

DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF SACRAMENTO COUNTY
Policy and Legislation Committee
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DRAFT RESOLUTION 2025.06.01

*Supporting House Concurrent Resolution (H.Con.Res.) 38 (Massie and Khanna) –
War Powers Resolution*

WHEREAS the Constitution of the United States of America gives Congress the sole power to declare war, which multiple US presidents, including the incumbent president, have repeatedly ignored by engaging in military action without the explicit consent of Congress often using the Authorization of Use of Military Force (AUMF) enacted after the September 11 attacks to justify engaging in military action without further authorization from Congress;

WHEREAS the California Democratic Party in its platform "Reaffirm[s] the War Powers Act by working to return the authority to declare war to Congress" and has passed several resolutions calling for the repeal of the AUMF; and

WHEREAS President Trump sidestepped Congress once again and engaged in an unlawful act of war by bombing the sovereign nation of Iran, prompting Reps. Thomas Massie and Ro Khanna to introduce House Concurrent Resolution (H.Con.Res.) 38 that directs the president "to terminate the use of United States Armed Forces from hostilities against the Islamic Republic of Iran or any part of its government or military, unless explicitly authorized by a declaration of war or specific authorization for use of military force against Iran; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Democratic Party of Sacramento County supports House Concurrent Resolution (H.Con.Res.) 38 (Massie and Khanna) and its companion Senate Joint Resolution (S.J.Res.) 59, introduced by Sen. Tim Kaine, calling for the immediate termination of use of United States Armed Forces in hostilities against the Islamic Republic of Iran without prior authorization by Congress; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Democratic Party of Sacramento calls on all Democrats, including Democratic lawmakers, to support this legislation.

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