

DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF SACRAMENTO COUNTY
CENTRAL COMMITTEE RESOLUTION
11/9/2017 – Curtis Hall, Sacramento

RESOLUTION 2017-39

Opposing H.R. 620 and Calling on Democrats to Withdraw their Support

WHEREAS, Republicans in Congress have sponsored H.R. 620, which would weaken the Americans with Disabilities Act by shifting the burden of making places of public accommodation accessible to persons with disabilities from business establishments to persons with disabilities, thereby allowing businesses to be inaccessible to persons with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, Shifting the burden of enforcing civil rights to persons with disabilities is inconsistent with how other civil rights in public accommodations are protected under the Civil Rights Act of 1964, which established that places of public accommodation have a proactive obligation to dismantle barriers of discrimination; and

WHEREAS, Several Democratic Members of Congress, including Representative Ami Bera (D-CA), have co-sponsored this Republican attempt to undermine the ADA; and

WHEREAS, The 2016 platform of the California Democratic Party states that Democrats “support and uphold enforcement and funding of the Americans with Disabilities Act,” and “desire that all people with disabilities have a sustainable quality of life in the least restrictive environment,” and to that end Sacramento Democrats believe that H.R. 620 is inconsistent with Democratic Party values;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Democratic Party of Sacramento County opposes H.R. 620 and calls on Democratic Members of Congress, including Representative Ami Bera, to oppose and withdraw co-sponsorship of H.R. 620.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Democratic Party of Sacramento County directs that the Chair or Executive Board communicate the DPSC’s opposition to H.R. 620 to Sacramento County’s Democratic delegation to the U.S. House of Representatives.

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