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Resolution 22-03.001

Seeking Truth and Accountability for the Jan. 6, 2021 Insurrection

1 WHEREAS as our nation contemplates the violent insurrection that in 2021 beset Washington DC and our
2 nation, all patriotic Americans want the entire truth of what happened to be fully explored and
3 determined, and so we salute and celebrate the remarkable dedication and steadfast work of the
4 bipartisan U.S. House Select Committee to Investigate the January 6th attack on the United States Capitol;
5 and

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7 WHEREAS the Select Committee has been implacable, courageous and fair in relentlessly seeking the
8 facts of what happened, even when Republican Party leadership and so many of the makers, supporters
9 and defenders of the insurrection's call to arms — "The Big Lie" — have resorted to specious legal tactics
10 and shameful political bombast in order to avoid scrutiny under oath and admission of what they know;
11 and

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13 WHEREAS the Select Committee's members have displayed outstanding ability and unwavering
14 dedication, seeking to discover everything that happened that grim day but also what led to it, and what
15 still may be threatened, in order to best protect our democratic institutions and practices, and our liberty,
16 values and electoral integrity from attack;

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18 THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the California Democratic Party expresses its profound appreciation
19 for the spirited, just, and diligent work of the bipartisan U.S. House Select Committee to investigate the
20 January 6th attack on the United States Capitol, and also encourages the Justice Department to decide
21 how best to ensure utmost legal accountability for all related criminal transgressions.

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Resolution 22-03.002

Lift the US Economic Blockade of Cuba

1 WHEREAS the U.N. Charter and other core tenets of international law to which the U.S. has agreed are
2 based on the sovereign equality of states, non-intervention and non-interference in their internal affairs
3 and freedom of international trade and navigation; and
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5 WHEREAS from its inception in 1960, the United States Department of State has made clear that the
6 economic, commercial and financial embargo imposed against Cuba for decades by the United States was,
7 designed to “bring about hunger, desperation and overthrow of government,” and the embargo has been
8 exacerbated by the Helms-Burton Act of 1996, imposing penalties on other states and businesses that
9 defy the U.S. sanctions, and by additional measures imposed by the Trump administration, reversing
10 limited constructive measures taken under President Obama and more, seriously harming the Cuban
11 economy and people, despite ostensible exceptions for humanitarian goods that are made meaningless by
12 the intimidation of suppliers and financial institutions needed for their transfer; and
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14 THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the California Democratic Party supports the principle that
15 sanctions should be targeted so as not to harm civilian populations, for example, the untargeted, general
16 trade and travel restrictions, such as those against Cuba, and affirms that punishing those who seek to
17 comply with such principles is unjust, and as such the California Democratic Party reaffirms its support
18 for lifting the economic blockade of Cuba, restoring full diplomatic relations and normalized free travel as
19 with most other countries, and allowing Cuban Americans to help support their families on the island.

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Resolution 22-03-003

Help the people of Afghanistan – and learn from how we failed them

1 WHEREAS the Watson Institute at Brown University estimates that costs to U.S. taxpayers for the war in
2 Afghanistan to date exceed \$2.3 trillion, including \$532 billion in estimated interest payments to date,
3 and that 241,000 people have been killed in the Afghanistan and Pakistan war zones since 2001,
4 including 4,241 Americans; and

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6 WHEREAS United States government has offered monetary compensation to families of civilians who
7 died in a single drone attack in Kabul during the U.S. withdrawal from Afghanistan, even though
8 monetary compensation cannot replace human life; and

9 Whereas mass starvation and other causes of suffering are stalking the people of Afghanistan due to
10 sanctions imposed by the United States preventing the provision of humanitarian aid at anywhere near
11 the level the situation demands.

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13 THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED that the California Democratic Party supports a congressional
14 investigation of U.S. involvement in hostilities in Afghanistan, covering not only the period beginning with
15 the 2001 invasion but also the previous decades and not only the conduct of U.S. involvement but also the
16 conceptions behind such interventions and the financial and ideological forces that led to such a
17 disastrous cost in blood and treasure, with the aim of creating safeguards to protect all human life and
18 resources from any future calls for war; and

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20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the United States should remove all obstacles to the provision of
21 humanitarian aid to the Afghan people and contribute massively to its transfer.

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Resolution 22-03.004

Resolution Calling on the Biden Administration to Stop the Expulsion and Deportation of Black Asylum-Seekers at the U.S./Mexico Border.

1 WHEREAS the U.S. is violating the rights of asylum-seekers when it expels and deports Black asylum-
2 seekers, especially without granting a hearing before they are sent back to the terror and violence they
3 fled;

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5 WHEREAS on September 3, 2021, a federal district judge ruled the metering system, a daily cap on
6 asylum applications, as unconstitutional while the Trump administration worsened conditions with its
7 shutdown of the border to asylum-seekers under Title 42 - a program that has continued under the Biden
8 administration;

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10 WHEREAS on September 16th, 2021, a federal judge ordered the Biden administration to stop using Title
11 42 to expel families who are seeking asylum; and instead of processing Black asylum-seekers, the Biden
12 administration continues deporting them in a betrayal of its promise to create fair and humane border
13 policy;

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15 THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the California Democratic Party joins the Black immigrant rights
16 community in calling on President Biden and DHS Secretary Mayorkas to immediately grant
17 humanitarian parole to Black asylum-seekers at the U.S./Mexico Border, immediately stop expelling and
18 deporting Haitian and other Black asylum-seekers, immediately revoke Title 42 order that prevents
19 asylum-seekers from making their asylum claims, immediately end the metering system used to process
20 asylum-seekers at the U.S./Mexico Border, and honoring the principle of non-refoulement under
21 international human rights law which forbids a country that is receiving asylum seekers, in this case the
22 U.S., from sending people back to the country that they are fleeing.

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24 THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the California Democratic Party shall transmit a copy of this
25 resolution to the White House and all California Democrats in the House of Representatives and the U.S.
26 Senate.

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Resolution 22-03.005

End the Cuba blockade and all unilateral sanctions

1 WHEREAS the U.N. Charter and other core tenets of international law to which the U.S. has agreed are
2 based on the sovereign equality of states, non-intervention and non-interference in their internal affairs
3 and freedom of international trade and navigation; and
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5 WHEREAS the economic, commercial and financial embargo imposed against Cuba for decades by the
6 United States, designed to “bring about hunger, desperation and overthrow of government” (State
7 Department memo from 1960), and exacerbated by the Helms-Burton Act of 1996, imposing penalties on
8 other states and businesses that defy the U.S. sanctions, and by additional measures imposed by the
9 Trump administration, reversing limited constructive measures taken under President Obama and more,
10 directly violate our country’s obligations under international law and seriously harm the Cuban economy
11 and people, despite ostensible exceptions for humanitarian goods that are made meaningless by the
12 intimidation of suppliers and financial institutions needed for their transfer; and
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14 WHEREAS unilateral coercive measures (“sanctions”) have been applied in recent years to additional
15 countries, now totaling 29, none of which have attacked or threatened U.S. territory, commerce or
16 residents, also in violation of international law and contributing to economic, health and social crises in
17 many of the targeted countries, and failing in the declared goal of turning citizens against their
18 governments to effect regime change;
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20 THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the California Democratic Party calls on the Congress and the Biden
21 administration to heed 29 consecutive United Nations General Assembly resolutions passed with near
22 unanimity, as well as requests from U.S. allies, faith leaders and international institutions, to lift the
23 economic blockade of Cuba, to restore full diplomatic relations and normalized free travel as with most
24 other countries, and allow Cuban Americans to help support their families on the island; and
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26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the California Democratic Party calls for an end to U.S. unilateral
27 coercive measures against other countries, since sanctions should be applied in cases of gross violations
28 of human rights only by the United Nations or bona fide regional associations and target only the
29 authorities guilty of such violations, not the citizenry in general.

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Resolution 22-07.001

Provide Humanitarian Aid to Afghanistan

1 WHEREAS, the Watson Institute at Brown University estimates that costs to U.S. taxpayers for the war in
2 Afghanistan to date exceed \$2.3 trillion, including \$532 billion in estimated interest payments to date,
3 and that 241,000 people have been killed in the Afghanistan and Pakistan war zones since 2001,
4 including 4,241 Americans; and

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6 WHEREAS, mass starvation and other causes of suffering are stalking the people of Afghanistan due to
7 sanctions imposed by the United States preventing the provision of humanitarian aid at anywhere near
8 the level the situation demands; and

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10 WHEREAS, the United States has frozen \$3.5 billion in funds belonging to the people of Afghanistan, and
11 such funds could be used to assist the people of Afghanistan who are suffering from both mass starvation
12 and the effects of a recent earthquake that has killed thousand and left many more homeless,

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14 THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the California Democratic Party supports the principle that sanctions
15 should be targeted at leadership and government and not the general population of a country, and as
16 such, supports removing all obstacles to the provision of humanitarian aid to the Afghan people and that
17 governments should facilitate its transfer.

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Resolution 22-07-002

Supporting Student Loan Debt Relief and Equitable Economic Opportunity

1 WHEREAS, the US student loan debt crisis has reached record levels, increasing in recent decades to a
2 current total of \$1.7 trillion in student loan debt across roughly 45 million borrowers—and California’s
3 total student loan debt is the highest of any state, at approximately \$141.8 billion as of May 2022, with
4 10% of our state population holding student loan debt; and

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6 WHEREAS, student loan debt has steadily increased even as real wage growth in most industries has not
7 kept up with inflation, creating financial challenges for borrowers as well contributing to student loan
8 debt holders being less likely to start a business or own a home; and

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10 WHEREAS, the student loan debt crisis disproportionately affects students of color, with a recent
11 Consumer Finance Protection Bureau showing that 90% of Black and 72% of Latino/a/x undergraduates
12 graduate with student debt, and that student loans can have a “spillover effect” that contributes to
13 income inequality and negatively impacts the long-term wealth of communities of color;

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15 THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the California Democratic Party reaffirms its support of
16 comprehensive student debt relief, with the goal of promoting equitable economic opportunity and
17 ending the cycle of excessive tuitions and crippling debt for hundreds of thousands of students.

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Resolution 22-07.011

CONDEMNING THE OVERTURNING OF ROE v WADE CAUSING THREATS TO THE RIGHTS OF WOMEN

1 WHEREAS, for over 50 years, the U.S. Supreme Court has upheld as the law of the land that women have
2 the right to control their bodies and whether to use contraception or to carry a pregnancy to full term
3 under cases like Griswold v. Connecticut and Roe v. Wade embracing a view that eschews imposing a
4 single religious view on contraception or abortion as Jewish, Muslim, Hindu, Buddhist, Christian and
5 those who do not ascribe to any specific religious faith view contraception, abortion and beginning of life
6 differently; and
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8 WHEREAS, generations of women have benefited from these fundamental rights, especially those who
9 are Black, Indigenous, or People of Color and others living in poverty, protecting them from dangerous,
10 even life-threatening pregnancies and opening their lives to reach their full economic potential and by
11 deciding if and when they wish to have a child without state interference; and
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13 WHEREAS, due to the Supreme Court’s majority ruling in Dobbs vs. Jackson Women’s Health, a radical
14 departure from a half-century of precedence imposing a narrow, sectarian religious view of abortion on
15 the country, women and gender expansive people who can get pregnant in 26 states will be subject to
16 state interference over their bodily autonomy and take away the personal decision of when to have a
17 child, endangering lives, subjecting others to ties to abusers and rapists and sentencing others to a life of
18 poverty; and
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20 THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the California Democratic Party continues to stand by the principle
21 that women and gender expansive people who can get pregnant should have control over their
22 reproductive health, including the right to decide when and if to have a child and the right to terminate a
23 pregnancy, and to do otherwise threatens the freedom, health and safety of women everywhere,
24 especially women in poverty many of which are from communities of color, and
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26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the California Democratic Party consistent with these principles,
27 supports American governments at all levels taking such steps necessary to restore these fundamental
28 rights by whatever legal means necessary, including changing the filibuster rules, adding justices to the
29 Supreme Court, providing safe havens and resources for reproductive care, codifying the right of privacy
30 and the right of women to control their reproductive health and bodies.

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Resolution 22-07.012

CONDEMNING THE NEW SUPREME COURT'S ABANDONMENT OF *STARE DECISIS*

1 Whereas, basing judicial decisions on previous court decisions (*Stare Decisis*) has been a foundation of
2 United States common law since its founding and as jurisprudence protecting fundamental rights
3 expanded from the 1920s onwards, it has been embraced by the United States Supreme Court to preserve
4 the integrity of the court and as Justice Cardozo noted, ensured courts can efficiently and justly reach
5 interpretations of the law to “lay one's own course of bricks on the secure foundation of the courses laid
6 by others who had gone before him[or her]” and not reopen every past decision in interpreting law; and
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8 Whereas, while past courts have overturned prior precedent in the past, it has predominantly done so to
9 extend fundamental rights (such as *Brown v. Board of Education* overturning *Plessy v. Ferguson*) and
10 under the *Stare Decisis* principles laid out by Justice Brandeis, used incremental rulings to correct or
11 adjust “errors” in past decisions while respecting settled law, an approach that has become so entrenched
12 in modern jurisprudence that nearly every recent Justice nominated to the Supreme Court has publicly
13 pronounced support of *Stare Decisis* as an approach to legal interpretation; and
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15 Whereas, Justices Alito, Thomas, Coney Barrett, Gorsuch, and Kavanaugh have blatantly contradicted
16 their sworn testimony to the United States Senate to respect *Stare Decisis* principles by overturning *Roe*
17 *vs. Wade*, taking away the right of women to make their own choices controlling their bodies to terminate
18 a pregnancy under the *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health*, as described in the ruling of Justice Thomas,
19 have voiced the intent to overturn other decisions protecting the right to relationships or to marry
20 between adults regardless of race, gender identity or sexual orientation and the right to contraception,
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22 Therefore Be It Resolved, that the California Democratic Party in supporting the rights of individuals to
23 control their own bodies and the rights of adults to marriage equality, have relationships with other
24 adults regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity, supports the principle that *Stare Decisis* should
25 continue to be followed by all courts to respect and protect the fundamental civil liberties and rights of
26 Americans under the United States Constitution, and
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28 Be It Further Resolved, that the California Democratic Party opposes and condemns those Justices who
29 have lied to the United States Senate and in departing from settled law, tarnished the Supreme Court's
30 legitimacy.

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RESOLUTION 21-11.008

Electrifying All New Construction in California

1 WHEREAS the Democratic Party strongly supports the Paris Climate Agreement goal of keeping the rise
2 in earth's temperatures below 2°C, and if possible, below 1.5°C, and California has set a goal of carbon
3 neutrality by 2045 in support of that Agreement; and
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5 WHEREAS not achieving this goal will result in increasingly severe impacts such as extreme heat, water
6 shortages, and sea-level rise which fall disproportionately on the less affluent and exacerbate existing
7 social inequities, and also threaten our basic infrastructure and economy; and
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9 WHEREAS transitioning away from natural gas appliances used for heating and cooking is urgently
10 needed to meet our climate goals, supporting expansion of the efforts already being made in 50 cities in
11 California, to require all new construction be all electric, is an important step in meeting the existential
12 threat of climate change;
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14 THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the California Democratic Party recognizes the urgent need to move
15 away from natural gas fueled appliances used for heating and cooking, and strongly supports efforts to
16 make all new construction all electric to meet the climate crisis.

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Resolution 22-03.006

Resolution to Stand with Muslim Students

1 WHEREAS, School bullying is a serious problem that is detrimental to the health of students, a recent
2 survey of 700 fifth- to twelfth-grade Muslim pupils in California, conducted from January to August 2021
3 and reported nationwide in late October 2021, found that nearly 56 percent feel “unsafe, unwelcome or
4 uncomfortable” in school because of their religious identity; and
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6 WHEREAS, The survey found that one in four teachers, administrators or other adults at school sites
7 made offensive remarks to students about Islam or Muslims; and many Muslims also of Asian descent
8 have faced racism and harassment during the COVID-19 pandemic as anti-Asian hate crimes and hate
9 incidents surge; and
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11 WHEREAS, Thirty-two percent of Muslim students surveyed said they did not feel comfortable being
12 open about their identity in school, with one in three female students reported having their hijab tugged,
13 pulled or touched in an offensive manner; and
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15 WHEREAS, California is one of the largest homes of Muslim students in the U.S., most being refugees from
16 Muslim majority countries; now, therefore be it
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18 RESOLVED, That the California Democratic Party upholds justice, equity, diversity, and inclusion and
19 stands against hate and bullying in our state against all groups, including Muslim students in our public
20 schools.
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22 RESOLVED, That the California Democratic Party urges school board members, administrators, teachers,
23 and staff unions in the state to prevent harassment and bullying by recruiting diverse staff in all
24 categories, providing bystander training to their respective members and staff, and developing anti-racist
25 and ethnic studies curricula for all students

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Resolution 22-03.007

Resolution to Stop Wasteful, Polluting Desalination in California

1 WHEREAS ocean desalination is the most expensive, energy-intensive source of water in the world, four
2 times more costly than imported water; and Poseidon, a foreign-owned corporation that seeks public
3 money for its desalination schemes, aims to build a new plant costing hundreds of millions of dollars and
4 fueled by natural gas on the Orange County coast at Huntington Beach; and

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6 WHEREAS state taxpayers and local ratepayers would endure the hit to their wallets from a new
7 Poseidon plant for years to come, a reality now besetting San Diego County where a single Poseidon plant
8 at Carlsbad has raised residents' bills and worsened utility debt for tens of thousands of ordinary
9 Californians even while the under-performing plant has failed to meet water production goals; and such
10 extreme costs to state taxpayers and ratepayers from Poseidon threaten Californians' human right to
11 clean, safe, and affordable drinking water, achieved in 2012 through legislation, and misdirect funds
12 essential to fulfilling the pledge to "provide safe drinking water in every California community, for every
13 Californian," enacted in 2019 through legislation; and

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15 WHEREAS a new Poseidon plant would damage the environment, consuming natural gas equivalent to
16 40,000 homes daily and sucking seawater and ocean creatures through its offshore intake system and
17 spewing out a concentrated, hyper-briny solution that kills fish and other marine wildlife; and these
18 environmental harms undermine California's Marine Life Management Act, the Marine Life Protection
19 Act, and California Ocean Protection Act; and such energy demands and consequences to the ecosystem
20 drive a conclusion by the United Nations Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) that
21 desalination is "maladaptation," or a strategy aimed at averting climate destruction that actually
22 aggravates the climate crisis; and

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24 THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the California Democratic Party deems any new Poseidon plant an
25 environmental and social injustice and opposes any such installation on the California coast, including at
26 Huntington Beach; and

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28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the party shall prioritize less costly, less polluting sources of water, as well as
29 better conservation; and oppose any permits for any such desalination plant.

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Resolution 22-03.008

Condemning Acts of Anti-Semitism and Terrorism Targeting the Jewish Community

1 WHEREAS, on Saturday January 15, 2022, a terrorist posing as a homeless person seeking humanitarian
2 aid was welcomed into Congregation Beth Israel in Colleyville, Texas, where he attacked the Rabbi and
3 congregants during a live-streamed Shabbat Service, resulting in widespread visibility of his anti-Semitic
4 threats and rants, while holding the Rabbi and congregants hostage at gunpoint in a protracted standoff;
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6 WHEREAS, Jews are forced to live with heightened fear and anxiety due to an escalation of anti-Semitic
7 events, including record cases of harassment, vandalism, and assaults on American Jews (cited by the
8 Anti-Defamation League Annual Audit of Anti-Semitic Incidents), including multiple physical attacks in
9 Los Angeles County on those wearing Jewish religious attire publicly and cases of anti-Jewish vandalism,
10 harassment, and assault throughout California;
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12 WHEREAS, San Diego Jews are another example of a community victimized by various anti-Semitic
13 attacks including the terrorist assault on Chabad of Poway resulting in a murder and the Rabbi's
14 dismemberment; multiple bomb threats to the Jewish Community Center in La Jolla, and the ransacking
15 of the Chabad at SDSU with perpetrators flaunting stolen religious artifacts on social media; all of which
16 typify events that have forced synagogues, religious schools, Jewish institutions and community centers –
17 both statewide and nationwide - to fortify gates, arm guards and request constant police patrols.
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19 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the California Democratic Party stands in solidarity with the
20 California Jewish community in condemning anti-Semitic attacks and the perpetuation of anti-Semitic
21 tropes sometimes found within “anti-Zionist” hate speech; and remains committed to fighting all forms of
22 anti-Semitism, wherever it exists, and ensuring that the California Democratic Party is a safe, inclusive
23 and respectful space for the Jewish community.

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Resolution 22-03.009

Commending RCV Successes

1 WHEREAS in 2017 the California Democratic Party passed a resolution in favor of Rank Choice Voting
2 (RCV) sometimes also referred to as Instant Runoff Voting (IRV) used in elections with more than two
3 candidates; a system that negates the need for runoff elections; and
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5 WHEREAS when there is a need for a runoff election in municipal elections the costs can run in the
6 millions of dollars in order to pick a candidate with a plurality of votes; according to The Economist, a
7 study of 79 elections in 26 American cities found that RCV was associated with a ten (10%) increase in
8 voter turnout compared to non-RCV elections; and
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10 WHEREAS a 2016 study by Fair Vote examined the effect of RCV on women and people of color running
11 for office in the California Bay Area and found that since the introduction of RCV, women have won more
12 than forty (40%) of all contests, and women of color have won almost one quarter (1/4) of all contests
13 and people of color have won sixty (60) percent.
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15 THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the California Democratic Party commends municipalities that use
16 Ranked Choice Voting to increase voter turnout, reducing the need for cost prohibitive runoff races, and
17 improving participation of women and people of color in municipal governments.

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Resolution 22-03.010

Resolution in Support of a Publicly-Owned Energy Sector to Help California Eliminate Human-Caused CO2 Emissions produced by Energy Generation by 2030

1 WHEREAS, the United Nations Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) declared that we have
2 until 2030, 8 years, to reduce human-caused CO2 emissions by 45% of 2010 levels, and until 2050 to
3 reach net-zero CO2 emissions to prevent warming of 1.5C and irreversible climate and ecological
4 breakdown, and the California Democratic Party’s Energy and Environment platform begins with
5 “Climate change is an existential threat to humanity. We believe California must lead in forging a robust
6 global solution to the climate crisis”; and
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8 WHEREAS, the privately-owned energy sector in the United States, the sector of the economy responsible
9 for producing energy, including extracting, refining, distributing, and burning fossil fuels, is responsible
10 for 90% of human-caused CO2 emissions; and
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12 WHEREAS, the privately-owned energy sector is known to lobby against climate legislation, invest only
13 up to 5% of their capital expenditures into low-carbon projects, have plans to increase carbon emissions
14 and fossil fuel extraction by up to 17% and 20% respectively by 2025, and have negligently caused
15 multiple wildfires that burned hundreds of thousands of acres, thousands of buildings, and killed tens of
16 people in California alone in favor of profit; and
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18 THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the California Democratic Party supports eliminating human-caused
19 CO2 emissions in the energy sector by the year 2030; and
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21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the California Democratic Party supports nationalizing the existing
22 privately-run energy sector in California to support its climate goals and ensure a just transition for
23 energy sector workers.

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Resolution 22-03-011

Urging California to Reform the State's Cannabis Tax Structure

1 WHEREAS, California voters passed Proposition 64 in 2016, establishing two commercial cannabis taxes
2 that, effective January 1, 2018, imposed an excise tax upon the retail sale of cannabis or cannabis
3 products; and
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5 WHEREAS, legal cannabis sales have fallen sharply in recent years and the licensed cannabis market in
6 California is currently experiencing a price collapse; and
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8 WHEREAS, the changing market dynamics have created an opening for illegal and unlicensed sales to
9 flourish, while also reducing the amount of revenue the state collects.
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11 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the California Democratic Party supports a cannabis tax framework
12 that provides a strong and reliable source of revenue for the state without imposing barriers that
13 perpetuate the illicit market for cannabis.

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Resolution 22-03.012

Urging California to Reform the State's Cannabis Tax structure-Resolution urging the State of California to Reform its Cannabis Tax structure

1 WHEREAS, California voters passed Proposition 64 in 2016, establishing two commercial cannabis taxes
2 that, effective January 1, 2018, imposed an excise tax upon the retail sale of cannabis or cannabis
3 products at a rate of fifteen percent (15%), and a cultivation tax on all harvested cannabis that enters the
4 commercial market at a rate of nine dollars and twenty-five cents (\$9.25) for dry-weight flower per
5 ounce, and two dollars and seventy-five cents (\$2.75) per dry-weight leaves/trim per ounce; and
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7 WHEREAS, a November 2021 sales report from BDS Analytics shows that legal sales in California fell by
8 more than eleven percent (11.4%) to \$293.1 million when compared to last year and are down nearly
9 eight percent (7.7%) from August 2021, additionally showing that cannabis flower sales fell twenty-three
10 percent (23%), while concentrates, the second-largest product category, declined eight percent (8%);
11 and
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13 WHEREAS, the licensed cannabis market in California is currently experiencing a price collapse and the
14 average wholesale price for dried cannabis flower has fallen to approximately five hundred dollars
15 (\$500) a pound, and the average wholesale price for dry leaves and trim has fallen to thirty dollars (\$30)
16 a pound making the current tax rate for dry flower equivalent to fifty-one percent (51%) of gross receipts
17 and the current tax rate for dry leaves and trim equivalent to one hundred fifty-three percent (153%) of
18 gross receipts; and,
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20 THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the California Democratic Party strongly urges Governor Newsom
21 and the California Legislature to suspend the state cultivation tax, suspend the 15% state excise tax on
22 cannabis, and establish a regulated environment for commercial cannabis activities that does not impose
23 such barriers as to perpetuate, rather than reduce and eliminate, the illicit market for cannabis in
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Resolution 22-03-013

Consideration of Endorsement of Candidates by this Committee Include their pledge to uphold the principles of the California Democratic Party as expressed in the Party Platform

1 WHEREAS, the California Democratic Party has a detailed set of platform planks that directly delineate its
2 values and principles; and

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4 WHEREAS, Democratic candidates for office can and do request the endorsement of their campaigns
5 without having to pledge to uphold and support the Party Platform; and very recently, the Bylaws of the
6 California Democratic Party were amended to include a requirement that candidates for office, requesting
7 formal endorsement, must affirm they have read the Platform of the California Democratic Party; and

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9 WHEREAS, this Resolution declares a tangible and appropriate enhancement and acknowledgement of
10 the furtherance of the values and principles of the California Democratic party,

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12 THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the California Democratic Party endorses candidates to fulfill the values
13 and principles expressed in our party platform at every level of government.

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Resolution 22-03.014

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF COMPLETION OF THE ELECTRIC-POWERED HIGH SPEED RAIL LINE BETWEEN LOS ANGELES AND SAN FRANCISCO

1 WHEREAS, construction of an 800-mile high-speed rail system connecting San Francisco to Los Angeles is
2 currently underway, but is not adequately funded for completion;
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4 WHEREAS, the high speed rail line is supported by Governor Gavin Newsom, Senator Dianne Feinstein,
5 Senator Alex Padilla, and the U.S. High Speed Rail Coalition (led by a bipartisan group of three former
6 transportation secretaries and backed by labor unions);
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8 WHEREAS, electric high speed rail can be part of a California Green New Deal to tackle climate change
9 and reduce carbon emissions by phasing out short-haul flights as France recently did;
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11 THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the California Democratic Party supports the completion of an electric
12 high speed rail system connecting San Francisco to Los Angeles as quickly as possible so that California
13 can meet its climate goals, create jobs, and improve the state’s transportation infrastructure.

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Resolution 22-03-015

Protection from Misuse of Facial Recognition Technology

1 WHEREAS, Facial Recognition Technology (FRT) is a powerful technology that is used in many areas of
2 modern life, including as biometric passwords in cell phones, and secure facilities, and has the potential
3 to be helpful in various types of investigations such as finding missing persons or identifying
4 perpetrators of ATM fraud; but at the same time failures have been demonstrated in this technology
5 causing human rights abuses and harm to individuals, especially to people of color, women, and youth;
6 and
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8 WHEREAS, the acknowledged failure of FRT is its uneven performance with people of different races as
9 documented by government studies which show that the type of facial recognition used by police
10 investigations tends to produce more false-positive results when evaluating images of non-white
11 persons; and studies found systems used by law enforcement agencies don't always have the latest
12 algorithms and as a result maybe even more unreliable; and
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14 WHEREAS, due to FRT infringing on the civil liberties of black, Indigenous, people of color, and
15 undocumented community members resulting in cases of false arrests due to inaccurate facial matches,
16 cities such as San Francisco, Oakland, and Boston have banned the use of FRT by public agencies, while
17 Washington, Virginia, and Massachusetts have introduced legislation to regulate its use,
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19 THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the California Democratic Party supports protecting people of color,
20 women, and young people from false arrest and profiling by the misuse of Facial Recognition Technology,
21 (FRT) which has the potential for abuse due to algorithmic biases and inaccuracies in the technology; and
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23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the California Democratic Party supports continued protection from civil
24 rights violations even as this powerful technology is perfected.

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Resolution 22-07.003

Resolution in Support of a Publicly-Owned Energy Sector to Help California Eliminate Human-Caused CO2 Emissions produced by Energy Generation by 2030

1 WHEREAS, the United Nations Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) declared that we
2 have until 2030, 8 years, to reduce human-caused CO2 emissions by 45% of 2010 levels, and until
3 2050 to reach net-zero CO2 emissions to prevent warming of 1.5C and irreversible climate and
4 ecological breakdown, and the California Democratic Party’s Energy and Environment platform begins
5 with “Climate change is an existential threat to humanity. We believe California must lead in forging a
6 robust global solution to the climate crisis”; and
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8 WHEREAS, the privately-owned energy sector in the United States, the sector of the economy
9 responsible for producing energy, including extracting, refining, distributing, and burning fossil fuels,
10 is responsible for 90% of human-caused CO2 emissions; and
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12 WHEREAS, the privately-owned energy sector is known to lobby against climate legislation, invest
13 only up to 5% of their capital expenditures into low-carbon projects, have plans to increase carbon
14 emissions and fossil fuel extraction by up to 17% and 20% respectively by 2025, and have negligently
15 caused multiple wildfires that burned hundreds of thousands of acres, thousands of buildings, and
16 killed tens of people in California alone in favor of profit; and
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18 THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the California Democratic Party supports eliminating human-
19 caused CO2 emissions in the energy sector by the year 2030; and
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21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the California Democratic Party supports nationalizing the existing
22 privately-run energy sector in California to support its climate goals and ensure a just transition for
23 energy sector workers.

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Resolution 22-07.004

Condemning Hate and Violence Against Jewish Americans

1 WHEREAS antisemitism or “Jew hate” in America has long been directed toward Jewish communities of
2 all colors, sects, and orthodoxy, from “Red lining” in real estate from 1920 through the 1950’s as well as
3 “tight restrictions” that kept Jews out of jobs in law firms, medical professions, universities, colleges,
4 hotels and country clubs; in 2019 88% of American Jews believed antisemitism was a problem in
5 America; proven by a 2020 “Audit of Antisemitic Incidents” that recorded more than 2,100 acts of assault,
6 vandalism and harassment an increase of 12 percent which included five fatalities and 91 individuals
7 targeted in physical assaults; and
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9 WHEREAS California saw a rise in antisemitic hate crimes of 12% or 126 to 141 in 2019, including a fatal
10 Synagogue shooting in the City of Poway; and in California viewed as a five-year trend from 2016-2020,
11 California experienced an increase in incidents of almost 40 percent; and
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13 WHEREAS the most recent violent incident which caused fear and anxiety among Californians happened
14 on May 18, 2021, on May 23, 2021, Xavier Pabon, a Banning man was arrested on suspicion of assault
15 with a deadly weapon on several Jewish men outside a restaurant in the Beverly Grove area of Los
16 Angeles; and
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18 THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the California Democratic Party vehemently denounces vandalism
19 and violence against Jewish communities; calls on our elected officials to condemn antisemitic sentiment
20 in any and all forms; and calls on elected officials and law enforcement agencies to proactively enforce
21 existing hate crime laws to protect the Jewish community.

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Resolution 22-07.010

Condemning Acts of Hate, Anti-Semitism, and Terrorism Targeting the Jewish Community

1 WHEREAS anti-Semitism or “Jew-hate” in America has long been directed toward Jewish communities of
2 all colors, sects, and orthodoxy; and American Jews are forced to live with heightened fear and anxiety
3 due to an escalation of anti-Semitic events, including physical attacks on those wearing Jewish religious
4 attire in public; and cases of anti-Jewish vandalism, harassment, and assault are rising throughout
5 California, forcing synagogues, religious schools, Jewish institutions, and community centers to fortify
6 gates, increase active shooter training, retain armed guards and request constant police patrols; and
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8 WHEREAS anti-Semitic incidents reached an all-time high in the United States in 2021, with a total of
9 2,717 incidents of assault, harassment and vandalism reported to the Anti-Defamation League (ADL),
10 which represents a 34 percent increase over 2020 and the highest number of incidents on record since
11 ADL began tracking anti-Semitic incidents in 1979; and California had the third-highest recorded number
12 of incidents in that ADL Audit of Anti-Semitic Incidents (367), on the heels of a five-year trend from 2016-
13 2020, where California experienced an almost 40 percent increase in incidents; and
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15 WHEREAS violent incidents proliferating across the State include: a Banning man arrested on suspicion
16 of assault with a deadly weapon on several Jewish men outside a restaurant in the Beverly Grove area of
17 Los Angeles; bomb threats and vandalism at several Los Angeles synagogues and Jewish Community
18 Centers; the terrorist assault on Chabad of Poway resulting in a murder and the Rabbi’s dismemberment;
19 multiple bomb threats to the Jewish Community Center in La Jolla; and the ransacking of the Chabad at
20 San Diego State University with perpetrators flaunting stolen religious artifacts on social media, all while
21 experiencing a terrorist attack on the Rabbi and congregants at Congregation Beth Israel in Colleyville,
22 Texas, during a live-streamed Shabbat service, resulting in widespread visibility of his anti-Semitic
23 threats and rants, while holding the Rabbi and congregants hostage at gunpoint in a protracted standoff;
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25 THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the California Democratic Party condemns anti-Semitic attacks and
26 denounces all acts of hate, vandalism, and violence against Jewish communities; supports law
27 enforcement agencies' efforts to enforce hate crime laws to protect the Jewish community proactively;
28 and remains committed to fighting all forms of anti-Semitism, wherever it exists.

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Resolution 22-07.005

Educate for the future Charter Schools Resolution

1 WHEREAS, local public schools in Los Angeles county are investing in students with the greatest needs by
2 implementing evidence-based strategies, providing stable learning environments, and employing highly
3 skilled education professionals. Neighborhood public schools in Los Angeles provide programs for
4 English Language Learners that provide targeted curriculum in math, social studies, science, reading and
5 writing. In addition, neighborhood public schools in Los Angeles do not deny admission to any Special
6 Education or disabled students and work with families to develop and implement Individual Education
7 Programs (IEP) and 504 plans;

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9 WHEREAS, most charter schools management companies restrict admission students with special
10 education needs and fail to provide transportation to low income families; charter schools with privately
11 appointed boards do not represent the public but make decisions about how public tax dollars are spent;

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13 WHEREAS, We believe that charter schools must reflect their communities, and thus must accept and
14 retain proportionate numbers of students of color, students with disabilities and English Language
15 Learners in relation to their neighborhood public schools;

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17 THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the California Democratic Party supports requiring all schools
18 utilizing public funding to be democratically governed and subject to local school district authorization
19 and control; supports charter schools following the same public information, transparency and conflict of
20 interest laws as public schools; and supports traditional schools and dependent and authorized charter
21 schools working together to ensure a coordinated approach to meeting the educational needs of their
22 communities; and

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24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the California Democratic Party opposes for-profit charter schools and
25 for-profit charter management organizations in California.

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Resolution 22-07.006

Preserving Economic Opportunity for Indian Tribes through Gaming

1 WHEREAS in 1998, 2000, and 2008, California voters granted and upheld the sovereign right of
2 California's Native American tribes to operate highly regulated gaming facilities on their own tribal lands;
3 tribal gaming has raised billions of dollars to lift many tribes out of poverty, delivering access to a higher
4 quality of life on Indian Reservations including higher incomes, improved health, higher levels of
5 education and reductions in drug and alcohol addiction, and this revenue builds prosperity far beyond
6 Indian reservations, uplifting tribal and nontribal communities alike; and
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8 WHEREAS if Native American tribes are to fully recover from the poverty and disadvantage imposed
9 upon them, exclusive rights to gaming on tribal lands will continue to be an essential part of sustaining
10 their economic success and self-sufficiency, but competition from non-tribal, corporate gaming interests
11 now pose a significant threat to that recovery, and Native American tribes could slide back into a cycle of
12 poverty.
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14 THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the California Democratic Party reaffirms the sovereign rights of
15 Native American tribes and supports preserving the rights awarded to them to operate gaming in person
16 on their own tribal lands.

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Resolution 22-03-017

RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT BLACK AND LATINO STUDENTS IN OAKLAND PUBLIC SCHOOLS BY ELIMINATING STATE DEBT AND REIMBURSING THE DISTRICT FOR FCMAT EXPENSES TO PREVENT MASS SCHOOL CLOSURES

1 WHEREAS in 2003, the Oakland Unified School District (“OUSD”) was under severe financial strain and
2 Senate Bill 39 was authorized in the form of a \$100 million emergency state loan (with interest), of which
3 the District has been under state control to the District and in 2017, the district petitioned the California
4 Department of Finance (DOF) to defer its payments on the loan and since that time the District has been
5 under the oversight of the Fiscal Crisis Management Assistance Team (“FCMAT”) demanding school
6 closures without any evidence that such closures would save money and disregarding almost every such
7 closure were of schools in the Black community causing trauma and academic and social loss and as of
8 January 2022, fourteen schools are on the list for closure/merger, nine of which are 46% or more Black
9 and six that are 43% Latino/Latine (Board Policy 3077), without conducting a community engagement
10 process or an equity impact analysis; and

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12 WHEREAS school closures are a disruption, causing uncertainty and stress for children, most children
13 being from marginalized communities that have already faced challenges over the last 18 months of the
14 pandemic of which the cumulative effects of these stressful experiences can pose serious risks to their
15 mental health and closures are a disinvestment within the neighborhoods they serve, removing central
16 hubs for community-building and a 2011 Philadelphia Research Initiative of the Pew Charitable Trusts
17 study showed that school closings often don't save much money or improve student performance and in
18 another study student test scores in Denmark decreased after consolidation;” and

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20 WHEREAS, California is anticipating a \$45.7 billion surplus for the 2022-23 fiscal year, of which \$16.1
21 billion will be used for Proposition 98 obligations and \$20.6 billion will be available for discretionary use;

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23 RESOLVED, that the California Democratic Party supports the most underserved student populations and
24 their families by opposing school closures during this Pandemic in the City of Oakland and urges the
25 Governor, the State Legislature, and the Department of Education to protect the well-being of our
26 students to consider amending the State budget to waive previously owed state debt and reimbursing
27 OUSD for FCMAT related expenses.

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Resolution 22-03.018

Resolution in Support of Human Rights in the Philippines

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Resolution 22-03.019

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF UKRAINE

1 WHEREAS Ukraine is a sovereign, democratic nation-state whose United Nations recognized borders and
2 territorial integrity cannot be changed by force and whose citizens have an inherent right to make their
3 country's decisions and determine their country's future; and
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5 WHEREAS in March 2014, The Russian Federation violated internationally recognized Ukrainian borders
6 by invading and annexing the Crimean peninsula, and after 8 years of continued destabilization of
7 Ukraine through covert operations and funding of paramilitary groups in Eastern Ukraine and
8 engagement in electronic warfare, and on February 24, 2022, invaded Ukraine undermining vital
9 international principles through an unjustified war which has already caused over 15,000 confirmed
10 Ukrainian civilian casualties and internally displaced at least 8 million persons displaced in Eastern and
11 Southern Ukraine while sending more than 31,000 Russian soldiers to their deaths and leaving a long
12 trail of horrific barbaric acts against Ukrainians that shock the human conscience and which are under
13 investigation by the International Criminal Court; and
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15 WHEREAS it is the position of the Biden Administration that "the United States' commitment to Ukraine's
16 independence, sovereignty, and territorial integrity is ironclad," and that position is joined by over 141
17 other nations in the United Nations condemning Russia's invasion of Ukraine;
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19 THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the California Democratic Party joins in solidarity with Ukraine in the
20 principle that democracies should not be subject to unjustified invasions, especially those that never
21 threatened military action or persecution; and
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23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the California Democratic Party reaffirms its support for the principles
24 that the borders and territorial integrity of a democratic, sovereign nation-state recognized by the United
25 Nations and nearly the entire international community cannot be changed by force and that citizens in
26 such a democracy have the right to determine their nation's future without fear, intimidation, or violence.

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Resolution 22-03.020

Leveraging Aid to Address Human Rights Violations Against Children in the West Bank, Gaza and Syria by Palestinians and Encouraging a Positive Approach to Peacebuilding.

1 WHEREAS the European Union and United States have criticized the Palestinian Authority (PA), the
2 United Nations Works Relief Agency and Hamas for continuing use of textbooks that are replete with
3 troubling references throughout all grades and subjects with anti-Semitic content, hate speech, and
4 incitement to violence against Jews; and
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6 WHEREAS Child Soldiers International, United Nations Human Rights Council, and U.S. Department of
7 State have cited Hamas, Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP), and Palestinian Islamic Jihad (PIJ)
8 for trafficking and recruiting child soldiers and cited these militias and the PA for “routinely
9 indoctrinating Palestinian children to aspire to martyrdom through armed confrontations with Israel,”
10 resulting in the deliberate deployment of children often under duress, into dangerous confrontations
11 against Israeli border and defense forces in these organizations’ efforts to delegitimize Israel or engage in
12 direct violent confrontations with Israel; and
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14 WHEREAS President Biden campaigned on enforcing laws to restrict aid to the Palestinian Authority until
15 they stop compensating individuals who engage in acts of violence against Israelis, but has restored \$40
16 million in security aid and \$225 million in economic and humanitarian aid to encourage the parties to re-
17 engage to work toward a bilaterally negotiated Two State solution to the Israeli-Palestinian and conflict
18 encouraging all parties to desist in provocation or escalation of the conflict.
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20 THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED California Democratic Party supports foreign assistance that matches both
21 our strategic objectives and our values as a nation, in doing so and only if necessary, supports re-
22 evaluation of the levels and types aid to take into consideration and leverage such aid to address the
23 Palestinian Authority, Hamas, PFLP and PIJ’s mistreatment of children and promotion of violence and
24 Antisemitism in state schools and further, take such steps redirect critical humanitarian aid so that
25 militias and armed forces cannot benefit from, steal or siphon the aid, to offset costs of military or
26 confrontational operations.
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28 BE IT THEREFORE FURTHER RESOLVED that the California Democratic Party supports the concept that
29 investing in peacebuilding and positive encouragement is preferable to sanctions and withholding aid to
30 achieve an Israel/Palestine two-state solution with two states living side by side in peace including
31 security with Palestinians and Israelis benefitting from justice and equality for all citizens living within
32 their respective borders.

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Resolution 22-07.008

Calling for Collaboration on Protections for Journalist and Media Professionals from Violence

1 WHEREAS, professional journalists and media professionals play an important role in independently
2 reporting world events and uncovering acts of corruption, cruelty, and injustice, often countering the
3 propaganda of state-sponsored media and totalitarian governments.
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5 WHEREAS, According to UNESCO, even though more than two-thirds of the 43 journalists killed in 2021
6 were in non-conflict zones, mostly in the Asia-Pacific and Latin America regions, of the 1,527 journalists
7 killed since 1993, most have been killed in conflict zones, such as Iraq (201), Syria (113), Afghanistan
8 (81) and Somalia (75) and in extra-judicial killings in Mexico (142), the Philippines (112) and Pakistan
9 (86), but also including 22 journalists in the Palestinian Territories which include the killing of
10 journalists by Hamas and Fatah during conflicts between the groups, and the recent death of American-
11 Palestinian journalist Shireen Abu Akleh in the Jenin during conflicts between Palestinian Militants and
12 the Israeli Defense Forces seeking to arrest Palestinian Islamic Jihad militants behind a wave of over
13 twenty terrorist attacks on civilians; and
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15 WHEREAS, in 2015 the United Nations Security Council passed Resolution 2222 urging member states to
16 take steps to ensure accountability for crimes against journalists, and ensure that journalists covering
17 conflicts as civilians are accorded protections from violence, kidnapping, and intimidation who are
18 protected from violence during military actions under the Geneva Convention, but the states where such
19 killings occur are sometimes not cooperative, as evidenced by the Palestinian Authority's refusal to
20 cooperate or provide critical evidence to Israel under joint custody in the investigation of the death of
21 Akleh, to confirm third party media circumstantial evidence, and even as Israel has admitted as a result of
22 this information and its own investigation of the death to date that it may be responsible, the confusion
23 has prompted members of Congress to ask FBI to conduct its own investigation, and
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25 BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the California Democratic Party reaffirms its support of the respect
26 for the independence and safety of journalists/media professionals covering armed conflicts as civilians;
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28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the California Democratic Party supports the principle that all
29 governments should fully cooperate and where applicable, work with each other to independently
30 investigate, resolve and where appropriate, prosecute perpetrators for any intentional targeting and
31 deaths of journalists and media professionals.

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Resolution 22-07.009

A resolution calling for investigation of the killing of an American journalist and a halt to support for war crimes

1 WHEREAS the veteran Palestinian American journalist Shireen Abu Akleh was shot dead on May 11 while
2 covering Israeli military action in the occupied West Bank, most likely by an Israeli army sniper,
3 according to eyewitness testimony from other journalists and forensic analysis by the Israeli human
4 rights organization B'Tselem and a subsequent CNN investigation debunking the Israeli military's claim
5 that Palestinian militants might have shot her; and
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7 WHEREAS more than 50 Palestinian journalists covering the West Bank and Gaza have been killed since
8 2000, according to the Palestinian Journalists Syndicate, indicating that as in other oppressive countries
9 around the world, Israel strives to cover up its violent repression by targeting those who bravely strive to
10 show the world the truth: and
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12 WHEREAS this year has also seen major increases in the killing of unarmed Palestinian civilians in the
13 West Bank, including children, in arrests, including hundreds of "administrative detainees" without
14 charges or evidence, in demolition of Palestinian homes, in expulsions of whole villages, and in building
15 thousands of new units in illegal Israeli settlements, which along with the killing of Shireen Abu Akleh all
16 reinforce the conclusions of numerous human rights groups, including Human Rights Watch, Amnesty
17 International and B'Tselem, that Israel is committing the crime of apartheid both inside Israel and in the
18 occupied Palestinian territories;
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20 THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the California Democratic Party urges our congressional delegation to
21 support an independent, international investigation into the killings of Abu Akleh, other journalists and
22 civilians in the occupied Palestinian territories, and to support referrals for war crimes investigations by
23 the International Criminal Court, as the United States has recently done for alleged Russian war crimes
24 against Ukraine; and
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26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the California Democratic Party urges our congressional delegation to
27 follow up with the administration to take seriously their obligation to follow U.S. and international law
28 that bars or conditions military aid to violators of human rights.

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Resolution 22-07.007

Condition Permits on Labor Peace Agreements

1 WHEREAS business interests spent hundreds of millions of dollars to reduce or eliminate workers' rights
2 in California by lobbying against AB5, passing Prop 22, and enlisting in union busting campaigns; and

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4 WHEREAS many businesses must receive state and city permits to operate their companies in California;
5 and

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7 WHEREAS labor peace agreements are agreements between corporations and labor unions wherein a
8 corporation can agree to acknowledge a labor union as the lawful bargaining representative of its
9 employees by foregoing an anti-union election through neutrality;

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11 THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the California Democratic Party believes that labor harmony between
12 big business and labor unions is good for workers and good for business;

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14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the California Democratic Party supports conditioning permit approvals
15 on a signed labor peace agreement between a company and interested labor unions.

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