

RESOLUTION TO ALLOW ON-SITE CANNABIS CONSUMPTION AT RESTAURANTS  
AND OTHER BUSINESSES

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WHEREAS the voters of California passed Prop. 215 in 1996 allowing patients with a doctor's recommendation to use cannabis and passed Prop. 64 in 2016 allowing all people 21 years of age and older the right to use cannabis for any reason, and

WHEREAS as Prop. 64 prevents businesses that do not have either a retail cannabis business or microbusiness license from allowing on-site consumption of cannabis at their businesses in the same way that they can allow for on-site tobacco consumption, and that Prop. 64 can be amended by a vote of the California State Legislature, and

WHEREAS it is illegal to consume cannabis in public and there is a need for places for cannabis to be consumed when not at home as well as to allow for the significant health benefits that cannabis provides as the most viable alternative to alcohol for socialization and celebration all of which will be thwarted if only a few outlets are allowed to provide for on-site consumption due to the complexity and cost of obtaining a retail cannabis license or microbusiness license and which is further exacerbated by the very limited number of these licenses that are allowed,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the California Democratic Party that local governments are able to issue licenses that would allow customers to bring their own cannabis to consume on-site at businesses that do not have a retail cannabis license or microbusiness license.