

RESOLUTION 19-08.53L

Urge the immediate ban of military assault weapons

WHEREAS, the violence and death toll in the communities of El Paso, Texas and Dayton, Ohio have accentuated the urgent and immediate problem of the use of military assault weapons; and
WHEREAS, mass killings have been perpetrated throughout 2019 utilizing military assault weapons or easily modified weapons to be fully automatic; and
WHEREAS, the United States has had an assault rifle ban in the past, which was not renewed, and has banned machine guns for many decades;
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the California Democratic Party supports immediate action, in all aspects of government regulation, to ban all military assault weapons and those rifles that can be modified to shoot fully automatic.

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RESOLUTION 19-08.57L

Resolution Denouncing Travel Ban on Members of Congress.

Whereas the Israeli government has historically permitted all Members of the U.S. Congress to visit Israel, even if they are openly critical of the Israeli government and its policies or have supported the Boycott Divestment and Sanctions Movement, which advocates for policies that would lead to the destruction of Israel; and
Whereas, despite plans by the Israel government to permit Congresswoman Rashida Tlaib's planned trip in 2019 to the Palestinian Territories, a sudden public relations push from President Trump pressured the Israeli government into reversing its position in order to accommodate President Trump's domestic electoral strategy that involves stoking Islamophobia and urging foreign nations to punish his political opponents.
Therefore Be It Resolved, that the California Democratic Party condemns President Trump for injecting his personal political agenda into foreign policy and pressuring the Israeli government to bar entry to U.S. Congresswomen Rashida Tlaib and Ilhan Omar and encourages Israel to return to its policies of allowing all members of Congress to travel to Israel and the Palestinian Territories; and
Be It Further Resolved, that the California Democratic Party rejects statements by President Trump targeting Congresswomen Rashida Tlaib and Ilhan Omar and reaffirms its commitment to supporting the First Amendment right to Freedom of Speech, balanced by well-established judicial boundaries restricting hate speech and violence.

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RESOLUTION 20-03.33

Congress Recognizes Armenian Genocide

WHEREAS, between 1915 and 1923 the Armenian Genocide took place, with incalculable horror, terror and death being perpetrated, including the systematic mass extermination and expulsion of ethnic Armenians within the Ottoman Empire — an estimated 1,500,000 Armenians killed — and ever since, families of victims and survivors have suffered further torment because of Armenian Genocide deniers whose indifference, political expediency, moral relativism, and hostility have deterred healing; and
WHEREAS, because it will always be urgent that we "never forget" genocide and its victims, there has been a century of extraordinary effort by the Armenian community and its organizations, leaders, countless humanitarian groups, clergy, educators, historians, the Democratic Party and myriad political activists, all leading a crucial campaign to have those grim events of 1915-1923 be recognized by their true name - the Armenian Genocide, and
WHEREAS, the U.S. House of Representatives passed a resolution in October 2019 designating those mass killings of Armenians to have been a genocide, and two months later, the U.S. Senate further affirmed that fact through its unanimous consent — still the Trump remains a holdout in acknowledging this atrocity,
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the California Democratic Party reaffirms its acknowledgment of the Armenian Genocide and supports the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives for officially designating that what transpired within the Ottoman Empire a hundred years ago is properly to be known as a

genocide, and furthermore urges the Trump administration to cease being fearful but instead be truthful, by formally designating that cataclysmically deadly tragedy for what it was — "the Armenian Genocide"; BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the authors will send copies of this resolution to California's Democratic Congressional delegation, and to the White House.

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RESOLUTION 20-03.35

In Support of Congressional initiatives to Prevent the President's Use of Military Force against Iran

Whereas, the Trump Administration unilaterally withdrew the United States from the agreement that President Obama reached with Iran limiting the development and spread of nuclear weapons, has continued to escalate tensions with Iran leading to the attack that specifically targeted a senior Iranian military officer and threatened war with Iran, and has attempted to justify this action by citing the Authorization for Use of Military Force (AUMF); and

Whereas, Congressional Democrats have condemned the Trump Administration for planning and executing this attack without any consultation with the House of Representatives or the Senate; the House, in order to prevent the Administration from taking further unilateral steps towards war, has passed several bills, including a War Resolutions Act stating that Congress has not authorized the President to use military force against Iran, a repeal of the AUMF, and a bill blocking federal funding for unilateral military action against Iran; the Senate will be considering similar measures; and the California Democratic Party passed a resolution in 2019, calling for the repeal of the AUMF, a Congressional act that has been abused by this and previous Administrations to justify military actions without seeking the consent of Congress; and

Whereas, this attack has been condemned by our allies around the world, has dramatically increased tensions with Iran and the surrounding region, has raised serious questions about the President's motivations following his impeachment, and has invited almost universal scorn from the foreign policy community as a dangerous, and potentially illegal, act of aggression likely to cause a costly and bloody war;

Therefore Be It Resolved, that the California Democratic Party opposes President Trump's unilateral military actions that have brought the United States closer to war with Iran, applauds the actions of the House in passing bills to repeal the AUMF and restrain the Administration's use of military force against Iran without Congressional approval, and urges the Senate to support similar legislation;

Be It Further Resolved, that the California Democratic Party urges all Democratic Party bodies, all California Democratic elected officials, and all local government bodies in California to support Congressional initiatives to restrain the Trump Administrations from provoking war with Iran and to assert the constitutional primacy of Congress, not the President, in deciding on use of military force.

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Resolution 20-06.05

Encourage Joe Biden to Support Ending Cannabis Prohibition

Whereas Joe Biden, the presumptive nominee for the Democratic nomination for President, opposes cannabis legalization although it is now legal in 11 states for adults over the age of 21, and legal for medical use in 33 states and his opposition is at odds with the California Democratic Party and with the

majority of Americans, Democrat, Republican and Independent, who overwhelmingly support cannabis legalization and

Whereas almost all other Democratic Presidential candidates supported cannabis legalization because cannabis prohibition laws are racially enforced, result in college students losing their college grants and scholarships, cause low-income people to be evicted from federally subsidized housing, and allows criminals, rather than legally licensed businesses, to control and profit from its cultivation and distribution denying significant tax revenues to state and local governments, and these concerns are critically important especially for young voters whose votes in the November 2020 elections are crucial, especially in swing states, not just for President but down-ticket races as well and who may withhold their vote or vote for 3rd party candidates who are more supportive of cannabis legalization and

Whereas cannabis has a 5,000 year recorded history of safe and effective use by humanity for medical, social and spiritual uses making it one of the most studied plants on Earth [with over 20,000 scientific studies](#) about its active compounds and therapeutic uses for treating pain, cancer, depression, and many other ailments as well as an effective and safer alternative for the social and celebratory uses of alcohol which causes violence, broken homes, and over 80,000 deaths every year with the Center for Disease Control estimating alcohol use to have an annual economic cost of almost \$250 billion and research studies have shown that alcohol use could be significantly decreased if cannabis is available safely, reliably, locally and affordably,

Therefore be it resolved that the California Democratic Party supports the removal of cannabis from the Schedule of Controlled Substances thereby ending federal cannabis prohibition.

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Resolution 20-06.20

CONDEMNING ANTI-SEMITISM AND MISINFORMATION OF “DEADLY EXCHANGE”

WHEREAS, antisemitism through history blames Jews for contemporary problems, ascribing to them whatever it is that a given civilization defines as its most loathsome qualities; for example, the "blood libel" of pre-Holocaust Christianity, the "race-polluter" of Nazism, the "Zionists" of the USSR, or recently blaming Israel for ISIS and COVID-19, and

WHEREAS, rather than focus on the root causes of police brutality and systemic racism in American law enforcement, some have deliberately tried to conflate police brutality with policies on Israel and Palestine by falsely claiming that Israeli police train American police officers on violent restraint tactics to use against people of color, labeling it a "Deadly Exchange", when in fact the Homeland Security program exclusively focuses on how to respond to terrorist attacks and mass shootings, and is one of over 25 such exchange programs with U.S. and European, Latin American and Asian police forces from China and Brazil to Finland and the Netherlands, yet this "campaign" is concerned only with Israel; and WHEREAS, while the effects of U.S. police militarization are dehumanizing, the U.S.-Israel Homeland Security program has a specific focus on anti-terrorist training where participants learn how Israeli law enforcement disrupts, and responds to terrorist attacks, explores the ideology of suicide bombers, mass shooters, and other attackers, and teaches best practices to de-escalate an ongoing incident--training which is clearly distinguishable from police militarization or arrest mechanics--and these trips are only for senior officers, not patrol officers on the street; and despite false allegations made following the murder of George Floyd by Minneapolis police, while many countries, including Canada and France and many U.S. municipal police forces use the dangerous knee-to-neck technique, Israel has never taught arrest mechanics or restraints in its training programs with senior law enforcement officers from other countries as confirmed by Minneapolis Police which stated that it authorized the technique years before any Israeli contacts.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the California Democratic Party condemns all forms of antisemitism, including the false allegations around the Homeland Security Program; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the California Democratic Party affirms its commitment to, and encourages others to focus on solutions that genuinely and fundamentally restructure public safety so as to end the scourge of police brutality, transforming racist oppressive institutions that disproportionately harm people of color, and effectively combating white supremacy.

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RESOLUTION 19-08.54L

Decriminalization of Sex Work

Whereas, criminalization of prostitution creates exploitative and unsafe work conditions, and

Whereas, arrests made by police and District Attorneys bringing prostitution charges, are primarily against people of color, youth, homeless, LGBTQ and sex trafficking victims,

Therefore Be It Resolved, that the California Democratic Party supports policies to expand rights for people involved in sex work with access and equal protection under the law, and

Therefore Be It Resolved, that the California Democratic Party supports the complete decriminalization of prostitution.

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RESOLUTION 20-03.52

Expressing the California Democratic Party's Condemnation of Attacks on Organized Labor in the Cannabis Workforce

WHEREAS California voters supported Proposition 64 in 2016 to legalize California's cannabis industry and promote worker, consumer and public safety through labor peace agreements, a specific requirement that cannabis license applicants with 20 or more employees must agree not to deter workers from forming a union and provide the union access to meet with their employees to discuss the right to representation, ensuring the companies operating in the industry are good citizens to their communities, their workers and the state; and

WHEREAS cannabis workers' ability to organize with bona fide labor organizations is crucial to meeting voters' intent for a safe regulated industry since the protections workers gain through organizing allows them to blow the whistle on unsafe products or companies that compromise consumer and public safety; and

WHEREAS in documents recently made public, the California Cannabis Industry Association is violating voters mandate for workers' rights in the industry, providing a step-by-step guide for employers to undermine workers' rights to organize their unions; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the California Democratic Party condemns attacks on organized labor in the cannabis workforce and California's promise to voters and supports a cannabis market that lifts up workers and cannabis companies that partner with bona fide labor union organizations;

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

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RESOLUTION 20-03.55

Banning Private Prison Companies

Whereas, the Private Prison industry in the United States is a multi-billion dollar industry involving about 400 companies and said companies make campaign contributions to elected officials and PACs, including Democrats that have denounced private prisons and the Trump immigration policies and
Whereas, Private Prison corporations enter into contracts with municipalities, state and federal governments with guarantees they will receive a minimum "supply" of human prisoners; and for profit prisons are not subject to the same oversight as government run jails and prisons are, and meet profit goals through negligence towards prisoners and maintaining substandard living conditions; and
Whereas, the Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) agency alone spends more than 2 billion dollars a year on immigrant detention through private jails; and there is evidence that the Trump Administration's unjust, demeaning, and inhuman immigration policies, as well as previous unjust laws like Arizona's "papers please" law are driven in part by the profit motive of its Private Prison donors;
Therefore be it resolved that the California Democratic Party supports the abolition of private, for-profit-prisons in the United States.

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RESOLUTION 20-03.61

PHASE-OUT REFINERY USE OF MHF TO PROTECT PUBLIC IN LIGHT OF SCAQMD FAILURE

WHEREAS, the Southern California Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) is charged with regulating emissions, including toxic emissions, from stationary sources located within Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside and San Bernardino Counties; and at its meeting of September 6, 2019 the SCAQMD passed a hasty and ill-conceived motion to allow the only two California refineries that use and store huge amounts of the dangerous toxin modified hydrofluoric acid (MHF) to essentially self-regulate their usage of this chemical; and

WHEREAS, the two refineries using MHF to process high octane gasoline are located within ten miles of each other in the densely populated areas (600,000 residents) of Torrance and Wilmington; and if accidentally released MHF in one settler tank could form a ground hugging dense vapor cloud capable of killing in the first eight miles and causing life-threatening bodily injuries up to sixteen miles; and

WHEREAS, proven safer alternatives such as sulfuric acid and ionic liquid catalyst are in use at refineries across the nation and at all other California refineries, and with proper planning no jobs need be lost in executing an alkalization rebuild at refineries where workers are at risk of serious injury or death from MHF;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVE, that the California Democratic Party condemns the failure of the SCAQMD that left hundreds of thousands of residents vulnerable to exposure to HF/MHF and calls for a transition to a safer alkylation method as soon as possible; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the authors shall transmit this condemnation to Speaker of the Assembly Anthony Rendon, President Pro Tem of the Senate Toni Atkins, Mayor of Los Angeles Eric Garcetti whose appointees voted to abandon their duty to regulate HF/MHF, and to Governor Gavin Newsom who will be appointing a SCAQMD board member in the near future.

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RESOLUTION 20-03.68

Resolution Supporting Equitable Funding for Transit Expansion

WHEREAS, California is in need of major transit expansion to reduce traffic and pollution, such as additional subway tubes, new rail lines, bus lanes, and bike lanes, and

WHEREAS, sales taxes, tolls, and fare increases have been frequently used for transportation funding, but are regressive, with low-income residents paying a higher percentage of their income than high-income residents, and also impacting small retail businesses, and

WHEREAS, other funding options, such as payroll taxes on large corporations or parcel taxes on large commercial buildings, offer alternative funding sources for transportation that are more closely linked to the source of transportation demand,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the California Democratic Party supports investment in California's transit infrastructure with funding from sources other than sales taxes, toll increases, or fare increases, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that community-led organizations working on equity and empowerment be part of the process in the drafting of regional ballot measures for transit funding.

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Resolution 20-06.43

Resolution to Support a Green Economic Recovery via California's Task Force on Business and Economic Recovery

WHEREAS, Governor Gavin Newsom has named former presidential candidate and Green New Deal Activist Tom Steyer as Co-Chair of the State of California's Task Force on Business and Economic Recovery; and

WHEREAS, the Task Force draws from various economic, government and labor sectors that will work to develop actions government and businesses can take to help Californians recover as fast as safely possible from the COVID-19 induced recession and to shape a fair, green, and prosperous future; and

WHEREAS, some business interests seem alarmed at Steyer's appointment and appear to be advocating that the Task Force takes a strict carbon-based economy business line on economic recovery initiatives.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the California Democratic Party wholly embraces social justice and equity and California's Green New Deal should reflect these values;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the California Democratic Party supports accessible, transparent processes with extensive public input and the Task Force should respond by ensuring full transparency and wide participation.

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RESOLUTION 19-08.51L

Collective Bargaining for Political Staff

Whereas, The California Democratic Party stands firmly for the right to collective bargaining for all workers and has stood on the side of unionizing employees in government, home healthcare, graduate instruction and other unorganized sectors and;

Whereas, thousands of unorganized and unrepresented employees in California work in the political sphere, whether directly for the CDP, for our endorsed campaigns or for the State Legislature and other political entities, facing all of the challenges that come with lack of a voice on the job, including insecure

employment, workweeks longer than 40 hours with nights and weekends, pay as low as \$3,000 a month, unreliable health coverage, harassment, discrimination, and selective discipline and;

Whereas, there is a growing movement among employees in the political sector to collectively bargain with their employer both on the campaign and legislative side, which includes the formation and growth of the Campaign Workers Guild since 2017 and a recent push by New York City Council Staff to organize their own independent association;

Therefore, be it resolved that the California Democratic Party supports political, legislative and political-culture reforms to make it easier for political and legislative staff to organize and bargain collectively; and

Be it further resolved that the California Democratic Party supports modeling responsible employment practices with its own staff and those of major campaigns working in coordination with the Party, and also supports mobilizing activist energy to extend and protect bargaining rights for all political workers.

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RESOLUTION 20-03.14

A Resolution Opposing Military Action Against Iran

on the Morning of Friday, January 3, 2020, the United States military, by order of the President of the United States, assassinated a high ranking official of the country of Iran this action has been condemned by our allies around the world, has dramatically increased tensions with Iran and the surrounding region, has raised serious questions about the President's motivations following his impeachment, and has invited almost universal scorn from the foreign policy community as a dangerous, and potentially illegal, act of aggression likely to cause a costly and bloody war; and in order to prevent further unjustified military action likely to draw American into a war with Iran that the public does not support, Democratic members of Congress have taken the following actions: Sen. Tim Kaine has submitted a resolution under the War Powers Act to block further military action against Iran; and Sen. Bernie Sander and Rep. Ro Khanna has submitted bills to block appropriations of funds to support any further military action against Iran

that the Santa Clara County Democratic Party opposes the use of military force against the country and people of Iran, supports the Congressional actions to prevent such conflict currently authored by Tim Kaine, Bernie Sanders, Ro Khanna, and other Members of Congress, and strongly supports further action as necessary to prevent military action against Iran; and

that the Santa Clara County Democratic Party will inform our congressional delegation of our position and encourage them to support the Kaine, Sanders, and Khanna resolutions, and any other actions as may arise to prevent military action against Iran, and encourages the State and National Democratic Parties to take a similar position opposing military action in Iran

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RESOLUTION 20-03.15

Affirming CDP's commitment to human dignity and restoring aid to Gaza and the West Bank

WHEREAS, historically the United States has joined other nations in funding health care, educational and other civil infrastructure in the Israeli-occupied Palestinian territories of the West Bank and Gaza, but in 2018, the Trump administration cut \$25 million in planned aid to the privately-run East Jerusalem Hospital Network, eliminating its \$300 million contribution to the UN Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA), which provides nutrition, schools and health clinics for Palestinian refugees, and slashed more than \$200 million for humanitarian and development aid in the West Bank and Gaza; and

WHEREAS, the ongoing blockade of Gaza has significantly contributed to severe damage to infrastructure, with wastewater treatment plants lacking capacity, causing severe water pollution, with Palestinians having access to only a few hours of electricity a day, with poverty at 53 percent, food insecurity at 68

percent and a palpable loss of hope and rising desperation among the population, it is imperative that the United States resume life-sustaining humanitarian support; and

WHEREAS, militias running Gaza have misappropriated aid and UNWRA facilities for military operations against Israel or stolen aid through corruption,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the California Democratic Party urges Congress and the administration to reinstate funding for UNRWA, hospitals and civilian infrastructure in accordance with the UN's Core Humanitarian Standard on Quality and Accountability and other sound governance principles to restore quality of life for Palestinians while stopping the diversion, misuse and misappropriation of aid by militias on the ground, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the California Democratic Party urges Congress and the administration to request that Israel, Egypt and the Palestinian Authority work together to restore humanitarian resources going into the Gaza Strip, implement immediate international involvement to restore a semblance of normal life for the area's 2 million Palestinians and encourage collaboration of the Israeli Government, Palestinian Authority and Hamas to advance a mutually negotiated political peace settlement between Palestinians and Israelis that provides security, ends hostilities, and observes agreements.

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RESOLUTION 20-03.17

Affirming Support for Negotiations between Israelis and Palestinians, Towards Achieving a Two State Solution

WHEREAS the Trump administration's Peace to Prosperity plan for Israel and Palestine fails to recognize the need for direct negotiations between the two parties and is instead presenting a unilateral proposal without consultation with Palestinian leadership which they must either accept or reject, and this is unjust; and

WHEREAS genuine peace between Israelis and Palestinians can only be achieved with mutual direct negotiations between the two parties,

Therefore Be It Resolved, that the California Democratic Party reaffirms its support of a two state solution as the necessary foundation for genuine peace between Israel/Palestine, and

Be It Further Resolved, that the California Democratic Party supports efforts to engage Palestinians and Israelis in encouraging dialogues, finding common ground, and establishing direct negotiations towards a genuine and lasting peace.

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RESOLUTION 20-03.18

Finding a Balance Between Denouncing antisemitic hate speech while supporting engagement and debate on Israel and Palestine

WHEREAS anti-Semitic hate speech may include dehumanizing Jews, conspiracy theories or stereotypes, Holocaust denial, accusations of dual loyalty, scapegoating and calls for ethnic cleansing, accusing Jews as

a group of being responsible for the acts of individuals or organizations, use of Nazi symbols or blood libel, or denial of the rights to self-determination given to others, all targeted at the Jewish people; and WHEREAS while Jews have a right to self-determination and Israel is sometimes held to a different standard than other democratic nations, many right-wing leaders have broadly conflated even the slightest criticism of Israel's leadership and government policy with antisemitism, and sought to portray any advocacy for Palestinian human rights as antisemitism, even in forms that support engagement and parallel rights of self-determination

WHEREAS, while President Trump has encouraged a resurgence of white supremacy, which Antisemitism is a core tenet, which in turn has seen an increase in violence and hate crimes against Jews and other vulnerable, diverse communities but at the same time has disingenuously promulgated an executive order meant to protect Jewish students from harassment by anti-Israel advocates, but due to its bad drafting and overreach, is ineffective and may also chill genuine debate on campuses regarding Palestinian human rights.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the California Democratic Party condemns harassment and antisemitism in all its forms, along with expressions of hatred toward any group, but also supports First Amendment Rights to free speech on American campuses, balanced by well-established judicial boundaries that restrict discriminatory speech and threats of violence against persons of any race, religion, nationality, gender identity or sexual orientation and encourages a study of the executive order to evaluate its impact;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, while the California Democratic Party supports the right to advocate for Jewish self-determination and a secure Israel, the California Democratic Party also opposes stigmatization and suppression of support for Palestinian human rights when critics falsely conflate peaceful coexistence, self-determination and protection of internationally recognized human rights for Palestinians with antisemitism and encourages open robust discussion both inside and outside the Democratic Party about how U.S. policy can best advance a two-state solution or other directly and mutually negotiated peace between the Israelis and Palestinians that meets the interests of both parties.

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RESOLUTION 20-03.23

Resolution affirming the need for Israeli and Palestinian leaders to return to direct mutual negotiations to discuss peace, refugee rights and final borders

WHEREAS following the Arab-Israel Conflict of 1948, the United Nations passed a 15 paragraph non-binding Resolution 194, suggesting "refugees wishing to return to their homes and live at peace with their neighbors should be permitted to do so at the earliest practicable date, and that compensation should be paid for the property of those choosing not to return and for loss of or damage to property...."

WHEREAS, even though the Palestinian leadership and allied governments rejected Resolution 194, and established international law has limits to such rights of return based on recency of the displacement and impact of massive population shifts, many activists have demanded a unilateral "Right of Return" into Israel, a country of 8.7 million, for the 5 million descendants of the 750,000 Palestinians displaced over 70 years ago, without meeting the other requirements of the non-binding resolution or any mutually negotiated settlement.

WHEREAS it has been the policy of the U.S. government since 1949 and the Democratic Party as recent as 2019 to have any such disposition of property, compensation and rights of refugees be directly negotiated between the Palestinians and Israelis as a part of a larger peace agreement incorporating a two state solution and the rights of the parties to live in a secure peace with each other in dignity, recognizing international human rights standards and opposing any attempt by Israel to unilaterally annex the West Bank and the demands of the Palestinian Authority and its allies to forcibly integrate Israel, a majority Jewish state, and the Palestinian Territories into a single, majority Arab state, directly or indirectly.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the California Democratic Party opposes unilateral annexation of territory on either side of the 1948 Israeli-Palestinian conflict and reiterates that any related rights of refugees should solely be determined through bilateral, direct negotiations between the parties that justly address compensation, rights of return and final borders in a manner that ensures the safety, security and dignity of the parties involved.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the California Democratic Party supports the dignity, security, and self-determination of both the Israeli and Palestinian people each in their own viable state, and affirms that a lasting peace can only be achieved through direct negotiations among all parties in the region.

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RESOLUTION 20-03.28

Urging Democrats to learn about all sides when they travel to Israel-Palestine

WHEREAS, as many other governments and NGOs do, the government of Israel and supportive U.S. organizations that advocate for Israel's security regularly invite members of Congress, state legislators and other public officials to visit.

WHEREAS such trips are sometimes criticized for providing a less than holistic perspective of the state of affairs between Israelis and Palestinians.

WHEREAS a full, balanced understanding of the situation is crucial for officials responsible for shaping U.S. policy in the region or who might have such responsibilities in the future including learning about Israeli and Palestinian policy from sources other than government advocates and spokespersons; and THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the California Democratic Party urges any public or party officials who visit Israel or Palestinian Territories to also devote substantial time to visiting Palestinian/Arab towns, villages and refugee camps in the Palestinian Territories and the multitude of religious and ethnically diverse communities in Israel as well as meeting with Israeli and Palestinian grassroots advocates, non-governmental organization leaders and officials with diverse views on the issue; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that California Democratic Party encourages officials who choose to visit the region to learn about the issues firsthand, reaching out to local and/or national groups engaged in advocacy for peaceful coexistence and justice between Israelis and Palestinians to make the appropriate connections on the ground.

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Condemning Trump's 'peace plan'

WHEREAS the Trump/Kushner/Netanyahu "peace plan" for Israel and Palestine announced January 28 without consulting the Palestinians is unquestionably not even-handed in its stance on Palestine and Israel, encourages Israel to annex the West Bank and would relegate Palestinians to, at best, disconnected isolated semi-sovereign confined islands with no recognition of the right of Palestinians to self-determination, no equitable resolution of the impacts of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict from 1947 to the present day on Palestinians, and finally, no negotiation for return of any refugees, compensation and/or return of lost property in exchange for peace or other obligations the parties as committed to in the Oslo Accords and on numerous other occasions; and

WHEREAS the Israel-Palestine conflict remains a flashpoint which has caused extensive death, destruction and the creation of millions of refugees from throughout the region;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the California Democratic party rejects the Trump administration's disingenuous attempt at imposing a "peace" solution without even consulting with the Palestinians, as a one-sided attempt at disregarding, if not suppressing Palestinian identity and rights while encouraging irresponsible, if not at times illegal actions by the Israeli government and radical nationalist leaders to push Israelis and Palestinians even farther apart, and encourages our congressional representatives and the next Democratic administration, in line with the principles and positions of the Democratic Party, to pursue a solution that would be bilaterally and directly negotiated by Israeli and Palestinian chosen representatives to finally put an end to the conflict and to guarantee freedom, justice, security and peace for all.

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