

DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF SACRAMENTO COUNTY

CENTRAL COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

2/14/2019 – Curtis Hall, Sacramento

RESOLUTION 2019-05

Reaffirming Support for By-District Elections in Elk Grove & Citrus Heights

WHEREAS, The California Democratic Party and Democratic Party of Sacramento County have called for the replacement of at-large local election methods with district-based elections (CDP 2018 Platform: Political Reform; DPSC Resolution 2017–21), in furtherance of the Democratic Party’s commitment to upholding voting rights protected by the California Voting Rights Act and the federal Voting Rights Act; and

WHEREAS, The Cosumnes Community Services District utilizes an at-large election system but is considering adopting by-district elections, and the City of Citrus Heights recently voted to move from at-large to by-district elections; and

WHEREAS, By-district elections allow neighborhoods and diverse communities to elect representatives of their choice, allow candidates to be viable without the need to fundraise prohibitively large sums of money, and better reflects the values of the Democratic Party than at-large election methods;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Democratic Party of Sacramento County reaffirms its support for by-district elections at all levels of local government, and calls on the Cosumnes Community Services District to change its manner of election, by board action, from its current at-large election method to by-district elections.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Democratic Party of Sacramento County commends the Citrus Heights City Council for moving forward with adopting by-district elections, and urges the City to draw its council boundaries in a manner that protects diverse communities of interest.

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