

DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF SACRAMENTO COUNTY

CENTRAL COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

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RESOLUTION 2019-11

Condemning Islamophobia & Affirming Solidarity with our Muslim Neighbors

WHEREAS, Islamophobia—fear, antipathy, and hatred of Muslim and Arab people—is rampant in our society for a number of reasons, some of which are listed below; and

WHEREAS, The sitting President of the United States of America is abusing his position by actively inciting violence against one of only two Muslim Congresswomen; and

WHEREAS, The Muslim Ban, promoted by the sitting President as “a total and complete shutdown on Muslims entering the United States,” is currently the law of the land in terms of immigration and naturalization of individuals originating in the nations of Iran, Libya, Somalia, Syria and Yemen—with an earlier attempt including individuals originating in the nations of Chad, Iraq, and Sudan;

WHEREAS, United States armed forces are currently in active combat operations and support in no less than five Muslim-majority countries: Afghanistan, Iraq, Libya, Syria, and Yemen; and

WHEREAS, The United States has been involved in active combat in Afghanistan for almost 18 years, resulting in over 100,000 civilian deaths, and has also been involved in active combat in Iraq for over 16 years, resulting in over 500,000 civilian deaths, with millions displaced; and

WHEREAS, An endless “Global War on Terror,” a major foreign policy of successive presidential administrations, overwhelmingly and disproportionately kills, injures, and degrades the infrastructure of Muslim-majority countries while exacerbating the threat of terrorism; and

WHEREAS, Muslims, Arabs, and many immigrants from South-West Asia / North Africa (SWA/NA) and from the Middle East / North Africa (ME/NA) regions experience systemic discrimination simply because of their apparent religious beliefs or backgrounds; and

WHEREAS, Sacramento County is one of the largest refugee-resettlement areas in the state, and Muslims, Arabs, and people from SWA/NA and ME/NA countries increasingly diversify and contribute to our City, County, and many of its neighborhoods;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Democratic Party of Sacramento County condemns Islamophobia wherever it appears, from the racist, violent rhetoric of powerful elected officials, to the daily discrimination faced by thousands of our residents and neighbors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Democratic Party of Sacramento County affirms its solidarity with our Muslim residents and neighbors, and will endeavor to represent them and advocate in their best interest against hateful and divisive rhetoric and/or policies.

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