



Resolution Affirming San Diego Democrats' Support of Dignity and Freedom from Violence for All Transgender People

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Whereas, California law requires jails to house transgender inmates based on their gender identity, and that officers must ask inmates privately during the intake process gender preference; and

Whereas, on November 20, 2020, a transgender female taken into San Diego Sheriff's custody was repeatedly misgendered by Sheriff staffers despite her telling them that she was transgender and despite her driver's license stating her gender. She was placed in a holding cell with three men. She was severely beaten by one of the men. The transgender female stated that deputies watched as she was being beaten and that deputies eventually intervened, removing the man, but they detained her 12 hours before she was released and could go to a hospital. She has had to undergo two surgeries and had her jaw wired shut because of fractures suffered during the jail beating;

Therefore, be it resolved, that the San Diego County Democratic Party and all Democrat elected officials in San Diego County collectively request that the Sheriff's Department leadership make a formal apology to the transgender woman who was severely beaten while in the custody of the Sheriff's Department; and

Be it further resolved, that the San Diego County Sheriff's Department immediately engage with the transgender community through the creation of a transgender liaison position to educate all Sheriffs' staff about transgender-specific law enforcement issues and concerns. Recognizing that training and policy implementation are critical for law enforcement in building a trusting relationship with the transgender community.

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