

1 ***RESOLUTION 20-11.04***

2 **Maintain Cash Retail**

3 WHEREAS extensive research shows Black, Latino, and other vulnerable populations historically subjected
4 to discriminatory lending practices continue to have less access to financial resources, and California's
5 economy shifts toward an increasingly cashless system where many individuals (including children)
6 without significant digital financial assets (credit cards, debit cards, electronic banking, etc) may be unable
7 to access essential goods and services; and

8 WHEREAS significant barriers of entry exist to participating in digital financial asset systems that may
9 include a minimum threshold of assets, geographic availability, the initial cost of electronic devices,
10 technical savvy, as well as the loss of purchasing power associated with mandatory use taxes or transaction
11 fees sometimes associated with cashless purchase; and

12 WHEREAS the growth of "cashless" stores are a slippery slope that can accumulate into "cashless"
13 neighborhoods" that can become de facto racially and/or economically segregated neighborhoods with
14 little or no oversight where those without digital financial assets cannot purchase public transportation or
15 even a bottle of water;

16 THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the California Democratic Party supports the maintenance of cash-
17 based retail systems that allow those without access to significant digital financial assets to continue to
18 travel freely, access essential goods and services and participate as functional members of society; and

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the author of this resolution will send copies of this resolution to members
20 of local governments in all 58 counties in California.

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23 ***RESOLUTION 20-11.05***

24 **Hold Corporate Perpetrators Responsible**

25 Whereas unsafe products and services provided by corporations that harm the physical, mental, and
26 financial health of our society are approved and promoted by company leaders, but are punished by fines—
27 not commensurate with the profits gained— paid by corporations and ultimately customers with no
28 consequences for those responsible; and

29 Whereas many examples abound to show corporate fines have not been sufficient in changing the criminal
30 behavior of corporate decision-makers because they have not been held personally and criminally
31 responsible for their actions; and

32 Whereas a corporate created opioid epidemic is currently destroying lives, there is price gouging for PPEs
33 during the COVID crisis, vaping is marketed to kids, our private information is sold to those who rig our
34 elections, defective car airbags maim, neglectful PG&E caused fires to kill 84 Californians, banks commit
35 mortgage fraud leaving kids to live in cars – they all have two things in common: No one went to jail and
36 corporate executives put profit before our health, safety, privacy or the environment; and

37 Therefore Be It Resolved that the California Democratic Party supports holding corporate officers and
38 managers criminally responsible for endangering the public whether they were deliberate or through
39 negligence, with punishment fitting the crime patterned after sentences for other illegal actions.

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46 ***RESOLUTION 20-11.09***

47 **RESTORATION OF INTEGRITY IN FEDERAL JUDICIARY**

48 WHEREAS the United States federal judiciary has been packed with conservative judges over the term of
49 Donald Trump, culminating with Judge Amy Coney Barrett being sworn in as the 115th Supreme Court

1 Justice on October 26th, 2020, ensuring 6-3 conservative control of the Supreme Court and conservative
2 majorities in much of the lower courts for the foreseeable future; and

3 WHEREAS these appointments largely come from a perversion of the Senate appointment process whereby
4 Republican Senate leadership unapologetically obstructed a majority of President Obama's appointments
5 to the courts, including, but not limited to, judge Merrick Garland's appointment to the Supreme Court seat
6 now held by Neil Gorsuch, with the specific intent of keeping those seats open for a future GOP president
7 to fill, and then hypocritically violated the very rules they set down about election-year appointments to
8 the Supreme Court, by rushing through a partially vetted Judge Barrett only weeks before a Presidential
9 election in which over 60 million people had already voted; and

10 WHEREAS these illegitimate appointments of conservative judges and perversion of the Constitutional
11 process have created a severe threat to our election system, our democratic process and the ideals and
12 policies of the Democratic Party and the fundamental human rights of people of color, the LGBTQIA+
13 community, immigrants, religious minorities, and the working class at large;

14 THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the California Democratic Party strongly supports a thorough and
15 complete assessment and implementation of measures needed to reform and rebalance the Supreme Court
16 and the lower courts of the federal judiciary, which may include but should not be limited to, expanding
17 access to justice through creating more seats for judges, judicial term limits, establishing a process to rotate
18 judges, certiorari reform, and assessing or reassigning the jurisdiction of certain courts; and

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the California Democratic Party recognizes that the spiraling disregard
20 and misuse of Senate procedural rules under GOP control, may necessitate that Democratic-controlled
21 Congress to operate with the understanding that Democrats may have to take such steps as are necessary
22 to ensure that these perversions and undermining of our checks and balances that protect our democratic
23 republic are corrected and ensure that they no longer continue.

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26 ***RESOLUTION 20-11.13***

27 **Providing basic life saving measures for detainees, arrestees, and prisoners**

28 WHEREAS in the State of California more than 600,000 are behind bars or under criminal justice
29 supervision (2019), about a thousand people die every year while in the process of being arrested, while
30 subject to use of force by law enforcement, in the temporary custody of a law enforcement agency, or while
31 incarcerated in a city, county, or state correctional facility; and

32 WHEREAS many of these deaths are preventable, many of these individuals are either children or have not
33 been convicted of any crime, these deaths over represent Black and Latino populations, and prisoners who
34 might still medically be able to summon their own assistance rarely have sufficient resources or freedom
35 with which to do so; and

36 THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the California Democratic Party believes that any and all persons under
37 detention, arrest, or in-custody be provided with basic life saving measures;

38 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the author will send copies of this resolution to county governments
39 within the state of California.

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42 ***RESOLUTION 20-11.20***

43 **Taking the Hate out of Homeownership**

44 WHEREAS In the State of California every year thousands of real estate transactions continue to be
45 conducted using deeds, titles, and other documents that include race restricting covenants that prevent
46 transfer(s) of property to racial, ethnic, or religious minorities, but frequently Black people, with many
47 homeowners unaware of racially related documents; and

48 WHEREAS in 1948 the US Supreme Court ruled in Shelley v. Kramer that rendered racially restrictive
49 covenants unenforceable, and the Fair Housing Act made them illegal, and state (or local) enforcement of
50 such covenants violated the Equal Protection Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment; and

1 WHEREAS the continued inclusion of these covenants in real estate contracts discourages the transfer of
2 property to both people of color and religious minorities, artificially reduces the supply of housing, and
3 perpetuates a discriminatory housing practice;
4 THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the California Democratic Party supports the removal of racially
5 restrictive covenants from the real estate transaction process; and
6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the author of this resolution will send copies to county governments in all
7 58 counties.

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10 **RESOLUTION 20-11.22**

11 **Resolution Opposing Final Rule on Campus and K-12 Sexual Assault and Harassment**

12 WHEREAS Secretary of Education DeVos recently issued a final rule under Title IX which guts protections
13 for victims of sexual assault and harassment for college campuses and K-12 schools, the new rule among
14 other things requiring colleges and universities to provide a live hearing before a panel in which a person
15 accused of sexual assault or harassment has the right to cross-examine a complainant through an "advisor"
16 chosen by the accused and who may but need not be an attorney but who can be anyone, including a fellow
17 student, fraternity member or angry parent, and the new rule further requires schools and colleges to
18 dismiss any complaint that does not meet the high bar of being "severe and pervasive" as well as
19 "objectively offensive," such that it denies the victim access to an educational program, and the rule further
20 excludes most off-campus and online harassment and assault from the purview of Title IX entirely, and
21 further allows colleges to require "clear and convincing evidence" to prove sexual harassment and assault;
22 and

23 WHEREAS experts and survivors have said the rule will reduce the willingness of survivors to come
24 forward, will require schools to abandon certain trauma-informed best practices, and is too narrow in
25 scope; and

26 WHEREAS the final rule, which is over 2,000 pages long, imposes dramatically changed substantive rules
27 and expanded procedural requirements and was issued in the midst of a global pandemic and associated
28 shutdown of schools across the nation, and yet requires full compliance within just three months;

29 NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the California Democratic Party opposes DeVos's final rule,
30 supports legal action being taken by the National Women's Law Center to prevent the rule from becoming
31 effective, urges in any event that the August 14, 2020 effective date be delayed to allow schools more time
32 to study and prepare to comply with the rule, and further calls on Congress to immediately pass legislation
33 to revoke the rule and adopt rules, modeled on the U.S Department of Education's 2001 Sexual Harassment
34 Guidance, and 2011 and 2014 guidance documents revoked by Secretary DeVos, which will better protect
35 students against sexual assault and harassment.

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39 **RESOLUTION 20-11.23**

40 **Translators and interpreters ensure language access for Californians**

41 Whereas more than 40 percent of California residents, speak a language other than English at home,
42 including some immigrants, and nearly 20 percent of state residents, or almost 8 million people, have
43 limited English proficiency (LEP), with many relying on highly skilled translators and interpreters to
44 participate in every aspect of life, from education to business, labor, science, and technology and from the
45 courts to the arts, entertainment, conferences, and health and medical appointments and social service;
46 and

47 Whereas the Americans with Disabilities Act guarantees access to auxiliary aids and services by people
48 with disabilities, including more than 2.2 million Californians who are deaf, deaf-blind, hard of hearing, or
49 with a speech disability relying on access to auxiliary aids and services, which include sign language
50 interpreting services and communications access real-time translation (CART); and

1 Whereas all obstacles to Californians' access to highly-skilled, expert translators and interpreters should
2 be removed;

3 Therefore Be It Resolved, that the California Democratic Party recognizes access to highly-skilled, expert
4 translators and interpreters who ensure language access for Californians be as an issue of dignity, equality,
5 and inclusion that Democrats respect and protect; and

6 Be It Further Resolved the California Democratic Party opposes policies and practices that jeopardize
7 Californians' capacity to access highly-skilled, expert translators and interpreters as that would be
8 considered threats to civil rights and progress towards equity in our diverse state.

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11 ***RESOLUTION 20-11.25***

12 **Protecting the Amah Mutsun Sacred Site of Juristac**

13 WHEREAS, the area in Central California known as Juristac to the Amah Mutsun Tribal Band is the location
14 of numerous ceremonial and sacred sites, comprising a landscape of great historical, cultural and spiritual
15 importance to the Amah Mutsun, who are working diligently to restore their indigenous practices, regain
16 stewardship of their lands, heal from historical trauma, and fulfill their obligation to Creator; and Juristac
17 is home to threatened and endangered species and is identified in the Santa Clara Valley Habitat Plan and
18 other regional landscape linkage studies as a vital wildlife corridor linking the Santa Cruz, Gabilan, and
19 Diablo Ranges; and

20 WHEREAS, the Sargent Ranch Management Company has applied to the County of Santa Clara for a
21 conditional use permit for a proposed open-pit sand and gravel mining operation (the Sargent Quarry
22 Project) with aggregate processing facilities on approximately 320 acres of Sargent Ranch, located within
23 the area known as Juristac to the Amah Mutsun; potentially removing 40 million tons of sand and gravel
24 aggregate, plus millions of tons of overburden (layers of soil, clay, etc.), from four massive pits, up to 550
25 feet deep, dug into hills considered sacred to the Amah Mutsun; and

26 WHEREAS, the Amah Mutsun maintain that the proposed mining pits, overburden piles, roads, and
27 processing facilities would irreparably harm Mutsun cultural resources, including wildlife, landscape
28 features, and the spiritual integrity of Juristac, threaten the sensitive ecology of this unique habitat and
29 impact adjacent ecological areas, whose threatened populations make use of this critical wildlife corridor;
30 and the Tribal Council of the Amah Mutsun Tribal Band has taken a unanimous stance in opposition to the
31 Sargent Quarry Project and is seeking the support of surrounding communities in efforts to protect their
32 sacred grounds; numerous individuals, groups, environmental organizations, the cities of Santa Cruz and
33 Morgan Hill, the Democratic Parties of Santa Clara County and Santa Cruz County, and Region 7 of the
34 California Democratic Party have adopted resolutions opposing the proposed Sargent Quarry Project;
35 THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the California Democratic Party supports the efforts of the Amah
36 Mutsun Tribal Band to preserve Sargent Ranch/Juristac as open space and to regain access to their cultural
37 and spiritual sites at Juristac; and

38 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the California Democratic Party opposes any projects that would
39 compromise any cultural and sacred sites.

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47 District 27; Joanne Fierro, Assembly District 30; Adrienne Grey, Assembly District 28

48 ***RESOLUTION 20-11.26***

49 **Opposing the Sale of Dangerous Fireworks for Non Commercial Use**

1 WHEREAS forest fires in California in 2020 to date, have burned 4 million acres, killed 31 people, and
2 destroyed 7,000 homes, while 2018 forest fires killed more than 100 people and destroyed 17,000 homes,
3 nationwide, more than 19,500 total fires were started by fireworks between 2014-2018, with forty-nine
4 percent of all fires reported on the fourth of July determined to have been started by fireworks (2018) and
5 59% of those being brush, grass, or forest fires; and

6 WHEREAS fireworks injuries continue to disproportionately injure children under 15 years of age with a
7 third of fireworks eye injuries resulting in permanent blindness, and the American Academy of Pediatrics
8 stating unequivocally “every type of legally available consumer use (“safe and sane”) firework has been
9 associated with serious injury or death”; and

10 WHEREAS despite California air quality last month being simultaneously both the worst in the United
11 States and the worst in California history, almost three hundred California communities still allow sales of
12 personal use fireworks;

13 THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the California Democratic Party opposes the sale of fireworks not
14 intended for commercial use;

15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the author will send copies of this resolution to members of county
16 government in all 58 counties.

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19 ***RESOLUTION 20-11.30***

20 **Congratulations to President-Elect Joseph R. Biden, Jr., and Vice President-Elect Kamala D. Harris**

21 Whereas, former Vice President Joseph R. Biden and Senator Kamala D. Harris have received over 78
22 million votes, the highest popular vote ever, and have captured the 306 electoral college votes to become
23 the 46th President and the 49th Vice President of the United States of America; and

24 Whereas, the voters have made history again by electing the first ever South Asian and African-American
25 woman to serve as Vice President of the United States of America; and

26 Whereas, President-Elect Joseph R. Biden and Vice President-Elect Kamala D. Harris have received
27 accolades from leaders around the world in recognition of their successful campaign to lead one of the
28 world's largest democracies; leaders who have been frustrated over the past four years due to the lack of
29 leadership and indecisiveness from the White House; leaders who respect America and depend on America
30 for keeping the world safe; leaders who look to America to lead with dignity, decency, respect and honor;
31 leaders who look to America to lead in finding a cure for COVID-19 and addressing climate change, world
32 hunger, conflicts and human rights;

33 Therefore Be It Resolved, that the California Democratic Party supports counting all votes cast by mail and
34 in person in every state in the union regardless of false claims of impropriety; and

35 Be It further Resolved, that the California Democratic Party joins the voters in American and the
36 International community in extending congratulations to President-Elect Joseph R. Biden and Vice
37 President-Elect Kamala D. Harris as our next President and Vice President of the United States of America.

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