

Resolution supporting the Corporate-Free Elections Act, Assembly Bill No. 20 (AB 20), authored by Assemblymembers Alex Lee (AD-25) and Ash Kalra (AD-27), and co-authored by Senator Ben Allen and Assemblymember Kevin McCarty, to prohibit a candidate for elective office in California from receiving a contribution from a business entity, and a business entity from making a contribution to a candidate for elective office

Sponsor: Berry, Mahogany, Baraka, Morales, Campos, Gallotta, Ibáñez, Mar, Haney, Avalos, Raju, Ronen

WHEREAS, The insulation of electoral and governmental institutions from undue corporate influence is critical to the health of a functioning democracy, however, many candidates, in order to stay competitive in their races, feel compelled to take money from corporations and the influx of these large sums of corporate money into campaigns for elected offices damages the public's trust in government; according to Academy of Management Journal Vol. 64, No. 1, companies spend when they are worried about negative media coverage prompting what they perceive to be potentially harmful regulations, when there are powerful social movement organizations, to gain a seat at the "legislative table" to communicate their interests, and because they see it as consistent with their responsibility to stakeholders; and

WHEREAS, San Francisco voters enacted campaign contribution limits in 2000 with the intent to eliminate or reduce the appearance or reality that large contributors may exert undue influence over elected officials and in November 2019, overwhelmingly voted to pass Campaign Contribution Restrictions and Advertisement Disclaimer Requirements, "The Sunlight on Dark Money Initiative" to enhance the integrity of the election process and help restore public trust in governmental and electoral institutions in the City and County of San Francisco; since January 2020, the FBI has been conducting a large federal investigation targeting public corruption in the City and County of San Francisco and to date, ten individuals have been charged, including two high-ranking former San Francisco public officials, and five individuals have pleaded guilty; and

WHEREAS, in order to curb actual corruption and the appearance of corruption of our government by corporate contributions, it is incumbent upon the California Legislature to join the 22 states in the United States who already impose outright bans on corporations from directly contributing to campaigns for elective office by prohibiting direct contributions from corporations to political campaigns at the state and local levels in California;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the San Francisco Democratic Party endorses Assembly Bill No. 20 which would prohibit a candidate for elective office in California from receiving a contribution from a business entity, and a business entity from making a contribution to a candidate for elective office; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution shall be transmitted to Governor Gavin Newsom, State Senate Pro Tempore Toni Atkins, Assembly Speaker Anthony Rendon, and San Francisco's state legislative delegation.

PROPOUNDED BY: Gloria Berry

ADOPTED: (Date 04/28/2021) By the San Francisco Democratic County Central Committee

*Motion by Member Thomas; seconded by Member Ibanez.
Motion passes by acclamation
Members Feinstein, Ting, Kounalakis, Pelosi and Kim abstaining.*

Addendum:

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Resolution Supporting AB-990 Prisons: Inmate Visitation

Sponsor: Berry, Raju, Avalos, Lovett, Williams, Ibáñez, Gallota, Campos, Mahogany, Morales

WHEREAS, According to Yale Law & Policy Review, Vol. 32 Issue 1 Article 5, frequent, high-quality visitation can reduce prison violence, maintain family bonds, break the intergenerational cycle of incarceration and smooth the reentry process, thereby reducing recidivism rates. In short, smart visitation policies make prison personnel and prisoners safer, decrease crime, save money, and mitigate the damage incarceration wreaks on families and communities.

WHEREAS, Comparative analysis of visiting is particularly important given that the contours of prison visitation are determined almost exclusively by administrative discretion, unconstrained except at the margins by judicial interference. The Supreme Court and other federal courts have been largely deferential to prison administrators, granting them wide latitude generally, and in the realm of visitation regulations specifically.

WHEREAS, Millions of parent–child visits take place in US correctional facilities annually. Jail visiting areas are stressful environments for children of prisoners. These children are distinguished by a history of enduring trauma, previous parent–child separations and an inadequate quality of care due to poverty. As a result, they are more likely to experience lasting effects of further family separations. Like other children living apart from their parents, they benefit significantly from immediate visitation following separation. A statewide survey of California county jail visiting rooms, where such visits occur, revealed that none are adapted for children.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the San Francisco Democratic Party endorses Assembly Bill No. 990 which would include the right to personal visits as a civil right.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution shall be transmitted to Governor Gavin Newsom, State Senate Pro Tempore Toni Atkins, and Assembly Speaker Anthony Rendon.

PROPOUNDED BY: Gloria Berry

ADOPTED: (Date 04/28/2021) By the San Francisco Democratic County Central Committee

***Motion by Member Ibanez, seconded by Member Baraka.
Motion passes by acclamation
Members Feinstein, Ting, Kounalakis and Kim abstaining.***

Addendum:

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Resolution in Support of SB 714 and Uplifting the Voices of Aspiring Citizens in the Democratic Party

Sponsor: Gallotta, Ibañez

Campos, Lovett, Thomas, Berry, LaCroix, Li, Baraka, Chen

WHEREAS, California has long been home to the largest number of immigrants in the United States. As neighbors, business owners, taxpayers, and workers, immigrants are an integral part of California's diverse and thriving communities and make extensive contributions that benefit all. During the pandemic, aspiring citizens have worked as essential workers in health care, education, and agriculture and other food-related jobs. During the presidential election, aspiring citizens have shown their commitment to our democracy by registering thousands of voters in California; and

WHEREAS, California has made progress in expanding democratic representation of immigrants and non-citizens by removing systemic barriers to allow them to serve on state commissions, boards, and advisories, and in 2020, San Francisco voters passed Proposition C which allows aspiring citizens to serve on local commissions and boards; and

WHEREAS, Building a more representative government requires an assessment of barriers that prevent talented and qualified Californians from consideration for public service. The state election code section 7209 only requires residents to be "affiliated" or "register a preference" to be recognized as "Registered Democrats," and, therefore, non-citizens who affiliate with the Democratic Party should be eligible to serve in elected and/or appointed roles within the Democratic Party; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the San Francisco Democratic Party firmly recognizes that any resident who is affiliated with the Democratic Party, regardless of citizenship or immigration, should have the opportunity to serve, either by being elected or appointed, on Democratic County Central Committees throughout California; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the San Francisco Democratic Party calls upon our elected representatives in the California State Legislature and all members of the California Democratic Party to support SB 714, which would amend state election code to allow aspiring citizens to serve as duly elected members of Democratic County Central Committees in order to ensure greater inclusion of aspiring citizens locally and statewide.

PROPOUNDED BY: Gallotta

ADOPTED: (Date 04/28/2021) By the San Francisco Democratic County Central Committee

Motion by Member Li, seconded by Member Berry.

Motion passes by acclamation,

Member Feinstein voting no

Members Kounalakis and Kim abstaining.

Resolution Urging Mayor Breed and the San Francisco Board of Supervisors to Uphold the Will of San Francisco Voters and Allocate Prop I Revenue to Rent Relief and Permanently Affordable Housing

*Sponsor(s): Gallotta, Ibañez
Baraka, Thomas, Lovett, Mahogany, Campos, Chen*

WHEREAS, San Francisco renters face over \$170 million in pandemic-related back rent, with only \$64 million in identified rent relief from local, state and federal sources, and such crushing debt will cause displacement, economic hardship and homelessness; and,

WHEREAS, The San Francisco Democratic Central Committee endorsed Proposition I to double the transfer tax on property sales over \$10 million, and Prop I was passed by voters with a 58% majority, with the explicit understanding that the intent and purpose of Prop I was to fund rent relief and affordable housing. The San Francisco Board of Supervisors voted unanimously (“Supporting the Intent to Fund COVID -19 Rent Resolution and Relief Fund and Social Housing Program Fund,” BOS File No. 200708) to dedicate this funding to rent relief (“COVID-19 Rent Resolution and Relief Fund,” BOS File No. 200611) and affordable housing (“Housing Stability Fund,” BOS File No 201183); and,

WHEREAS, At the Board of Supervisors meeting of April 13, 2021, Mayor London N. Breed refused to commit to allocating revenue generated by Proposition I to rent relief and permanently affordable, social housing in the coming fiscal year, and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the San Francisco Democratic County Central Committee urges Mayor London N. Breed and the San Francisco Board of Supervisors to uphold the will of San Francisco voters, adhere to the unanimous resolution passed by the San Francisco Board of Supervisors, and honor the endorsement of this body by allocating in the Mayor’s upcoming budget proposal the allocation of Prop I revenue to rent relief and the Housing Stability Fund.

PROPOUNDED BY: Gallotta

ADOPTED: (Date 04/28/2021) By the San Francisco Democratic County Central Committee

*Motion by Member Mahogany; seconded by Member Baraka.
Member Thomas asks for a roll call vote.*

- **Yes: Avalos, Baraka, Berry, Campos, Chen, Dufty, Gallotta, Haney, Ibanez, Kim, LaCroix, Li, Lovett, Mandelman, Mar, Mahogany, Morales, Raju, Ronen, Thomas, Williams, Ting, Chiu**
- **No: None**
- **Abstain: Loftus, Tung, Feinstein, Pelosi, Kounalakis, Cohen, Wiener**

The motion carries with 23 yes, 0 no and 7 abstentions.

SUPPORT OF ASSEMBLY BILL 650, THE HEALTH CARE WORKER RECOGNITION AND RETENTION ACT

Sponsors: Williams, Lovett, Mahogany, Campos, Baraka, Ibanez

WHEREAS, The COVID-19 pandemic has deeply impacted all of society but we know frontline workers particularly health care workers are most at risk of exposure given the nature of their work.

WHEREAS, Health care workers have been on the frontlines of the COVID-19 pandemic from the very beginning, showing up to care for patients despite insufficient protective equipment, staffing shortages, long hours, mental trauma, and the ever-present risk of infection.

WHEREAS, AB 650 will recognize the heroic efforts of health care workers by requiring private sector health care companies such as hospitals, nursing homes, and medical groups to provide bonuses to their employees.

WHEREAS, AB 650 will provide substantial, tangible proof to health care workers that we recognize their sacrifice and value their work caring for our families and communities, during the COVID-19 pandemic and in the future.

WHEREAS, Health care companies have benefited from billions of dollars in federal support during the pandemic, including direct grants and tax relief. These companies also enjoyed sharp increases in investment income due to the rising stock market. But those gains have not led to increased support for the health care workers who are putting their lives at risk.

WHEREAS, Even before the pandemic California faced a serious shortage of healthcare workers. The toll of the crisis is causing many to consider leaving the field altogether, and now we could face a potential catastrophe.

WHEREAS, Given the high cost of training health care workers and the harm to patient care from high worker turnover, AB 650 is the right thing to do to ensure that California's health care system is ready for future need and ready to face future crises.

WHEREAS, San Francisco has already taken leadership and now provides hazard pay to non profit housing workers recognizing the challenges these workers are facing during the pandemic.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the San Francisco Democratic Party supports AB 650 and recognizes the outstanding efforts and sacrifices our health care workers have made and to ensure we have a strong health care workforce into the future.

PROPOUNDED BY: WILLIAMS

ADOPTED: (Date 04/28/2021) By the San Francisco Democratic County Central Committee

***Motion by Member LaCroix; seconded by Member Baraka.
Motion passes by acclamation,
Members Kounalakis and Ting abstaining.***

Resolution Urging The Federal Government To Allow Self-Attestation Of Gender And A Third-Gender Marker On Federal Documents

Sponsors: Mahogany

Campos, Thomas, Li, Pelosi, Ibanez, Tung, Haney, Mar, Lovett, Avalos, Morales, Gallotta

WHEREAS, During the Obama administration, it became easier for transgender people to change their gender marker on Federal Documents such as passports and social security cards without surgery; however, a gender marker change on federal documents still requires a doctor's note, an onerous process that can be prohibitive, especially for those who are uninsured or underinsured; furthermore, federal documents still operate using a binary system of male/female with no third gender option, which excludes both intersex and non-binary people; and

WHEREAS, In 20 states and the District of Columbia transgender and non-binary people may legally change the gender marker on their license by self-attestation, and 10 states, as well as New York City, allow for transgender and non-binary people to change their birth certificate by self-attestation; and

WHEREAS, 19 states and the District of Columbia allow for a third gender option on driver's licenses, 10 states plus New York City allow for a third gender option on birth certificates, and several countries around the world, including Canada, allow for third gender options on official documents; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Democratic County Central Committee urges the federal government to allow for self-attestation of gender identity and the inclusion of a third gender option on all documentation under federal jurisdiction, including, but not limited to, passports and social security, and to do this through executive action if possible; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution shall be transmitted to the Office of President Joe Biden, Vice-President Kamala Harris, and San Francisco's Congressional Delegation.

PROPOUNDED BY: Honey Mahogany

ADOPTED: (Date 04/28/2021) By the San Francisco Democratic County Central Committee

***Motion by Member Li; seconded by Member Berry.
Motion passes by acclamation,
Members Kounalakis and Ting abstaining.***