

Resolution in Support of Ending Fossil Fuel and Law Enforcement Contributions the California Democratic Party and its Candidates

Whereas, although a California Democratic Party (CDP) [ad hoc committee unanimously recommended the end of fossil fuel contributions in March 2020](#), and the CDP Finance Committee recommended to end law enforcement contributions in July 2020, these recommendations have, over a year later, not been adopted by the CDP, nor given an opportunity to be voted on by the CDP Executive Board or CDP Delegates; and motions made by the African American and Environmental Caucus Chairs to end the acceptance of these contributions were both ruled out of order at the August 2021 CDP Executive Board meeting; and

Whereas, in recognition of the gravity of these issues, the CDP Platform clearly states: [“Climate change is an existential threat to humanity.”](#) calls on both Congress and the California Legislature to [“\[transition\] away from extraction and refining of fossil fuels,”](#) and further asserts that [“\[c\]riminal justice reform must incorporate every aspect of the criminal justice system, including ... the practices and behavior of law enforcement professionals”](#); and

Whereas, on September 25, 2021, [a petition signed by 7 CDP Caucus Chairs \(later signed on by an eighth\) and 54 CDP Executive Board members](#), was duly and timely submitted calling for a Special Meeting of the Executive Board to finally take action on both proposals, and on October 1, 2021 the Officers of the CDP announced that the Special Meeting will take place on October 24, 2021.

Be it Resolved, that the San Mateo County Democratic Central Committee (SMCDCC) supports the immediate formalization of a current cessation of the practice by the CDP to accept contributions from entities associated with the extraction and/or refining of fossil fuels and law enforcement.

Be it Further Resolved, the SMCDCC expresses its support for a permanent prohibition on the acceptance of contributions from entities associated with the extraction and/or refining of fossil fuels and law enforcement associations by the CDP.

Respectfully submitted by:
The SMCDCC Climate Committee