

DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF SACRAMENTO COUNTY

CENTRAL COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

6/13/2019 – Curtis Hall, Sacramento

RESOLUTION 2019-18

*Admonishing the Statewide Officers of the California Democratic Party for
Refusing to Hold Eric Bauman Accountable for his Abuse*

WHEREAS, Former California Democratic Party Chairman Eric Bauman resigned as Chairman in November 2018 after facing numerous credible allegations of sexual harassment and abuse, but retained his position as a delegate; and

WHEREAS, Since Bauman's resignation as Chairman, more credible allegations have been made and lawsuits filed that further detail Bauman's abuses and, after Bauman's resignation, the Acting Chair took retaliatory action against whistleblowers; and

WHEREAS, Four members of the Executive Board of the California Democratic Party filed charges for Bauman's removal as a delegate, which was heard and rejected by the statewide officers of the California Democratic Party in May 2019 by a two-to-one vote—the statewide officers instead temporarily suspended Bauman from attending the state convention that he already did not intend to attend;

WHEREAS, The statewide officers, on the erroneous advice of Jay Hansen, the parliamentarian appointed to serve during the removal hearing, wrongly excluded Vice Chair Daraka Larimore-Hall from the proceedings, which changed the outcome; and

WHEREAS, The parliamentarian, Jay Hansen, also improperly commented on the sufficiency of the evidence, stating that he did not believe the allegations against Bauman were sufficient;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Democratic Party of Sacramento County admonishes the statewide officers of the California Democratic Party who failed to hold Eric Bauman accountable for his abuse by refusing to remove him as a delegate, and thanks Secretary Jenny Bach for her vote to hold Bauman accountable.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Democratic Party of Sacramento County commits to adopt policies that will ensure that abusive behavior does not occur and is not tolerated within the Democratic Party, and calls upon the California Democratic Party to amend their Bylaws to do the same.

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