

**DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF SACRAMENTO COUNTY**

**Central Committee Resolution**

9/8/2022 - General Membership Meeting

**RESOLUTION 2022-16**

*Calling on Governor Gavin Newsom to Sign Assembly Bill 2183 into Law*

**WHEREAS**, Historically, farm workers have been exempted from federal labor regulations that help provide safe work environments and protect the rights of workers to organize to form or join a union; and

**WHEREAS**, This exemption from federal regulations has led to the oppression and mistreatment of farm workers, and puts an additional onus on state governments to provide these protections; and

**WHEREAS**, Despite the enactment of the California Agricultural Labor Relations Act in 1975 by former Governor Jerry Brown, many attempts by farm workers to organize to form or join a union have faced intimidation tactics and even violence perpetrated by foremen, growers, and agricultural companies; and

**WHEREAS**, Farm workers are the backbone of Californian society and the state's economy, providing food not only to California, but the rest of the United States and much of the world; and

**WHEREAS**, Farm workers experience rates of injury seven times higher than all other private workers combined, and many farm workers lost their lives to COVID-19 or suffered serious illness after being deemed "essential workers" in the early years of the COVID-19 pandemic; and

**WHEREAS**, Many farm workers in California are present in the United States without documentation and face constant threats from foremen and growers of facing criminal charges or deportation and separation from their families if they attempt to organize to form or join a union; and

**WHEREAS**, Assembly Bill 2183 by Assemblymember Mark Stone would allow farm workers to unionize by casting their ballot by mail; now, therefore be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Democratic Party of Sacramento County calls on Governor Gavin Newsom to sign Assembly Bill 2183 (Stone) into law to ensure that farm workers can organize to form or join a union free from fear of intimidation.

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