DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF SACRAMENTO COUNTY

CENTRAL COMMITTEE RESOLUTION
4/11/2019 – Curtis Hall, Sacramento

RESOLUTION 2019-08

Supporting Medicare for All & Calling on our Local Democratic Members of Congress to Cosponsor H.R. 1384: the Medicare for All Act of 2019

WHEREAS, The United States spends nearly twice as much per capita on health care as all other comparable countries and yet ranks only 35th in the world by global health standards, including on such critical barometers as average life expectancy, infant mortality, maternal mortality, and death from preventable diseases; and the uninsured rate for U.S. adults has risen for four straight years up to nearly 30 million, even after implementation of the Affordable Care Act, with the greatest increase among women, young adults, and lower-income people; and

WHEREAS, The Medicare for All Act of 2019, H.R. 1384, would: Establish guaranteed, universal health care for all U.S. residents providing comprehensive health care, including all primary care, hospital and outpatient services, dental, vision, audiology, maternity and newborn care, women's reproductive services, mental health, prescription drugs, and long-term care services; Eliminate all costs for premiums, deductibles, copays, and other out-of- pocket costs that have caused such a crisis for tens of millions of people; Ensure genuine patient choice of any doctor, hospital, clinic, or other provider a patient chooses without the restrictions imposed by private insurers; and

WHEREAS, The California Democratic Party 2018 Platform acknowledges health care as "a human right not a privilege" and "advocates legislation to create and implement a publicly-funded single-payer, privately delivered, fiscally tractable, affordable, comprehensive, secure, high quality, efficient, and sustainable health care system for all Californians";

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Democratic Party of Sacramento supports the passage of H.R. 1384, thanks Representative Jerry McNerney for cosponsoring the bill, and calls on other local Democratic Members of Congress—Representatives Doris Matsui, John Garamendi, & Ami Bera—to cosponsor the bill.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Democratic Party of Sacramento County directs the Executive Board to convey the DPSC's support for H.R. 1384 to our local Democratic Members of Congress and lobby them

for their support of the bill; and the DPSC encourages all Democrats in Sacramento County to contact their member of Congress to encourage them to cosponsor H.R. 1384.

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Sponsors: California Nurses Association, Wellstone Progressive Democrats of Sacramento, Phillip Kim, Jeff Otter, Robert Longer, Chris Yatooma, David Hildebrand, & Andrew Becker