

DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF SACRAMENTO COUNTY

CENTRAL COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

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RESOLUTION 2019-09

Supporting the Green New Deal & a Just Transition to Carbon Zero

WHEREAS, The science unequivocally demonstrates that climate disruption is an existential threat to the future of humanity, as verified by recent reports from the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) and the *Scientific Consensus on Maintaining Humanity's Life Support Systems in the 21st Century: Information For Policy Makers*; and

WHEREAS, We are changing Earth's climate by adding greenhouse gases to the atmosphere primarily through the burning of coal, oil and natural gas, and continuing current emission trends will raise average global temperatures to levels that humans have never seen before, likely between 4 and 11.5°F (2.4 – 6.4°C) by the year 2100; and

WHEREAS, The impacts of human-caused climate change are already being felt throughout the world, but will get worse with inaction, including longer and more intense heat waves, more frequent damaging storms and wildfires, major damage to coastal cities from sea level rise, water shortages, spread of infectious diseases, crop pest expansions and loss of agricultural productivity, major damage to unique ecosystems, extinctions of wildlife, economic losses, mass climate refugee migrations, irreversible damage to our life-support systems and collapse of civilization as we know it; and

WHEREAS, Such impacts directly influence the wellbeing of people through damaging their livelihoods, property, health and quality of life, and indirectly through increasing potentials for societal conflict, but frontline and vulnerable communities will be disproportionately hit the hardest and fastest; and

WHEREAS, Avoiding the worst impacts of human-caused climate change will require reducing emissions of greenhouse gases substantially and quickly by transforming every sector of the global economy within the next 12 years, limiting warming to no more than 1.5°C this century, but also addressing inequity and redistribution from the rich will be critical to prepare humanity for dealing with the coming environmental collapse; and

WHEREAS, The Green New Deal is a monumental 10-year national mobilization plan that meets the scale necessary to address climate change and economic justice with the goals of achieving net-zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2050; establishing millions of high-wage green union jobs and ensuring economic security for all; investing in infrastructure and industry; securing clean air and water, climate and

community resiliency, healthy food, access to nature, and a sustainable environment for all; and promoting justice, equality and democracy;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Democratic Party of Sacramento County supports the Green New Deal resolution (Ocasio-Cortez H.Res.109 and Markey S.Res.59) and associated state legislation supporting a just and equitable transition to a carbon zero future (AJR 7 and AB 1276), to protect the people, and future generations, from the catastrophe of climate change.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Democratic Party of Sacramento County calls on our local members of Congress, the State Legislature, and Governor Newsom to support and vote in favor of a Green New Deal at all levels of government, because the scientific community's consensus is clear that there is no time left to delay climate action.

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