

**2017 CALIFORNIA DEMOCRATS CONVENTION  
STATEWIDE OFFICER ELECTION RESULTS**

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**Rules Committee Report**  
**Friday, May 19, 2017**

- I. Roll Call – with 17 members present, a quorum was present.
- II. Introductions – Chair Shay gives brief remarks.
- III. M/S/P Adopt Meeting Agenda
- IV. M/S/P Review and Approval of 2017 Convention Rules and Agenda
- V. Review and Approval of Endorsement Procedures of County Bylaws
  - A. Placer – Approved by Chair Shay, pursuant to authority delegated by the Rules Committee.
- VI. Bylaw Amendments
  - A. M/S/P Gender Amendments by Chair Shay
  - B. Receive and File - Testimony from Evan Minton, LGBT Caucus Northern Chair regarding CDP Forms and Applications
  - C. Receive and refer to Committee as noted below - Proposal to set a term limit for Standing Committee members to no more than two consecutive terms.
  - D. Receive and refer to Committee as noted below - Proposal to change the eligible voters for DNC Member elections from the Executive Board to the entire membership.
- VII. Subcommittee Reports
  - A. M/S/P adopted Caucus Guidelines subcommittee report on Caucus Certification Guidelines with minor amendments from Members King and Zakson.
  - B. M/S/P adopted Conflict of Interest subcommittee report on Disclosure/Conflict of Interest Bylaw Amendments
- VIII. Compliance Review Commission
  - A. M/S/P upheld the CRC Decision relating to Assembly District Meeting in AD64.
  - B. M/S/P upheld the CRC Decision relating to ADEM Candidate Boparai.
  - C. M/S/P receive and file a decision relating to the Assembly District Election Meeting in AD47.
  - D. M/S/P receive and file a decision relating to the Congressional District 34.
  - E. M/S/P received and filed a decision relating to the Imperial County Democratic Central Committee.
- IX. Endorsements
  - A. M/S/P Proposal by CDP Staff to clarify language on voter eligibility in post primary endorsements.
  - B. Receive and refer to Committee as noted below - proposal to waive endorsement fees for candidates in specific circumstances.
  - C. Receive and refer to Committee as noted below - proposal to ensure all candidates that seek the endorsement affirm that they have read the most current version of the CDP Platform.
  - D. Receive and refer to Committee as noted below - proposal that would require all candidates to list all corporate and PAC donors on election materials and campaign websites in order to receive the CDP endorsement.
  - E. Receive and refer to Committee as noted below - proposal which would change the threshold for endorsement and remove automatic endorsements for incumbents.
- X. Assembly District Election Meetings - ADEMS
  - A. Receive and refer to Committee as noted below - proposal to establish a system to verify that participants in an ADEM are registered Democrats.
  - B. Receive and refer to Committee as noted below - proposal to change the timeline when delegates to the state party are selected during organizing years so that delegates cannot be appointed post-ADEMs.
  - C. Receive and refer to Committee as noted below - proposal to change how an Executive Board member is determined when none are elected at the Assembly District Election Meeting.
  - D. Receive and refer to Committee as noted below - proposal to increase the registration period to three hours and provide the ability to request a variance regarding the date, time and location.
  - E. Receive and refer to Committee as noted below - proposal to permit electronic voting, randomize candidate listing, eliminate the registration for ADEM voters, and adding a second ADEM Rep.
- XI. Other Business
  - A. M/S/P Chair Shay appointed three committees and directed them to hold their first meeting by July 1 and report to the Chair in August.
    - a. Assembly District Election Meetings Committee consisting of Chair King, Members Bowler, Khopkar, Gale, and Wingard.
    - b. Endorsements Committee consisting of Chair King, Members Franck-Pantone, Huffman, Choi, and Rafiei.
    - c. Miscellaneous Issues Committee consisting of Chair Shay, Members Zakson, Chiu, Franck-Pantone, and Andrews.
  - B. M/S/P Various minor technical changes to the Bylaws for further clarification.
- XII. M/S/P Adjournment

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|             | <b>IV.</b>    | <b>LATE RESOLUTIONS - SUBMITTED AFTER 5:00pm 4/19/17</b>   |   |  |
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### **RESOLUTION 16-06.35L**

#### **Resolution on Money Bail**

WHEREAS our justice system is built on the premise of equal protection for all but California's money bail system has resulted in two separate justice systems – one for the wealthy and one for everyone else, and money bail doesn't make our communities safer, because release from jail is based on wealth not on risk; and California taxpayers spend \$5 million per day to jail 45,000 people who are awaiting trial, approximately one third of whom are there because they cannot afford to pay bail, yet many could be safely released; and

WHEREAS the median bail amount in California is \$50,000 – five times higher than the national median – while nearly half of survey respondents told the Federal Reserve that they would not be able to pay for an unexpected \$400 expense; and one-third of all felony arrests in California do not result in a conviction, according to the California Department of Justice; and Californians who are struggling to make ends meet experience the most harm, particularly women who take 83% of the responsibility to pay for a loved one's court-related costs; and some Californians who are not guilty feel compelled to plead guilty to crimes they did not commit to get out of jail, which can result in loss of jobs, homes, benefits and even child custody, and other innocent people suffer jail, such as 16-year-old Kalief Browder who spent three years at Rikers Island, most of the time in solitary confinement, because he could not make bail and would not plead guilty because he was innocent and then committed suicide after he was released;

WHEREAS racial inequalities in our criminal justice system are also built into our current bail system and the odds of Black and Latino people being detained before trial – despite bail having been set – are more than twice those for White people; and there are more effective, cost-effective, and fairer ways to protect public safety and ensure people come back to court for trial, including modern risk assessment tools and successful pretrial programs in Santa Clara County, Washington DC and Kentucky; and California's money bail system is not working and taxpayers are footing the bill for a system that favors the wealthy without making communities any safer;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the California Democratic Party opposes the current money bail system, and supports policies that will safely reduce unnecessary detention of people awaiting trial and associated taxpayer costs, and that will better ensure court appearance as required, including the elimination of commercial money bail; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be distributed to all our democratic state legislators and Governor.

Sponsored and authored by John L. Burton and the CDP Resolutions Committee

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### **RESOLUTION 17-05.05**

#### **Opposing Trump's Dangerous Provocations; Supporting Peace, Justice and Equality for Israelis and Palestinians -- And Robust Discourse in California**

WHEREAS for decades some members of both parties and Congress have expressed criticism of Israel's now nearly 50-year occupation of Palestinian lands, while failing to back up that criticism with actual steps to change the status quo and bring about a real peace process; and

WHEREAS the new administration has indicated that it is likely to adopt an even more one-sided policy, threatening to provoke havoc and further instability by moving the U.S. Embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem, and appointing an ambassador (opposed for confirmation by all but two Democratic senators) who is an avid supporter of illegal settlements and opponent of Palestinian statehood; and

WHEREAS empowered by the new administration's policy, the government of Israel has accelerated its construction of illegal settlements in the occupied territories and has adopted new anti-Democratic measures internally, denied entry into the country of representatives of mainstream human rights organizations and passed a law that would bar many visitors with critical views;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the California Democratic Party favors a U.S. policy that would work through the United Nations and other international bodies as well as with Israel and the representatives of the Palestinian people for a just peace based on full equality and security for Israeli Jews and Palestinians alike, human rights and international law, in line with the words of Sen. Bernie Sanders in his 2016 message to AIPAC: "Peace also means security for every Palestinian. It means achieving self-determination, civil rights and economic well-being for the Palestinian people";

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the CDP rejects any effort to restrict or discourage open public discourse on issues surrounding Israel and Palestine; disavows conflation of criticism of a country's policies with hatred of its people; but also opposes anti-Semitic or Islamophobic language brought into the debate and also opposes any attempt to restrict or penalize those who exercise their right to express their views through nonviolent action to effect change.

Authors: David L. Mandel, AD 7; Murad Surama, AD 7; Karen Bernal AD 7

Sponsors: CDP Region 3; Norma Alcalá, AD 7; Gina Barkalow, AD 9; Peter Brogan, AD 9; Alice Chan, AD 10; et al.

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### **RESOLUTION 17-05.15**

## **Supporting the Abolition of the Electoral College and the Election of the President and Vice President of the United States by the National Popular Vote**

WHEREAS the principle of “one person, one vote” is a cornerstone value embraced by the Democratic Party, and the Electoral College, as an institution that weighs the votes of some voters greater than others, skews the focus of presidential candidates to “swing states,” and allows for the election of a candidate who failed to win the national popular vote, as happened most recently in the 2000 and 2016 presidential elections, conflicts with that value as it does not weigh the votes of all Americans equally; and

WHEREAS a constitutional amendment abolishing the Electoral College and establishing that the president and vice president are elected directly by the national popular vote would uphold the principle of “one person, one vote,” and ensure that Californians are not ignored by presidential candidates; and

WHEREAS the National Popular Vote Interstate Compact, which the California Legislature has joined, and which the California Democratic Party supports, would ensure that the Electoral College elects the candidates for president and vice president who won the national popular vote, and is a state-level solution until abolishing the Electoral College becomes feasible at the national level;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the California Democratic Party reaffirms its support for the election of the president and vice president by the national popular vote, and to that end supports abolishing the Electoral College at the national level by means of a constitutional amendment; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the California Democratic Party reaffirms its support for the National Popular Vote Interstate Compact at the state level to achieve the election of the president and vice president by the national popular vote within the Electoral College system until abolishing the Electoral College can be achieved at the national level.

Author: Andres Ramos

Sponsored by Andres Ramos, AD 9; Democratic Party of Sacramento County; Region 3; James Albert, AD 40; Carlos Alcala, AD 7; Norma Alcala, AD 7; Melinda Amato, AD 59; Ric Barreto, AD 8; Linda Bassett, AD 64; Andrew S. Becker, AD 7; et al.

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### **RESOLUTION 17-05.19**

#### **Investigating Russia’s Interference in the 2016 U.S. Presidential Election**

WHEREAS 17 U.S. intelligence agencies have stated with “high confidence” that the Russian government, under the direction of Russian President Vladimir Putin, engaged in a covert operation to influence the 2016 U.S. election, specifically to undermine public trust in the American electoral process and to hurt Secretary Clinton’s chances for election, and/or weaken her ability to govern if elected through the hacking of Democratic National Committee emails, the release of DNC emails to WikiLeaks and the creation of a disinformation pipeline for the dissemination of fake news;

WHEREAS—as has been reported in reliable media sources—Russia has supported the efforts of a conservative, anti-LGBT Californian living in Russia to encourage a destructive and dangerous secession movement for California, a state that leads in advancing and advocating for progressive policies to protect the environment, social justice, and equality; and

WHEREAS Democrats in the House and Senate have vigorously pursued an investigation of the Russian incursions into American democracy, sometimes with the direct opposition of supposed leaders of those investigations;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the California Democratic Party hereby requests our Congressional Representatives to immediately pursue all available paths, including an independent commission, to investigate the Russian intervention in the American democratic process and the status of California’s statehood, while the California Attorney General investigates all potential misconduct that his powers allow;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED this resolution will be communicated to the California Attorney General and to the full Democratic California congressional delegation; Minority leaders Senator Chuck Schumer and Congresswoman Nancy Pelosi; and to the Chair of the California Republican Party.

Authors: David Detchmندی, AD66; Tony Hale, AD66; Jim Gallagher, AD55; Carlos Alcala, Chair, Chicano Latino Caucus, AD7; Noveed Safipour, AD22; Diane Rolfe, AD24

Sponsored by LA County Democratic Party, Region 15, Region 17, Chicano Latino Caucus, Peninsula Democratic Coalition

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### **RESOLUTION 17-05.20**

#### **Calling for the Investigation of Donald J. Trump**

WHEREAS the Emoluments Clause of the Constitution of the United States provides that “no Person holding any Office of Profit or Trust under [the United States], shall, without the Consent of the Congress, accept of any present, Emolument, Office, or Title, of any kind whatever, from any King, Prince, or foreign State;” and

WHEREAS Donald J. Trump, the President of the United States, owns business interests all over the world, the complete breadth of which is not known because the President refuses to release his tax returns; and Donald J. Trump immediately

began violating the Emoluments Clause of the Constitution of the United States from the moment he was sworn in as President of the United States on January 20, 2017; and

WHEREAS our democracy is premised on the fundamental principle that no one is above the law, not even the President of the United States, yet Donald J. Trump's continuing violation of the Constitution undermines the integrity of the Presidency and our democracy in a blatantly corrupt effort to increase the personal wealth of the President and his family:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the California Democratic Party supports vigorous investigation of these charges by the Congress of the United States, including the full use of Congressional subpoena power authority to fully disclose the President's financial dealings, including his tax returns, to the American people, and if it is determined that the President has violated the Constitution of the United States, that Congress will take all necessary actions, including impeachment and removal from office; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be transmitted officially to all members of California's Congressional delegation.

Author: Michael Kapp, DNC Member, AD50

Sponsors: Miracle Mile Democratic Club, Stonewall Democratic Club, 54<sup>th</sup> AD Democratic Club; Ilissa Gold, AD50; et al.

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#### **RESOLUTION 17-05.21**

##### **Resisting the Trump Agenda**

WHEREAS it is clear that President Trump's agenda is to gut and/or end policies and laws such as the social safety net (social security, medicare, the ACA, etc.), privatize and monetize institutions and services (prisons, schools, highways, federal lands, etc.) eliminate protections for our citizens (environmental laws, workers rights, human and minority rights, voters rights, etc.), put forward less progressive policies (tax structures, class actions, consumer protections, etc.), and establish policies that make people less safe and secure (gun control, police reform, consumer protection, immigration reform, etc.); and WHEREAS it has and always will be a guiding principle of Democrats to fight for and to champion these values and institutions while defending any and all efforts to dismantle these hard won rights; that all citizens deserve having a government that is behind them, to protect and serve them, to give them opportunities and to even the playing field no matter one's age, gender, race, religion, wealth or abilities; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the California Democratic Party urges our Senators and Representatives to continue resisting this agenda by exposing President Trump's and the Republican Party's destructive agenda and to not only use their words but their votes to halt these efforts, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be sent to the California Congressional Delegation.

Authors: Agi Kessler, AD56 and Adrienne Burk, AD46

Sponsored by Riverside County Democratic Party and Valley Grassroots for Democracy

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#### **RESOLUTION 17-05.26**

##### **Protecting Federal Budgeting for Arts & Culture**

WHEREAS Donald Trump's proposed 2017 federal budget, currently the template for his administration's 2018 budget, is extremely harmful and destructive. If enacted, it will diminish the public's quality of life, the harmony of our society, government's capacity to serve productively, and the nation's fiscal well-being. Steadfast activism and inspired opposition are necessary on many fronts, and must include stepping forward to protect funding for arts and cultural programming, which has historically faced brutal attacks from the political right and yet is vital to our individual and shared humanity; and

WHEREAS the Trump budget would eliminate four independent cultural agencies — the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA), currently budgeted at \$148 million; the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH), \$148 million; the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS), \$230 million; and the Corporation for Public Broadcasting (CPB), \$445 million — even though those agencies' combined budgets now amount to a minuscule .02% of federal spending (\$3.899 trillion in 2016): by comparison, taxpayers may spend an additional \$700 million annually simply because Melania Trump chooses to live in New York City, not the White House; and

WHEREAS the relatively modest federal funding for arts & cultural programming and services has had a remarkably outsized and positive impact, including the leveraging of other sources of funding, in support of essential educational and cultural efforts that change lives and translate into jobs, economic vitality, cultural vibrancy, historical awareness, enhanced community spirit, respect between people, and empowered individual creativity, thereby touching, heartening and strengthening neighborhoods and communities across California and the USA, while helping this country lead globally in major industries such as entertainment and tourism:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the California Democratic Party urges Congress to oppose the Trump budget whenever and wherever it threatens to slash and devastate crucial human services and governmental endeavors, and that the Congress defend and champion those federal agencies — the NEA, NEH, IMLS and CPB — which now promote, support and enable

invaluable arts and cultural endeavors, serve our creative communities, delight and enchant the public, and boost the human spirit, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED this resolution shall be communicated to all Democratic Members of the Californian Congressional Delegation.

Authors: Paul Michael Neuman, AD43 and LA City Councilmember Mitch O'Farrell, AD51

Sponsors: Christopher Arellano, AD 51; Ron Birnbaum, AD 51; Tom Bliss, AD 51; et al.

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**RESOLUTION 17-05.37**

**In Support of Internet Privacy**

WHEREAS the Republican controlled Congress voted to overturn a yet-to-take-effect regulation that would have required Internet service providers to get consumers' permission before selling their data and the President signed this legislation; and WHEREAS ISPs have access to huge amounts of data on the websites people visit, including sensitive data like medical, financial and other sensitive information, as well as everyday data like emails, videos, and music, which, if sold or disclosed without consent would threaten the privacy of countless Americans and the FCC regulation would have required ISPs to ask permission before selling that information to advertisers and others, a so-called opt-in provision; and

WHEREAS many Americans have very limited options for broadband access and the Center for Democracy and Technology, argued that Congress' actions would "erase basic privacy protections for Americans in favor of the internet service providers' (ISPs) bottom line," calling the regulations "common-sense privacy and security protections for some of their most sensitive personal information"; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the California Democratic Party calls on our California Congressional delegation to opposes efforts to undermine the privacy of the American people and restore privacy protections and practices regarding broadband user data and personally identifiable information.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the California Democratic Party shall communicate this resolution to the California Congressional delegation, and to the FCC Commissioners.

Authors: Brigitte Hunley, AD11 and Leslie Katz, AD15

Sponsored by CDP Region 2; Andrew Lachman, DNC member

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**RESOLUTION 17-05.41**

**A Resolution of the California Democratic Party Regarding the President of the United States and the Emoluments Clause of the United States Constitution**

WHEREAS Article I, Section 9, of the United States Constitution prohibits officers of the government from receiving foreign emoluments of any kind whatever without the consent of Congress; and

WHEREAS the President of the United States continues to receive foreign emoluments in the form of profits from foreign patrons of hotels and golf courses registered as limited liability corporations in the State of California and other states, some of which patrons may have business or other interests before the President or other members of the Executive Branch, and without Congressional consent; and enforcement of this provision is located in the impeachment power of the United States House of Representatives and also in the Quo Warranto prerogative of the California Attorney General and the jurisdictions of local district attorneys over registered corporations and other business entities to ensure they refrain from exercise of unlawful behavior as specified in the California Code of Civil Procedure, Sections 803 and 811; and

WHEREAS on May 9, 2017, Trump fired the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, James Comey and, on the date of his firing, Director Comey was leading one or more investigations that might have incriminated President Trump and/or his close associates, and regardless of the ultimate outcome of those criminal investigations, President Trump interfered with them by firing Director Comey;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the California Democratic Party calls on Democratic and other members of California's delegation to the United States Congress to introduce Articles of Impeachment against the President of the United States in the House of Representatives and calls on the California Attorney General and relevant local District Attorneys to initiate and execute Quo Warranto proceedings against the President's corporations registered in California and continuing to receive foreign patronage that results in pecuniary benefit to the President; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be sent to all Democratic and other members of California's delegation to the United States Congress, the Governor of California, the Attorney General of California, and the Executives and District Attorneys in all California jurisdictions in which corporations and other entities owned by the President of the United States reside.

Author: Ron Birnbaum

Sponsors: Ron Birnbaum, AD51 David Lara, AD 51; Mishna Hernandez, AD51; Lori Gunnell, AD 41; et al.

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**RESOLUTION 17-05.60**

**Resolution Honoring John Burton**

WHEREAS California Democratic Party Chair John Burton has united and organized our party to help secure unprecedented electoral victories for Democrats, including winning every statewide constitutional office from Governor on down, two United States Senate Seats, 21 Congressional seats, and two-thirds of the California Legislature and in his eight years as Chair of the Party he brought Democrats together, empowered activists to stick to their progressive core beliefs, and always fought for the powerless, the poor and the most vulnerable while running unprecedented organizing and field programs throughout the state; and

WHEREAS John Burton's leadership for the California Democratic Party has resulted in a top-to-bottom organizational overhaul including expanding training opportunities and activist resources, broadening communications impact and expanding social/online communications, running capacity-building programs during non-election years, overhauling Party finances and streamlining operations and expanding grassroots donors;

WHEREAS John Burton's liberal vision has enabled other California Democrats to be established as leaders themselves in the fight for our core progressive values of truth, civility and perseverance, while making bold strides forward on the issues that matter to California and to the nation at a time when basic human rights like living wages, health care and women's rights are under assault in our country;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the California Democratic Party proudly honors John L. Burton for his lifetime of service, leadership and accomplishments, as his vision and direction have resulted in the overwhelming success of California Democrats and giving a voice to the voiceless.

Sponsored by the Resolutions Committee

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**RESOLUTION 17-05.63**

**Promote a Healthy California through Single Payer Healthcare**

WHEREAS the 2016 California Democratic Party platform states, "California Democrats believe that healthcare is a human right not a privilege. We recognize the health and well-being of Californians cannot continue to be based on arbitrary private and public financial decisions and therefore advocates legislation to create and implement a publicly funded (single-payer), privately delivered, fiscally tractable, comprehensive, secure, high-quality, efficient, and sustainable health care system for all Californians" and the California Democratic Party has been on record for over a decade in support of a single payer system to guarantee universal healthcare for all in California; and

WHEREAS now is the time that Democrats locally and nationally need to unite behind a vision of universal healthcare that provides access and services to all, regardless of income or citizenship status, given that 81% of Democrats nationally support a Medicare for All-like system and studies have shown billions will be saved by moving to such a system with the last study showing it would save \$344 billion in healthcare costs nationally over 10 years with \$44 billion saved in California alone; and WHEREAS we must move quickly to protect, improve upon, and expand the healthcare gains made under the Affordable Care Act, which are now under attack by President Trump and Congressional Republicans, as California could lose \$20 billion in federal funds, negatively impacting the state budget and essential public health services like our public hospitals and publicly funded non-profit neighborhood clinics, which have had a long-term commitment of providing quality and culturally competent healthcare and emergency room access to vulnerable and poor communities;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the California Democratic Party supports efforts to create a Medicare for All-like single payer program in California that would provide comprehensive, secure, and quality healthcare for all, including undocumented immigrants, and that essential to a strong single payer system is a vibrant public health system including our public hospitals, mental health services, and clinics, and a workforce that is protected and afforded opportunities throughout the transition; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the California Democratic Party will transmit this resolution to the California Democratic Party, Democrats in the California Congressional delegation, and to all Democratic members of the California legislature.

Authors: Alysabeth Alexander, AD17; Peter Gallotta, AD17; Khin Khin Gyi, AD54; Andrew S. Becker, AD7; Derek Casady, AD78; Nancy Casady, AD78

Sponsors: CDP Regions 3, 15 and 17, Democratic Party of Sacramento County; Andres Ramos, AD 9; et al.

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**RESOLUTION 17-05.66**

**Leveling the Playing Field for all California Hospitals and Health Care Consumers by Rejecting Anti Competition Practices of Sutter Health**

WHEREAS California has seen a surge in provider consolidation under Sutter Health, who has acquired competitors, outpatient facilities, and physician practices under the promise of lower cost and efficiency, but instead consumers have

experienced prices at Sutter Health increasing 43 percent faster than at other hospitals because of their market power, costing on average \$4,000 more per admission to seek the same services than at all other California hospitals; and WHEREAS Sutter Health has used their market power to become even more dominant and prevent consumers from challenging their impacts through “All or nothing” clauses requiring payers to take all hospitals in a system or none, frequently by requiring payers to pay significantly more than the law provides to those hospitals that are excluded—making it impossible to provide an adequate network for consumers without agreeing to Sutter Health’s excessive rates where lower cost competitors may exist; and

WHEREAS by tying hospitals together, dominant providers like Sutter Health are able to achieve market power over prices beyond any local market advantages, and then use “gag clauses” to prevent employer groups from sharing pricing data that could encourage more cost-effective care for their employees;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the California Democratic Party supports reforms on behalf of consumers and health care providers to remedy the unfair exercise of Sutter Health market power which has resulted in reduced competition, increased prices, and less affordable access to coverage and premiums for health insurance are about 25% higher in Northern California, on average, than in the southern part of the state; and

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that the California Democratic Party supports reforms that would prohibit any contract between a hospital and a health care service plan from engaging in anti-competitive practices by setting payment rates or other terms for affiliates of the hospitals not included in the agreement, requiring the health plan to contract with all affiliates of the hospital, forcing employers to attest that they are bound by the terms of the contract between the hospital and the health plan, mandating that a health care service plan submit to binding arbitration for antitrust claims as a condition of contracting, or requiring that the health plan provide coverage to its enrollees at the same level of copayment, coinsurance or deductible at affiliated hospitals.

Sponsored by California Labor Federation; Northern California Carpenters Regional Council; United Food and Commercial Workers; Controller Hilary Crosby; CDP Region 2 Director Craig Cheslog; CDP Region 3; CDP Region 5; et al.

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**RESOLUTION 17-05.81**

**Expressing the Support of the California Democratic Party in Protecting Renters from No-Fault Evictions and Illegal or Excessive Rent Increases and Support Rent Stabilization**

WHEREAS rent control has provided seniors, the disabled and low income tenants with stabilized housing and maintained the integrity of neighborhoods and communities throughout California; and

WHEREAS evictions due to rent de-control and the sale of buildings subject to rent control have led to hundreds of thousands of tenants being displaced under Ellis Act and Costa Hawkins evictions, with over 22,000 units lost due to Ellis Act evictions in Los Angeles alone since 2001, 5,300 units lost due to Ellis Act evictions in San Francisco since 2001, and increasing the number of homeless in California neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS the California Democratic Party recognizes in its platform that shelter (including affordable housing) are among the basic human rights of all individuals;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Democratic Party affirm its commitment to prevent homelessness and protect renters by opposing no-fault evictions and illegal or excessive rent increases and support rent stabilization; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to each member of the Democratic delegation in the CA State Legislature.

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**RESOLUTION 17-05.82**

**Expressing the Support of the California Democratic Party for Restoring Affordable Housing Funding in the State Budget**

WHEREAS the State of California has been receiving over 5 billion dollars in Federal low income housing assistance annually, but could lose a significant portion because the Trump administration is proposing deep cuts in housing assistance, including for Section 8 vouchers, public housing maintenance and operations, low income tax credits, HOME and Community Development Block Grants as well as many other crucial services and programs funding affordable housing; and

WHEREAS California’s own state level affordable housing funding has declined 66.5% since 2008 in the amount of over 1.7 billion dollars annually, including a loss of over a billion dollars annually in redevelopment funding alone; and

WHEREAS California now has the highest poverty rate in the country based on the Supplemental Poverty Measure, due almost entirely to the high cost of housing; and California has a growing crisis of homelessness in both rural and urban parts of the state;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the California Democratic Party fight to restore lost affordable housing funding, and actually increase this funding in the state budget in the face of impending cuts to help pay for and maintain affordable housing that is desperately needed across the state;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be sent to each member of the Democratic delegation in the CA State Legislature.

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#### **RESOLUTION 17-05.86**

##### **Kids Not Profits**

WHEREAS working Californians support the work of a coalition of education, civil rights, and community organizations working to ensure all charter schools are held to the same standards of accountability and transparency as traditional public schools and that they admit all children, while a group of increasingly politically involved billionaires are putting their own interests ahead of students and funding like-minded candidates who back privately managed public charter schools that receive billions in California taxpayer dollars every year, with far less accountability and oversight than traditional public schools; and WHEREAS all students should have equal access to all charter schools, and current discriminatory practices at many privately managed corporate charters including cherry picking the students they want and turning away students that need extra help, such as special education students, English learners or students with lower academic performance; and

WHEREAS all charter schools should be held to the same standards of accountability and transparency as traditional neighborhood public schools, and so charter schools should disclose how they spend taxpayer dollars, including budgets and contracts, charter school board members and their families should be prohibited from profiting from their schools, and charter schools should be required to comply with California's open meetings, open records and conflict of interest laws, just like all other public schools; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the California Democratic Party believes that public education should be about kids, not profits, and instead of subsidizing corporate charter schools run by for-profit companies with taxpayer dollars, we should be using that money to strengthen our local neighborhood public schools for all California children.

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#### **RESOLUTION 17-05.108**

##### **Resolution for a State Boycott of Koch Products**

WHEREAS an extreme right-wing movement funded by a coalition of billionaires led by the Koch brothers has been working with great success for years to undermine a progressive society, reverse decades of liberal protections and benefits won for the American people by the Democratic party, elect candidates to take over state governorships and legislatures which then have enacted anti-labor legislation and other right-wing measures, including those designed to make voting difficult, has been brilliantly documented by Jane Mayer in her book "Dark Money"; and

WHEREAS Koch brothers funding for this assault--which includes establishment of so-called "think tanks" in the nation's Capitol as well as on more than 300 college and university campuses with mandates to spread right-wing propaganda--comes from profits derived from markets they dominant, like paper products; and,

WHEREAS California's state government, its agencies and departments as well as its many counties and municipalities must be purchasers of paper products of all kinds, many of which may be Koch products, thereby contributing to the Koch's ability to carry on its pernicious campaign;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the CDP urges government of the State of California, its agencies and departments, and California's county and municipal subdivisions to immediately seek alternative sources of paper products and where feasible boycott Koch products;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that California citizens be alerted to personal apps such as "Buycott" and others to help determine if a product is made by Koch Industries; to help in the effort to weaken the Koch brothers malevolent campaign to achieve far-right dominance of US politics and society.

Author: John Burton

Sponsored by CDP Chair John Burton and 24 DSCC members

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#### **RESOLUTION 17-05.120L**

##### **Resolution Opposing Trump Plan for California Offshore Drilling**

WHEREAS on April 28, 2017, the Trump administration proposed to open up the Pacific Ocean to new offshore oil drilling for the first time since 1984; and

WHEREAS offshore oil drilling represents a significant threat to the people of California, the iconic California coastline, the extensive recreational, commercial fishing, and other industries dependent upon a clean coast, and California's vast array of marine life, and in fact the California Democratic Party's platform has long opposed offshore oil drilling; and  
WHEREAS four-fifths of the world's fossil fuel reserves must remain unburned if the world is to have any hope of staving off global warming, while opening up the California coastline to fossil fuel extraction will exacerbate climate change;  
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the California Democratic Party demands that California's executive and legislative branches of government take all legal steps within their powers to protect California's waters and coastline from any new offshore oil drilling.

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#### **RESOLUTION 17-05.54**

#### **In Support of Abolishing the Doctrines of "Corporate Constitutional Rights" and "Money Equals Political Speech"**

WHEREAS the California Democratic Party has committed to working to overturn, by Constitutional Amendment if necessary, the decision in *Citizens United v. Federal Elections Commission* that allows corporations to give unlimited amounts of money to political campaigns, and to clarify that corporations are not persons and constitutional rights are for natural persons only, and to end the doctrine that money is speech; and

WHEREAS in the November 2016 election, the majority of California voters have instructed California's elected officials to use all their constitutional authority, including, but not limited to, proposing and ratifying one or more amendments to the United States Constitution to make clear that corporations should not have the same constitutional rights as human beings and to allow the full regulation or limitation of campaign contributions and spending, to ensure that all citizens, regardless of wealth, may express their views to one another; and

WHEREAS corporations are not mentioned in the U.S. Constitution, and The People have never granted constitutional rights to corporations, nor have We decreed that corporations have authority that exceeds the authority of We The People of the United States, and;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the California Democratic Party encourages candidates to support an amendment that addresses both of these doctrines, and we hereby call on our delegates to join the hundreds of thousands of citizens, grassroots organizations and local governments across the country in the Move to Amend campaign to support an Amendment to the U.S. Constitution making clear that (1) corporations do not possess the inherent and inalienable rights of People; and (2) that the raising and spending of money in elections can be regulated; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the California Democratic Party calls on other organizations, communities, and jurisdictions to join with us in this action by passing similar resolutions, and that a copy of this resolution will be sent to the California Congressional delegation, state elected officials, the Governor and all constitutional officers.

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