

1 **RESOLUTION 20-11.06**

2 **Resolution Calling for an Increase of Public Transportation**

3 Whereas increasing public transport, including traditional buses and rail systems along with moving to
4 zero-emission buses and trains, can significantly lower our carbon footprint and help us meet the
5 existential threat of destructive climate change; and

6 Whereas a lack of public transportation disproportionately affects low-income communities in California
7 which continues the cycle of poverty in this state through limited access to jobs and education; and

8 Whereas many students depend on public transportation to get to school and inadequate access to
9 transportation leads to truancy, which disproportionately affects low-income and black, Indigenous or
10 people of color students as they rely on this method of transportation the most, and truancy can lead to
11 juvenile incarceration, contributing to the school-to-prison pipeline and the mass incarceration of
12 minorities in this country;

13 Therefore Be It Resolved that the California Democratic Party supports increased accessibility and
14 availability of eco-friendly and public-health oriented public transport, especially in low-income
15 communities, and targeted to a new generation of public transportation users; and

16 Be it Further Resolved that the author will send a copy to interested parties including state and local
17 governments.

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20 Democrats of America

21 **RESOLUTION 20-11.07**

22 **Resolution Opposing Trump Rollback of Clean Air Protections**

23 WHEREAS the Trump Administration has revoked or substantially rolled back more than 100
24 environmental rules and regulations, including emissions and clean energy rules for power plants,
25 emission and fuel-efficiency standards for vehicles, and further withdrew the U.S. from the Paris Climate
26 Accord and revoked California's power to set stricter tailpipe emission standards than the federal
27 standard; and

28 WHEREAS the United States and the world are far off track in dealing with the climate emergency,
29 following a year of record-breaking heat, rising hunger, displacement and loss of life due to extreme
30 temperatures, and climate crisis-induced wildfires and weather disasters; and

31 WHEREAS the Trump rollbacks will significantly increase greenhouse gas emissions and lead to
32 thousands of additional premature deaths from poor air quality each year, while imposing substantial
33 financial costs including hundreds of billions of dollar in additional fuel costs and increased costs to treat
34 respiratory illness ;

35 THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the California Democratic Party urges the Environmental Protection
36 Agency to fulfill its obligation under the Clean Air Act to regulate emissions from all sources to protect
37 human health and the environment from the effects of air pollution, including at a minimum restoring the
38 Obama-era requirement for Corporate Average Fuel Economy to be achieved by 2025, renewing
39 California's authority to impose fuel efficiency standards that are more strict than the federal standard,
40 and enforcing the Obama Administration's rules requiring power plants to use cleaner fuels and control
41 the emission of mercury, greenhouse gases, and other toxins.

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44 **RESOLUTION 20-11.12**

45 **Addressing Public Health Threat Posed by Detention Centers**

46 Whereas while COVID-19 has already caused significant harm to those living freely in our society, it poses
47 a more severe threat to those who are locked in institutional facilities like immigration prisons and
48 detention centers, where close quarters, lack of basic hygiene, and limited access to health services
49 become breeding ground for a communicable disease that can result in innumerable deaths; and

1 Whereas it is urgent that we protect our most vulnerable neighbors who are trapped in overcrowded
2 detention centers that could become sites of major outbreak and death if we fail to act, and most of the
3 people held by ICE, including very young children, have community organizations willing to help provide
4 housing and support;

5 Therefore Be It Resolved That the California Democratic Party believes that all possible steps should be
6 taken to suspend transfers of people to immigration centers during the Covid-19 health crisis.

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9 **RESOLUTION 20-11.15**

10 **Resolution to reform law enforcement and reallocate funds to reimagine public safety in** 11 **California**

12 Whereas, during this year, following the death of George Floyd and other black and brown people, at the
13 hands of police, many Democratic Central Committees, Clubs and other organizations passed a resolution
14 calling for, “meaningful systemic change against institutionalized racism, economic suppression and
15 opportunity inequalities”; and California Attorney General Becerra called for, “broad police reforms and
16 proactive efforts to protect lives”, and hundreds of thousands of people, in protests and in council
17 chambers throughout California and across the nation, have called for an end to excessive and militarized
18 policing; and

19 Whereas police reform and use of force guidelines are only a first step toward ending the violence against
20 marginalized communities which are still traumatized and brutalized by existing policing practices, and
21 reform and oversight alone have proven ineffective in ending the violence; and

22 Whereas dismantling systemic racism, and the policies that support it, will take a full reimagining of
23 public safety to include investing in our communities for schools, jobs, housing, health, and welfare,
24 reallocating resources to those programs, and employing mental health, medical and other professionals
25 to replace much of conventional policing;

26 Therefore Be It Resolved that the California Democratic Party supports the immediate adoption of
27 Attorney General Becerra’s use of force recommendations at the state and local level;

28 Be it Further Resolved that the California Democratic Party supports the reallocation of funds into
29 alternatives for public safety that invest in communities and broader oversight and accountability, and do
30 so with all deliberate speed.

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33 **RESOLUTION 20-11.16**

34 **Resolution Calling for the Implementation of Ethnic Studies Curriculum**

35 Whereas the lack of BIPOC (Black Indigenous People of Color) representation and incorporation in the
36 education system has been shown to cause psychological damage to marginalized students of color; and

37 Whereas the majority of literature taught in California high schools features white protagonists, white
38 authors, and originates from a culture centered around whiteness, and within those works, the racist
39 history of the n-word along with the normalization of non- black-teachers permitting the reading aloud of
40 the n-word for the sake of literary accuracy has yet to be addressed by districts across the state;

41 Whereas the failure on the part of the California Department of Education to standardize curriculum
42 incorporating ethnic studies has led to a disregard for BIPOC studies and imposes an unnecessary burden
43 on teachers to develop their curricula (as cited by the criticism to the first ethnic studies curriculum
44 released by the Instructional Quality Commission), failing to guarantee each student an equal education
45 due to factors they cannot control; and, as the most recent attempt to standardize curriculum has been
46 vetoed by Gavin Newsom, no ethnic studies curriculum or framework has been released for reference by
47 school districts, leaving the burden of developing one onto resource-strapped schools; and

48 Therefore be it Resolved that the California Democratic Party supports prioritizing the implementation of
49 ethnic studies classes in each district and supports changing the curriculum to address racist histories of
50 currently mandated books and to ultimately mandate the reading of literature across multiple cultural

1 and racial viewpoints, including books recommended or mandated by the California Department of
2 Education; and

3 Be it Further Resolved that the California Democratic Party supports the revision and passage of an
4 ethnic studies requirement as a high priority item for the California government and Department of
5 Education, to implement ethnic studies as a requirement for high schools across California.

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9 **RESOLUTION 20-11.19**

10 **Resolution Condemning Discrimination of LGBTQ in Healthcare**

11 WHEREAS health protections and health insurance should not be limited but rather expanded to apply to
12 all Americans, free from discrimination; and

13 Whereas vulnerable populations experience compounding factors that create health disparities and are
14 less likely to seek, can afford, or have access to healthcare and provisions to access affordable healthcare
15 should be granted and not revoked; and

16 Whereas the Trump administration finalized a rule that removes nondiscrimination protections for
17 LGBTQ people when it comes to health care and health insurance;

18 Therefore Be It Resolved that the California Democratic Party unequivocally condemns and opposes any
19 removal of provisions for healthcare or class protections, especially for, but not limited to, LGBTQ
20 identity.

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23 **RESOLUTION 20-11.21**

24 **Resolution Calling for the Preservation of Access to Student Mental Health Services**

25 Whereas instances of youth suicide and mental illness are on the rise nationwide, and further
26 acknowledging that many of the factors that contribute to severe mental health issues begin in the home
27 and disproportionately affect students of color, unstably housed and economically insecure students, and
28 LGBTQ+ students; and

29 Whereas social distancing and shelter-in-place have increased the need for student mental health
30 services as overall mental health has deteriorated and incidences of domestic disputes and violence have
31 increased while schools transitioning to distance learning significantly increased the difficulty faced by
32 students in accessing school-based mental health services; and

33 Whereas the economic implications of the Covid-19 pandemic have resulted in decreased revenue for
34 school districts and nonprofit mental health service providers and potential budget shortfalls place the
35 availability of vital mental health resources at risk;

36 Therefore Be It Resolved that the California Democratic Party supports access to mental health services
37 for students in school districts throughout California, including counseling and referrals to local
38 providers, and that both previously provided and newly developed services be made available digitally
39 for the duration of the period that schools are not open in-person, the availability and accessibility of
40 these services being altered to reflect the severe increase their necessity; and

41 Be It Further Resolved that the California Democratic Party supports adequate funding, when financially
42 feasible, for the use of "telehealth" services, including mental health services, and to maintain as much
43 funding and resources as possible, allocated to student mental health services, that keeps pace with their
44 increasing need, when considering budget rearrangements and cuts due to the economic effects of Covid-
45 19.

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49 **Resolution 19-08.50**

50 **Urging Democrats to Learn About All Sides When They Travel to Israel and Palestine**

1 WHEREAS the government of Israel and supportive U.S. organizations that advocate for, as many other
2 governments and NGOs [Non-Governmental Organizations] do, regularly invite members of Congress, state
3 legislators, and other public officials to visit; and

4 WHEREAS such trips are frequently criticized for providing a less than complete perspective of the state of
5 affairs between Israel and Palestine; and

6 WHEREAS a full, balanced understanding of the situation is crucial for officials responsible for shaping U.S.
7 policy in the region or who might have such responsibilities in the future, who should learn about Israeli
8 and Palestinian viewpoints from a wide range of sources aside from government advocates and
9 spokespeople;

10 THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the California Democratic Party urges any public or party officials who
11 visit Israel or Palestinian Territories to also devote substantial time to visiting Palestinian/Arab towns,
12 villages, and refugee camps in the occupied Palestinian Territories, the multitude of religious and ethnically
13 diverse communities in Israel, and Israeli and Palestinian grassroots advocates, non-governmental
14 organization leaders and officials with diverse views on the issue; and

15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that California Democratic Party encourages officials who choose to visit the
16 region to learn about the issues firsthand, to reach out to local and/or national groups engaged in advocacy
17 for peaceful coexistence and justice between Israelis and Palestinians to make the appropriate connections
18 on the ground.

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25 **RESOLUTION 20-03.27**

26 **The Rights of Freedom of Movement, Asylum and Return for Refugees and Other Displaced**
27 **Communities**

28 WHEREAS, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights is a milestone document rejecting the horrors of
29 oppression, including the rape, torture, incarceration, murder, and assault of displaced peoples,
30 proclaimed by the United Nations General Assembly on December 10, 1948, as a common set of principles
31 for all peoples, universally setting out fundamental human rights to strive for and achieve, including the
32 right to freedom of movement, the right to return to a country, and the right to asylum from persecution;
33 and

34 WHEREAS, Articles 13 and 14 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights state “Everyone has the right
35 to freedom of movement and residence within the borders of each state. Everyone has the right to leave
36 any country, including his own, and to return to his country.” and that “Everyone has the right to seek and
37 to enjoy in other countries asylum from persecution.”; and

38 WHEREAS, the suffering of displaced communities around the world must be acknowledged and
39 ameliorated to the greatest extent possible within the limitations of existing international law and
40 jurisprudence, such as evaluating impacts of major population shifts, time of displacement, national
41 security risks, and the acceptance of resettlement, compensation or diplomatic solutions, and the United
42 States and other countries have disregarded the right to asylum from a reasonable fear of persecution
43 based on race, religion, nationality, political opinion, or membership in a particular group, under their
44 laws and international law, by holding asylum seekers outside their borders or by limiting the rights of
45 resettlement or movement of asylum seekers within their borders;

46 THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the California Democratic Party generally recognizes the Universal
47 Declaration of Human Rights principles of freedom of movement, right to leave, and the right to return;
48 and

49 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the California Democratic Party recognizes that the U.S. has denied
50 rights to asylum seekers within its borders, and supports the aspirations of the non-binding United

1 Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights within the limitations and qualifications recognized
2 under existing law and jurisprudence.

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5 **RESOLUTION 20-11.29**

6 **Resolution supporting diplomatic peace-building efforts in the Middle East and North Africa**

7 WHEREAS, the Democratic Party has consistently supported a directly and bilaterally negotiated two-
8 state solution that ensures Israel's future as a Jewish and democratic state with recognized borders and
9 upholds the right of Palestinians to live in freedom and security in a viable state of their own;

10 WHEREAS, a just and peaceful solution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict does not include the prospect of
11 unilateral annexation, which has been historically opposed by all American governments except the
12 Trump Administration, because it threatens the security and dignity of residents and threatened to
13 undermine cooperation between the parties which is the best path to achieving democracy, justice and
14 equal rights of self-determination for Israelis and Palestinians;

15 WHEREAS, the normalization of relations between countries not only helps build economic partnerships,
16 foster cross-border understanding and begin the long process of peace, as has been seen with historic
17 treaties with Egypt and Jordan, but also has often encouraged the development of democratic values,
18 minority protections and multicultural tolerance across borders, and such peace partners have at times
19 served to provide additional pressure against efforts by the Israeli Right to pursue annexation;

20 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the California Democratic Party supports the historic partnership
21 agreements between Israel and its new peace partners the UAE and Bahrain and the roles this peace
22 plays in preventing unilateral annexation of the West Bank as well as encouraging greater tolerance,
23 democratic values and civil liberties protections in the UAE and Bahrain, which still have considerable
24 room for improvement.

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