

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution by the California Democratic Party be widely publicized by the Party and its officers.

Sponsored by Stonewall Democratic Club of Greater Sacramento, Miracle Mile Democratic Club (Los Angeles), Yes We Can Democratic Club (Long Beach), West Hollywood Democratic Club, Beverly Hills Democratic Club, West Los Angeles Democratic Club, Speaker John A Pérez, every CDP Officer

Resolution 13-04.47

SUPPORTING CALIFORNIA'S PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND DISPELLING THE CORPORATE "REFORM" AGENDA

WHEREAS, the so-called "reform" initiatives of Students First, rely on destructive anti-educator policies that do nothing for students but blame educators and their unions for the ills of society, make testing the goal of education, shatter communities by closing their public schools, and see public schools as potential profit centers and children as measureable commodities; and

WHEREAS, the political action committee, entitled Democrats for Education Reform is funded by corporations, Republican operatives and wealthy individuals dedicated to privatization and anti-educator initiatives, and not grassroots democrats or classroom educators; and

WHEREAS, the billionaires funding Students First and Democrats for Education Reform are supporting candidates and local programs that would dismantle a free public education for every student in California and replace it with company run charter schools, non-credentialed teachers and unproven untested so-called "reforms";

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the California Democratic Party reaffirms its commitment to free accessible public schools for all which offer a fair, substantive opportunity to learn with educators who have the right to be represented by their union, bargain collectively and have a voice in the policies which affect their schools, classrooms and their students;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the California Democratic Party send this resolution to all elected Democratic leaders in California, publicize the corporate and Republican funding of these groups and work with the authors of this resolution to dispel the false reforms and support the real needs of the classroom: trained teachers, adequate funding, safe and clean facilities, diverse and stimulating curriculum and access to pre-school and higher education.

Sponsored by the CTA, CFT, and CFA

Resolution 13-04.60A

MORATORIUM ON HYDRAULIC FRACTURING

WHEREAS, hydraulic fracturing, commonly referred to as "fracking," is a technique that drills wells vertically and often horizontally deep under the earth's surface and injects a mixture of water, sand and toxic chemicals into the wells at high pressure to crack shale and dense rock formations to extract gas or oil; and

WHEREAS, fracking uses large amounts of water thereby reducing its availability for agriculture and other public use, uses large amounts of toxic chemicals some of which can cause cancer, creates wastewater that brings these chemicals and other deep earth contaminants (sometimes radioactive) to the surface and can pollute the drinking

water supply either directly or through leaky wells, releases methane gas into the air that exacerbates climate change, and may cause earthquakes; and

WHEREAS, fracking is currently not regulated in California and is exempt from federal regulation under an exception in the Safe Drinking Water Act whereby the chemicals used are treated as secret corporate property and are not tested or made public, and the locations of the wells are not tested or made public; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the California Democratic Party supports: 1) an immediate moratorium on fracking, with such a moratorium to remain in effect until legislation and regulations are put in place that repeal the exception in the Safe Drinking Water Act, guarantee public health and safety, mitigate the effects on climate change, protect the environment and allow government access and testing of the chemicals used; 2) full disclosure and testing of all sites; and 3) substitution of conservation and renewable sources of energy where practical; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the California Democratic Party send a copy of this resolution to President Obama, Governor Brown, Senator Feinstein, Senator Boxer, the California Democratic Congressional Delegation and the Democratic Members of the California State Legislature and call on them to take all executive, administrative, regulatory and legislative actions to implement this resolution.

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Resolution 13-04.63

SUPPORT IMMIGRATION REFORM AND PROVIDE PATH TO CITIZENSHIP FOR NEW AMERICANS

WHEREAS, the United States remains a nation of immigrants and New Americans have immigrated to support their families and contribute to our communities in unique but important ways, from accepting menial jobs that other Americans are unwilling to do, to working in the health professions to working for innovative technology and engineering firms and in doing so these New Americans contribute to the United States economy – including paying billions of dollars into our nation’s Social Security fund; and

WHEREAS, the process of immigrating to the United States can be inaccessible and burdensome to New Americans, young immigrants who dream of the ability to access quality education without fear, families of same-sex marriages and same-sex couples, those seeking to reunite with deported family members, those lacking financial means to cover the costs, or the ability to complete a complex process that can take decades for those lacking resources; and

WHEREAS, the creation of a path to citizenship for New Americans should ultimately lead to a living wage and strong labor standards for all Americans while putting a halt to employers taking advantage temporary and so-called guest-worker programs that in effect create a “race to the bottom” for all workers, including New Americans.