

**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE ADOPTION OF THE BLACK TO THE FUTURE ACTION FUND  
BLACK AGENDA 2020**

Sponsors: Shanell Williams, Anabel Ibanez, Peter Gollata, Li Miao Lovett  
Co-sponsors: Campos, Baraka, Loftus, Avalos, Chen, Mahogany, Kim, Li, Mar

WHEREAS Black people have no economic power and are locked out of living-wage jobs by governmental policies from the federal to the local level, it is time to invest in the health and wealth of our Black communities and empower Black people in our Democracy. We live in a country where the average white family has \$140,500 in wealth while the average Black family has only \$3,400. Here in San Francisco, an Office of Racial Equity had to be created to address racially discriminatory employment practices with inequities along racial lines in housing, healthcare, education, and transportation. It is time to finally build the democracy promised to all Americans.

WHEREAS Black people are sicker and die younger than members of other communities, we must challenge policies and practices that cause health disparities and deliver care needed to live long and live well. Black workers are concentrated in industries that offer no benefits, meaning they often lack paid leave to manage care for oneself or one's relatives. To compound the problem, Black patients often report inadequate diagnosis and treatment; for example, Black people suffer from amputation at a rate triple that of others due to unneeded tests and profit made from performing these procedures. In order to make Black people powerful in their families, we must address inequities in our healthcare system.

WHEREAS Black people are the most affected by environmental hazards,, it is now time to empower Black people by acting on the climate crisis as a national priority before more of the Black community is hit first and worst by disasters. Black communities are the most likely to live near power plants, pollution, toxic soil, and liquefaction-prone land, leading to high rates of asthma, cancer, and other illnesses. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) concludes that Black Americans are subjected to higher levels of air pollution than white Americans, regardless of wealth; in fact, the EPA finds Black Americans 3 times as likely to die from pollution due to environmental racism. According to researchers at Ohio State University, although air quality in the U.S. has improved over the last 70 years, those that benefit from it are primarily seen in whiter, higher-income areas. In addition to health disparities mentioned above, the mental health of Black lives are further attacked through systemic oppression from the legal system. It is time for Black people to be powerful in the legal system by ending the use of incarceration to solve the problems of migration, poverty, and disinvestment.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the San Francisco Democratic County Central Committee adopts the Black 2 The Future Black 2020 Agenda; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the SF DCCC urges other Democratic County Committees, the California Democratic Party, and the Democratic National Committee to adopt the Black 2020 Agenda and that copies of this resolution shall be sent to the California Democratic Party Chairman Rusty Hicks, California Democratic Party Regional Directors 1-20, and the Democratic National Committee Chairman Tom Perez.

PROPOUNDED BY: Gloria Berry

ADOPTED: (Date: **06/24/2020**) By the San Francisco County Central Committee

**Motion by Member Berry, seconded by Member Baraka.  
Motion passes unanimously; Member Feinstein abstains.**

**Addendum:**

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## RESOLUTION IN OPPOSITION TO THE PRISON SPENDING INITIATIVE

*Sponsor: Loftus*

*Co-sponsors: Morales, Ting, Li, Baraka, Wiener, Williams, Lovett, Ibanez, Avalos, Campos*

WHEREAS, Once a bellwether for mass incarceration, California has fueled a national movement that is leading this country away from the ineffective status quo of mass incarceration and toward a new approach that prioritizes prevention and addressing the root causes of crime. During the seven-year period between 2010 and 2016 California enacted a number of significant criminal justice reforms while the state has experienced historic low rates for violent crime;

WHEREAS, California voters passed Proposition 47 in 2014, which reclassified some low level, non-violent crimes from felonies to misdemeanors. Prop 47 was the hallmark ballot initiative that officially ushered in an era of reform and shifted investments from ineffective mass incarceration programs to services that better meet community needs and prevent crime from occurring in the first place -- mental health services, trauma recovery and addiction services. California voters chose major reform again in 2016, with the passage of Prop. 57, which allows people to earn parole hearings, changed policies on juvenile prosecution, and authorized sentence credits for rehabilitation, good behavior, and education. With the passage of Prop 47 and 57, CA voters have shifted nearly half a billion dollars from failed prisons and back to local communities for healthcare, treatment and job training.

WHEREAS, CA's largest and richest law enforcement associations are trying to roll back these landmark criminal justice reforms by financing a November ballot initiative, the Prison Spending Initiative. This initiative would: 1) Prohibit people in prison from rehabilitating themselves before release, 2) Incarcerate people for the lowest-level offenses and 3) Return people to prison for noncriminal violations of probation. This prison spending measure would reduce California's threshold for felony theft to one of the lowest in the nation and waste taxpayer dollars incarcerating people for nonviolent crimes. If the Prison Spending Initiative passes, as many as 10,000 more people could end up in California prisons and jails, undermining the key pathway California lawmakers have used to reallocate resources from incarceration to local safety solutions.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the San Francisco Democratic Party strongly opposes the Prison Spending Initiative and urges our state leaders to oppose all efforts to repeal criminal justice reforms that are strengthening communities and increasing public safety.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the San Francisco Democratic Party urges lawmakers to continue to build on the successful reforms started with Propositions 47 and 57, and continue the work we know will keep our communities safe.

PROPOUNDED BY: Suzy Loftus

ADOPTED: (Date 06/24/2020 ) By the San Francisco County Central Committee

**Motion by Member Wiener to approve by acclamation, seconded by Member Williams;  
Approved by acclamation;  
Member Feinstein abstains.**

## SFDCCC Resolution Supporting the Aspiring Citizens Charter Amendment

*Sponsors: Ibáñez, Campos*

*Co-sponsors: Mahogany Gallotta, Williams, Loftus, Lovett, Campos, Baraka, Chen, Morales, Pelosi, Moliga, Ting, Dufty, Li*

WHEREAS, San Francisco is one of the most diverse cities in the nation, with almost 35% of its population foreign-born. Covid-19 has disproportionately impacted immigrants and communities of color due to systemic barriers. Existing law prohibits aspiring citizens from serving on appointed boards and commissions in the City and County of San Francisco; and

WHEREAS, the proposed charter amendment would expand access to local boards, commissions, and advisory bodies to all San Francisco residents of legal voting age, regardless of immigration status, thus expanding the pool of those who can contribute their life and educational experiences to these regulatory bodies. The composition of commissions and boards shall reflect the interests and contributions of all races, ethnicities, sexes, gender identities, sexual orientations, and types of disabilities; and

WHEREAS, San Francisco's democratic values of equal representation are upheld when our local government is diverse and representative of all residents, regardless of immigration status. Equitable political representation is crucial to civic engagement and to provide an opportunity for the most disenfranchised communities in San Francisco to have the platform to inform policy outcomes that impact them directly; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the San Francisco Democratic Party supports the Aspiring Citizens Charter Amendment that removes the citizenship requirement for serving on San Francisco's Policy Bodies; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the San Francisco Democratic Party urges the Board of Supervisors to support and adopt Aspiring Citizens Charter Amendment - Requirements for Commission Membership.

PROPOUNDED BY: Anabel Ibáñez

ADOPTED: (Date 06/24/2020 ) By the San Francisco County Central Committee

**Motion by Member Morales; seconded by Member Williams;  
Approved by acclamation;  
Member Feinstein abstains.**

## **Resolution Calling on Congress to Take Legislative Action to Block the Roll Back of Civil Rights Protections based on Gender-Identity or Sexual Orientation in Healthcare**

*Sponsors: Mahogany*

*Co-sponsors: Gallotta, Thomas, Mar, Loftus, Avalos, Morales, Ibanez, Tung, Berry, Li, Wiener, Baraka, Chen, Dufty*

WHEREAS, The Affordable Care Act commonly known as Obamacare established broad civil rights protections for those accessing healthcare in Section 1557 of the act, the non-discrimination provision, which included barring discrimination based on race, color, national origin, sex, age, or disability in “any health program or activity” that receives federal financial assistance, and was interpreted to include protections against discrimination on the basis of gender identity and sexual orientation requiring health care providers and insurers to provide and cover medically appropriate treatment for transgender patients; and

WHEREAS, The Trump administration has refused to abide by this interpretation of the protections outlined in the Affordable Care Act, officially and unequivocally terminating the rights of LGBT people by allowing healthcare providers to deny access to healthcare based on gender identity or sexual orientation in the midst of the worst pandemic the world has seen in over 100 years, and during LGBTQ Pride Month, and amidst mass global protests demanding justice for black lives lost to police brutality, and within a day of the reported murder of 2 black transwomen, Dominique Fells and Riah Milton; and

WHEREAS, The changes to gender-based discrimination protections will directly affect the ability of LGBT people to access health insurance benefits and could also allow providers to deny care to those seeking an abortion if the procedure is in conflict with the provider’s moral or religious beliefs; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Democratic County Central Committee stands in solidarity with women and the LGBT community and condemns the actions of the Trump administration that roll back these protections against gender-based discrimination in healthcare; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the SFDCCC urges Congress to block the roll back these protections using the powers bestowed through the Congressional Review Act and all other tools at their disposal and shall forward this resolution to the Speaker of the House of Representatives Nancy Pelosi, Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer, and members of the United States Congress.

PROPOUNDED BY: Honey Mahogany

ADOPTED: (Date 06/24/2020) By the San Francisco County Central Committee

**Motion by Member Mahogany, seconded by Loftus.  
passes unanimously by voice vote;  
Member Pelosi abstains**

## **Resolution Condemning the Proposal by the Department of Housing and Urban Development to Remove Protections for Transgender People Accessing Shelters**

*Sponsors: Mahogany*

*Co-sponsors: Gallotta, Thomas, Mar, Loftus, Avalos, Morales, Ibanez, Tung, Berry, Li, Wiener, Baraka, Chen, Dufty*

WHEREAS, According to the National Transgender Discrimination Survey (NTDS), transgender people experience homelessness at twice the rate of their cis-gendered counterparts with those who identify as Latinx and trans experiencing homelessness at five times the rate, those who identified as American Indian and trans experienced rates eight times higher, and those who identified as Black and transgender had homelessness rates over ten times higher than the general population; and the NTDS reports that 19% of transgender people surveyed experienced homelessness at some point in their lives due to family rejection and discrimination based on their gender identity, 11% were evicted or lost their housing at some point in their lives due to discrimination based on their gender-identity, and 19% were denied a home or apartment due to their gender-identity; and of the 19% of respondents to the NTDS who had experienced homelessness at some point in their lives 25% attempted to access shelter services, and of the 25% of transgender respondents to the NTDS who attempted to access a shelter, 47% left the shelter due to poor treatment, and 29% were denied access to shelter to the shelter all together, of those denied access 45% identified as Latinx and 40% identified as Black; and

WHEREAS, It is well documented that housing insecurity for transgender and gender non-conforming people is a crisis in this country, and respondents to the NTDS reported “direct discrimination by housing providers and negative housing impacts of discrimination in other critical areas of life such as employment, health care and criminal justice;” and

WHEREAS, The Department of Housing and Urban Development plans to overturn the guidance layed out by the Obama Administration that requires shelters not to discriminate or deny access to transgender people seeking shelter services; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Democratic County Central Committee opposes the Department of Housing and Urban Development overturning guidance put in place by the Obama Administration that protects the right of transgender people, ensuring homeless transgender individuals their right to access shelter services; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the SFDCC shall forward this resolution to the Speaker of the House of Representatives Nancy Pelosi, Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer, and members of the United States Congress.

PROPOUNDED BY: Honey Mahogany

ADOPTED: (Date 06/24/2020) By the San Francisco County Central Committee

**Motion by Member Mahogany, seconded by Loftus.  
passes unanimously by voice vote; no abstentions**