

DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF SACRAMENTO COUNTY

CENTRAL COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

8/8/2019 – Curtis Hall, Sacramento

RESOLUTION 2019-22

Calling For a Climate Debate

WHEREAS, The climate crisis represents an urgent and existential threat to civilization, with an international consensus of scientists agreeing that humanity must drastically reduce greenhouse gas emissions 45 percent by 2030 and net zero emissions by 2050 if the world is to limit warming to 1.5 degrees Celsius, and is not a single issue but rather a multi-faceted, complex crisis intersecting with public health, foreign policy, jobs and the economy, labor, civil rights, immigration, agriculture, housing, transit, outdoor recreation, and every facet of American lives; and

WHEREAS, The Democratic National Committee has so far refused to permit a climate debate, and is barring presidential candidates from participating in non-DNC-sanctioned debates, despite calls for a climate debate from 16 Democratic presidential candidates, multiple Democratic members of Congress, and over 225,000 signers of a petition delivered to DNC headquarters June 12, 2019, and instead is encouraging networks hosting debates to ask climate questions (climate was only brought up for four questions/ 15 minutes in four hours of debates June 26-27, thus demonstrating that encouragement isn't delivering a substantive debate); and

WHEREAS, The DNC's resolutions committee will consider a resolution authored by Tina Podlodowski (and introduced at DNC's June 29 Executive Committee by Jess Durfee, Christine Pelosi, and Garry Shay) calling on the DNC to allow a climate debate in which presidential candidates debate climate policy, to be presented at the DNC meeting August 22-24, 2019;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Democratic Party of Sacramento County supports the Podlodowski Resolution calling for a substantive climate debate, and urges all DNC members from California to support a stand-alone climate debate among Democratic Presidential candidates.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be transmitted to the Democratic Party of California, to all DNC members from California, and to the Democratic National Committee.

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Sponsors: Barbara Leary and David Hildebrand, Northern Vice Chair of the Progressive Caucus of the California Democratic Party