

Resolution in Support of Senate Bill (SB) 90 and Assembly Bill (AB) 1416, the *Ballot DISCLOSE Act*

WHEREAS, voters are often unaware of the identity of who really supports and opposes state ballot propositions;

WHEREAS, well financed interests have a significant electoral advantage in the ability to communicate to voters both messages and favorable information about the identities of the major supporters of proposition campaigns; and

WHEREAS, voters can identify supporters and opponents of ballot measures in the voter information guide provided by the identifiers of the signatories of the official arguments in favor and against propositions, but few voters will remember or refer back to voter information guides when voting; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the San Mateo County Democratic Central Committee supports SB 90 (Stern) and AB 1416 (Santiago), two identical and parallel bills which will add 15 words listing the supporters and 15 words listing the opponents who signed the official arguments for and against each state ballot measure in the voter information guide to the current title, summary, and fiscal analysis shown on the actual ballot for state ballot measures, giving voters information they need when they vote while adding minimal amounts to the current 75 word summaries on the ballot.

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the San Mateo County Democratic Central Committee urge San Mateo County legislative representatives and the chairs of the legislative Elections and Appropriations committees to support Senate Bill 90 and Assembly Bill 1416 and transmit a request for support to the California Democratic Party Legislative Committee no less than 30 days prior to that committee's meeting at the California Democratic Party State Convention in 2021.

Date

Respectfully submitted by