



Resolution in Favor of an Effective Mobile Crisis Response Team (MCRT)

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Whereas, people who have experienced mental health crises have lost their lives to law enforcement throughout San Diego County and in the 2019-2020 Fiscal Year law enforcement received more than 54,000 mental health calls[i]; and

Whereas, “people with untreated mental illness are 16 times more likely to be killed during a police encounter than other civilians, with race and gender compounding those risk factors[ii]” and many of these deaths were preventable had proper resources and services been provided to support these individuals; and

Whereas, s on Tuesday, June 23, 2020 the County Board of Supervisors unanimously voted in support of creating a Mobile Crisis Response Team to respond to mental health and substance use crises;

Therefore be it resolved, that the San Diego County Democratic Party supports a strong, vibrant and well-resourced MCRT that is based on these foundational principals: 24/7 Service for the entire county of San Diego; Emergency and non-emergency calls are included in MCRT services; MCRT staff is highly trained in current national best practices; Proper resources and support are provided for the MCRT to be able to successfully respond to calls; MCRT operates as an independent agency separate from any law enforcement agency; MCRT will have proper civilian and professional oversight.