



RESOLUTION 21-04.001

Abolish the Filibuster

WHEREAS the Constitution doesn't require a supermajority for passage of legislation and, in fact, James Madison and Alexander Hamilton specifically argued for simple majority rule in Federalists 10, 22, and 58; and

WHEREAS the genesis of the modern-day filibuster was the work of John C. Calhoun, infamous slaveholding vice president and senator in the 1840s, and was utilized and enhanced during the Jim Crow era by legislators bent on denying minorities and, in particular African American citizens, their voting rights, up to today where it is used to essentially require a 60 percent majority to pass legislation in the U.S. Senate; and

WHEREAS the urgent needs the American people want to see addressed in the 117th Congress, such as the reestablishment of voting rights for all citizens, a livable wage for all American workers, sensible gun legislation, affordable quality healthcare for all, effective greenhouse gas reductions, and more will require the abolition of the filibuster;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the California Democratic Party strenuously urges all Democratic Senators to vote to end the filibuster, a parliamentary procedure which makes the Senate less productive and less democratic during one of our nation's greatest times of need.

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RESOLUTION 21-04.006

Condemning Mass Police Violence Against Lawful Protestors and Media After the Death of George Floyd

WHEREAS spurred by the May 2020 killing of George Floyd, a Black man in police custody in Minneapolis, 15-26+ million people protested in all fifty states demanding an end to racialized police violence and justice for Floyd, Breonna Taylor, Tony McDade, and so many others; with such protests inspired by movements for Black lives described by Amnesty International as “the largest social movement in U.S. history”; and

WHEREAS police have responded to national Black Lives Matter protests in an unwarranted, excessively violent assault against protesters, journalists, legal observers, medics, and bystanders, including arresting and attacking people with batons and bicycles, running protesters down with horses and police vehicles, and freely deploying tear gas, pepper spray, rubber bullets, and flash-bang grenades, resulting in unprecedented reported aggressions against journalists (886+ incidences per U.S. Press Freedom Tracker) and legal observers (multiple incidences in 12+ cities per National Lawyers Guild); and

WHEREAS the prevalence and impact of inequitable, inappropriate, and dehumanizing abuse of force by law enforcement giving rise to deaths, injuries, trauma, and stress that disproportionately affects marginalized populations is a critical public health issue; Black and Brown lives in America have been consistently shaped and terrorized by institutions, like policing, that have intentionally upheld racist policies and practices for more than 400 years;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the California Democratic Party supports protecting First Amendment rights to freedom of expression and peaceful assembly, and Fourth Amendment rights to be free from the unreasonable search and seizure, and condemns the mass brutalization of protesters, journalists, and bystanders by police; and supports an ending to qualified immunity that prevents true accountability of law enforcement with respect to their treatment of peaceful protestors and marginalized communities.

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the California Democratic Party communicates this resolution to the Governor, Gavin Newsom, the State Assembly Speaker, Anthony Rendon, and State Senate President pro Tempore, Toni Atkins.

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RESOLUTION 21-04.016

Supporting Maximum Student Debt Cancellation Before September 30, 2021

WHEREAS, nearly 43,000,000 Americans hold more than \$1,560,000,000,000 of federal student loan debt at an average balance of \$36,406 (Student loan debt Statistics [2021]: Average + total debt 2021 educationdata.org);and

WHEREAS, women hold two thirds of all student debt, African American borrowers have higher than average levels of student debt, most borrowers have more than half of their student debt after 12 years of repayment, 40% of student loan borrowers did not finish college or obtain a degree, over 8 million student loan borrowers are over the age of 50; and cancelling student debt would increase African American wealth by a third, increase GDP by billions of dollars, add up to 1.5 million new jobs, and make it more likely for people to start or invest in a small business, obtain more advanced degrees, start a family, and buy a house (Banerjee, Ten Reasons to Cancel Student Loan Debt 2021 The Center for Law and Social Policy); and

WHEREAS, there has been debate within the White House as to what extent the President and the Secretary of Education have the authority to cancel some or all federally owned student loan debt, including, but not limited to whether there is authority to broadly cancel student debt under section 432(a) of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1082(a)) which grants the authority to "... compromise, waive, or release any right, title, claim, lien, or demand, however acquired, including any equity or any right of redemption;"

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the California Democratic Party encourages the President and Secretary of Education to identify a legal path and, if identified, take action to cancel as much student loan debt as legally possible before payments resume on September 30, 2021.

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RESOLUTION 21-04.028

DENOUNCING ANTI ASIAN AMERICAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER ATTACKS AND DISCRIMINATION

Whereas, the COVID-19 crisis has led nationally to a drastic increase in anti-Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) attacks and deaths, with over 4,000 documented attacks since March 2020 being reported by the Stop AAPI Hate Reporting Center, and

Whereas, there has been a long history of discrimination, restriction, and xenophobia against the AAPI population as seen in the passage of the Chinese Exclusion Act of 1882, the internment of Japanese Americans in World War II, the formation of the “Asiatic-Barred Zone” in the Immigration Act of 1917, the current country-level immigration quotas which lead to long waitlists for AAPI immigrants, the systematic and illegal surveillance of South Asians during the War on Terror, and more all document the long dark history which lead to the current day AAPI attacks which must stop and education and acceptance which must start and be ongoing.

Whereas, AAPI Californians, who account for approximately one-third of the nation’s AAPI population are vulnerable to the growing number of xenophobia-fueled attacks started by former President Trump who repeatedly used the term “Chinese virus” to foment xenophobia, perpetuate anti-Asian stigma, and incite conspiracies blaming Asians for creating, spreading, and profiting off the virus; and as people express fears over the coronavirus through xenophobic and racist violence, the increased use of anti-Asian rhetoric has resulted in an alarming surge of anti-Asian bigotry and hate crimes in the U.S., and

Therefore be it resolved, that the California Democratic Party unequivocally denounces and condemns the many incidents of discrimination, xenophobic rhetoric, and targeting of the AAPI community, and stands in solidarity with Black and Brown communities experiencing the scourge of racist violence, and denounces any effort to pit communities against each other; and

Be it further resolved, that the California Democratic Party calls on the Biden Administration and California’s elected officials to work with and advocate for the AAPI community in addressing the rise in anti-AAPI violence and deaths.

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RESOLUTION 21-04.042

Reaffirming Inclusion of California's Diverse Faith Communities

WHEREAS the California Democratic Party Platform states that “we honor, celebrate, and support a diverse California” and “free exercise and enjoyment of religion without discrimination of preference are guaranteed”;

WHEREAS over the years, a number of party organizations, clubs, school boards, universities, and other groups have scheduled events during religious holy days such as Orthodox Easter, Yom Kippur, Eid-Al Adha, Norooz, Good Friday, Diwali, Passover, and Ramadan (to name a few), impacting the inclusion of Orthodox Christians, Hindus, Sikhs, Muslims and Jews, amongst others, who are observant and worship or work-restricted on important holidays;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the California Democratic Party urges school boards, universities, clubs, and party organizations at all levels to consult with an interfaith calendar of important annual observances and the corresponding faith communities when scheduling events to ensure full participation and representation and the embrace faith diversity present in their respective communities.

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RESOLUTION 21-04.058

In Support of a California Digital Equity Plan

WHEREAS, Digital Equity ensures all individuals and communities to have the information technology capacity needed for full participation in our society, democracy, and economy, and we know Digital Equity is necessary for civic and cultural participation, employment, lifelong learning, and access to essential services, so much so, that the Biden White House has made specific appointments to focus on addressing and prioritizing digital equity in large swaths of underserved urban and rural areas where BIPOC and rural residents are disproportionately affected; and

WHEREAS, access to reliable highspeed broadband has become an essential component of full participation in society and as there are large numbers of California residents who do not have Internet access, devices or skills to use the Internet, and as a result they are clearly disadvantaged, but a strategic approach to achieving a digital equity plan will move California in the direction of substantially increasing inclusion in digital equity which will benefit all the residents of California; and

WHEREAS, establishing a set of digital equity objectives with an action plan can provide a state and national road map to target efforts and investments made throughout the state by government, education, business and community organizations.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the California Democratic Party supports a Digital Equity Plan for the citizens of California as it is critical to their health, welfare and is critical to the economy of California, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the California Democratic Party supports the development and adoption of a national and state Digital Equity plan and commends President Biden for addressing digital equity through both appointments of staff to focus on digital equity and making an investment in broadband infrastructure a major focus of his Administration.

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RESOLUTION 21-04.074

Equitable Access to Renewable Energy Infrastructure for California Renters and Low Income Residents

WHEREAS of the approximately 40 million California residents who live in approximately 13 million households across 58 counties and 482 cities, over 45% are renters and another sizeable percentage live in other multi-family building situations such as condominiums, tenancies-in-common, and cooperative housing; and

WHEREAS unlike the residents of single-family homes, majorities of California's tenants and owners of multi-family housing units lack access to renewable energy infrastructure such as solar panels, electric vehicle charging panels, and weatherization tools; and

WHEREAS the State of California will not be on track to meet its aggressive - and necessary - climate change mitigation mandates absent the rapid, equitable, and cost-conscious deployment of renewable energy, electric vehicle charging, and weatherization infrastructure to the residents of California's new as well as existing multi-family housing types;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the California Democratic Party supports increasing access to renewable energy, energy efficiency, and clean transportation resources and infrastructure for California's renters and low-income residents, particularly those who reside in multi-family housing, thus providing for their participation in the sustainable and energy efficient transformation of our society; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the California Democratic Party calls upon our elected and appointed decision-makers to equitably include California's renters and lower-income residents in all aspects of renewable energy, energy efficiency, and clean transportation resources and infrastructure.

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RESOLUTION 21-04.078

STOP THE REPUBLICAN RECALL OF GOVERNOR GAVIN NEWSOM

Whereas, the effort to recall Governor Newsom is a partisan power grab spearheaded by Donald Trump's National Republican Party, the California Republican Party, and top Trump donors advocating to overturn fair elections, having already worked to delegitimize the American electoral process; and frivolously using California taxpayer dollars to fund this partisan ploy to derail the progress Governor Newsom has made to save lives, provide a safety net for struggling Californians as we are making significant strides returning our lives to normal; and

Whereas, the pro-recall ranks are filled with a coalition of anti-vaxxers, Q-Anon conspiracy theorists, and militia groups whose aim is to disrupt and distract from California's progress on COVID-19 recovery, equitable mass vaccinations, and school reopening's while their leaders disseminate anti-vaccination and anti-immigration propaganda on social media sites, actively work—against public interest and advocate for the microchipping of immigrants, and

Whereas, by uniting, Democrats will prevent Trump's Republican Party from taking over the California government and will stand united against any candidate who seeks the office and helps Republicans succeed.

Therefore, Be It Resolved, that the California Democratic Party opposes the recall of Governor Gavin Newsom.

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RESOLUTION 21-04.089

Secret Settlement Transparency for Dependent Adults with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Who Are Victims of Sexual Assault

WHEREAS National Public Radio (NPR) reports that individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD) are sexually assaulted at a rate seven times higher than the general population, as dependent adults are easily manipulated and often have difficulty testifying at a later date, so these crimes go mostly unpunished and abusers walk free; and

WHEREAS this highly vulnerable population that is largely silent and incapable of self-advocacy and we need data to speak to us about the scope of the problem, to inform consumers, and to drive and inform policy; and

WHEREAS secret settlements seek to cover a larger issue and prevent advocates from taking on systemic reform and from holding organizations and criminals accountable for human rights violations protected by the Lanterman Act, moreover according to DisabilityJustice.org only 3% of sexual abuses involving people with I/DD are reported and approximately 80% of women and 30% of men with I/DD have been sexually assaulted, with half of these women having been assaulted more than 10 times;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the California Democratic Party supports measures that would enhance the transparency of government agencies serving individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the California Democratic Party further supports the use of settlement funds for the benefit of improving the lives of dependent adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

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RESOLUTION 21-04.104

Time to Move on Single-Payer Governor Newsom Urged To Start The Waiver Application Process Allowing California to Implement a Single-Payer Healthcare System

WHEREAS, the dual COVID-19 Pandemic and resulting economic crisis has laid bare the inherent failures and inequities of our current healthcare system; people of color and underserved communities have disproportionately paid with their lives, and the social and economic destruction caused by the pandemic was only made worse under an employer-based system not designed to deliver healthcare to everyone; and

WHEREAS, World Health Organization Director Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesu, U.S. Senator Bernie Sanders, Cardinal Peter Kodwo Appiah Turkson, and even the California Democratic Party Platform have all noted at times that “health care is a human right, not a privilege,” and in these times and with more open-minded leadership in the White House, now more than ever, California, a leader in policy and innovation needs to be a leader in delivering healthcare for all by offering single-payer system, as was a central promise made by Governor Gavin Newsom; and

WHEREAS, under the favorable conditions of newly appointed Department of Health and Human Services Secretary Xavier Becerra, a self-proclaimed single-payer supporter Governor Gavin Newsom has the opportunity to apply for the 1332 State Innovation Waiver afforded under the Affordable Care Act (ACA) and any other applicable waivers needed to pursue a single-payer healthcare system and the application for and granting of these waivers will allow California to innovate to help solve some of its most pressing problems such as the current health care emergency.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the California Democratic Party supports Governor Newsom’s past efforts to negotiate with the federal Health and Human Services (HHS) Department to obtain federal resources and support to implement a single-payer health care system in the state of California and urges his office to lead these efforts again in the first year of the Biden Administration including filing a Section 1332 State Innovation Waiver, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, California State Democratic Party urges California officials at the state, local and federal level to actualize our Party values by supporting California’s 1332 State Innovation Waiver application efforts.

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RESOLUTION 21-04.130

Boycott of Chateau Marmont in Los Angeles

WHEREAS, after March 4, 2020, when Governor Gavin Newsom proclaimed a State of Emergency in California amid the COVID-19 pandemic, the hotel, hospitality, and building service industries were disproportionately impacted by economic shutdowns throughout the state, resulting in mass layoffs in hotels, hospitality, and building services, industries comprised largely of women, immigrants, and people of color; and

WHEREAS, as these industries recover, employers may use the opportunity to replace their long-term workers, such as workers from the Chateau Marmont in Los Angeles, which fired virtually its entire workforce in March 2020, leaving workers who had dedicated decades of their lives to the hotel without job security or affordable healthcare during the pandemic; and

WHEREAS, many of the Chateau Marmont's workers have since spoken out about their experiences working at the hotel, including on issues of disrespect, mistreatment, and a racially stratified workplace;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that because the California Democratic Party supports hotel, hospitality, and building service industry workers across the state, as they fight for justice during the economic upheaval resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic, the Party pledges to boycott the Chateau Marmont by refusing to do business at the property; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Party calls on all people not to do business at the Chateau Marmont and only return to the Chateau when the hotel has demonstrated a commitment to respecting its workers' years of service by rehiring them in accordance with their legal rights and to ensuring that all workers--regardless of their race, sex, or background--feel treated with dignity and respect.

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RESOLUTION 21-04.143

Justice for Armenian POWs and Civilian Hostages; Divesting from, Condemning, Sanctioning Turkey and Azerbaijan

WHEREAS on September 27, 2020, Azerbaijan, backed by Turkey, launched an unprovoked large scale military assault on Armenia and Artsakh (also known as Nagorno-Karabakh) with the assistance of thousands of mercenaries recruited from Syria, targeting military personnel and civilian-populated centers, schools, churches, hospitals, and forest ecosystems, killing and injuring women, children, the elderly, and journalists, violating the Geneva Convention and despite its commitments in the November 9 ceasefire agreement, Azerbaijan continues to detain approximately 200 Armenian POWs and civilian hostages, some of whom, according to Human Right Watch and international news coverage, have been tortured or beheaded, which also violates the Geneva Convention;

WHEREAS California is home to the largest Armenian American population, with over 1 million who suffer the effects of the Armenian Genocide denial campaign by Turkey, the 2020 attacks on Artsakh and Armenia, and connected hate crimes of vandalism (including planting Azerbaijani flags) and arson against California Armenian cultural centers and churches, and California in accordance with principles of human rights, has adopted legislation to divest from South Africa, Sudan, and Iran, imposing economic consequences upon regimes violating certain human rights;

WHEREAS in 2019 U.S. Congress recognized the Armenian Genocide while California annually commemorates the Armenian Genocide, and in 2014 recognized Artsakh's independence and its people's right to self-determination; yet the U.S. provided \$120 million American tax dollars in security aid to Azerbaijan for FY2018/2019, misused by Azerbaijan in attacking Artsakh.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the California Democratic Party condemns Turkey and Azerbaijan for war crimes, as defined in the Rome Statute, committed during 2020 attacks on Artsakh and Armenia, urges Congress and the Biden Administration to restrict aid and trade with Turkey and Azerbaijan and engage with Azerbaijani authorities to return POWS and hostages to ensure justice for Armenians, and urges Azerbaijan to release all POWs and captured civilians;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the California Democratic Party urges the California Public Employees' Retirement System and the State Teachers' Retirement System to take socially responsible steps, review, divest, and reallocate all public employee retirement funds from investment vehicles issued by Turkey and Azerbaijan to ensure that California is not complicit in denying the Armenian Genocide and war crimes committed in 2020, until Turkey recognizes the Armenian Genocide and the people of Artsakh realize their right to self-determination.

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RESOLUTION 21-04.146

CREATING A GLOBAL PANDEMIC TREATY AND PROVIDING IMMEDIATE VACCINE ACCESS AND SANCTIONS RELIEF ADDRESSING COVAX DELAYS AND MEDICAL INEQUITY

WHEREAS, COVID-19 has reached every corner of the planet, killing millions, garnering a pandemic designation by the World Health Organization, and while infection rates have generally been lower in developing countries, a number of them in Latin America, Africa, and the Middle East have been hit particularly hard with rapidly rising infection rates due to poor public health infrastructure/leadership; and

WHEREAS, vaccine rollouts to developing countries depend on the COVAX system, which experienced substantial delays due to financing problems, misinformation, intellectual property restrictions, and production delays for certain vaccines making up the COVAX vaccine stock, not only increasing the risk of the virus spreading and deaths in the developing world, but also creating a greater risk of vaccine-resistant variants emerging in developing nations that inevitably spread to the rest of the world; and

WHEREAS, while the 4th Geneva Convention clearly deals with health care obligations of occupying powers for populations they control, no one has addressed pandemic response inequality, and no system addresses abuses such as hoarding of vaccine doses, selective sharing, or withholding of vaccine resources to reward friends and punish enemies or pressure countries regarding unrelated foreign policy goals, plus the citizens of nations under sanctions and the countries that offer medical imports to help them are punished, all conflicting with Article 25 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights protecting the right to medical care.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the California Democratic Party a) deplores the production or hoarding of vaccines and use of the availability of vaccines to pressure or coerce developing nations to comply with non-COVID related policy goals or collectively punish civilian populations, independent or under occupation, by high-income countries, such as Russia, China, Israel, the United States, and the United Kingdom, and b) supports the principle that countries with excess vaccine supplies have a duty to provide directly to developing nations and territories, independent and occupied, access to COVID-19 vaccines, provide relief from sanctions on developing states, without penalty, that directly affects availability of urgently needed medical equipment/supplies and consider waiving IP rights to increase access to related technology to all peoples;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the California Democratic Party supports the idea of an international pandemic treaty to address international health crises, which will only increase with the effects of Climate Change.

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