

DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF SACRAMENTO COUNTY

CENTRAL COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

4/12/2018 – Curtis Hall, Sacramento

RESOLUTION 2018-14

*Commending Sacramento City Unified School District for developing a
Comprehensive Safe Haven policy to protect Vulnerable Students*

WHEREAS, Sacramento City Unified School District (SCUSD) parents, students, and workers who have arrived in the U.S. without documents have been threatened with deportation, and in some cases been detained for deportation—and among these parents who have settled in Sacramento in order to raise their families and so become integral members of our community and economy, some have supplicated teachers and principals to act as guardians of their children in case their dread is realized, and they are snatched from our community and torn from their families by Immigrations and Customs Enforcement (ICE) for deportation, and have thus laid bare the desperate nature of their circumstances; and

WHEREAS, SCUSD has responded to these concerns by many of our community members by adopting two resolutions, R. 2915 and R. 2980, expressing strong commitments to protecting vulnerable members of our community by embracing and teaching the value of diversity and inclusion, barring ICE from SCUSD facilities to the extent allowable by law, and protecting the data and identities of any student, family member, or school employee who might be adversely affected by ICE actions; and

WHEREAS, The district has faithfully endeavored to practice the principles that it espoused with Resolutions 2915 and 2980 by reviewing and improving policies in coordination with district constituents, community groups like the California Rural Legal Assistance Foundation and the American Civil Liberties Union, and their teachers through the Sacramento City Teachers Association, while providing materials and training to implement these policies, support diversity and inclusion, and inform students, family, and district staff of their constitutional rights, and has instituted special meetings for ongoing development of best-practices for protecting students, parents, and staff;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Democratic Party of Sacramento County commends the Board of Sacramento City Unified School District for their Safe Haven resolutions and the development of practices to realize those principles in defense of our community members, and that we recommend adoption of similar commitments by all the other school districts in Sacramento County—strongly encouraging each to adopt protections as comprehensive as SCUSD’s.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the DPSC, concurring with current State Superintendent of Public Instruction, Tom Torlakson, that SCUSD’s Safe Haven policy should serve as a model for other districts, commends it to California Democratic Party endorsed candidate for State Superintendent, Tony Thurmond—as we can anticipate the current climate of oppression to continue for undocumented residents for the foreseeable future, and similar policies are needed throughout the state.

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