassessment, a windfall to commercial property owners at the expense of vital public services, and

WHEREAS estimates by academic researchers at USC have identified that reassessing commercial property will bring \$11.4 billion in property taxes to cities, counties, special districts, and schools and nearly 80% of the revenue will come from just 8% of large properties, owned by corporations and wealthy investors, many of them out-of --the state;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the California Democratic Party supports establishment of a regular and fair reassessment of commercial and industrial property to market value while protecting small businesses and maintaining Proposition 13 protections for all residential properties including homeowners and renters and agriculture; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the California Democratic Party will communicate this position to Democratic officials and delegates to the California Democratic Party convention.

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Resolution 19-05.170

Resolution in Support of the National Origin-Based Antidiscrimination for Nonimmigrants (NO BAN) Act

WHEREAS On January 27, 2017, the federal administration issued the first version of its Muslim ban, which has separated families, led to mass detentions, limited or blocked access to health, educational, and other critical services, and paved the way for an abhorrent, discriminatory, and xenophobic federal agenda; and

WHEREAS On April 10, 2019, Representative Judy Chu (D-CA) and Senator Chris Coons (D-DE) introduced the National Origin-Based Antidiscrimination for Nonimmigrants (NO BAN) Act in Congress to repeal all three iterations of the Muslim ban, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act's nondiscrimination provision to explicitly prohibit discrimination based on religion, and to limit overreach by the federal government's executive branch to introduce future, similar bans; and

WHEREAS the San Francisco Democratic County Central Committee has previously committed to uphold values of respect, equality, diversity, and freedom and has stood in solidarity with our Muslim, Women, LGBTQ, Labor, and communities of color and renews our commitment to fighting back against these repeated attacks to our immigrant communities;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the California Democratic Party reaffirms its strong support of our immigrant communities and endorses the NO BAN Act; and

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the California Democratic Party advises California's Congressional leaders of this endorsement, and urges our members of Congress to support or co-sponsor the NO BAN Act.

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Resolution 19-05.100

CA Democratic Party Resolution to Stop the Harm and Start the Healing

WHEREAS the California Democratic Party endorsed the calls from #MeToo #WeSaidEnough #TimesUp and #YaBasta to serve with integrity and inclusion; however, recent harassment, discrimination, bullying, and abuse allegations by delegates and staff against multiple party officials have rocked the organization to its core, jeopardizing the voters' trust in the progressive agenda that millions of us voted for in 2018; and

WHEREAS, California Democratic Party delegates are demanding policies that eliminate sexual harassment and allow victims to confidentially report their harassment; require transparency, accountability, and mandatory sexual harassment training in all workplaces; and

WHEREAS, we must act decisively to improve trainings, protocols, and power dynamics to assure staff and stakeholders alike that the California Democratic Party insists on equity for all;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the California Democratic Party delegates are raising their voices in unison to say we believe the time has come for training of delegates and the party-staff in the areas of implicit bias and sexual harassment training by third party administrators who will monitor, track complaints, direct independent trauma-informed, victim-centered investigations, and give reports to the Executive Board as permitted by law, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the California Democratic Party calls on the incoming Chair to address dynamics that lead to abuse, using recognized industry methods, to commit to diversity and inclusion, and to exercise shared power through equity in committee assignments reflective of the chair vote results so that California Democrats practice what we preach, stop the harm and start the healing.

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Resolution 19-05.186

Call for A Statewide Moratorium on Charter School Expansion

WHEREAS, local school boards are the best determiners of how local education dollars should be spent to benefit local students, including the appropriate number and type of schools in their district; yet, school boards are prohibited under current law from considering factors such as

fiscal, academic and facilities impact on district students when deciding whether to approve a charter school petition and can be overruled by appeal to county or state authorities; and WHEREAS, in August 2018 Public Advocates searched Local Control Accountability Plans at 70 California schools and evaluated 43 California schools and found charter school engagement, transparency, and accountability profoundly lacking such that it was impossible to determine how charter schools were spending more than two-thirds of \$48.6M of state funds for high need students; and

WHEREAS, research and reports documented differential enrollment practices in charter schools that resulted in their serving disproportionately fewer students with severe disabilities, English Language Learners, and foster care students;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the CA Democratic Party support a statewide moratorium on new charter schools until a comprehensive study is completed by the State of California that explores the fiscal, academic and facilities impact of charter schools on public school districts that serve all students which, in turn, will inform future policy considerations for charter school authorization reform; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the CA Democratic Party support the establishment of research-based requirements to increase charter school accountability to both equitable enrollment practices and transparent financial practices equivalent to those followed by school districts.

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