

**TO: CDP Executive Board**  
**FROM: CDP Rules Committee**  
**Rules Report for November 19, 2016**

- I. Roll Call with 14 members present a quorum was present.
- II. M/S/P Meeting Agenda
- III. M/S/P 2017 Convention Rules and Tentative Agenda

**Rules for the 2017 California Democratic Party Convention**

1. The primary purpose of this biennial Convention is to organize the newly-elected constituted Democratic State Central Committee (This Committee) and elect Statewide Officers and Regional Directors. Matters not heard at the Convention will be received by the Secretary and held over to the next meeting of the Executive Board.
2. The Chair of This Committee shall be the Chair of the Convention and the Secretary of This Committee shall be Secretary of the Convention. In the absence of the Chair of This Committee, the Vice-Chair of This Committee of the self-identified gender other than that of the Chair, shall serve as the Presiding Officer and Chair of the Convention.
3. Delegates to the Convention shall be the members of the Democratic State Central Committee, or their qualified proxies as specified in the Bylaws, whose appointment/election has been transmitted to the State Party no later than February 7, 2017.
4. Seating of the delegates shall be by the Assembly District within Region.
5. No one will be admitted to the Convention floor who is not a delegate, or proxy holder, except by special authorization of the State Chair.
6. Credentialing will be closed as specified by the agenda. In order to vote, and have one's vote counted, at this Convention, a member must be qualified to vote for that specific office per This Committee's Bylaws and have timely:
  - a) paid their dues to This Committee, or had them waived,
  - b) registered for the meeting, if registration was required,
  - c) obtained their credential prior to the close of credentialing, and
  - d) completed and returned to the proper authority any ballot that may be issued.
7. The Credentials Committee shall issue its final report and place the official voting list of delegates in the hands of the Convention Secretary subsequent to the close of registration and prior to the agendaized credentials report.
8. Election of Statewide Officers and Regional Directors.
  - a. All Statewide Officers shall be elected by the entire membership of This Committee. The election of all offices shall take place on Saturday, May 20, 2017. If a Statewide office requires a run-off, that run-off will be held early Sunday, May 21, 2017. Regional Caucuses, comprised of all members of This Committee resident in the respective regions, shall take place on Saturday, May 20, 2017, for the purpose of electing their respective Regional Directors. The ratification of Regional Directors shall take place on Sunday, May 21, 2017. A candidate for any office shall file a notice of intent-to-run for that office with the Secretary of the Party no later than 5:00 PM, May 3, 2017, being the day, which is sixteen (16) days prior to the commencement of credentialing for the Convention. Should the incumbent officeholder fail to file the notice of intent-to-run by

that date, then the filing deadline shall be extended to 5:00 PM, May 10, 2017, being the date which is nine (9) days prior to the opening of credentialing for the office. No withdrawals shall be allowed after that date.

- b. Following the close of nomination for officers, no additional nominations shall be permitted, except for an office for which no person has been nominated prior to the close of nominations or for which all persons nominated have withdrawn.
- c. No vote for any person shall be counted unless the person has been duly nominated for, and has accepted that nomination for the office for which such vote is cast.
- d. In the event only one person is nominated for any office and such person accepts the nomination, the Secretary of the meeting shall be directed to cast a unanimous ballot for such candidate at the time of the election.
- e. In the event no candidate receives a majority on the first ballot, a run-off election (second ballot) shall be held between the two persons receiving the largest number of votes actually cast for all candidates who have been duly nominated for and accepted the nomination for the office involved.
- f. All voting for officers shall be by DNC mandated open ballot process except when there is only one candidate.

9. The Resolutions adopted by the members of This Committee and the Executive Board of the California Democratic Party are expressions of philosophical beliefs and principles that the Party wishes to declare. Any resolution involving a local issue will be referred to the appropriate local Democratic Party entity.

#### RESOLUTION PROCEDURES

- a. Form
  - (1) All resolutions must be typed.
  - (2) Inducement (e.g., Whereas) clauses shall be limited to three (3) or less, and resolve clauses shall be limited to two (2) or less.
  - (3) Resolutions must be no longer than one (1) 8-1/2" x 11" typewritten page.
  - (4) All resolutions must be adopted by a County Central Committee, or a Chartered Democratic Club or sponsored by twenty-five (25) members of This Committee, or a majority of the members of This Committee who meet at a Regional Meeting as described in Article III, Section 4d of the CDP's Bylaws.
  - (5) Resolutions that call for a change in the CDP bylaws or platform, or state the endorsement or support of a candidate for public office or opposition to a candidate who is a registered Democrat, or mandates or restricts the spending of money by the CDP, shall be ruled out of order and will neither be heard by the Resolutions Committee nor be able to reach the floor by way of Section 9(d) below.
- b. Timely Resolutions
  - (1) Resolutions must be received by the State Chair of the Party in Sacramento, by 5 p.m., thirty (30) calendar days prior to a meeting of This Committee, except as provided in subsection (c) below.
  - (2) Copies of resolutions submitted according to the above procedure shall be mailed by the State Chair of the Party to all members of the Resolutions Committee prior to a meeting of This Committee.

- c. Resolutions Committee will present prioritized resolutions in the committee report to the convention body.
  - d. Late/Floor Resolutions
    - (1) Twenty-five (25) copies of each resolution must be provided to the Resolutions Committee by the sponsor(s) of the resolution.
    - (2) All resolutions to be considered at a meeting of This Committee must be presented for consideration at the Resolutions Committee meeting preceding the general session. In order to be considered at the general session, a late resolution must have the unanimous consent of the Resolutions Committee to be considered and all resolutions must be approved by the Resolutions Committee. Any resolution heard by the Resolutions Committee, failing to obtain approval, may be brought to the floor of a meeting of This Committee with the signatures of three hundred (300) members of This Committee on forms approved by the Resolutions Committee.
    - (3) All resolutions to be presented from the floor shall be submitted to the Secretary of the Convention for signature verification by 5:00P.M. on the day before the resolution is presented.
    - (4) The sponsor of a resolution presented from the floor shall be responsible for providing the Secretary of the Convention with sufficient copies of their resolution for each member of This Committee.
  - e. Resolutions pending at the close of a Convention of This Committee shall be referred to the Executive Board of This Committee. All such resolutions shall first be presented to the Resolutions Committee for recommendation to the Executive Board. The Resolutions Committee shall recommend: adoption, adoption with amendment, or rejection. Such resolutions shall be presented to the Executive Board for consideration in its original form unless the sponsor agrees to the amendment(s) recommended by the Resolutions Committee.
10. Requests to hang signs, banners and placards must be submitted before the Convention to the Convention Coordinator. A small fee may be charged per sign. No large signs or large quantities of materials will be allowed in the General Session Hall. The only large quantities of materials or large signs allowed in the hall are those that are official CDP materials or have been pre-approved by the CDP and have already been placed in the hall.
11. In all cases at this convention, proxies vote in districts where the appointing member resides as required by This Committee's Bylaws.

**2017 CDP State Convention  
Tentative Agenda  
May 19 – 21, 2017**

NOTE – the Caucuses will be scheduled, after consultation with the Caucus Chairs. Additionally workshops and other activities will be added to this agenda as presenters and speakers are developed and confirmed.

Friday, May 19, 2017  
1:30PM                      Credentials Committee  
2PM                            Rules Committee

3PM – 830PM            Credentialing / Registration \*  
4:30PM                    Resolutions Committee  
6PM                        Welcome Reception  
10PM                      Hospitality Suites

Saturday, May 20, 2017

9AM – 1PM                Credentialing / Registration \*  
10:00AM – 11:30AM    General Session  
Noon – 1:30PM           Luncheon  
1:30 – 4:00PM            General Session  
4:00 – 7:00PM            Statewide Officer Elections  
5:00 – 7:00PM            Regional Director Elections  
5:00PM                    Resolutions Committee (if necessary)  
6:00PM                    Convention Dinner  
10PM                      Hospitality Suites

Sunday, May 21, 2017

9AM – 10AM              Credentialing / Registration \*  
10AM                      General Session  
                              - Ratification of RD Elections  
                              - Standing Committee reports  
                              - Adoption of resolutions

*\* In order to vote, and have one's vote counted, at this meeting, a member must have timely paid their dues to This Committee (or had them waived), registered for the meeting, obtained their credential prior to the close of credentialing, and completed and returned to the proper authority any ballot that may be issued.*

- IV. M/S/P Filed and received updates from Mariposa, Placer, and Santa Cruz DCCs on approval of Endorsement Procedures of County Bylaws per Art. VIII, Section 4 CDP Bylaws. Mariposa and Santa Cruz have no updates at this time and Placer needs to revise their Bylaws with a provision prohibiting secret ballots.
- V. M/S/P The Rules Committee reviewed the ADEM Bylaw changes, which will be adopted at Sunday's general session and made non-substantive technical changes to the ADEM Procedures. The Rules Committee authorizes the lead Chair of the Rules Committee to make any non-substantive conforming changes to the procedures.
- VI. M/S/P receive and file an update from the Subcommittee on Caucus Guidelines. The Subcommittee sought written testimony from caucus chairs and any interested parties from August 20 to November 11, 2016. Additionally, the subcommittee received testimony at a special subcommittee meeting prior to the Rules Committee. Testimony was received from Mike Thaller, Thom O'Shaughnessy, Carlos Alcala, Shawn Terris, Darren Parker and two others. The subcommittee will continue to meet and report at State Convention.

- VII. M/S/P the recommendation of the Subcommittee Report on Caucus Chair Bylaw Amendments, which voted against a bylaw amendment submitted by Mike Thaller, which would of given specific DSCC status for Caucus Chairs.
- VIII. M/S/P The Rules Committee sustains the challenge of Mr. Oliva regarding the Imperial County Democratic Central Committee (ICDCC). Furthermore, it appears to the Rules Committee that the three alternates have now been properly appointed along with the two elected members and at the earliest opportunity the five properly seated members shall convene and take actions as appropriate to fully constitute the committee. At this time, the CDP does not recognize any particular individual as chair nor does it recognize any ICDCC endorsements rendered in 2016.
- IX. M/S/P The Rules Committees supports the concept of the Bylaw Amendment Proposal on Disclosure/Conflict of Interest submitted by Regional Director Susie Shannon. Testimony was heard from Susie Shannon, Eric C. Bauman, Melissa Demyan, Steven Ruth, Margaret Okuzumi, Beth Caskie, Kimberly Ellis, Vincent Casalaina, and Blake Hooper. The amendment has been referred to a subcommittee with the intention of presenting Bylaw language at the 2017 State Convention. The subcommittee will consist of: Chair Khopkar and members: King, Meredith, Strobridge, and Zakson.
- X. M/S/P Received and filed an update from the Credentials Committee which heard a CRC Appeals in the case of the post-primary endorsement in AD43/SD09. The Credentials Committee delayed any decision indefinitely, but have asked that the Rules Committee examine and clarify the language regarding the deadline for voter eligibility in post-primary endorsements by the 2017 State Convention. As standard practice, the Rules Committee will take testimony on ways to improve the endorsement process starting at the 2017 State Convention.
- XI. M/S/P Adjournment

**Bylaw Amendments for adoption**

On June 19, 2016, The Rules Committee passed the below Bylaw amendments for consideration at the November EBoard.

1) Bylaws Article VI, section 1(a) be amended as follows:

- a. Regular, biennial Assembly District Election Meetings shall be held within each Assembly District in the State:

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- (2) Persons eligible to participate shall be all registered Democrats residing in the Assembly District ~~who were eligible to participate as such in the preceding General Election; provided however, that if a person turned 18, or became a United States citizen by virtue of naturalization, after the last day for registration for said election, execution on the day of the Election Meeting of a legally valid voter registration form showing a residence within the Assembly District shall constitute prima facie evidence of eligibility to~~

participate.

- (3) Persons eligible to be candidates for Assembly District representative or Assembly District Representative to the Executive Board shall be all registered Democrats who were eligible to participate as such in the preceding General Election; provided however, that if a person turned 18, or became a United States citizen by virtue of naturalization, after the last day for registration for said election, execution on or before the end of the filing period referred to in Section 1(i) of the Article of a legally valid voter registration form showing a residence within the Assembly District shall constitute prima facie evidence of eligibility to participate.

[renumber remaining clauses of subsection 1(a).]

- 2) Bylaws Article VI, section 1(i) be amended as follows:

The Rules Committee of This Committee shall promulgate procedures governing the conduct of the Election Meeting, including the election of 14 delegates to This Committee as set forth in Article II, Section 5, and one representative to the Executive Board, as set forth in Article VII, Section 2(c), which Rules shall include, for candidates for delegate and for candidates for Representative to the Executive Board, a filing fee of \$20 (which may be waived due to hardship and such waiver shall be available as an option online and on all written forms), a filing period 30 days prior to the biennial Assembly District Election Meetings and call for the posting of eligible ~~delegate~~ candidate names (to be updated no less than once per week starting with the opening of the filing period) on the Party's website, along with statements by the candidates, with the proviso that such statements ~~that~~ be no longer ~~1200-2400~~ characters and shall not mention the name of any other candidate. Statements shall be published as submitted; no additions, corrections, or other edits shall be made once submitted.

- 3) Bylaws Article VI, section 1(k) be amended as follows:

- (1) An Assembly District Representative to the State Executive Board shall be chosen at each Assembly District Election Meeting from among those persons who will be delegates (resident in the respective Assembly District) to the forthcoming biennial convention of This Committee by virtue of being a member of This Committee pursuant to Article II, Section 2b, 2d, 2e; Article II, Section 3; or Article II, Section 5. In the event that no qualified candidate is elected at an Assembly District Election Meeting, then a caucus of those members of This Committee from the assembly District as described above, shall meet at the next meeting of This Committee to elect an Assembly District Representative to the State Executive Board, who must be qualified under the same criteria as used for direct election at the Assembly District Election Meeting,
- (2) In the event that an Assembly District has not been represented at two successive meetings of the Executive Board, the Representative shall be subject to removal from the board upon notification of the Regional Director in

whose region the Assembly District is contained.

- (3) In the event of a subsequent vacancy of the office of Assembly District Representative to the State Executive Board (either by operation of this subsection k(2) or otherwise), the Regional Director for the applicable Assembly District shall call a public meeting of the members of This Committee resident in the Assembly District, who shall fill the vacancy from among those persons enumerated in paragraph (1) of this subsection k. This meeting shall be called with at least 10 days notice to the members of This Committee resident in the Assembly District. For the purpose of this meeting only, a quorum shall be 5 (five) members of This Committee resident in the Assembly District. Once the vacancy is filled, the person who called the meeting to fill the vacancy shall notify, in writing, the State Chair of the Party of the selection made pursuant to this subdivision.

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9	16-06.36L	Following Scientific Consensus	Tony Hale	Region 16, San Pedro Dem Club
9	16-06.37L	Opposing Use of Sections of IRS Code Against Marijuana Collectives	Lanny Swerdlow	Brownie Mary Democrats of California
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10	16-11.07	CA AG to Investigate Sexual Misconduct of Law Enforcement	Jerilyn Stapleton	Jerilyn Stapleton
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11	16-11.10	Eliminate Implicit Bias Causing Misdiagnosis/Undertreatment Stroke	John Burton	John Burton, AHA/ASA et al
11	16-11.11	California Indian History Curricular Reform	Joely Proudfit	Native American Caucus, et al
	<b>III.</b>	<b>FEDERAL &amp; STATEWIDE ISSUES</b>		
12	16-11.12	Support for the People of Standing Rock Reservation Resolution	Nadine Peyrucain	CDP Region 2
	<b>IV.</b>	<b>LATE RESOLUTIONS - SUBMITTED AFTER 5:00pm 10/19/16</b>		
12	16-11.13L	Celebrating the Life of Legislator and Activist Tom Hayden	J. Burton & M. Escutia	John Burton, Martha Escutia et al.
13	16-11.14L	Resolution to Defend California's Accomplishments	J. Burton	CDP Chairman John Burton, Resolutions Cmte
13	16-11.15L	Oppose Defunding Planned Parenthood or Overturning Roe v. Wade	A. Huguenin	Aleita Huguenin

**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

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**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

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**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

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**RESOLUTION 16-11.07****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

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**RESOLUTION 16-11.08****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

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**RESOLUTION 16-11.09****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

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#### **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 9 in 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

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#### **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 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

Sponsored by Native American Caucus, Chair Andrew Masiel; California Indian Professors Association; California Indian Culture and Sovereignty Center; California Indian Museum and Cultural Center; CTA

Authored by Dr. Joely Proudfit, AD 76; Nicole Myers Lim, AD 2; Dr. Nichola Sandoval, AD 37

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**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 FUTURE 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.

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**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.

Sponsored by California Democratic Party Chairman John L. Burton, Resolutions Committee Chair Martha Escutia, John Hanna, Thomas Aja, Brian Allison, Rachel Binah, Raymond Cordova, Cesar Diaz, Brannin Dorsey, Yahaira Garcia-Perea, Michael Gelfand, Jim Gonzalez, Elvira Harris, Jim Hilfenhaus, Brigitte Hunley, Leslie Katz, Agi Kessler, Daraka Larimore-Hall, Brian Leubitz, Susan McEntire, Mary Rose Ortega, Steve Preminger, Emily Thurber, John Vassiliades, Adrian Vazquez, Celinda Vazquez, Steven K. Alari, Joe Buscaino, Laphonza Butler, Naeemah Charles, Becca Doten, Maria Durazo, Jess Durfee, Mary Ellen Early, Maria Echaveste, Alex Gallardo-Rooker, Eric Garcetti, Alice Germond, Pat Hobbs, Alice Huffman, Aleita Huguenin, Matthew Johnson, Michael Kapp, Andrew Lachman, Mattie McFadden-Lawson, Barbara Lee, Otto Lee, Evan Low, Sandra Lowe, Kerman Maddox, Marcus Mason, Bob Mulholland, Christine Pelosi, Nancy Pelosi, John A. Pérez, Gregory Pettis, Melahat Rafiei, Susie Shannon, Garry Shay, Hilda Solis, Keith Umemoto, Maxine Waters, Laurence Zakson, Eric Bauman, Hilary Crosby

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**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.

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**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

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