

DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF SACRAMENTO COUNTY

CENTRAL COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

7/11/2019 – Curtis Hall, Sacramento

RESOLUTION 2019-19

Supporting LGBTQ+ Liberation in Sacramento

WHEREAS, The Stonewall Rebellion of June 1969 began the modern LGBTQ+ civil rights movement when queer people were driven to fight back against police brutality and harassment, with queer and transgender people of color leading the fight for liberation by throwing the first brick at Stonewall; and

WHEREAS, Members of the LGBTQ+ community are still fighting for their liberation, particularly transgender and queer people of color, who have continued to fight back against police brutality and harassment to this day; and

WHEREAS, Every year the Sacramento LGBT Center hosts Sacramento Pride during the first weekend of June in downtown Sacramento to celebrate queer liberation and reflect on the history and struggles of the LGBTQ+ community in the decades since the first brick was thrown at Stonewall; and

WHEREAS, The Sacramento LGBT Center staff, after discussion with representatives from affected communities and the police, adopted a policy that police officers would wear plain clothes when participating in Sacramento Pride, to ensure that Sacramento Pride is an inclusive place for all, including transgender and queer people of color who often are targeted by the police; and

WHEREAS, The Sacramento LGBT Center board reversed the decision of its staff, and instead sided with police over LGBTQ+ community members who still fight for their liberation against police brutality and harassment; and

WHEREAS, The Sacramento LGBT Center does critical work for the most vulnerable members of the LGBTQ+ community, many of whom are victims of systemic oppression, and it was reprehensible for sponsors or funders of the LGBT Center to threaten to jeopardize the Center's ability to carry out its mission by serving our most vulnerable members.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Democratic Party of Sacramento County supports those who courageously stood up against the reversal by the LGBT Center board, including LGBT Center staff, protesters, Grand Marshal Ebony Eva Harper, and all who spoke out against the decision to prioritize the comfort of police over the trust of the community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Democratic Party of Sacramento County calls on the LGBT Center, and other LGBTQ+ leaders and allies, to support the LGBT Center staff in making their voices heard — and to

ensure that they are free from retaliation or intimidation for standing in solidarity with people experiencing harassment and discrimination by police.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Democratic Party of Sacramento County proclaims June to be LGBTQ+ Pride Month; celebrates the diverse array of members of the queer community in the Democratic Party; and calls on the LGBT Center to significantly diversify the makeup of its board to ensure that the voices of people of different races, ethnicities, socio-economic status, gender identity, and sexual orientation have a seat at the table.

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