

## ***Resolution 19-05.122***

### **Resolution in Support of a Green New Deal**

WHEREAS climate change represents an existential threat to humanity, which must reduce greenhouse gas emissions 45 percent by 2030 and achieve net zero emissions by 2050 if the world is to limit warming to 1.5 degrees Celsius; and

WHEREAS California is uniquely vulnerable to climate change devastation, as witnessed by drought-worsened wildfires (including the recent Camp Fire, Tubbs Fire, Mendocino Complex Fire, and Thomas Fire) with tragic human and economic consequences, and is equally vulnerable to sea level rise, atmospheric rivers causing inland flooding, and other impacts; and

WHEREAS a Green New Deal calls for net zero greenhouse gas emissions within a very short time frame; creating millions of good jobs; investing in the infrastructure and industry of the United States; securing clean air and water, climate and community resilience, healthy food, and access to nature for all; and promoting justice and equity with respect to frontline communities, all while ensuring a just transition for workers in the fossil fuel and related industries will enable the United States to become carbon neutral, while in the process virtually eliminating poverty and making economic security available to every American;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the California Democratic Party demands a California Green New Deal to achieve the above goals, with hiring preferences for formerly incarcerated and socially and/or economically disadvantaged peoples; ramps up the deployment of building and vehicle electrification and zero-net, carbon-free infrastructure; transitions California away from extraction and refining of fossil fuels; creates substantial setbacks separating fossil fuel extraction from residential communities; upgrades America's buildings for efficiency and safety; adopts low-carbon, plant-based food, and small-scale and organic farming; expand affordable housing close to jobs; involves labor unions' leadership role in the process of job training and worker deployment; creates a network of public banks to finance infrastructure; respects Indigenous rights; ensures that local implementation of the transition from fossil fuels is led from the community level; and ensures that frontline communities affected by environmental justice are given priority to mitigate poor planning and zoning decisions of the past; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be sent to Gov. Gavin Newsom, Senate ProTem Toni Atkins, and Assembly Speaker Anthony Rendon, with instructions to draft legislation in keeping with the scale and urgency of the climate crisis.

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