

Resolutions Committee Report

For the Los Angeles County Democratic Party

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UCLA REV. JAMES LAWSON JR. WORKER JUSTICE CENTER

WHEREAS the UCLA Labor Center was established in 1964, and for close to 60 years has existed as an important resource for research, teaching, and serving unions and workers of California and has made historic contributions to improving the working class, immigrants, and communities of color; and

WHEREAS Rev. James Lawson Jr., a close friend and colleague of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and Congressman John Lewis has taught at the UCLA Labor Center for 19 years, and has inspired thousands of young people through his teachings on nonviolence, will be honored by the naming of the new labor center the UCLA Rev. James Lawson Jr. Worker Justice Center.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Los Angeles County Democratic Party supports the establishment of a permanent home for the UCLA Labor Center, which has since 1964 provided research, teaching and public services for unions and working people in California; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Los Angeles County Democratic Party joins in honoring the Rev. James Lawson Jr., who taught at the UCLA Labor Center for 19 years and dedicated his life to the pursuit of equality; we celebrate the naming of the new center the UCLA Rev. James Lawson Jr. Worker Justice Center.

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Hotel Workers' Rights and Protections

WHEREAS when the COVID-19 pandemic first hit, 95% of hotel workers were laid off, many left without healthcare or job security; these workers are overwhelmingly immigrants and women of color who have dedicated decades of service to the industry; and

WHEREAS hotel workers will face new challenges as front line workers in a returning tourism business, they will also face the chronic problems of sexual assault and other threatening conduct, lack of job security, mandatory overtime and lack of fair compensation for increased workloads; and

WHEREAS as the economy begins to reopen, we must ensure a just and equitable recovery for hotel workers;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Los Angeles County Democratic Party stands with hotel workers and calls for improvements of worker rights and protections, such as worker retention protections to ensure job security, rights to return to work in order of seniority, protections against sexual assault and other threatening conduct, adequate compensation for increased workloads, protections against excessive mandatory overtime, and standardized training for all hotel staff on worker safety, public health requirements, and the rights as employees; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Los Angeles County Democratic Party joins in the call for fair compensation and improved employee rights and protections for hotel workers.

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STOP THE REPUBLICAN RECALL OF GOVERNOR GAVIN NEWSOM

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

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

WHEREAS California Democrats can defeat the Republican Party takeover of California by standing united behind Governor Gavin Newsom and by rejecting any candidate who seeks to replace our duly elected Governor;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Los Angeles County Democratic Party opposes the Republican effort to deny the will of California Voters by recalling Governor Gavin Newsom; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Los Angeles County Democratic Party calls upon all California Democrats to organize against and defeat the Republican recall of Governor Gavin Newsom.

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