

DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF SACRAMENTO COUNTY
CENTRAL COMMITTEE RESOLUTION
6/11/2019 – DPSC Zoom

RESOLUTION 2020-01

Supporting Moving the Vote

WHEREAS, Sacramento County’s countywide offices of Assessor, District Attorney, and Sheriff make critical decisions that often have life-or-death consequences; and

WHEREAS, Those countywide offices are up for election in gubernatorial election years in which voter participation is significantly lower than in presidential election years—15% lower on average; and

WHEREAS, Moving the vote on those countywide offices to presidential election years would ensure that more Sacramento County voters, especially younger and more diverse voters, participate in the election of those critically important countywide offices, thereby ensuring a more representative election outcome; and

WHEREAS, The platform of the California Democratic Party states that California Democrats will work for “increased voter participation,” and moving the vote furthers the Democratic Party’s commitment to voter enfranchisement and empowerment;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Democratic Party of Sacramento County supports moving the vote on the countywide offices of Assessor, District Attorney, and Sheriff from the gubernatorial election cycle to the presidential election cycle for the purpose of expanding voter participation in the election of those important countywide offices and thereby ensuring a more representative outcome.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Democratic Party of Sacramento County calls on the Board of Supervisors to propose and place on the ballot an amendment to the county charter that would move the election of the countywide offices of Assessor, District Attorney, and Sheriff from gubernatorial to presidential election years beginning in 2024, with a 2-year short transition term elected in 2022.

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