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Resolution 22-11.002

Resolution to Stop the Privatization of Traditional Medicare via the proposed ACO-REACH Program

1 WHEREAS, a new program started under the Trump administration introduces a way in which those
2 on Traditional Medicare can be moved to a for-profit insurance model without their consent using the
3 program known as ACO-REACH, which at the present time is under no Congressional oversight, and
4 allows its insurers to keep up to 40% of their revenue as profit and overhead, thereby giving them a
5 dangerous financial incentive to restrict care for seniors; and

6 WHEREAS, Medicare will pay these programs more money for patients with more complex diagnoses,
7 thereby providing a strong incentive to engage in a fraudulent practice known as "up coding,"
8 meaning that they exaggerate the coding of seniors' diagnoses, resulting in higher costs to Medicare
9 than if the seniors were in the Traditional Medicare program, thereby making it likely to produce
10 insolvency of the Medicare Trust in 2026 which has been projected by the Congressional Budget
11 Office; and

12 WHEREAS, the fundamental difference between for-profit health insurance models and Traditional
13 Medicare is that for-profit insurance limits care in order to provide maximum profit for its
14 shareholders through narrow networks, requiring pre-approvals, and denials of care;

15 THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the California Democratic Party recognizes the danger that the
16 ACO-REACH privatization plan poses to Traditional Medicare; and

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the California Democratic Party will send a letter to Xavier Becerra,
18 Secretary of Health and Human Services, with copies to President Joseph R. Biden, Senators Dianne
19 Feinstein and Alex Padilla, and our Congressional delegation, Representatives Jared Huffman, and
20 Mike Thompson, alerting them to the danger to Traditional Medicare and the need for termination of
21 the ACO-REACH program before it is scheduled to start in January 2023.

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Resolution 23-05.002

Stop the Privatization of Traditional Medicare via the proposed ACO-REACH Program

1 **Whereas**, a new program started under the Trump administration introduces a way in which those
2 on Traditional Medicare can be moved to a for-profit insurance model without their consent using the
3 program known as ACO-REACH, which at the present time is under no Congressional oversight and
4 allows its insurers to keep up to 40% of their revenue as profit and overhead, thereby giving them a
5 dangerous financial incentive to restrict care for Traditional Medicare beneficiaries; and

6 **Whereas**, Medicare will pay these programs more money for patients with more complex diagnoses,
7 thereby providing a strong incentive to engage in a fraudulent practice known as "up coding,"
8 meaning that they exaggerate the coding of beneficiaries' diagnoses which is already happening in
9 the Medicare Advantage programs, resulting in higher costs to Medicare than if the beneficiaries were
10 in the traditional Medicare program, thereby making it likely to produce insolvency of the Medicare
11 Trust by 2026 which has been projected by the Congressional Budget Office; and

12 **Whereas**, the fundamental difference between for-profit health insurance models and traditional
13 Medicare is that for-profit insurance limits care in order to provide maximum profit for its
14 shareholders through narrow networks, requiring pre- approvals and denials of care;

15 **Therefore be it resolved** that the Democratic Central Committee of Marin recognizes the danger
16 that the ACO-REACH privatization plan poses to Traditional Medicare; and

17 **Be it further resolved** that the Mendocino County Democratic Central Committee will send a letter
18 to Xavier Becerra, Secretary of Health and Human Services, with copies to President Joseph R. Biden,
19 Senators Dianne Feinstein and Alex Padilla, and our Congressional Representative Jared Huffman,
20 alerting them to the danger to traditional Medicare and the need for termination of the ACO-REACH
21 program scheduled start January 2023.

Resolution adopted by the Mendocino County Democratic Party on March 7, 2023

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Resolution 23-05.003

Protect Traditional Medicare and the Choices of Traditional Medicare Beneficiaries

1 **WHEREAS**, the California Democratic Party has a long-standing commitment to support Traditional
2 Medicare and oppose efforts to privatize it and nearly 6.6 million Californians receive health coverage
3 through Medicare (those over 65 and people with disabilities) and beneficiaries have the option of
4 enrolling in Traditional Medicare or Medicare Advantage; and a re-branded Direct Contracting Entity
5 program called ACO-REACH was adopted in 2022 which incentivizes profiteering while taking away
6 choice from Traditional Medicare beneficiaries to align them with REACH entities placing their care
7 into the hands of private for profit corporations without their consent; and

8 **WHEREAS**, Medicare funds will pay these companies more money for patients with more complex
9 diagnoses, thereby providing a strong incentive to engage in a fraudulent practice known as "up
10 coding," meaning that they exaggerate the coding of beneficiaries' diagnoses, resulting in higher
11 costs to Medicare funds than if the beneficiaries were in the Traditional Medicare program, and

12 **WHEREAS**, the fundamental difference between for-profit health insurance models and Traditional
13 Medicare is that for-profit insurance limits care in order to provide maximum profit up to 40% for its
14 shareholders through narrow networks, requiring pre-approvals and denials of care while Traditional
15 Medicare has an administrative cost of 2%;

16 **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the California Democratic Party reaffirms its commitment to
17 Traditional Medicare, a critical safety net for millions of Americans and a symbol of our nation's
18 commitment to take care of our seniors, and recognizes the danger that the ACO-REACH privatization
19 plan poses to Traditional Medicare and its beneficiaries by taking away their choice; and

20 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the California Democratic Party will communicate that
21 commitment to President Joseph R. Biden, the California Congressional Representatives, Secretary
22 Xavier Becerra, Secretary of Health and Human Services, alerting them to the danger to Traditional
23 Medicare and the need for termination of the ACO-REACH program.

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Resolution 23-05.004

RESOLUTION REQUESTING PRESIDENT BIDEN TAKE ACTIONS REQUIRED TO CONFIRM THE RATIFICATION OF THE EQUAL RIGHTS AMENDMENT

1 **WHEREAS** on January 27, 2020, the Legislature of the State of Virginia became the 38th state to
2 ratify the Equal Rights Amendment, fulfilling the United States Constitution’s requirement that
3 proposed amendments be “ratified by the Legislatures of three fourths of the several States;” and

4 **WHEREAS** only the recognition of these legislative votes to ratify the Equal Rights Amendment and
5 the publishing of the Amendment by the Archivist of the United States remain for the 28th
6 Amendment to take effect; and

7 **WHEREAS** the Archivist of the United States has reportedly declined to publish the Amendment
8 because of a controversial Office of Legal Counsel opinion authored during former President Donald
9 Trump’s Administration;

10 **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Democratic Party of Contra Costa County believes the
11 increased participation of women and younger voters in the 2022 midterm elections, which helped to
12 turn back the predicted “red wave,” should lead to actions supporting those voters; and

13 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** the Democratic Party of Contra Costa requests that the President of
14 the United States use his executive powers to direct the Office of Legal Counsel to withdraw its
15 Trump-era opinion regarding the Equal Rights Amendment’s ratification status and to direct the
16 Archivist of the United States to publish the Equal Rights Amendment as the 28th Amendment as
17 required by Article V of the United States Constitution.

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Resolution 23-05.005

Stop the Privatization of Traditional Medicare via the ACO-REACH Program

1 **WHEREAS**, a new program initiated by the previous administration, Accountable Care Organizations
2 – Realizing Equity, Access, and Community Health (ACO-REACH), allows patients covered by traditional
3 Medicare to be transitioned into a for-profit insurance program without their consent. The new ACO-
4 REACH program has no Congressional oversight and allows insurers to pocket forty percent (40%) of
5 the payments from the Medicare Trust to cover their profit and overhead, which creates dangerous
6 financial incentives to overtreat ailments indicating profitable care and undertreat ailments indicating
7 low-margin care or preventive care. Moreover, the ACO-REACH program will further complicate the
8 future transition to a single-payer system; that would provide public healthcare for all, reduce
9 complexity, increase national health outcomes, and cost less; and

10 **WHEREAS**, because Medicare pays more for patients with more complex diagnoses, the new ACO-
11 REACH program creates even stronger incentives to engage in the fraudulent practice known as “up-
12 coding” (i.e., exaggerating the severity of the disease and its corresponding diagnosis coding to
13 increase the payment from Medicare). This is already happening in current Medicare Advantage
14 programs resulting in higher patient costs paid by the Medicare Trust than those covered by traditional
15 Medicare programs. This up-coding heightens the risk of insolvency of the Medicare Trust, which
16 insolvency is currently projected by the Congressional Budget Office as early as 2026; and

17 **WHEREAS**, a fundamental difference between for-profit health insurance models and traditional
18 Medicare is that for-profit models are incentivized to limit low-profit therapies and standard preventive
19 care by narrowing provider networks, requiring preapprovals, and systematically denying care to deliver
20 maximum profitability to the for-profit entity and its shareholders. Such profiteering reduces patient
21 care and negatively impacts patient health outcomes.

22 **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the California Democratic Party recognizes the grave danger
23 the ACO-REACH privatization plan poses to Medicare patients and the Medicare Trust; and

24 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the California Democratic Party goes on record to strongly oppose
25 the ACO-REACH program.

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Resolution 23-05.006

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2 ratify the Equal Rights Amendment, fulfilling the United States Constitution’s requirement that
3 proposed amendments be “ratified by the Legislatures of three fourths of the several States;” and

4 **WHEREAS** only the recognition of these legislative votes to ratify the Equal Rights Amendment and
5 the publishing of the Amendment by the Archivist of the United States remain for the 28th
6 Amendment to take effect; and

7 **WHEREAS** the Archivist of the United States has reportedly declined to publish the Amendment
8 because of a controversial Office of Legal Counsel opinion authored during former President Donald
9 Trump’s Administration;

10 **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the California Democratic Party believes the increased
11 participation of women and younger voters in the 2022 midterm elections, which helped to turn back
12 the predicted “red wave,” should lead to actions supporting those voters; and

13 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the California Democratic Party requests that the President of the
14 United States use his executive powers to direct the Office of Legal Counsel to withdraw its Trump-
15 era opinion regarding the Equal Rights Amendment’s ratification status and to direct the Archivist of
16 the United States to publish the Equal Rights Amendment as the 28th Amendment as required by
17 Article V of the United States Constitution.

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Resolution 23-05.007

GUN SAFETY RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, the Second is the only Amendment to the Constitution that contains the words "well-
2 regulated." These regulation proposals would unquestionably fall within it's frame work; and

3 WHEREAS, guns are more, or at the very least, just as dangerous as motor vehicles. These regulation
4 proposals would bring firearms safety standards up to the level of motor vehicle safety standards and
5 would surely reduce the level of gun violence in the country; and

6 THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that all gun owners should have to pass a background check, a
7 federal government approved gun safety course and carry a photo identification that denotes that
8 these requirements were met for the type of gun owned. All gun owners should pay a yearly
9 registration fee and show proof of liability insurance for each gun owned; and

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all guns should have serial numbers. All sales, commercial and
11 private should be reported to the ATF and/or appropriate state agency. In addition, all new firearms
12 purchased after a certain date should be of the smart gun type.

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Resolution 23-05.008

A RESOLUTION REQUESTING CONSISTENT MESSAGING & TRAINING

1 WHEREAS, effective Democratic framing and messaging is critical to voter outreach, an effective
2 media strategy, building relationships with activists, conveying policy and proposals in a convincing
3 manner, all of which will be essential to winning elections in November 2020

4 WHEREAS, Republican success over the past few decades has been due, in part, to their investment
5 of considerable time and money on focus groups and other research to achieve effective messaging
6 on all media, especially targeting social media and the internet, and, in part, also due to their
7 expertise in distributing talking points to all Republicans, virtually never answering any question but
8 rather changing the conversation to their talking points with all spokespeople staying on topic and
9 giving the same short consistent message;

10 WHEREAS, Democrats need to develop the capacity to quickly distribute talking points that frame
11 accepted Democratic principles and platforms in response to current events, the news cycle and
12 negative conservative messaging. This framing should appeal to local areas, a broad consistent
13 national messaging that defines the Democratic Party, and training to stay on topic throughout a
14 news cycle despite distractions.

15 BE IT RESOLVED, that the Santa Clara County Democratic party calls on the California Democratic
16 Party and the National Democratic Party to invest in data mining and information technology experts
17 to develop, frame and continually disseminate targeted, coordinated Democratic messaging
18 throughout the Internet and other media.

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Santa Clara County Democratic Party requests Democratic Party
20 leadership at both the State and National level immediately provide formal, coordinated messaging
21 and framing training for all Democratic spokespersons, state and county Democratic Party officials,
22 and interested activists to help them all present a clear consistent framing of accepted Democratic
23 principles and platforms in response to current events, any news cycle, and negative conservative
24 messaging while avoiding distractions.

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Resolution 23-05.009

Resolution Supporting Removal of Cuba from the U.S. State Sponsor of Terrorism List

1 WHEREAS, Cuba was removed from the State Sponsor of Terrorism list by President Obama in 2015
2 after an exhaustive review by the State Department and the intelligence community, and the Trump
3 Administration did not cite any new facts to warrant placing Cuba back on the list; and

4 WHEREAS, the Trump Administration's restrictions limit mutually beneficial dialog and exchange
5 between U.S. and Cuban people, harm small privately owned Cuban businesses, reduce the flow of
6 money and goods to ordinary Cuban people, and limit the flow of necessary humanitarian supplies
7 and equipment; and

8 WHEREAS, a letter to President Biden on December 16, 2021 signed by 114 members of Congress,
9 including California Representatives Lee, Swalwell, Lowenthal, Eshoo, Huffman, DeSaulnier, Eshoo,
10 Waters, Bass, Garamendi, Lofgren, Khanna, Jacobs, McNerney, Takano, Thompson, Speier, Matsui,
11 Bera, Sanchez, Chu, Vargas, Roybal-Allard, Porter, Napolitano, Barragan, Porter, and Gomez,
12 requested that the policies of the United States with respect to Cuba be returned to those negotiated
13 and implemented by President Obama.

14 NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the California Democratic Party hereby supports the
15 restoration of relations between the United States and Cuba to those put in place by President
16 Obama with a view of completely ending all U.S. policies and practices aimed at the economic
17 isolation of Cuba.

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Resolution 23-05.011

Resolution Against the Destructive and Restrictive Construction on the Southern Border

1 **WHEREAS**, the binational Friendship Park was created as a safe space for families and residents
2 separated by the border to come together to visit loved ones, yet Border Patrol efforts are underway
3 to wall-off the border in a manner that would destroy the binational Friendship Park, by building
4 intrusive and destructive barriers under the false pretense of "maintenance"; and

5 **WHEREAS**, construction is under way to extend the border barrier through the Tijuana River,
6 thereby blocking the flow of water which will threaten people and ecosystems on both sides of the
7 border, and also creating significant flood risk; and

8 **WHEREAS**, the ongoing construction makes it difficult or impossible for those seeking asylum to
9 reach the United States border,

10 **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the California Democratic Party condemns all efforts to wall-
11 off the United States-Mexico border by means of unnecessary and dangerous construction that
12 damages the environment and separates communities, and limits or prevents access to requesting
13 asylum.

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Resolution 23-05.012

Remove Cuba from the U.S. State Sponsor of Terrorism List

1 WHEREAS, Cuba was removed from the State Sponsor of Terrorism list by President Obama in 2015
2 after an exhaustive review by the State Department and the intelligence community and the Biden
3 Administration has taken initial steps to normalize relations; and

4 WHEREAS, the Trump Administration's restrictions, which limit travel, trade, research, aid, and other
5 mutually beneficial dialog and exchange between U.S. and Cuban people, harm small privately owned
6 Cuban businesses, reduce the flow of money and goods to ordinary Cuban people, and limit the flow
7 of necessary humanitarian supplies and equipment; and

8 WHEREAS, a letter to President Biden on December 16, 2021, signed by 114 members of Congress,
9 including 19 California Representatives, requested that the policies of the United States with respect
10 to Cuba be returned to those negotiated and implemented by President Obama.

11 THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the California Democratic Party supports the renewal of
12 diplomatic relations between the U.S. and Cuba.

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Resolution 23-05.013

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF INCLUSION OF ARMENIANS IN THE MENA IDENTITY GROUP FOR THE 2030 CENSUS

1 **WHEREAS** California is home to the largest number of Armenian Americans in the U.S. including
2 immigrants, refugees and English Learners, and meaningful and comprehensive data on the
3 Armenian American population of California is currently lacking, making the Armenian American
4 community, together with other Middle Eastern and North African (MENA) communities, invisible and
5 underserved within the U.S.; and

6 **WHEREAS** the U.S. Office of Management and Budget recently released a new draft questionnaire
7 for the 2030 Census that includes a new MENA Category with subcategories such as Lebanese,
8 Syrian, Iranian, and other populations; and

9 **WHEREAS** Armenian Americans constitute a transnational group across MENA and are historically
10 one of the largest and most impacted groups of immigrants in the United States from the MENA
11 region, and the inclusion of the MENA category and a specific Armenian checkbox within the MENA
12 category of the 2030 Census would provide California with more accurate data on all of its residents,
13 which would ultimately bring more resources and funding for the State to support underserved
14 populations;

15 **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that California Democratic Party supports the inclusion of an
16 Armenian checkbox within the MENA category of the 2030 Census, and urges the United States Office
17 of Management and Budget to adopt this recommendation.

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Resolution 23-05.014

RESOLUTION REQUESTING PRESIDENT BIDEN TAKE ACTIONS REQUIRED TO CONFIRM THE RATIFICATION OF THE EQUAL RIGHTS AMENDMENT

1 **WHEREAS** on January 27, 2020, the Legislature of the State of Virginia became the 38th state to
2 ratify the Equal Rights Amendment, fulfilling the United States Constitution’s requirement that
3 proposed amendments be “ratified by the Legislatures of three fourths of the several States;” and

4 **WHEREAS** only the recognition of these legislative votes to ratify the Equal Rights Amendment and
5 the publishing of the Amendment by the Archivist of the United States remain for the 28th
6 Amendment to take effect; and

7 **WHEREAS** the Archivist of the United States has reportedly declined to publish the Amendment
8 because of a controversial Office of Legal Counsel opinion authored during former President Donald
9 Trump’s Administration;

10 **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the California Democratic Party believes the increased
11 participation of women and younger voters in the 2022 midterm elections, which helped to turn back
12 the predicted “red wave,” should lead to actions supporting those voters; and

13 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the California Democratic Party requests that the President of the
14 United States use his executive powers to direct the Office of Legal Counsel to withdraw its Trump-
15 era opinion regarding the Equal Rights Amendment’s ratification status and to direct the Archivist of
16 the United States to publish the Equal Rights Amendment as the 28th Amendment as required by
17 Article V of the United States Constitution.

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Resolution 23-05.015

Advancing Human Rights of LGBTQI Persons Around the World

1 **WHEREAS** LGBTQIA+ people continue to face discrimination, persecution, and violence in numerous
2 countries around the world; and

3 **WHEREAS** President Biden on February 4, 2021, issued his “Memorandum on Advancing the
4 Human Rights of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, and Intersex Persons Around the
5 World” in an effort to further the human rights of LGBTQI+ globally; and

6 **WHEREAS** the State Department and the United States Agency for International Development are
7 drastically underfunded to provide assistance to LGBTQI+ people through our embassies in foreign
8 nations, with the State Department’s Global Equality Fund estimating that they could only fund 15
9 percent of the requests for help they received, this condition has led 117 congressional members to
10 make a formal request for increased funding to the Office of Management and Budget;

11 **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the California Democratic Party reaffirms our commitment to
12 protecting human rights for all people by supporting President Joe Biden’s Memorandum on
13 Advancing the Human Rights of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer and Intersex Persons
14 Around the World; and

15 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the California Democratic Party joins with 117 Members Congress
16 in calling for increased funding for the State Department and the United States Agency for
17 International Development to help LGBTQI+ people around the world facing persecution and
18 oppression.

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Resolution 23-05.016

End impunity and weapons transfers to human rights violators

1 WHEREAS the United States continues to put perceived geopolitical interests and corporate profits
2 above human rights by selling and giving a plethora of lethal weapons to a long list of regimes that
3 abuse their own people and/or attack their neighbors, causing massive human suffering, property
4 destruction, environmental disaster and a huge waste of resources needed to foster human
5 development and save the planet; and

6 WHEREAS in one such prominent instance, conclusions of numerous human rights groups, including
7 Human Rights Watch, Amnesty International and B'Tselem, that Israel is committing the crimes of
8 apartheid and persecution both inside Israel and in the occupied Palestinian territories, with a major
9 increase in the past year of civilian deaths, including the assassination of U.S./Palestinian journalist
10 Shireen Abu Akleh, and of land confiscations, illegal settlements, home demolitions and pogroms
11 against Palestinian villagers; and

12 WHEREAS a recent Gallup poll found that for the first time, Democrats' sympathies lie more with the
13 Palestinians than the Israelis, by a margin of 49% to 38%, but our Congress members, by a larger
14 margin, continue to grant unconditional financial, political and military support to Israel;

15 THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the California Democratic Party urges our congressional
16 delegation to endorse the letter sent to Secretary of State Blinken in April by Sen. Sanders and 13
17 House members, in which they urge "a shift in U.S. policy in recognition of the worsening violence,
18 [Israel's] further annexation of land, and denial of Palestinian rights," and to ensure that "all future
19 foreign assistance to Israel, including weapons and equipment, is not used in support of gross
20 violations of human rights," as is already required by U.S. and international law; and

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the California Democratic Party urges our congressional delegation
22 and the administration to take seriously their joint obligation to follow U.S. and international law that
23 bars or conditions military aid and weapons sales to all violators of human rights, and to support
24 referrals for war crimes investigations by the International Criminal Court, as the United States has
25 recently done for alleged Russian war crimes against Ukraine.

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Resolution 23-05.086

Protecting Medicare-A Critical Safety Net for Seniors

1 **WHEREAS**, the California Democratic Party has a long-standing commitment to protect Medicare for
2 the benefit of nearly 6.6 million Californian seniors and disabled persons receiving health coverage
3 through Medicare; and

4 **WHEREAS**, Accountable Care Organizations (ACOs) have been in existence since 2010 and the new
5 ACO-REACH model was implemented as a pilot program on January 1, 2023, and should be
6 monitored for patient effectiveness and outcomes to prevent fraud and abuse so the Medicare
7 program is protected and its beneficiaries continue to receive quality care; and

8 **WHEREAS**, President Joseph R. Biden has shown unwavering support to protect Medicare as
9 evidenced by his FY 2024 Budget that lays out a plan to preserve and strengthen Medicare,
10 extending solvency of the Medicare Trust Fund for generations to come;

11 **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the California Democratic Party reaffirms its commitment to
12 protecting Medicare, a critical safety net for millions of Americans and a powerful demonstration of
13 our nation's commitment to care for our seniors.

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Resolution 23-05.080

RESOLUTION ON ANTISEMITISM

1 WHEREAS there is a documented, disturbing and dangerous rise of antisemitism globally, in the
2 United States, and in California where the Jewish population is being increasingly targeted by the
3 grotesque spread of misinformation that includes but is not limited to the sole blame for the spread
4 of COVID–19, conspiracy theories about population control through vaccines, the spread of
5 misinformation in media, accusations of dual loyalty and desire to destroy the United States, and a
6 multitude of other tropes and negative stereotypes; and

7 WHEREAS the American Jewish Committee (AJC)'s 2021 State of Antisemitism in America report, a
8 survey of American Jews and the general public's perceptions of antisemitism, revealed 24 percent of
9 American Jews have been personally targeted by antisemitism in the past 12 months, 4 in 10
10 American Jews changed their behavior at least once out of fear of antisemitism, 90 percent believe
11 antisemitism is a problem in the United States, and 82 percent feel it has increased in the past 5
12 years; and

13 WHEREAS according to the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Jews were the target of 55 percent of all
14 religiously motivated hate crimes in 2020, despite accounting for no more than 2.4 percent of the
15 United States population and a particular rise has happened in California,

16 THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the California Democratic Party reaffirms its stand against hate
17 speech and antisemitism in all forms, including threats and carried out violence directed against any
18 religious identity community; and

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, the California Democratic Party disavows denials and distortions of
20 the Holocaust while encouraging antisemitism education and to build on efforts to stop these
21 troubling on-going trends.

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Resolution 23-05.090

CALIFORNIA'S REFERENDUM SYSTEM NEEDS REFORM NOW

1 WHEREAS, in 1911, California voters took power back for themselves and away from
2 wealthy corporations by creating the tool of the referendum, a check and balance on power where
3 voters get to decide whether to keep legislation or overturn legislation, and now, more than one
4 hundred years later, California's referendum process is being abused by the same corporations it
5 was intended to check, including tobacco companies, bail bondsmen, plastics companies, and
6 most recently oil and fast-food corporations; and

7 WHEREAS, these corporations use their corporate profits to confuse voters both during the signature
8 drive and the campaign, corrupting the entire referendum system in order to freeze and overturn
9 new laws, and

10 WHEREAS, these corporations now spend more than \$20 million dollars to qualify for a
11 referendum without any public support, using mostly out-of-state bounty hunters, paid per signature,
12 using unscrupulous tactics, including lying to voters about the intent of petitions and hiding
13 disclosures designed to increase transparency around who funded their paid signature drive, and
14 once the referendum is qualified, voters are then subject to California's confusing referendum
15 ballot question, where a "Yes" vote actually means "No" in order to oppose a referendum.

16 THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the California Democratic Party calls for immediate reform of
17 California's referendum system, including establishing a system that requires volunteer signature
18 gathers, increased transparency including requiring petitions and the ballot label to include the
19 petition's top funders, registration, and training for referendum petition circulators, simplifying the
20 ballot label so voters can clearly choose whether to keep the legislation or overturn the legislation
21 and ensures these reforms are applied to initiatives that also act like referendum.

Resolutions Committee

Resolution 23-05.091

BETTER WAGES AND WORKING CONDITIONS FOR CALIFORNIA'S FAST FOOD WORKERS

1 WHEREAS, fast food workers are the largest and fastest growing group of low-wage workers in the
2 state, and for years, the fast food sector has been rife with abuse, low pay, few benefits, and
3 minimal job security, with California fast food workers subject to high rates of employment violations,
4 including wage theft, sexual harassment and discrimination, as well as heightened health and safety
5 risks; and

6 WHEREAS, the numerous complaints filed by fast food workers with state and local health
7 departments illustrate that many fast food operators routinely have flouted protections, including, but
8 not limited to, failing to provide adequate protection against workplace violence, denying workers
9 sick pay, and demanding that workers come to work when they are sick; and

10 WHEREAS, a joint UC Berkeley and UCLA study found that two-thirds of California's half million fast-
11 food workers rely on safety net programs, and an Economic Roundtable study found that a larger
12 share of fast food workers live in poverty than any other industry, making up 11 percent of all
13 homeless workers in California, while multi-billion dollar fast-food corporations are collecting record
14 profits, with the top five fast food corporations making \$14.5 billion in profits in 2021 and \$12 billion
15 in profits in 2022.

16 THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the California Democratic Party stands in strong support with
17 California's fast food workers and calls for the immediate setting of sector wide minimum wage,
18 health, safety, and employment standards for fast food workers because existing enforcement and
19 regulatory mechanisms have proved inadequate in ensuring fast food worker health, safety, and
20 welfare.

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Resolution 23-05.010

Grocery Industry Mergers Harm Workers and Impact Our Communities

1 **WHEREAS**, Kroger and Albertsons, two of the largest grocery companies in the United States, have
2 indicated their intent to merge to form one company, and California has more of these two grocery
3 chains than any other state in the country, with Kroger operating approximately 233 stores under the
4 Ralphs, Food 4 Less and Foods Co banners and Albertsons operating approximately 579 grocery
5 stores under the Albertsons, Safeway, Vons and Pavilions banners; and

6 **WHEREAS**, California's grocery stores give local residents access to vital grocery products, and for
7 many neighborhoods and consumers, and many communities already struggle with access to
8 adequate high-quality food and grocery stores, and accessibility of supermarkets by foot or by public
9 transit is critical for the communities' health as a whole; and

10 **WHEREAS**, Mergers in the grocery industry and the resulting lack of competition and unchecked
11 buying power will have a devastating impact on workers, customers, local farmers and ranchers and
12 California's communities through store closures, particularly in food deserts and rural areas, price
13 increases, decreased access to affordable and nutritious food, and the loss of union jobs and the
14 bargaining power of workers; and

15 **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**: That the California Democratic Party will protect good jobs for
16 workers, food suppliers and customers by opposing the Kroger and Albertsons merger that
17 undermines workers' interests and puts customers' access to affordable and nutritious and our
18 communities at risk; and

19 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**: That the California Democratic Party will fight to protect access to
20 affordable and nutritious food for our communities by preventing the creation of food deserts, areas
21 located more than a half mile from a grocery store or supermarket with low rates of car access and
22 high poverty rates, through mergers and acquisitions in the grocery industry.

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Resolution 23-05.017

Protect Workers from Grocery Industry Mergers

1 WHEREAS, Kroger and Albertsons, two of the largest grocery companies in the United States, have
2 indicated their intent to merge to form one company, and California has more of these two grocery
3 chains than any other state in the country, with Kroger operating approximately 233 stores under the
4 Ralphs, Food 4 Less and Foods Co banners and Albertsons operating approximately 579 grocery
5 stores under the Albertsons, Safeway, Vons and Pavilions banners; and

6 WHEREAS, California's grocery stores provide good quality jobs for workers, with good benefits,
7 working conditions and pensions while lifting up our communities' standard of living, making these
8 jobs a cornerstone of our communities, and giving the public a right to know about the impact of
9 grocery industry mergers and acquisitions on workers and our communities; and

10 WHEREAS, Mergers in the grocery industry and the resulting lack of competition and unchecked
11 buying power have an impact on workers, customers, local farmers and ranchers and California's
12 communities through store closures, price increases and the loss of union jobs and the bargaining
13 power of workers; and

14 THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the California Democratic Party will protect good jobs for
15 workers, food suppliers and consumers by opposing mergers and acquisitions in the grocery industry
16 that undermine workers' interests and put our communities at risk; and

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the California Democratic Party will fight to protect workers' jobs,
18 pensions and livelihoods and our communities' diverse shopping options when they are threatened by
19 mergers and acquisitions in the grocery industry.

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Resolution 22-11.009

Condemnation of Govern for California – Anti-Labor Positions and Campaign Finance Irregularities

1 WHEREAS, the California Democratic Party has a vested interest in who funds our state assembly and
2 state senate candidates and Statewide ballot measures and support for labor; and

3 WHEREAS, Govern for California has stated in the press anti-union positions on various bills pending
4 in Sacramento and Govern for California’s founders have a goal of weakening organized labor and
5 eliminating pension programs; and

6 WHEREAS, Govern for California has orchestrated a mechanism to bypass California campaign
7 finance rules and by essentially laundering contributions in ways that are dispiriting to the rule of law
8 and which aggregate coordinated contributions in defiance of the campaign finance limit, are now
9 being investigated by the Fair Political Practices Commission;

10 THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the California Democratic Party stands with labor and condemns
11 Govern for California’s scheme to skirt campaign finance rules.

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Resolution 23-05.019

Resolution Supporting Conservation and Tribal Co-Management of The Jackson Demonstration State Forest

1 WHEREAS, The Jackson Demonstration State Forest, located in Mendocino County, California, has
2 been managed by CAL FIRE as a commercial timberland since 1949 under the direction of the Board
3 of Forestry pursuant to Public Resources Code 740 and Public Resources Code 4631 et seq., and the
4 legislative mandate of the Jackson Demonstration State Forest is to demonstrate commercial logging
5 for the benefit of the People of California; and

6 WHEREAS, Jackson Demonstration State Forest is the ancestral territory of the Northern Pomo and
7 Coast Yuki Peoples who have lived on and managed the land since time immemorial, and their
8 management was the cause of the healthy old-growth forest that existed prior to European
9 colonization, and the forest contains cultural sites that are sacred to the Northern Pomo and Coast
10 Yuki Peoples, and the world is experiencing a climate crisis caused by excessive greenhouse gasses
11 including carbon dioxide, and coast redwood trees like those grown in Jackson Demonstration State
12 Forest are capable of sequestering and storing significant amounts of carbon; and

13 WHEREAS, on September 25, 2020 Governor Newsom issued a Statement of Administration Policy on
14 Native American Lands which made it the policy of the State of California to seek opportunities to
15 support California tribes' co-management of and access to natural lands that are under the control of
16 the State of California, and on October 7th, 2020 Governor Newsom Signed EXECUTIVE ORDER N-
17 82-20 which set a goal of conserving 30% of California's lands and waters by the year 2030,
18 otherwise known as 30x30, and on September 16th, 2022 Governor Newsom signed AB 2278 into
19 law, which enshrined the 30x30 goal into law;

20 THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Mendocino County Democratic Party supports the
21 establishment of co-management agreements between the State and the Tribes whose ancestral
22 lands lie within Jackson Demonstration State Forest, supports the conservation of Jackson
23 Demonstration State Forest in accordance with the 30x30 goal, and calls on the California Democratic
24 Party to support this resolution.

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Resolution 23-05.020

Resolution Supporting Conservation and Tribal Co-Management of The Jackson Demonstration State Forest

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24 Party to support this resolution.

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Resolution 23-05.021

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21 management agreements between the State and the Tribes whose ancestral lands lie within Jackson
22 Demonstration State Forest, supports the conservation of Jackson Demonstration State Forest in
23 accordance with the 30x30 goal.

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Resolution 23-05.022

RESOLUTION In Support of California Restoring the Funding for Older Adult School Classes

1 **WHEREAS**, education programs for older adults are a low-cost, effective way to combat isolation
2 and promote healthy aging that can reduce the likelihood of participants contracting dementia by
3 18% and can save the state money by improving healthy life expectancy, and

4 **WHEREAS**, California, recognizing the importance of combatting isolation in seniors, provided free,
5 state funded education programs for seniors through adult schools and community colleges from
6 1950 until 2013 when these programs were completely defunded in adult schools and began to be
7 reduced in the community colleges, and

8 **WHEREAS**, the recent California Masterplan for Aging, which seeks to establish “A California for all
9 ages” by 2030, has as one of its goals: Inclusion and Equity, not Isolation for California’s seniors, and
10 adult schools and community colleges still have the capacity to provide education for older adults in
11 order to fulfill the goals of the Master Plan on Aging,

12 **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the California Democratic Party take action on its belief, as
13 stated in the Party’s Educational plank, of its platform, that supports adult education and life-long
14 learning by advocating for the funding of the older adult education throughout the state and
15 proclaiming the advantages of providing our aging population with opportunities for mental
16 stimulation and socialization for the Older Adult Community and that it recognizes the funding of
17 these programs is necessary to fulfill the goals of the California Master Plan on Aging, as well as cost
18 effectiveness; and

19 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the California Democratic Party supports, recommends and
20 advocates for California to restore the funding for Older Adult Education programs, using the
21 mechanisms as previously used for OAE (school districts and/or the community colleges) for the
22 administration of program funds and expenses.

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Resolution 23-05.023

Monitoring Schools Boards to Guarantee Quality Education

1 WHEREAS the Republican Party is waging an ongoing, extensive, deliberate, well-funded, national
2 effort to undermine and defund public schools for the purpose of privatizing education and thereby
3 weakening our democracy; and

4 WHEREAS, as President Franklin Delano Roosevelt stated, "Democracy cannot succeed unless those
5 who express their choice are prepared to choose wisely; and the real safeguard of democracy,
6 therefore, is education"; and

7 WHEREAS elected trustees of school districts must ensure all students are educated equitably
8 because our children are future citizens who need to be "prepared to choose wisely," yet some
9 trustees are undermining public schools and educators by banning books, omitting required
10 curriculum, discriminating against LGBTQ+ students and staff, avoiding public oversight by ignoring
11 the Brown Act, usurping authority beyond their purview, filing frivolous lawsuits, and violating their
12 official responsibilities by wasting tax dollars taken from students to spend on their
13 extremist agendas;

14 THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the California Democratic Party supports that education laws must
15 be followed by all school boards and districts, enforced by oversight agencies, and that the
16 community should monitor the actions and decisions of their local and county school boards and
17 participate in its meetings, take an active part in surveys, Parent Teacher Associations, and
18 exercise other efforts to guide school board decisions in order to guarantee that school boards
19 facilitate the delivery of quality education to the students they serve, and

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the California Democratic Party supports electing and supporting
21 school board members and trustees who commit to following state and federal education laws, as the
22 first step to guarantee quality education to all students.

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Resolution 23-05.024

In Support Of A Tax On Extreme Wealth

1 WHEREAS as the COVID-19 pandemic continued to rage, a record-breaking 660 people became
2 billionaires globally, bringing California’s number of billionaires to 178; and

3 WHEREAS 20 million Americans lost their job in the pandemic, all while these billionaires grew their
4 net worth by \$1.2 trillion according to Forbes in April of 2021; and

5 WHEREAS the ultra wealthy are able to side-step income taxes by growing their wealth in securities
6 and private equity, living off loans with these assets as collateral rather than taking salaries, thus not
7 paying a fair share of revenue that support our public education system, social safety nets, and basic
8 infrastructure and services;

9 THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the California Democratic Party support a simple wealth tax on the
10 global assets of billionaires that hold residency in our state; and

11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the California Democratic Party affirm the current studies that show
12 billionaires would not flee the state if such a wealth tax were to be enabled and advocate for the
13 revenue of a wealth tax advance the fight against poverty and inequity.

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Resolution 23-05.025

Resolution to Reverse the CPUC NEM3 Decision

1 WHEREAS, the State of California has committed to eliminating its fossil fuel dependence within
2 fifteen years, and accomplishing that goal will require tripling all forms of wind and solar over today's
3 levels, including both rooftop solar and large-scale solar, while also increasing battery storage by a
4 factor of eight; and

5 WHEREAS, rooftop solar and battery storage is the only clean energy solution that has worked to
6 reduce energy bills and protect residents and communities from blackouts, and reduce the
7 considerable expense of long-distance energy transport from solar and wind farms, thus saving all
8 ratepayers money, and to protect open space from large-scale renewable energy development,
9 making it clear that California should be moving decisively toward its goal of tripling rooftop solar by
10 making rooftop solar panels and batteries more available and affordable for everyone; and

11 WHEREAS, the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) has instead taken a highly regressive
12 step against future rooftop solar customers in the state—in response to fierce lobbying from utility
13 companies such as PG&E and by using an energy model tainted by conflicts of interest with the utility
14 industry—slashing by 75% the credits new rooftop solar owners will be able to earn by sharing
15 excess energy with the grid, even though similar reductions in other states have reduced the demand
16 for new rooftop solar installations in half;

17 THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the California Democratic Party reaffirms its support for access to
18 democratized, renewable, and affordable energy, such as through rooftop solar and battery storage,
19 and calls upon the CPUC to reverse the Net Energy Metering 3.0 ruling, which clearly is in conflict
20 with this principle and California's climate goals; and

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the California Democratic Party urges Governor Gavin Newsom and
22 legislators in its delegation to curb the CPUC's or any other agency's deviance from measures that
23 protect Californians' rights and advance the transition to clean energy and instead promote measures
24 that accelerate and streamline the ability of everyday people, including homeowners, renters, houses
25 of worship, schools, businesses, and others to adopt rooftop solar and battery storage.

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Resolution 23-05.087

Resolution to Address the Urgent Need for High-Quality Healthcare Workers in California

1 **Whereas**, the California Democratic Party asserts that healthcare is a human right; in California and
2 Nationwide, there is a shortage of healthcare workers to deliver care to all sectors of our population,
3 young and aging, making it impossible to live up to our promise and ideals on healthcare delivery,
4 and

5 **Whereas**, California was already facing a shortage of at least 500,000 healthcare workers before
6 Covid; after facing the trauma and dangerous working conditions of the pandemic and struggling
7 with low pay and poor working conditions, huge numbers of healthcare workers are leaving the field
8 and many others are considering leaving; this is experienced not only in California but nationwide in
9 85% of hospitals, medical groups, home health providers, and other healthcare facilities by their
10 inability to hire and fill open positions; and

11 **Whereas**, all workers deserve a living wage, including healthcare workers, in recognition of the
12 growing need for public action to deliver fair compensation, to these essential workers, there is a
13 growing movement to increase healthcare worker wages in cities across California, and several cities
14 have voted to set a \$25/hour minimum wage in an effort of wage fairness and to solve the
15 healthcare staffing crisis,

16 **Therefore Be It Resolved**, that the California Democratic Party strongly supports immediate action
17 to address the urgent patient care crisis caused by the shortage of workers needed to provide high-
18 quality healthcare workers in California including evaluation of minimum hourly wage compensation.

Resolutions Committee

Resolution 23-05.026

Resolution for Smart Prison Closures

1 WHEREAS we believe that all individuals deserve to be housed in a facility closest to home to allow
2 for family support and to be allowed to participate in rehabilitation , re-entry, academic, vocational
3 and self - help programs as requested by the Board of Prison Hearings and participation Individuals
4 with a hope to learn a new skill, acquire an education and participate in self-help groups while being
5 incarcerated; and

6 WHEREAS the Governor has proposed two prison closures in 2023 and 2024 respectively,
7 (Chuckawalla in 23 and California City in 24, which is a private prison) and additional Yard Closures
8 effective December 12, 2022, including California Institution for Men Chino State Prison, Yard D,
9 which comprises the nation's only underwater diving program, PIA Laundry, the largest in the State
10 of CA, serving, CIM, CRC, CIW, Patton State Hospital, Metropolitan State Hospital and Riverside
11 School for the Deaf, the Main Kitchen, numerous vocational trades and an educational sector with
12 academic classrooms , the successful Dog Program, the Firehouse and access to self-help groups and

13 WHEREAS not all prisons offer a full array of rehabilitative services, including medical and mental
14 health services:

15 THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the California Democratic Party believes all persons housed within
16 California prison facilities should have access to positive vocational / educational / rehabilitation / re-
17 entry services with minimal impediment from prison yard closures; and

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the California Democratic Party, believes all persons supports this
19 resolution being communicated to the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, and to
20 all interested parties.

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CADEM RESOLUTION

Resolution 23-05.027

SUPPORT HUMANE ENVIRONMENTAL TEMPERATURES AT CALIFORNIA PRISON FACILITIES

WHEREAS we believe that all humans deserve to be treated with dignity and humanity, supported by the eighth amendment of the United States Constitution that protects from cruel and unusual punishments for both those accused of crimes and those convicted of crimes; these fundamental rights are the basis for guaranteeing humane living conditions in California prisons; and inmates exposed to extreme temperatures are at increased risk of illness, exacerbation of existing health issues and detrimental impacts to their mental health and well-being; and

WHEREAS the Federal Bureau of Prisons recommends that temperatures inside prisons should be no lower than 68° in colder months and no higher than 76° in warmer weather, but reports from California prisons demonstrate that many do not provide safe environmental temperatures in prison dormitories, cells, work areas, indoor recreation areas and cafeterias for inmates; and reports specifically state that many prison environments range above 100° in warmer months and well below 68° in colder months (including such prisons as San Quentin, High Desert, Mule Creek State Prison, and California Substance Abuse Treatment Facility/State Prison at Corcoran as reported by numerous inmates);

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the California Democratic Party believes that providing relief from extreme temperatures and maintaining sanitary and safe housing for prisoners must be seen as the responsibility of a just and humane society; and believes that all persons housed or working in our California prison facilities deserve humane living and working conditions, including effective and efficient air conditioning in warm weather and heating in cold weather.

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Resolution 23-05.028

Resolution to Reverse the CPUC NEM3 Decision

1 WHEREAS, the State of California has committed to eliminating its fossil fuel dependence within
2 fifteen years, and accomplishing that goal will require tripling all forms of wind and solar over today's
3 levels, including both rooftop solar and large-scale solar, while also increasing battery storage by a
4 factor of eight; and

5 WHEREAS, rooftop solar and battery storage is the only clean energy solution that has worked to
6 reduce energy bills and protect residents and communities from blackouts, and reduce the
7 considerable expense of long-distance energy transport from solar and wind farms, thus saving all
8 ratepayers money, and to protect open space from large-scale renewable energy development,
9 making it clear that California should be moving decisively toward its goal of tripling rooftop solar by
10 making rooftop solar panels and batteries more available and affordable for everyone; and

11 WHEREAS, the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) has instead taken a highly regressive
12 step against future rooftop solar customers in the state—in response to fierce lobbying from utility
13 companies such as PG&E and by using an energy model tainted by conflicts of interest with the utility
14 industry—slashing by 75% the credits new rooftop solar owners will be able to earn by sharing
15 excess energy with the grid, even though similar reductions in other states have reduced the demand
16 for new rooftop solar installations in half;

17 THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the California Democratic Party reaffirms its support for access to
18 democratized, renewable, and affordable energy, such as through rooftop solar and battery storage,
19 and calls upon the CPUC to reverse the Net Energy Metering 3.0 ruling, which clearly is in conflict
20 with this principle and California's climate goals; and

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the California Democratic Party urges Governor Gavin Newsom and
22 legislators in its delegation to curb the CPUC's or any other agency's deviance from measures that
23 protect Californians' rights and advance the transition to clean energy and instead promote measures
24 that accelerate and streamline the ability of everyday people, including homeowners, renters, houses
25 of worship, schools, businesses, and others to adopt rooftop solar and battery storage.

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Resolution 23-05.029

SUPPORT OF A HEALTH-BASED, RATHER THAN PUNITIVE-BASED, APPROACH TO DRUG ADDICTION

1 **WHEREAS** drug addiction and overdoses are serious problems; and

2 **WHEREAS** current criminal drug laws ruin lives; make access to treatment and recovery difficult,
3 dangerous, and expensive; distort the priorities of law enforcement; and are deeply inequitable,
4 disproportionately targeting and impacting people of color and/or in poverty; and

5 **WHEREAS** California needs a health-based approach to addiction and overdose by expanding access
6 to drug treatment, which is more effective, humane, and cost-effective than criminal punishment,

7 **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the California Democratic Party supports the decriminalization
8 of the personal possession of small amounts of controlled substances, since criminal records prevent
9 people from getting housing, jobs, student loans, professional licenses, and more; and

10 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the California Democratic Party supports screening, health
11 assessment, treatment, and recovery services for drug addiction be available to all, regardless of
12 income, who need and want access to those services.

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Resolution 23-05.030

Supporting Federally Recognized Heritage and Pride Months

1 WHEREAS, for 20,000 years the area of land known as California had been stewarded by Indigenous
2 people and their shared legacy can still be found throughout our state (e.g., Temecula means 'place
3 of the sun' in Luiseño), and whose ancestors continue to celebrate their heritage in nearly every part
4 of California; and

5 WHEREAS, California is currently the most diverse state in the United States with a population that is
6 10% LGBTQIA+, 16% Asian American and Pacific Islanders (AAPI), 26.5% immigrant, 40% Latino,
7 51% female and 65% Black, Indigenous and People of Color (BIPOC); and

8 WHEREAS, multiple local Republican led California city councils, school boards, and boards of
9 supervisors such as Temecula City Council, Shasta County Board of Supervisors and Huntington
10 Beach City Council have recently opposed recognized heritage months like Native/Indigenous, Asian,
11 Black, Hispanic, Women's and LGBTQIA+ Pride and heritage months;

12 THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the California Democratic Party recognizes that without the
13 contributions of Native/Indigenous, Asian, Black, Hispanic, Women's and LGBTQIA+ persons,
14 California would not be a leader in higher education, entertainment, technology, tourism or
15 agriculture; nor would it be the world's 5th largest economy; and

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the California Democratic Party acknowledges all federally recognized
17 heritage months and opposes Republican officials who are trying to erase the contributions of BIPOC,
18 female and LGBTQIA+ Americans and Californians from our history.

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Resolution 23-05.031

Right-Wing School Boards' Attack on the Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC) and LGBTQIA+ Communities

1 WHEREAS, school boards such as the Temecula Valley Unified School Board, the Chino Valley Unified
2 School Board, and the Placentia Yorba Linda Unified School Board have attempted to erase African
3 American, Native American, Asian American, Latino, Women's, and LGBTQIA+ history under the
4 guise of a K-12 ban on Critical Race Theory, an academic concept taught to law students, not to
5 school children; and

6 WHEREAS, 'Anti-Critical Race Theory' ('Anti-CRT') and 'Don't Say Gay' activists around the country
7 have banned books like "Ruby Bridges Goes to School," "The March on Washington," "Kite Runner,"
8 "Pride: The Story of Harvey Milk and the Rainbow Flag" and even books about menstruation like, "Go
9 with the Flow"; and

10 WHEREAS, "Parent Revolt," a project of the California Republican Party, is focused on recruiting
11 Republican candidates to run for school boards to conduct similar bans in 10,000 California schools
12 serving 9 million children (mostly children of color);

13 THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the California Democratic Party opposes Republican efforts to use
14 school boards as a platform to promote homophobic 'Don't Say Gay' restrictions and alternative facts
15 about systemic racism; and

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the California Democratic Party supports diversity, equity, inclusion,
17 culturally responsive teaching, and anti-bias and anti-racism initiatives in schools to build a more
18 equitable future.

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Resolution 23-05.094

Honoring the Life and Career of Gloria Molina

1 WHEREAS, Gloria Molina, a trailblazing Chicana activist, and former elected official, born May 31,
2 1948, passed away peacefully at the age of 74 on May 14, 2023, at her home in Los Angeles,
3 surrounded by her family and close friends; and

4 Whereas, Gloria was a champion for social justice, dedicating her life to public service and fighting
5 tirelessly for the underrepresented, a trailblazer, the first Latina to be elected to the California State
6 Assembly, the Los Angeles City Council, and to the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors,
7 making a significant impact on Los Angeles, the state, county, and the nation over her 32-year career
8 in elected office; and

9 Whereas, Gloria, a lifelong Democrat served on many non-profit boards, including Comision Femenil,
10 the Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund, Southwest Voter and Registration
11 Project, and the California Community Foundation; she served our party as the Vice Chair of the
12 Democratic National Committee (DNC) for over a decade during the Clinton Administration and was a
13 featured speaker at the national conventions throughout her career,

14 THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the California Democratic Party honors the life and legacy of
15 Gloria Molina, for her contributions to our country, our state, and the Democratic Party and offers its
16 condolences to her family and friends.

Resolutions Committee

Resolution 23-05.032

Honoring the Life and Career of Aleita Huguenin

1 WHEREAS, Aleita Janiece Huguenin was born on February 24, 1946, in Walnut Creek and passed on
2 March 3, 2023; she graduated from San Francisco State University in 1968, having a long career as a
3 teacher at Mt. Diablo Unified School District, being elected as President of her local teachers' union,
4 and serving as an education policy advocate and expert while the head of Government Relations for
5 the California Teachers Association where she lifted the lives of students, parents, and teachers, and
6 was instrumental in enhancing K-14 public school funding, particularly Proposition 98 and defeating
7 voucher and other initiatives that would have taken away hundreds of millions of dollars from public
8 schools and students; and

9 WHEREAS, Aleita spent many years in service of California democrats; as Chair of the Western
10 Regional Caucus of the Democratic National Committee from 2008 to 2016 organizing dynamic
11 training sessions for Democrats in the Western states; she also served as a member of the
12 Democratic National Committee and on its Executive Committee from 1996 to 2020 and during those
13 same years she served as a delegate to the California Democratic Party; and

14 WHEREAS, Aleita touched the lives of countless students, teachers, and Democratic Party activists;
15 she was a loving mother, wife, and grandmother;

16 THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the California Democratic Party honors the life of Aleita Janiece
17 Huguenin for her contributions to our country, our state, and the Democratic Party and offers its
18 condolences to her family and friends.

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Resolution 23-05.033

RESTORE INCENTIVES FOR ROOFTOP SOLAR

1 **WHEREAS** the State of California has committed to eliminating its fossil fuel dependence within
2 fifteen years, and accomplishing that goal will require tripling all forms of wind and solar over today's
3 levels, including both rooftop solar and large-scale solar, while also increasing battery storage by a
4 factor of eight; and

5 **WHEREAS** rooftop solar and battery storage is the only clean energy solution that has worked to
6 reduce energy bills and protect residents and communities from blackouts and to reduce the
7 considerable expense of long distance energy transport from solar and wind farms, thus saving all
8 ratepayers money, and to protect open space from large-scale renewable energy development,
9 making it clear that California should be moving decisively toward its goal of tripling rooftop solar by
10 making rooftop solar panels and batteries more available and affordable for everyone; and

11 **WHEREAS** the California Public Utilities Commission has instead taken a highly regressive step
12 against future rooftop solar customers in the state—in response to fierce lobbying from utility
13 companies such as PG&E and by using an energy model tainted by conflicts of interest with the utility
14 industry—slashing by 75% the credits new rooftop solar owners will be able to earn by sharing
15 excess energy with the grid, even though similar reductions in other states have reduced the demand
16 for new rooftop solar installations in half;

17 **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the California Democratic Party condemns the CPUC plan to
18 undertake steps that will reduce rooftop solar adoption and effectively halt the growth of rooftop
19 solar in the state; and

20 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the California Democratic Party urges Governor Gavin Newsom to
21 promote measures that accelerate and streamline the ability of everyday people, including
22 homeowners, renters, houses of worship, schools, businesses and others to adopt rooftop solar and
23 battery storage.

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Resolution 23-05.034

21st Century Economic Bill of Rights

1 **WHEREAS** in his 1944 State of the Union Address, President Franklin Roosevelt articulated popular
2 American hopes and aspirations - as made evident by polls the White House conducted in 1943 that
3 revealed Americans wanted guaranteed healthcare, guaranteed employment, and guaranteed aid to
4 students - by calling for a Second Bill of Rights, an Economic Bill of Rights for all Americans; and

5 **WHEREAS** empowered by those findings, FDR declared, "We have come to a clear realization of the
6 fact that true individual freedom cannot exist without economic security and independence.
7 'Necessitous men are not free men'... We have accepted, so to speak, a second Bill of Rights under
8 which a new basis of security and prosperity can be established for all regardless of station, race, or
9 creed"; and

10 **WHEREAS** all of which is as true today as it was 79 years ago; and the increasing concentration of
11 wealth, the widening inequalities, and the intensifying crisis of American democratic life demands that
12 we advance this call now;

13 **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the **California Democratic Party**, at the 2023 Party
14 Convention, declares its support for a 21st Century Economic Bill of Rights, that affirms:

- 15 • The right to a job that pays a living wage,
- 16 • The right to a voice in the workplace through a union and collective bargaining,
- 17 • The right to comprehensive quality health care,
- 18 • The right to a complete cost-free public education and access to broadband internet,
- 19 • The right to decent, safe, affordable housing,
- 20 • The right to a clean environment and a healthy planet,
- 21 • The right to food security, a childhood free of poverty and a secure retirement,
- 22 • The right to sound banking and financial services,
- 23 • The right to an equitable and economically fair justice system,
- 24 • The right to vote and otherwise participate in public life; and

25 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, this 21st Century Economic Bill of Rights - which draws a sharp
26 distinction between Democrats and Republicans, as it makes clear that only Democrats stand for the
27 type of economy and society which the majority of Americans yearn for – will be shared by the
28 **California Democratic Party** with all Democratic Central Committees, Democratic elected officials
29 and Democratic Party endorsed candidates in the state of California.

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Resolution 23-05.035

Supporting Reparations for Black Californians

1 **WHEREAS**, Black people, who make up 8% of California’s population and 1% of Orange County’s
2 population, have been unjustly enslaved, segregated and incarcerated through systemic racism
3 over centuries that will take time to dismantle;

4 **WHEREAS**, Black people have been unjustly targeted by law enforcement and criminal justice
5 procedures, incarcerated at disproportionate rates and subsequently excluded from full
6 participation in the benefits of citizenship that include voting, employment, housing and health
7 care; and

8 **WHEREAS**, Black people have been segregated from mainstream education and within present-day
9 school programs, with Black students experiencing the denial of education through admission,
10 retention and graduation rates of every level of education and through discriminatory disciplinary
11 practices;

12 **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Democratic Party of Orange County (DPOC) calls
13 on the federal government to formally apologize and make amends for its participation in
14 and sanctioning of the enslavement of Black people, and for the State of California to
15 formally apologize and make amends for its enforcement of segregation and its
16 accompanying discriminatory practices through the initiation of policymaking and provision
17 of funding for reparations at the state and national levels.

18 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the DPOC calls on other organizations and institutions in
19 Orange County that have advanced and benefitted from racial inequity to formally apologize
20 and address racism within their own structures and programs and work to comprehensively
21 address systemic racism.

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Resolution 23-05.036

Grocery Industry Mergers Harm Workers and Impact Our Communities

1 **WHEREAS**, Kroger and Albertsons, two of the largest grocery companies in the United States, have
2 indicated their intent to merge to form one company, and California has more of these two grocery
3 chains than any other state in the country, with Kroger operating approximately 233 stores under the
4 Ralphs, Food 4 Less and Foods Co banners and Albertsons operating approximately 579 grocery
5 stores under the Albertsons, Safeway, Vons and Pavilions banners; and

6 **WHEREAS**, California's grocery stores give local residents access to vital grocery products, and for
7 many neighborhoods and consumers, and many communities already struggle with access to
8 adequate high-quality food and grocery stores, and accessibility of supermarkets by foot or by public
9 transit is critical for the communities' health as a whole; and

10 **WHEREAS**, Mergers in the grocery industry and the resulting lack of competition and unchecked
11 buying power will have a devastating impact on workers, customers, local farmers and ranchers and
12 California's communities through store closures, particularly in food deserts and rural areas, price
13 increases, decreased access to affordable and nutritious food, and the loss of union jobs and the
14 bargaining power of workers; and

15 **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**: That the California Democratic Party will protect good jobs for
16 workers, food suppliers and customers by opposing the Kroger and Albertsons merger that
17 undermines workers' interests and puts customers' access to affordable and nutritious and our
18 communities at risk; and

19 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**: That the California Democratic Party will fight to protect access to
20 affordable and nutritious food for our communities by preventing the creation of food deserts, areas
21 located more than a half mile from a grocery store or supermarket with low rates of car access and
22 high poverty rates, through mergers and acquisitions in the grocery industry.

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Resolution 23-05.037

Supporting Reparations for Black Californians

1 **WHEREAS**, Black people, who make up 8% of California’s population and 1% of Orange County’s
2 population, have been unjustly enslaved, segregated and incarcerated through systemic racism
3 over centuries that will take time to dismantle;

4 **WHEREAS**, Black people have been unjustly targeted by law enforcement and criminal justice
5 procedures, incarcerated at disproportionate rates and subsequently excluded from full
6 participation in the benefits of citizenship that include voting, employment, housing and health
7 care; and

8 **WHEREAS**, Black people have been segregated from mainstream education and within present-day
9 school programs, with Black students experiencing the denial of education through admission,
10 retention and graduation rates of every level of education and through discriminatory disciplinary
11 practices;

12 **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the California Democratic Party calls on the federal
13 government to formally apologize and make amends for its participation in and sanctioning
14 of the enslavement of Black people, and for the State of California to formally apologize and
15 make amends for its enforcement of segregation and its accompanying discriminatory
16 practices through the initiation of policymaking and provision of funding for reparations at
17 the state and national levels.

18 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the California Democratic Party calls on other organizations
19 and institutions in California that have advanced and benefitted from racial inequity to
20 formally apologize and address racism within their own structures and programs and work
21 to comprehensively address systemic racism.

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Resolution 23-05.038

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Resolution 23-05.039

Resolving the Climate Emergency through the Elimination of Fossil Fuels by 2030 and Prioritizing Workers Rights

1 WHEREAS, according to the United Nations Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC),
2 climate change is an existential threat to human well-being and planetary health, and human
3 activities, principally through the use of fossil fuels and the resulting emissions of greenhouse gasses,
4 have unequivocally caused global warming and is already affecting many weather and climate
5 extremes in every region across the globe, has led to widespread adverse impacts and related losses
6 and damages to nature, people, and disproportionately vulnerable communities, and the projected
7 global greenhouse gas emissions by 2030 will make it likely that warming will exceed 1.5°C in the
8 near term, which in much of California will lead to high likelihood of extreme weather events,
9 increased wildfire damages, increased water scarcity, and between 100 and 150 days of heat-
10 humidity related deaths per year; and

11 WHEREAS, according to the IPCC, there is a rapidly closing window of opportunity to secure a
12 liveable and sustainable future for all, and clear goals that prioritize just transition processes and
13 achieve deep, rapid, immediate, and sustained reductions in greenhouse gas emissions in all sectors
14 and systems this decade would lead to a discernible slowdown in global warming, have impacts for
15 thousands of years, reduce projected losses and damages for humans and ecosystems, and deliver
16 many co-benefits, especially for air quality and health; and

17 WHEREAS, the working class is the backbone of our society, and thousands of working class people
18 and union members rely on the fossil fuel industry to support themselves and their families, and with
19 purposeful intent, the transition to a carbon free society will preserve established unions, provide
20 healthier, better paying jobs, benefits, and reparations to the worker's and their families for their
21 willingness to transition their lives for the preservation of our society;

22 THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the California Democratic Party declares a climate emergency and
23 supports the full decarbonization of the California economy by 2030, including producing 100% of
24 electricity from carbon free sources and eliminating fossil fuel extraction, production, distribution, and
25 sale in the State of California by 2030; and

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the California Democratic Party supports a just transition,
27 transitioning impacted workers into high-road, carbon-free, community-controlled jobs that maintains
28 the organizational structure and status of established unions and provides better living wages,
29 benefits, and reparations.

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Resolution 23-05.040

Establishing Energy as a Public Good that Benefits Impacted Workers

1 WHEREAS energy is a fundamental and essential human right; energy must be universally accessible,
2 safe, reliable, affordable and serve the needs of the people of California, and in doing so,
3 aggressively eliminate greenhouse gas emissions to combat climate change, an ongoing existential
4 threat to humanity; and

5 WHEREAS the privately-owned energy sector in the United States, which includes extracting, refining,
6 distributing, and burning fossil fuels, provides thousands of middle class living wage jobs to California
7 construction workers and members of the United Steelworkers and provides the oil and gas needed
8 to power the 25 million cars and trucks on the road today, is the primary contributor of human-
9 caused CO2 emissions, invests less than 5% of its capital expenditures into low-carbon projects, has
10 plans to increase carbon emissions and fossil fuel extraction by up to 17% and 20% respectively by
11 2025, and exploits the people of California for their basic needs; and

12 WHEREAS, publicly-owned and community controlled energy utilities in California have declared a
13 climate emergency, have committed to zero carbon energy generation by 2030, provide local control,
14 and on average lower rates and higher reliability when compared to privately-owned energy utilities,
15 and are not burdened by the profit motive when tasked with a rapid transition to carbon-free energy;

16 THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the California Democratic Party acknowledges that energy is a
17 human right, and supports the transition of our energy sector into a public good: a community-
18 controlled and publicly-owned energy utility that supplies 100% of California's energy needs with
19 carbon free energy by 2030; and

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the California Democratic Party believes that the working class is the
21 backbone of our society and supports a just transition, transitioning impacted workers into high-road,
22 carbon-free, community-controlled jobs that maintains the organizational structure and status of
23 established unions and provides better living wages, benefits, and reparations.

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Resolution 23-05.041

Opposition to Coerced Child Marriage in California

1 WHEREAS, coerced child marriage, is a form of human rights abuse recognized by the Department of
2 State, UNICEF, Human Rights Watch, and the American Medical Association due to adverse effects on
3 a child's health, education, and employment opportunities, resulting in higher rates of sexually
4 transmitted infections, high school dropouts, poverty, early pregnancies, divorce, intimate partner
5 violence, and social isolation from their support networks like school, friends and family; and

6 WHEREAS, children face high obstacles to escape coerced marriage, due to lower understanding of
7 their legal rights and access to practical resources to avoid or leave, causing many to be stuck in
8 abusive marriages well into adulthood, leading to lifelong mental or emotional health consequences,
9 including feelings of severe guilt, post-traumatic stress disorder, depression, anxiety, substance
10 abuse, and eating disorders,

11 THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the California Democratic Party opposes coerced child marriage;

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the California Democratic Party takes this position in an effort to
13 prevent, reduce, and end child trafficking, exploitation, and coerced marriage so that every child can
14 grow up in a safe and nurturing environment and reach their highest aspirations.

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Resolution 23-05.042

CDP Resolution in Support of Prioritizing Solar Rooftop Energy and Battery Storage

1 WHEREAS the State of California has committed to eliminating its fossil fuel dependence within
2 fifteen years, and accomplishing that goal will require tripling all forms of wind and solar over today's
3 levels, including both rooftop solar and large-scale solar, while also increasing battery storage by a
4 factor of eight; and

5 WHEREAS rooftop solar and battery storage is the only clean energy solution that has worked to
6 reduce energy bills and protect residents and communities from blackouts and to reduce the
7 considerable expense of long distance energy transport from solar and wind farms, thus saving all
8 ratepayers money, and to protect open space from large-scale renewable energy development,
9 making it clear that California should be moving decisively toward its goal of tripling rooftop solar by
10 making rooftop solar panels and batteries more available and affordable for everyone; and
11 WHEREAS the California Public Utilities Commission has instead taken a highly regressive step against
12 future rooftop solar customers in the state by adopting California Net Energy Metering 3.0 (NEM3)—
13 in response to fierce lobbying from utility companies such as PG&E and SCE and by using an energy
14 model tainted by conflicts of interest with the utility industry—slashing by 75% the credits new
15 rooftop solar owners will be able to earn by sharing excess energy with the grid, even though similar
16 reductions in other states have reduced the demand for new rooftop solar installations in half;
17 THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the California Democratic Party rejects any deviance from policies
18 that prioritize the transition to clean energy, and strongly supports the expansion of local energy
19 sourcing incentives which accelerate and streamline the ability of everyday people, including
20 homeowners, renters, houses of worship, schools, businesses and others, to adopt rooftop solar and
21 battery storage.

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Resolution 23-05.043

RESOLUTION In Support of California Restoring the Funding for Older Adult School Classes

1 **WHEREAS**, education programs for older adults are a low-cost, effective way to combat isolation
2 and promote healthy aging that can reduce the likelihood of participants contracting dementia by
3 18% and can save the state money by improving healthy life expectancy, and

4 **WHEREAS**, California, recognizing the importance of combatting isolation in seniors, provided free,
5 state funded education programs for seniors through adult schools and community colleges from
6 1950 until 2013 when these programs were completely defunded in adult schools and began to be
7 reduced in the community colleges, and

8 **WHEREAS**, the recent California Masterplan for Aging, which seeks to establish "A California for all
9 ages" by 2030, has as one of its goals: Inclusion and Equity, not Isolation for California's seniors, and
10 adult schools and community colleges still have the capacity to provide education for older adults in
11 order to fulfill the goals of the Master Plan on Aging,

12 **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the California Democratic Party take action on its belief, as
13 stated in the Party's Educational plank, of its platform, that supports adult education and life-long
14 learning by advocating for the funding of the older adult education throughout the state and
15 proclaiming the advantages of providing our aging population with opportunities for mental
16 stimulation and socialization for the Older Adult Community and that it recognizes the funding of
17 these programs is necessary to fulfill the goals of the California Master Plan on Aging, as well as cost
18 effectiveness; and

19 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the California Democratic Party supports, recommends and
20 advocates for California to restore the funding for Older Adult Education programs, using the
21 mechanisms as previously used for OAE (school districts and/or the community colleges) for the
22 administration of program funds and expenses.

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Resolution 23-05.044

School Funding Equity

1 WHEREAS the State of California has two separate and unequal school funding models, the Local
2 Control Funding Formula and the Excess Tax/Basic Aid model; and
3 WHEREAS the Local Control Funding Formula model supports all public school students in California
4 in school districts, charters, and county offices of education, by providing a Base Grant for all
5 students and additional Supplemental and Concentration grants based on the number of higher-
6 needs students in that Local Education Agency; and
7 WHEREAS the Excess Tax/Basic Aid model supports only those school districts where, by virtue only
8 of the value of the property contained in the school district, the local taxes available for education
9 exceeds the funds per student that would be provided by the Local Control Funding Formula; due to
10 the great variation in local property values in California, the per-student funding for Excess Tax/Basic
11 Aid districts exceeds the funding they would receive under the LCFF by as little as a few percent and
12 by as much as more than double; and this creates a situation where some students, by virtue only of
13 their zip code and the wealth of their families, enjoy much greater educational resources than other
14 students; and this creates a situation where some fortunate residents of California are spared the
15 same level of concern over the status of school funding;
16 THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the California Democratic Party believes that access to a high
17 quality public education should not be determined by the zip code of residence or the wealth of the
18 student's family; and that when the wealthiest public school families are sheltered from the impacts
19 of underfunding experienced by less wealthy families, we lose an opportunity to find common cause
20 to drive for excellent public schools that all students deserve.

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Resolution 23-05.045

School Unification

1 WHEREAS the State of California has nearly 1,000 school districts, many of them ununified
2 elementary and high school districts; and
3 WHEREAS a unified school district is a student's best chance of receiving an education where there is
4 a consistent, integrated curriculum; and
5 WHEREAS the California Education Master Plan of 2002 calls for elementary and high school districts
6 to unify, a call that has been mostly unheeded;
7 THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the California Democratic Party agrees with the California
8 Education Master Plan of 2002 that the best opportunity for a consistent education lies in a unified
9 school district; and
10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the California Democratic Party shall make and support efforts to
11 create incentives for the unification of existing elementary and high school districts.

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Resolution 23-05.046

Resolution in Support of Health Equity and Racial Justice

1 WHEREAS, The adverse impact of the pandemic and its economic fallout have been widespread, but
2 remain particularly severe among communities of color, especially, Blacks/African Americans, Latinx,
3 Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians/Pacific Islanders, and American Indian/Alaskan Natives; and

4 WHEREAS, Communities of Color in California continue to suffer from long-standing health inequities,
5 where Latinx Californians are more likely to delay medical care than those of other racial and ethnic
6 groups due to costs and lack of insurance and Black Californians experience the highest death rates
7 from breast, cervical, colorectal, lung, and prostate cancer among all racial and ethnic groups.
8 Furthermore, the average life expectancy of American Indian/Alaska Native populations is
9 significantly lower than that of all other groups. Native Hawaiians and Pacific Islanders have the
10 highest COVID-19 case and death rates and the highest rates of diabetes in California and Asian
11 Americans are more likely to be uninsured than non-Hispanic whites; and

12 WHEREAS, racism has consistently been declared a serious threat to public health, a consequence of
13 diverse communities being marginalized and discriminated against. Sustained funding for community-
14 based organizations would advance more transformative change addressing major health disparities
15 and prioritizing racial justice, building health equity, and keeping people healthy in the first place;
16 and

17 THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the California Democratic Party believes that health is a human
18 right and that all Californians deserve equitable access to affordable, quality healthcare services
19 and a comprehensive and racially just public health infrastructure; and

20 THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the California Democratic Party supports efforts to
21 invest resources in community-based health equity and racial justice innovation to more effectively
22 address health inequities and racism as public health crises, and supports efforts that transform the
23 behaviors, institutions, and systems that disproportionately harm historically marginalized
24 communities and create barriers to opportunity, in order to empower communities of color to thrive
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Resolution received unanimous support at the Region 5 and 6 joint meeting on 4/25/23

Resolution 23-05.047

Resolution in Support of Electronic Tabulation of Ballots

1 **WHEREAS** we find that democracy is best supported by fair and free elections and it is essential that
2 people have a voice in their government; and

3 **WHEREAS** we find that electronic tabulation provides for impartial counting of votes; every eligible
4 citizen has the right to cast and have their vote accurately counted, irrespective of political
5 orientation, physical ability, race, or gender;

6 **WHEREAS** the lack of electronic tabulations contributes to voter suppression and reporting deadlines
7 directed by the state government would likely not be met.

8 **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the **California Democratic Party** requests that all electoral
9 authorities at the national, state, and local levels should work deliberately and expeditiously to
10 guarantee electoral impartiality, to implement transparent systems and procedures that promote and
11 ensure electoral credibility, and to institute substantial penalties for voter suppression, or any other
12 attempt to undermine the legitimacy of elections; and

13 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the California Democratic Party requests that the California State
14 Government announce its plan and implement measures for ensuring all citizens of California can
15 vote in the event that the local county government is unable to provide a certified voting system.

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Resolution 23-05.048

Resolution to Improve Access to Healthcare Choices in Rural Agricultural California

1 WHEREAS rural agricultural communities in California have some of the highest rates of poverty and
2 lack access to adequate healthcare, and many rural communities in California lack necessary options
3 in affordable healthcare for its diverse community, which not only limits access to care, but also,
4 contributes to poorer health outcomes and quality of health; and

5 WHEREAS many California rural agricultural community's face limits to access and quality to
6 affordable healthcare, due to facility and community-based clinic closures or lack of provider and
7 specialty coverage – as a result of unsustainable reimbursement rates, poor management, or even
8 exclusionary contracts that cause anticompetitive practices in community health; Diverse rural
9 communities continue to face discriminatory practices and blockage of one's rights to choose, for
10 those who have the means to must travel outside of the county to receive care; and

11 THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the California Democratic Party recognizes that access to quality
12 healthcare as a fundamental right for ALL CALIFORNIANS! That all deserve to have access to
13 necessary affordable healthcare choices, regardless of ability to pay, where one lives or immigration
14 status; That rural agricultural communities face unique healthcare challenges but deserve diverse
15 access to providers and specialist within their community.

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the California Democratic Party supports improving sustainability of
17 healthcare in impoverished and underserved communities, oversight to avoid limiting access to one's
18 right to choose and lifting barriers put into place by exclusionary contracts, and the subsidizing
19 healthcare growth in rural communities; Supports growth of healthcare options through the lifting of
20 barriers caused by exclusionary contracts and be progressively innovative in healthcare delivery to
21 meet unique challenges faced in rural communities, supporting all Californians to work together to
22 promote access to quality healthcare in rural agricultural communities and ensure that all residents
23 have access to the care they need.

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Resolution 23-05.050

STOP FUNDING ATTACKS ON OUR DEMOCRACY

1 **WHEREAS** the Dominion Voting Systems Corporation lawsuit has revealed, FOX NEWS has
2 knowingly waged a disinformation campaign falsely asserting that the 2020 Election was rigged or
3 stolen; and

4 **WHEREAS** the lies told by FOX NEWS have eroded confidence in our electoral system and directly
5 lead to the January 6th insurrection and continue to pose long-term devastating consequences for
6 democratic institutions; and

7 **WHEREAS** cable television and streaming consumers pay an involuntary premium for FOX NEWS
8 and these fees are a significant portion of the FOX NEWS profit margin; cable and streaming
9 customers should have the choice to opt out of FOX NEWS service and stop funding this destructive
10 corporation with their monthly cable/streaming bills;

11 **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the California Democratic Party supports consumers having the
12 right to opt out of FOX NEWS when purchasing cable television and streaming services.

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Resolution 23-05.051

Resolution in support of moving the California 2024 Primary to June 2024

1 Whereas, the California legislature has moved up the Presidential primary before June in the years
2 1996, 2000, 2004, 2008, and 2020, yet failed to significantly increase California’s influence in the
3 Presidential primary and led to numerous voters casting early votes for candidates who dropped out
4 well before Election Day in California;

5 And Whereas, candidates for United States Senate, United States House of Representatives,
6 California Senate and Assembly, and County, local, and special districts running in primaries need to
7 run longer campaigns with a March primary, requiring more money, time, and resources to be
8 successful, and, according to the SB 970 (Umberg and Berman, 2020) Floor Analysis, a June Primary
9 “will help less well-financed candidates compete, keep the election and candidates fresh in voters’
10 minds, and give incumbent legislators more time to devote their energies to governing as opposed to
11 their next campaign;”

12 And Whereas, the current law requiring a March 2024 primary will not likely lead to increased
13 influence for the state on the presidential primary process, given past experience, distract from the
14 work of legislating at the local, state, and federal levels, and place a higher burden on candidates
15 down-ballot, after the 2022 election cycle with a June primary that led to a noticeable increase in
16 voter participation and diversity in those elected in November;

17 Therefore Be It Resolved, that the Alameda County Democratic Central Committee supports moving
18 the 2024 Presidential Primary to the first Tuesday in June 2024;

19 And Be It Further Resolved, that the Alameda County Democratic Party send letters of support to the
20 Alameda County legislative delegation in the State Senate and Assembly urging them to sponsor
21 legislation enacting this move, or co-authoring the effort , as well as the Governor, the Alameda
22 County Registrar of Voters, and the California Democratic Party.

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Resolution 23-05.052

ENFORCEMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH CARE LAWS

1 Whereas, the California Democratic Party recognizes that mental health conditions are prevalent in
2 our society and can have a profound impact on individuals and their families, mental health is an
3 essential aspect of overall health and wellbeing, and the timely and effective treatment of mental
4 health conditions is critical to ensuring a high quality of life;

5 Whereas, California has enacted mental health parity laws to ensure that mental health care is
6 treated equally with physical health care, and Kaiser Permanente, the state's largest private provider
7 of mental health care, is facing a non-routine audit of its mental health services following a sharp
8 increase in member complaints;

9 Whereas, National Union of Healthcare Workers-represented mental health clinicians at Kaiser
10 Permanente conducted a 10-week strike to press Kaiser to fix a broken mental health system, yet
11 Kaiser is one of several providers reported to be violating mental health parity laws by denying or
12 delaying care to mental health patients, resulting in serious harm to patients and their families;

13 Therefore, Be It Resolved, that the California Democratic Party supports the enforcement of existing
14 mental health care laws and stands against the exploitation of patients, by ensuring that individuals
15 with mental health conditions have access to timely and comprehensive care as required under state
16 and federal law;

17 Therefore, Be It Further Resolved, that the California Democratic Party recognizes that Californians
18 have the right to timely mental health and substance use disorder treatment, and that non-
19 urgent follow-up appointments must be provided within 10 business days, unless the treating
20 therapist determines that a longer wait will not have a detrimental impact on the patient's health;
21 and that by prioritizing mental health care and patient rights, these actions will ensure that all
22 Californians have timely and accessible mental health care and are protected from the exploitation of
23 their rights.

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Resolution 23-05.053

Support of Electronic Ballot Tabulation

1 WHEREAS, in a democracy every eligible individual has the right to have their voice heard by
2 participating in an electoral process that is transparent, impartial, and accurate, and that their vote is
3 counted without prejudice or discrimination; and

4 WHEREAS, electronic ballot tabulation of paper ballots is a more efficient, reliable, and accurate
5 method of counting votes compared to entirely manual hand counts, thus ensuring the outcome of
6 an election reflects the true will of the people and upholds the integrity of our democratic institutions;
7 and

8 THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the California Democratic Party continues to strongly support
9 electronic ballot tabulation, which assists county election officials with accurately tabulating complex
10 ballots and ensure electoral credibility.

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Resolution 23-05.054

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE 'BUILDING TRADES' RESIDENTIAL WORKFORCE STANDARDS

1 WHEREAS, California's housing crisis is rooted in income inequality and is not a standalone problem,
2 but is inextricably linked to an economy built on non-union, low-wage jobs and efforts to address this
3 crisis should not be done on the backs of workers, but instead taking on inequality in all ways through
4 good public policy, high-road jobs, and private-sector accountability to build the more than 2,000,000
5 housing units needed to end the crisis; and

6 WHEREAS, there are more than 700,000 Californians that currently work in the residential construction
7 sector, an industry plagued by the use of non-union contractors that use illegal employment practices,
8 including misclassification of workers, willful disregard for health and safety requirements, resulting
9 in the increase of safety-net programs serving California's residential construction workforce costing
10 taxpayers billions of dollars annually; and

11 WHEREAS, California has a tremendous opportunity to leverage the need for millions of additional
12 housing units to create a safer, more equitable outcome for residential construction workers that
13 deserve high road jobs, especially where ministerial review for land use entitlements is provided to
14 multi-family residential developments, developers should be required to meet 'the Building Trades'
15 Residential Workforce Standards', which includes paying prevailing wage and creating apprenticeship
16 opportunities to increase job safety;

17 THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the California Democratic Party supports ongoing efforts to bring 'the
18 Building Trades' Residential Workforce Standards' labor protections to the residential construction
19 industry to secure high road jobs while building our way out of the housing crisis in California.

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Resolution 23-05.055

INCREASE VOTER PARTICIPATION IN ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE COMMUNITIES

1 WHEREAS, an environmental justice community or neighborhood, composed predominantly of Latino,
2 Black, Indigenous, and people of color living at or below the poverty line that are subjected to a
3 disproportionate burden of environmental hazards which significantly reduces their quality of life,
4 have not had their voices heard by public policymakers, and have experienced historically lower than
5 average voter turnout in previous election cycles; and

6 WHEREAS, in California all voters receive a vote-by-mail ballot and there has been a decrease in in-
7 person polling locations which has impacted participation amongst some older voters and many
8 campaigns do not engage with voters, perpetuating low turnout; and

9 WHEREAS, prioritizing voting accessibility and outreach specifically for environmental justice
10 communities is more essential than ever to overcome efforts by right-wing forces that seek to impose
11 policies that further harm local communities;

12 THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the California Democratic Party supports accessible voting,
13 outreach and improved voter turnout in environmental justice communities to ensure participatory
14 democracy.

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Resolution 23-05.056

Supporting State Licensed Adult Residential Facilities

1 WHEREAS, the wellbeing of individuals suffering from chronic mental illness, such as schizophrenia and
2 bipolar disorder, has historically been neglected by the state legislature, in comparison to the funding
3 for those with other conditions such as developmental disability, and misunderstood by society, thereby
4 attaching a stigma to chronic mental illness; and

5 WHEREAS, state-licensed Adult Residential Facilities (ARFs) (also referred to as board and care homes)
6 provide critical low-cost, subsidized supportive housing for those with chronic mental illness and
7 exemplify a community-oriented approach to low-income and disability housing with built-in
8 wraparound services — medical doctors, psychiatrists, therapists and social workers — that often is not
9 achieved in publicly funded projects; and

10 WHEREAS funding for ARFs has not kept pace with increases in their operating costs over the past
11 decade, resulting in the closure of more than 1,800 ARFs and a loss of approximately 13,000 ARF beds
12 statewide over the last five years, according to the California Department of Social Services,
13 exacerbating the state’s homelessness crisis;

14 THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the California Democratic Party recognizes the importance of
15 supporting people suffering from chronic mental illness by providing quality low-cost subsidized housing
16 with wraparound services to protect this vulnerable population and help prevent them from falling into
17 homelessness; and

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the California Democratic Party supports all efforts by legislators to
19 protect ARFs with adequate funding that keeps pace with increased costs and the growing need for
20 quality facilities to serve this often-underserved population and optimize the health, safety and quality
21 of life of adults in community care facilities.

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Resolution 23-05.057

Expanding Unemployment Benefits to Undocumented Immigrant Workers

1 WHEREAS Los Angeles County is home to approximately 3.4 million immigrants of different statuses,
2 backgrounds, and cultures, making it the largest community of immigrants in the United States, and
3 research shows that undocumented immigrant workers in Los Angeles County are disproportionately
4 represented in low-wage industries, such as domestic service, food service, janitorial services,
5 hospitality, and agriculture while making less than nearly half the median hourly wage than all other
6 workers in the county; and

7 WHEREAS undocumented immigrant workers in California not only contribute their labor, but also
8 \$3.7 billion in state and local taxes, and taxes on their wages generate an estimated \$302 million to
9 the Unemployment Insurance system every year, yet cannot access any unemployment benefits
10 when they temporarily lose their job due to historic exclusions from the safety net; and

11 WHEREAS the lack of access to unemployment benefits forces undocumented immigrant workers to
12 exhaust their life savings, accumulate greater debt, and compromise their health and well-being to
13 simply afford basic necessities like rent and food for themselves and their loved ones;

14 THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the California Democratic Party supports creating an Excluded
15 Workers Program in order to provide unemployment benefits to undocumented immigrant workers
16 who are excluded from unemployment insurance solely due to their immigration status; and

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the California Democratic Party shall communicate this resolution to
18 the Governor's office, and the California Assembly and Senate leadership.

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Resolution 23-05.058

Grocery Industry Mergers Harm Workers and Impact Our Communities

1 **WHEREAS**, Kroger and Albertsons, two of the largest grocery companies in the United States, have
2 indicated their intent to merge to form one company, and California has more of these two grocery
3 chains than any other state in the country, with Kroger operating approximately 233 stores under the
4 Ralphs, Food 4 Less and Foods Co banners and Albertsons operating approximately 579 grocery
5 stores under the Albertsons, Safeway, Vons and Pavilions banners; and

6 **WHEREAS**, California's grocery stores give local residents access to vital grocery products, and for
7 many neighborhoods and consumers, and many communities already struggle with access to
8 adequate high-quality food and grocery stores, and accessibility of supermarkets by foot or by public
9 transit is critical for the communities' health as a whole; and

10 **WHEREAS**, Mergers in the grocery industry and the resulting lack of competition and unchecked
11 buying power will have a devastating impact on workers, customers, local farmers and ranchers and
12 California's communities through store closures, particularly in food deserts and rural areas, price
13 increases, decreased access to affordable and nutritious food, and the loss of union jobs and the
14 bargaining power of workers; and

15 **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**: That the California Democratic Party will protect good jobs for
16 workers, food suppliers and customers by opposing the Kroger and Albertsons merger that
17 undermines workers' interests and puts customers' access to affordable and nutritious and our
18 communities at risk; and

19 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**: That the California Democratic Party will fight to protect access to
20 affordable and nutritious food for our communities by preventing the creation of food deserts, areas
21 located more than a half mile from a grocery store or supermarket with low rates of car access and
22 high poverty rates, through mergers and acquisitions in the grocery industry.

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Resolution 23-05.088

Grocery Industry Mergers Harm Workers and Impact Our Communities

1 **WHEREAS**, Kroger and Albertsons, two of the largest grocery companies in the United States, have
2 indicated their intent to merge to form one company, and California has more of these two grocery
3 chains than any other state in the country, with Kroger operating approximately 233 stores under the
4 Ralphs, Food 4 Less and Foods Co banners and Albertsons operating approximately 579 grocery
5 stores under the Albertsons, Safeway, Vons and Pavilions banners; and

6 **WHEREAS**, California's grocery stores must provide local residents access to vital grocery products,
7 and in many communities and neighborhoods consumers already struggle with access to grocery
8 stores that providing a variety of high-quality products, at supermarkets accessible by foot or by
9 public transit which is critical for the communities' health as a whole; and

10 **WHEREAS**, mergers in the grocery industry and the resulting lack of competition will have a
11 devastating impact on customers, local farmers, and ranchers affecting California's communities
12 through store closures, particularly by creating food deserts in rural areas, price increases, decreased
13 access to affordable and nutritious food, and the loss of union jobs and the bargaining power of
14 workers; and

15 **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the California Democratic Party reaffirms its support to protect
16 good jobs for workers, food suppliers and customers by opposing the Kroger and Albertsons merger
17 that undermines workers' interests and puts customers' access to affordable and nutritious and our
18 communities at risk.

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Resolution 23-05.059

Supporting Reparations for Black Californians

1 **WHEREAS** Black people, who make up 8% of California’s population have been unjustly enslaved,
2 segregated, and incarcerated through systemic racism over centuries that will take time to dismantle;
3 and

4 **WHEREAS** Black people have been unjustly targeted by law enforcement and criminal justice
5 procedures, incarcerated at disproportionate rates, and subsequently excluded from full participation
6 in the benefits of citizenship that include voting, employment, housing, and health care; and

7 **WHEREAS** Black people have been segregated from mainstream education and within present-day
8 school programs, with Black students experiencing the denial of education through admission,
9 retention, and graduation rates for every level of education and through discriminatory disciplinary
10 practices;

11 **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the California Democratic Party supports the need for making
12 amends through acknowledgment, apology, and reparations for the massive pain, suffering, and loss
13 caused by enslavement, segregation, and the continued discrimination and systemic racism against
14 black people across the nation and in the State of California.

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Resolution 23-05.060

Supporting the California Association of Professional Scientists

1 WHEREAS, the California Association of Professional Scientists (CAPS) labor union represents
2 approximately 4,500 State scientists employed by the State of California, a majority of whom identify
3 as female, including biologists, chemists, climatologists, epidemiologists, toxicologists, research
4 scientists, veterinarians and other scientific disciplines; and

5 WHEREAS, several global environmental crises require action and transformative change, and State
6 scientists are critical to addressing these urgent challenges that threaten California, including but not
7 limited to climate disruption, wildfires, drought, extinctions and biodiversity loss, invasive species,
8 ecosystem destruction, housing shortages, pollution, diseases, and threats to our food and water
9 supply, as State scientists lead the nation in scientific research, utilize state-of-the-art laboratories to
10 evaluate public health and environmental issues, develop protective regulations, and work in
11 collaboration with other workers in the public and private sector; and

12 WHEREAS, CAPS has been bargaining to renew their contract with the State of California for more
13 than three years to restore State scientists' historical salary relationships with State scientific
14 supervisors and State engineers, a super-majority of whom identify as male, and perform equivalent
15 work to each other by closing wage gaps of up to 43%, and provide salaries competitive with
16 scientists in local, county and federal governments and private sector, and in February 2023 State
17 scientists rejected a collective bargaining agreement that did not come close to restoring historical
18 salary relationships let alone keep up with recent inflation, requiring that bargaining continue;

19 THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the California Democratic Party supports State scientists in their
20 efforts to secure a fair contract with competitive compensation that recognizes the invaluable
21 contributions of State scientists in keeping Californians safe, healthy, and well-informed.

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Resolution 23-05.061

Resolution Promoting Development and Implementation of A Plan to Significantly Reduce Homelessness in California

1 **WHEREAS**, California Democrats believe that shelter, including affordable housing, is a basic human
2 right, we acknowledge that homelessness is an urgent humanitarian crisis with an estimated 172,000
3 unsheltered individuals across California creating an undertow of massive economic and systemic
4 inequities, as well as a tangled web of decisions made by well-intentioned policies and programs built
5 over decades, that continues to stymie efforts to support those who are unhoused or at risk of
6 becoming unhoused; and

7 **WHEREAS**, unlike other areas of government such as education, child welfare, infrastructure, and
8 many other policy areas, California lacks a comprehensive plan to address those who are unhoused
9 and at risk of becoming unhoused effectively and equitably and we must acknowledge the current
10 approach to addressing homelessness is fragmented and lacks clear lines of responsibility,
11 accountability and sustainability so that at present, it is not possible to make meaningful progress in
12 helping those who are unhoused and housing insecure; and

13 **WHEREAS**, discussions among experts on homelessness and many who work to reduce
14 homelessness have led to the conclusion that California must effect a paradigm shift and develop a
15 consistent, coherent plan to address homelessness, one which includes broad goals and specific
16 policy proposals to ensure clear lines of responsibility and accountability for every level of
17 government and improves the way California collectively responds to those who are unhoused or at
18 risk of becoming unhoused, and can provide a comprehensive roadmap to reducing and mitigating
19 homelessness; and since counties run or administer most health and human services programs on
20 behalf of the state and federal government including mental health and substance use disorder
21 services, counties must lead in the development and implementation of that plan with input from
22 many other agencies, organizations, cities, and members of the public,

23 **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the California Democratic Party supports every effort to
24 reduce homelessness in California and applauds the work of a growing coalition of local government,
25 public safety, social justice, health, labor, housing, community, and other organizations throughout
26 the state which acknowledges that homelessness is indeed a crisis that must be elevated to be an
27 important shared California priority deserving of a comprehensive plan for resolution and supports
28 the implementation of such a plan to significantly reduce homelessness in California.

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Resolution 23-05.062

Unionize California Resolution

1 **WHEREAS** economic and social inequalities have risen in California, the United States, and across
2 the World to levels undermining the quality of life of workers everywhere, perpetuating historical and
3 current social disparities, and contributing to rising threats to democracy; and

4 **WHEREAS** unions are a countervailing force to economic and political elites, providing
5 representation to workers, improving wages, benefits, and working conditions, combating social
6 inequalities, and supporting the democratic form of government; and

7 **WHEREAS** the labor movement plays a necessary role in the creation of an economy that truly
8 benefits all workers and for an equitable society,

9 **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the California Democratic Party supports the Unionize
10 California program launched by the California Labor Federation (AFL-CIO) and its efforts to connect
11 with and unionize workers across all sectors.

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Resolution 23-05.063

Prioritizing the Work of University of California Graduate Student Workers

1 **WHEREAS**, after five weeks of the largest higher education strike in United States history, on
2 December 23, 2022, the United Auto Workers Local 2865 representing Academic Student Employees
3 and Graduate Student Researchers across the University of California system ratified a new contract
4 that increased base wages by 25 to 80% by 2024; and

5 **WHEREAS**, in response to the new wages set in the UAW 2865 contract, academic departments
6 across the University of California have begun announcing cost-cutting measures which include
7 eliminating entire TA discussion sections and replacing graduate student instructors with unpaid
8 undergraduate "assistants", shrinking research groups, and reducing the overall number of graduate
9 students enrolled by as much as 33%; and

10 **WHEREAS**, reducing graduate enrollment is a violation of UC's obligations to the State of California
11 as the University of California and the Office of the Governor signed a compact whereby UC agreed
12 to increase graduate enrollment by 2,500 seats by 2027 in exchange for hundreds of millions of
13 dollars in increased funding,

14 **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the California Democratic Party supports Academic Student
15 Employees and Graduate Student Researchers in their important work assisting academic students
16 and scientific research in the University of California system, and

17 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the California Democratic Party supports the efforts of these
18 workers to preserve their jobs and prioritize the retention of these important employees who advance
19 academic achievement and cutting-edge research which has made California a leader in education
20 and innovation.

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Resolution 23-05.065

Resolution Recognizing Captain Victor J. Glover, Jr.'s Achievements in Aeronautics and Congratulating Him on Piloting NASA's Artemis II Mission

1 WHEREAS, NASA's Artemis II mission will fly around the moon and back in the first manned space
2 mission beyond low Earth orbit in over 50 years and will be farther into space than any humans have
3 ever traveled, and this mission will validate the systems, capabilities, and techniques necessary for
4 humans to live and work in deep space, a truly historic journey; and

5 WHEREAS, Victor J. Glover, Jr., will make history as the first person of color to embark on such a
6 mission when he pilots the Artemis II leading a crew of three other team members; and

7 WHEREAS, Glover, who joins 12 other California astronauts, grew up in Pomona and attended high
8 school in Ontario, has a rich history of accomplishments; he was selected in 2013 as one of eight
9 members of the 21st NASA astronaut class, lived in space on the ISS for 167 days as part of a long-
10 duration mission, but before all those accomplishments was a high school athlete, an engineering
11 student with a Bachelor of Science in General Engineering, a Master of Science in Flight Test
12 Engineering, a Master of Science in Systems Engineering and a Master of Military Operational Art and
13 Science, a pilot in the Navy who flew in combat and peacetime and tested aircraft including 3,000
14 flight hours in more than 40 aircraft, over 400 carrier arrested landings and 24 combat missions,

15 THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the California Democratic Party recognizes the accomplishments
16 of California native Victor J. Glover, Jr. and recognizes this event's historical significance to the Black
17 community, the state of California, the Pomona Valley, and the Inland Empire;

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Resolution 23-05.064

Support Implementation of the Brown Act to Allow Remote Meetings

1 **WHEREAS**, for the past three years the Ralph M. Brown Act (Open Meeting law) was suspended
2 during COVID emergency which allowed for meetings to be hosted on remote sharing platforms such
3 as Zoom; and

4 **WHEREAS**, people who normally wouldn't have participated on committees and commissions such
5 as young parents, students, disabled, rural remote residents, seniors and others now were able to
6 volunteer to be a part of their local government; and

7 **WHEREAS**, going back to all in-person meetings will result in less participation from the above
8 marginalized groups, and local government officials and commission volunteers are asking for more
9 flexibility with Brown Act laws; now

10 **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the California Democratic Party supports efforts to keep
11 opportunities for remote hosted meetings available for multi-jurisdictional commissions and county
12 wide committees; and

13 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the California Democratic Party joins other community
14 organizations in supporting measures which result in more people being able to participate in local
15 government through remote hosted meetings.

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Resolution 23-05.066

SUPPORT LOS ANGELES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT WORKERS

1 WHEREAS the 30,000 Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) school workers represented by
2 Service Employees International Union Local 99 are cafeteria workers, custodians, special education
3 assistants, after school workers, bus drivers and thousands of other frontline staff that support
4 student learning – inside and outside the classroom; and

5 WHEREAS one in three SEIU Local 99 members report having been homeless or on the brink of
6 homelessness while working at LAUSD, while at the same time the state has seen the highest per-
7 pupil funding rate in California history; and

8 WHEREAS members of SEIU Local 99 have been negotiating with LAUSD since April 2022, demanding
9 equitable wage increases, more full-time work, respectful treatment, and increased staffing levels for
10 improved student services;

11 THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the California Democratic Party stands with SEIU Local 99 workers
12 in their pursuit of equitable wage increases, full-time employment and respect in the workplace; and

13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the California Democratic Party calls on members of the Los Angeles
14 Unified School District Board of Education to support fruitful negotiations that address the needs of
15 LAUSD workers.

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Resolution 23-05.067

Encouraging Peace Negotiations between Ukraine and Russia

1 WHEREAS, President Biden has expressed urgent and grave concerns about the possible impacts of
2 the continued war in Ukraine, suggesting we have not been closer to nuclear Armageddon since the
3 1962 Cuban Missile Crisis when the nuclear catastrophe was averted through a diplomatic settlement
4 in which the Soviet Union agreed to remove nuclear missiles from Cuba in return for the US removing
5 Jupiter missiles from Turkey; and

6 WHEREAS, the unwarranted Russian invasion of Ukraine raises the potential of the disruption of
7 wheat and barley exports from Ukraine and Russia, the breadbasket of the world to famine-impacted
8 regions in Africa as well as affecting world food supplies; and

9 WHEREAS, while the United States, which has allocated over \$50 billion in humanitarian
10 aid, weapons, and military training for Ukraine, which is necessary to help the people of Ukraine and
11 enable Ukraine to defend itself from the Russian invasion, can also play a critical role in bringing the
12 war to a close to prevent further death, destruction, and ecocide in Ukraine, as well as mitigating
13 economic upheaval with rising inflation for food and other essentials that disproportionately impact
14 the poor and working class in the United States and elsewhere, by bringing Russia and Ukraine to the
15 table to find a solution that respects Ukrainian sovereignty;

16 THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the California Democratic Party continues to stand with the people of
17 Ukraine but also supports the principles of respecting the sovereignty of all nations while encouraging
18 peaceful and nonviolent means to address conflicts, and in doing so, encourages the United States, in
19 addition to supporting Ukrainian sovereignty, to support means to open dialogue, along with China to
20 reach a lasting peace agreement to respect the sovereignty of the people of Ukraine and address
21 security concerns of all stakeholders.

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Resolution 23-05.068

Calling for Israel and Palestinian Authority to return to negotiations for two state solution.

1 Whereas, support for a two state solution, an Israeli and a Palestinian state, each economically
2 viable, secure and living in peace side by side has been a central tenet of U.S foreign policy;

3 Whereas, while the United States has determined that Israel is not in violation of the Leahy Act, the
4 rise of the current far right government in Israel and efforts by its far-right ministers such as Ben-Gvir
5 and Baezel Smotrich to legalize settlements deep in the West Bank, empower and defend private
6 settler militias that have attacked Palestinians in West Bank towns like Huwara and sought to restrict
7 access by Christians to religious sites, has called into question its previous commitment to mutually
8 negotiating a two state solution.

9 Whereas the Palestinian Authority, while having less power than the Israelis, have also undermined
10 efforts to stabilize and find peace in the region by calling for the dismantling of Israel through
11 Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions principles, continuing to teach antisemitism in its schools,
12 empowering private militias such as Palestinian Islamic Jihad and Al Aqsa Martyrs Brigade, and
13 rewarding members for attacks on Israeli civilians that have resulted in the deaths of dozens of Jews
14 and Non-Jews alike of all ages and backgrounds, refusing to hold elections for over 18 years to gain
15 the legitimacy to lead peace negotiations, mistreating aid workers and engaging in broad corruption.

16 BE IT RESOLVED that California Democratic Party continues to support the principles of a mutually
17 negotiated peaceful resolution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict that will lead to the achievement of
18 self-determination for the Palestinian people and Israelis in a framework to be negotiated that
19 ensures equality, democracy, security, justice and peace for Israelis and Palestinians within a two-
20 state construct.

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the California Democratic Party supports the dignity, security, and
22 self-determination of both the Israeli and Palestinian people each in their own viable state, and
23 affirms that a lasting peace can only be achieved through direct negotiations among all parties in the
24 region and opposes unilateral actions on either side of the 1948 conflict and policies that undermine
25 the prospects for peace, or promotes destabilization through the use of or promotion of violence.

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Resolution 23-05.069

Standing with Democracy In Opposition to the Rise of Right Wing and Religious Nationalism

1 WHEREAS; a number of right-wing nationalist or religious nationalist governments have been elected
2 in a number of democracies including Hungary, Indonesia, Israel, Italy, the Philippines, Poland,
3 Turkey, Tunisia and Ethiopia, and far right parties have emerged in Brazil, Sweden, Costa Rica,
4 Norway, Germany, France and the United Kingdom, even the United States Republican Party has
5 been transformed into a far-right nationalist party; and

6 Whereas many of these nationalist governments have used deception and demagoguery to obtain
7 slim, temporary legislative majorities, and once in power, sought to persecute marginalized
8 communities, women and LGBTQ persons, disempower labor rights and eliminate or reduce the
9 power of an independent judiciary to protect civil rights, eliminate political dissent, and impose
10 narrow religious restrictions on society at large much as some authoritarian or theocratic
11 governments have; and

12 Whereas vibrant democracies depend on equal protection of law for all citizens, an independent
13 judiciary, and the right of dissent, the answer to the rise of far-right nationalism which, like the rise
14 of Trump in the United States, is to support leadership change through the restoration of democracy
15 and voter empowerment through citizen activism, not violent overthrow or imposition.

16 Be it resolved that the California Democratic Party supports the principle that democratic
17 governments should include an independent judiciary that interprets law without political
18 interference.

19 Be it further therefore resolved, that the California Democratic Party stands in solidarity with the
20 citizens of those countries who speak out to protect their democracies, marginalized communities,
21 women's, labor and LGBTQ rights in their countries through their right to protest.

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Resolution 23-05.070

CONDEMNING RUSSIAN WAR CRIMES AND GENOCIDE AGAINST UKRAINE, AND DEMANDING THE PROSECUTION OF RUSSIAN PRESIDENT VLADIMIR PUTIN BY AN INTERNATIONAL TRIBUNAL

1 WHEREAS Russia’s invasion and occupation of Ukrainian territory, ordered by Russian President
2 Vladimir Putin, is punishable as the war crime of aggression under customary international law, as
3 well as under the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court; and

4 WHEREAS during that invasion and occupation Russian forces have raped, tortured and murdered
5 Ukrainian civilians in vast numbers, and have also deliberately destroyed Ukraine’s artistic and
6 cultural patrimony, actions which are punishable as war crimes under the Geneva Conventions; and

7 WHEREAS Russia has forcibly taken thousands of Ukrainian children from Ukraine and transferred
8 them to Russia in order to rob them of their Ukrainian identity, which is punishable as a form of
9 genocide under the Genocide Convention;

10 THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the California Democratic Party condemns the war crimes and
11 genocide Russia has committed in its war of aggression against Ukraine; and

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the California Democratic Party demands that Russian President
13 Vladimir Putin, his accomplices and collaborators, and any other Russian who has committed or is
14 responsible for war crimes against Ukraine or its citizens, face justice before the International
15 Criminal Court or other tribunal.

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Resolution 23-05.071

Standing with Democracy In Opposition to the Rise of Right Wing and Religious Nationalism

1 WHEREAS; a number of right-wing nationalist or religious nationalist governments have been elected
2 in a number of democracies including Hungary, Indonesia, Israel, Italy, the Philippines, Poland,
3 Turkey, Tunisia and Ethiopia, and far right parties have emerged in Brazil, Sweden, Costa Rica,
4 Norway, Germany, France and the United Kingdom, even the United States Republican Party has
5 been transformed into a far-right nationalist party; and

6 Whereas many of these nationalist governments have used deception and demagoguery to obtain
7 slim, temporary legislative majorities, and once in power, sought to persecute marginalized
8 communities, women and LGBTQ persons, disempower labor rights and eliminate or reduce the
9 power of an independent judiciary to protect civil rights, eliminate political dissent, and impose
10 narrow religious restrictions on society at large much as some authoritarian or theocratic
11 governments have; and

12 Whereas vibrant democracies depend on equal protection of law for all citizens, an independent
13 judiciary, and the right of dissent, the answer to the rise of far-right nationalism which, like the rise
14 of Trump in the United States, is to support leadership change through the restoration of democracy
15 and voter empowerment through citizen activism, not violent overthrow or imposition.

16 Be it resolved that the California Democratic Party supports the principle that democratic
17 governments should include an independent judiciary that interprets law without political
18 interference.

19 Be it further therefore resolved, that the California Democratic Party stands in solidarity with the
20 citizens of those countries who speak out to protect their democracies, marginalized communities,
21 women's, labor and LGBTQ rights in their countries through their right to protest.

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Resolution 23-05.072

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13 judiciary, and the right of dissent, the answer to the rise of far-right nationalism which, like the rise
14 of Trump in the United States, is to support leadership change through the restoration of democracy
15 and voter empowerment through citizen activism, not violent overthrow or imposition.

16 Be it resolved that the California Democratic Party supports the principle that democratic
17 governments should include an independent judiciary that interprets law without political
18 interference.

19 Be it further therefore resolved, that the California Democratic Party stands in solidarity with the
20 citizens of those countries who speak out to protect their democracies, marginalized communities,
21 women's, labor and LGBTQ rights in their countries through their right to protest.

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Resolution 23-05.089

Standing with Democracy In Opposition to the Rise of Right-Wing and Religious Nationalism

1 WHEREAS; some right-wing nationalist or religious nationalist governments have been elected in a
2 number of democracies including Hungary, Indonesia, Israel, Italy, the Philippines, Poland, Turkey,
3 Tunisia, and Ethiopia, and far-right parties have emerged in Brazil, Sweden, Costa Rica, Norway,
4 Germany, France, and the United Kingdom, even the United States Republican Party has been
5 transformed into a far-right nationalist party; and

6 Whereas many of these nationalist governments have used deception and demagoguery to obtain
7 slim, temporary legislative majorities, and once in power, sought to persecute marginalized
8 communities, women, and LGBTQ persons, disempower labor rights and eliminate or reduce the
9 power of an independent judiciary to protect civil rights, eliminate political dissent, and impose
10 narrow religious restrictions on society at large much as some authoritarian or theocratic
11 governments have; and

12 Whereas vibrant democracies depend on equal protection of the law for all citizens, an independent
13 judiciary, and the right of dissent, the answer to the rise of far-right nationalism, like the rise of
14 Trump in the United States, is to support leadership change through the restoration of democracy
15 and voter empowerment through citizen activism, not violent overthrow or imposition.

16
17 Therefore be it resolved that the California Democratic Party firmly supports that democratic
18 governments include an independent judiciary that interprets law without political interference and

19 Be it further resolved, that the California Democratic Party stands in solidarity with the citizens of
20 every country speaking out to protect their democracies and marginalized communities, and their
21 right to protest against all oppression in every form.

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Resolution 23-05.073

CONDEMNING RUSSIAN WAR CRIMES AND GENOCIDE AGAINST UKRAINE, AND DEMANDING THE PROSECUTION OF RUSSIAN PRESIDENT VLADIMIR PUTIN BY AN INTERNATIONAL TRIBUNAL

1 WHEREAS Russia’s invasion and occupation of Ukrainian territory, ordered by Russian President
2 Vladimir Putin, is punishable as the war crime of aggression under customary international law, as
3 well as under the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court; and

4 WHEREAS during that invasion and occupation Russian forces have raped, tortured and murdered
5 Ukrainian civilians in vast numbers, and have also deliberately destroyed Ukraine’s artistic and
6 cultural patrimony, actions which are punishable as war crimes under the Geneva Conventions; and

7 WHEREAS Russia has forcibly taken thousands of Ukrainian children from Ukraine and transferred
8 them to Russia in order to rob them of their Ukrainian identity, which is punishable as a form of
9 genocide under the Genocide Convention;

10 THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the California Democratic Party condemns the war crimes and
11 genocide Russia has committed in its war of aggression against Ukraine; and

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the California Democratic Party demands that Russian President
13 Vladimir Putin, his accomplices and collaborators, and any other Russian who has committed or is
14 responsible for war crimes against Ukraine or its citizens, face justice before the International
15 Criminal Court or other tribunal.

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Resolution 23-05.074

Resolution in Support of Internet Freedom for People of Iran

1 **WHEREAS**, Mahsa Zhina Amini's death on September 16, 2022, sparked the first Iranian female-led
2 revolution of our time, involving thousands of Iranian civilians, including teenagers, students, men,
3 and women of all ages, taking to the streets and university campuses to protest the brutality and
4 repression of the Iranian regime against its citizens; and

5 **WHEREAS**, Iranian authorities have sought to suppress freedom of speech and dissent by
6 implementing violent repression of nonviolent protests, censorship, restricting internet access,
7 denying access to medical care as a punishment for participating in peaceful protests, imprisonment
8 and torture for acts of civil disobedience, denying access to legal counsel of their choice, conducting
9 sham trials and confirming death sentences for minor offenses or false accusations, and executing
10 innocent protestors. People of Iran do not have the tools necessary to overcome Iran's suppression
11 tools, and this is a fight that takes dedicated, expert resources and large expenses to overcome
12 censorship, and

13 **WHEREAS**, According to the National Organization for Civil Registration, the United States has the
14 highest number of Iranians outside of Iran, close to 1,000,000 people,
15 with over one-half residing in California, and Silicon Valley in Northern California serves as a global
16 center for high technology and innovation.

17 **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the California Democratic Party stands with its Iranian
18 American community members, particularly Iranian American women, as their relatives and
19 associates are suffering through the current human rights injustices in Iran, and stands in solidarity
20 with the people of Iran in their fight for self-determination, their opposition to torture, and their right
21 to assemble, and their resistance to the oppression of their personal liberties; and

22 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that The Democratic Party of the State of California, supports
23 initiatives to improve information security to facilitate access to telecommunications tools and
24 technology, such as surveillance-circumvention technology to Iranian dissidents, and deny export of
25 technology that can improve the Iranian regime's ability to conduct malicious cyber intrusions against
26 the U.S. and its allies, or to harass or censor Iranian dissidents.

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3 students, men, and women of all ages, who took to the streets and university campuses to protest
4 the brutality and repression of the Iranian regime against its citizens and in response, Iranian
5 authorities have sought to suppress freedom of speech and dissent by restricting internet access,
6 access to communications tools and monitoring social media to target and punish protestors for
7 criticizing the government, even ordering imprisonment or punishment by death to protestors who
8 merely exercise speech;

9 **WHEREAS**, the people of Iran are subject to widespread use Iran's technology infrastructure and
10 suppression tools, some sold to the Iranian government by U.S. companies, while millions of Iranians
11 struggle to connect to the Internet due to the government's efforts to enforce technical censorship;

12 **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the California Democratic Party, supports the fundamental
13 right to free speech, and encourages western governments to deny export permits for technologies
14 that can improve the Iranian regime's ability to harass or censor Iranian dissidents; and

15 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the California Democratic Party further supports freedom from
16 government intrusion into free speech via private initiatives to improve information security to protect
17 and facilitate access to telecommunications tools and technology that minimizes government access
18 or monitoring of private communications.

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Resolution 23-05.076

CALLING FOR IRAN TO RELEASE CALIFORNIA RESIDENT JAMSHID SHARMAHD

1 WHEREAS in July 2020, U.S. national Jamshid Sharmahd, while returning to the USA from India, was
2 kidnapped in Dubai by the Ministry of Intelligence, Islamic Republic of Iran — one of a series of
3 abductions carried out by the Islamic Republic of Iran; Sharmahd, a resident in L.A. County
4 (Glendora) since 2003 after moving from Germany, does not hold an Islamic Republic of Iran
5 passport; and

6 WHEREAS the Islamic Republic is holding Jamshid Sharmahd hostage, condemned to death; in recent
7 months of protests, the regime's security forces have killed 600+ people and arrested 18,000+, four
8 of whom were hanged; dozens more have been convicted of moharebeh" (waging war on God) and
9 are at risk of execution, including the tortured, isolated Jamshid Sharmahd, held in Evin Prison; in
10 February 2023 he was sentenced to death by a Revolutionary Court in Tehran for "spreading
11 corruption on Earth"— Amnesty International called it a "grossly unfair" trial, the International Society
12 for Human Rights likewise condemned it, and Germany expelled two Iranian diplomats in reaction;
13 and

14 WHEREAS the Department of State's Country Reports on Human Rights Practices said Iran's
15 "government and its agents reportedly committed arbitrary or unlawful killings, most commonly
16 executions for crimes not meeting the international legal standard of 'most serious crimes 'or for
17 crimes committed by juvenile offenders, as well as executions after trials without due process," and
18 the United Nations Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Islamic Republic of Iran
19 stated that almost all executions in Iran constituted an arbitrary deprivation of life, noting the
20 "extensive, vague and arbitrary grounds in Iran for imposing the death sentence, which quickly can
21 turn this punishment into a political tool": President Biden in 2022, citing the Robert Levinson
22 Hostage Recovery and Hostage-Taking Accountability Act, issued an executive order to bolster efforts
23 to bring U.S. citizens and wrongfully detained U.S. nationals home, saying that "hostage-taking and
24 the wrongful detention of United States nationals abroad constitute an unusual and extraordinary
25 threat to the national security, foreign policy, and economy of the United States";

26 THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the California Democratic Party calls for our California and U.S.
27 governments, and the international community, to emphatically advocate for and solicit a just
28 outcome for, and the safety and immediate release of, Jamshid Sharmahd.

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Resolution 23-05.077

Calling for Israel and Palestinian Authority to return to negotiations for two-state solution.

1 Whereas, support for a two-state solution, an Israeli and a Palestinian state, each economically
2 viable, secure, and living in peace side by side has been a central tenet of U.S foreign policy; and

3 Whereas, while the United States has determined as a part of its ongoing review that Israel is not in
4 violation of the Leahy Act at this time, the rise of the current far-right government in Israel and
5 efforts by its far-right ministers such as Ben-Gvir and Baezel Smotrich to legalize settlements deep in
6 the West Bank, empower and defend private settler militias that have attacked Palestinians in West
7 Bank towns like Huwara and sought to restrict access by Christians to religious sites, has called into
8 question its previous commitment to mutually negotiating a two-state solution, and

9 Whereas the Palestinian Authority, while having less power than the Israelis, have also undermined
10 efforts to stabilize and find peace in the region by calling for the dismantling of Israel through
11 Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions principles, continuing to teach antisemitism in its schools,
12 empowering private militias such as Palestinian Islamic Jihad and Al Aqsa Martyrs Brigade, and
13 paying families of militia members for attacks on Israeli civilians that have resulted in the deaths of
14 dozens of Jews and Non-Jews alike of all ages and backgrounds, refusing to hold elections for over
15 18 years to gain the legitimacy to lead peace negotiations, mistreating aid workers and engaging in
16 broad corruption, and

17 THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that California Democratic Party continues to support the principles of
18 a mutually negotiated peaceful resolution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict that will lead to the
19 achievement of self-determination for the Palestinian people and Israelis in a framework to be
20 negotiated that ensures equality, democracy, security, justice and peace for Israelis and Palestinians
21 within a two-state construct.

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the California Democratic Party supports the dignity, security, and
23 self-determination of both the Israeli and Palestinian people each in their own viable state, and
24 affirms that a lasting peace can only be achieved through direct negotiations among all parties in the
25 region and opposes unilateral actions on either side of the 1948 conflict and policies that undermine
26 the prospects for peace, or promotes destabilization through the use of or promotion of violence.

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Resolution 23-05.079

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF HOLDING THE AZERBAIJANI GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABLE FOR ITS HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS AND FOR ENSURING THE SAFETY OF ARMENIANS IN ARTSAKH

1 **WHEREAS** Artsakh (Nagorno Karabakh) is the ancestral homeland of the Armenian people and has
2 been a center of Armenian language, culture, and religion, having maintained its autonomy for over
3 two millennia, until it was arbitrarily and illegally separated from Armenia by Joseph Stalin in 1921
4 and placed under the administrative control of Soviet Azerbaijan; and

5 **WHEREAS** in response to escalating anti-Armenian violence in Sumgait (1988), Kirovabad (1988),
6 and Baku (1990), which resulted in hundreds of deaths and the forced displacement of over 400,000
7 Armenians, the Armenians of Artsakh exercised their right to self-determination and declared their
8 independence on September 2, 1991 in accordance to the Soviet Constitution and the Universal
9 Declaration of Human Rights; and

10 **WHEREAS** Azerbaijan launched an unprovoked war against Artsakh in September 2020, perpetrated
11 countless war crimes, human rights and international humanitarian law violations against the
12 Armenians of Artsakh, and has imposed an illegal blockade since December 12, 2022 which has
13 completely severed Artsakh's "Road of Life" that connects it to the world, thus preventing the
14 transport of food, fuel, medicine, and other vital humanitarian supplies to the region, and leaving
15 Artsakh's 120,000 Armenians, including 30,000 children and 20,000 elderly, facing critical shortages
16 of life-sustaining goods;

17 **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the California Democratic Party calls on President Biden's
18 Administration to immediately take action to hold Azerbaijan accountable for its human rights abuses
19 and war crimes through the enforcement of restrictions on the provision of military assistance to
20 Azerbaijan pursuant to Section 907 of the FREEDOM Support Act, through the imposition of targeted
21 sanctions on Azerbaijani officials involved directly in the commissioning of war crimes, and ensure the
22 security of the 120,000 Armenians of Artsakh through the introduction of a United Nations Security
23 Council resolution to establish a United Nations Peacekeeping Mission for Nagorno-Karabakh, and the
24 delivery of USAID Humanitarian Assistance; and

25 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the California Democratic Party sends copies of this resolution to
26 the President and Vice President of the United States, to the Secretary of State, to the United States
27 Agency for International Development's Administrator, and to the Speaker of the House of
28 Representatives.

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Resolution 23-05.081

Commemorating the 75th anniversary of the Jewish and democratic state of Israel, in support of Israel's pro-democracy protests and the values enshrined in Israel's Declaration of Independence

1 WHEREAS the Jewish people are an ethnic and religious group originating in the second millennium
2 BCE in Eretz (the Land) of Israel in the Middle East, where they attained statehood, created cultural
3 and religious values of universal significance, and though forcibly exiled from their homeland, they
4 survived centuries more of forced displacements, persecutions and genocides, yet the Jewish people
5 never lost the will to self-determine in some part of their ancestral homeland, which was legally
6 recognized in the Balfour Declaration of 1917 and the Mandate of the League of Nations; and as
7 British rule in the Middle East was ending and after a UN vote in 1947 for the establishment of both a
8 Jewish and Palestinian state, the Jewish people accepted the partition plan and on May 14, 1948 the
9 modern state of Israel was born; and

10 WHEREAS Israel's founding Declaration of Independence affirms the core tenets and values of a
11 Jewish and democratic state to ensure equality of social and political rights to all its inhabitants
12 irrespective of religion, race or sex, to guarantee freedom of religion, conscience, language,
13 education and culture, to safeguard the Holy Places of all religions, and to be faithful to the principles
14 of the Charter of the United Nations; and

15 WHEREAS while Israel has faced threats to its sovereignty and existence due to external wars of
16 aggression, Iran-sponsored terrorism from Hamas in Gaza, and others, Israel also faces an internal
17 crisis from Benjamin Netanyahu's ultra-right-wing government extremists, anti-democratic members
18 Bezalel Smotrich, Itamar Ben-Gvir and others; and in response the pro-democracy opposition is
19 unprecedented with hundreds of thousands of protesters across Israel—secular and religious,
20 women, union organizers, LGBTQ activists, young and old—coming out every week in support of a
21 thriving democracy, minority rights and protections, and separation of powers.

22 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the California Democratic Party affirms its support for a Jewish
23 and democratic state of Israel and a sovereign Palestinian state, and the need for Palestinian and
24 Jewish extremists to end all violent and unilateral measures, in order to attain a lasting peace; and

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the California Democratic Party commemorates the modern state of
26 Israel's 75th anniversary and supports the pro-democracy protests unprecedented in its history.

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Resolution 23-05.082

Resolution Condemning Human Rights Violations and Supporting Peace in Artsakh and Armenia

1 WHEREAS, the 44-day war waged by Azerbaijan on Artsakh in 2020 resulted in the deaths of over
2 5,000 Armenians and the displacement of tens of thousands of ethnic Armenians from their homes
3 and ancestral lands in Artsakh. Azerbaijan committed war crimes and genocide during the conflict,
4 including targeting civilian populations;

5 WHEREAS, the blockade imposed by Azerbaijan on Armenians on December 12, 2022, in Artsakh is
6 causing immense suffering to the ethnic Armenian population by restricting access to food, medical
7 supplies, and energy resources, impeding their economic development and depriving Armenians in
8 Artsakh of basic necessities. The blockade that continues today is an attempt at ethnic cleansing of
9 the Armenians in Artsakh.

10 WHEREAS, the California Democratic Party has a long history of advocating for human rights, social
11 justice, and international peace and has previously supported efforts to promote democracy and
12 stability in the South Caucasus region;

13 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the California Democratic Party calls for an immediate and
14 unconditional end to all military assistance, arms sales, and funding to Azerbaijan and to send
15 humanitarian aid to Artsakh.

16 BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the California Democratic Party urges all elected officials, including
17 POTUS, members of Congress, and the California State Legislature, to support this resolution and
18 take immediate action to ensure that no funding is used to support the aggression and human rights
19 violations of the Azerbaijani government against the Armenian people in either Artsakh or Armenia.

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Resolution 23-05.083L

Resolution in Support of Internet Freedom for People of Iran

1 **WHEREAS**, Mahsa Zhina Amini's death on September 16, 2022, sparked the first Iranian female-led
2 revolution of our time, involving thousands of Iranian civilians, including teenagers, students, men,
3 and women of all ages, taking to the streets and university campuses to protest the brutality and
4 repression of the Iranian regime against its citizens; and

5 **WHEREAS**, Iranian authorities have sought to suppress freedom of speech and dissent by
6 implementing violent repression of nonviolent protests, censorship, restricting internet access,
7 denying access to medical care as a punishment for participating in peaceful protests, imprisonment
8 and torture for acts of civil disobedience, denying access to legal counsel of their choice, conducting
9 sham trials and confirming death sentences for minor offenses or false accusations, and executing
10 innocent protestors. People of Iran do not have the tools necessary to overcome Iran's suppression
11 tools, and this is a fight that takes dedicated, expert resources and large expenses to overcome
12 censorship, and

13 **WHEREAS**, According to the National Organization for Civil Registration, the United States has the
14 highest number of Iranians outside of Iran, close to 1,000,000 people,
15 with over one-half residing in California, and Silicon Valley in Northern California serves as a global
16 center for high technology and innovation.

17 **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the California Democratic Party stands with its Iranian
18 American community members, particularly Iranian American women, as their relatives and
19 associates are suffering through the current human rights injustices in Iran, and stands in solidarity
20 with the people of Iran in their fight for self-determination, their opposition to torture, and their right
21 to assemble, and their resistance to the oppression of their personal liberties; and

22 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that The Democratic Party of the State of California, supports
23 initiatives to improve information security to facilitate access to telecommunications tools and
24 technology, such as surveillance-circumvention technology to Iranian dissidents, and deny export of
25 technology that can improve the Iranian regime's ability to conduct malicious cyber intrusions against
26 the U.S. and its allies, or to harass or censor Iranian dissidents.

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Resolution 23-05.084L

Resolution Against the Militarization of the Southern Border

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3 Tijuana River that threaten people and ecosystems on both sides of the border, restart the policies of
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7 River could potentially cause catastrophic flooding and undermine pollution control measures. The
8 asylum policies, originally proposed under the Trump administration, to force immigrants to apply for
9 asylum in a third country and to jail immigrant families are ill-defined, unreasonable, and unjustified.

10 WHEREAS, the California Democratic Party platform states that Democrats: "Oppose construction of
11 an unnecessary border wall between the United States and Mexico"; that Democrats "Fight
12 inhumane treatment of undocumented individuals, including separating children from parents and
13 other accompanying family, caging individuals, and withholding adequate food, hygiene supplies,
14 medical care"; and "Urge support and respect for international law and adhere to the Universal
15 Declaration of Human Rights and U.N. Convention to the Status of Refugees."

16 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the California Democratic Party condemns not only this
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