Resolution Supporting California Assembly Bill 279 (Muratsuchi) to Protect the Health and Safety of Our Seniors During the COVID19 Pandemic at Senior Care Facilities

Sponsor: Kim, Ibáñez, Tung, Chen and Lovett, LaCroix

WHEREAS, senior residents at care facilities throughout the state have been forced transfer involuntarily to locations far from friends, families, and their advocates and according to the California Department of Public Health, there have been 200 improper and illegal resident discharges from senior care facilities statewide ignoring legal protections provided to senior residents; and

WHEREAS, centers such as Sakura Intermediate Care Facility (ICF) near historic Little Tokyo in Los Angeles, the only facility of its kind offering Japanese bilingual and bicultural care for nearly 50 years, and Brookdale Center in San Pablo are seeking to close and evict all their senior residents in order to build market rate units or sell on speculative market; and

WHEREAS, AB 279 would protect residents at all California senior care facilities, prohibiting them from terminating, transferring, or significantly altering the conditions of residential care services during COVID-19 state of emergency, recently passed in the state assembly and is supported by the California Democratic Party, American Association of Retired Persons, SEIU California, California Retired Teachers Association, and many more;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the San Francisco Democratic County Central Committee fully supports AB 279 and the health and well being of our seniors during the COVID 19 pandemic; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, San Francisco County Democratic Central Committee urges the California State Senate to pass this urgency bill and that this resolution be forwarded to the Office of California Governor Gavin Newsom, Assemblymember Al Muratsuchi, and the California State Senate Health Committee.

PROPOUNDED BY:

ADOPTED: (Date 05/26/2021) By the San Francisco Democratic County Central Committee

Motion by Member Li; seconded by Member Ibanez. Motion passes unanimously by acclamation.

RESOLUTION CONDEMNING RECALL EFFORTS OF GOVERNOR NEWSOM , DISTRICT ATTORNEY BOUDIN, AND SFUSD COMMISSIONERS LOPEZ, COLLINS AND MOLIGA

Sponsors: Berry, Baraka, Mahogany, Ibanez

WHEREAS, the various crises of the covid 19 pandemic and resulting economic downturn, school closures, wildfires, and officer killing of black and brown people have created a heightened tension in political discourseand fomented several recall efforts across the state of California and locals to recall Governor Newsom.

WHEREAS, there are currently efforts to recall Governor Gavin Newsom, District Attorney Chesa Boudin, San Francisco Unified School District Board of Education President Gabriela López, and Commissioners Alison Collins and Faauuga Moliga; and

WHEREAS, voters have an opportunity to express their opposition to the political leadership and policy positions of elected officials by voting against these officials when their term ends;

BE IT RESOLVED that the San Francisco Democratic County Central Committee opposes the current recall efforts.

PROPOUNDED BY: Gloria Berry

Adopted: (05/26/2021) By the San Francisco Democratic County Central Committee

Motion by Member Campos to support this resolution; seconded by Member Lovett. Motion passes by acclamation, Members Tung and Mandelman opposing Members Li, Ronen and Cohen abstaining.

Resolution in Support of Legislation to Repeal "Spousal Rape" Distinction

Sponsors: Campos, Tung, Ibáñez, Morales, Kim, Li, Mahogany, Berry, Chen

WHEREAS California has a "spousal rape exception" under which a separate section of the P enal Code (CA Penal Code Section 262) applies to rape of a spouse as opposed to all other rape (CA Penal Code 261). Under this exception, an individual convicted of rape of a spouse is eligible for probation whereas an individual convicted of rape of a non-spouse is not; an individual convicted of rape of a spouse is not required to register as a sex offender unless force and violence is used but not in cases of rape of an intoxicated or unconscious victim. Under these archaic laws, in California so-called "spousal rape" is treated less seriously than other similar sex offenses and a completed spousal rape is treated as less serious than the attempted rape of a non-spouse; and

WHEREAS, few states continue to make a distinction between rape of a spouse and rape of another individual, and the distinction within CA law leads to unfair treatment of survivors depending upon their relationship to the perpetrator; and these distinctions are harmful to women and to survivors of sexual assault and domestic abuse; and

WHEREAS there is no legitimate state interest that is advanced by treating the rape of a spouse as less serious than the rape of a non-spouse, including the rape of an intimate partner, acquaintance, or stranger. The message sent by these distinctions does not serve the public interest. Rather a legitimate state purpose is advanced by eliminating this distinction in law to send the message that rape is rape regardless of the relationship of lack thereof between the parties;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the San Francisco Democratic County Central Committee does hereby endorse and support legislative efforts to repeal CA Penal Code 262 and to treat so-called spousal rape as equal in every way to non-spousal rape under the law.

PROPOUNDED BY: David Campos

ADOPTED: (05/26/2021) By the San Francisco Democratic County Central Committee

Motion by Member Li to support this resolution; seconded by Member Williams. Motion passes by acclamation, Member Raju abstaining.

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF H.R. 2590, THE PALESTINIAN CHILDREN AND FAMILIES ACT

Sponsors: Mahogany, Morales, Berry, Ronen, Lovett, Avalos, Ibanez

WHEREAS, The Israeli government continues to pursue the forced expulsion of Palestinian families from their homes in East Jerusalem's Sheikh Jarrah neighborhood; the Israeli police responded with disproportionate force to demonstrations at the Al-Aqsa Mosque, one of Islam's holiest sites, during the month of Ramadan; subsequently, there has been violent unrest by extremist groups terrorizing Arab-Jewish towns and cities; attacking innocent people, Arab homes and businesses, churches and mosques; burning synagogues, theaters and cars; and other violent acts; and

WHEREAS, Since Monday May 10th, over 240 people, mostly civilians and including 66 children, have been killed by Israeli airstrikes in Gaza; Hamas and others have fired rockets and mortars from Gaza toward Israeli cities and towns, killing and wounding civilians and sending hundreds of thousands of Israelis, Arabs and Jews into bomb shelters; additionally, on Saturday, May 15, 2021, the Israel military targeted and bombed a 12-story building that houses major news organizations, including The Associated Press and Al-Jazeera; and

WHEREAS, The recent violence follows decades of systemic discrimination and the violation of the human rights of Christian and Muslim Palestinians, including militarily enforced restrictions of movement for over 4.7 million Palestinians; a brutal blockade on Gaza; confiscation of land; economic exploitation; and suspension of basic civil liberties. These actions and more, are a breach of international law, the Geneva convention, and basic human rights. As a City that proudly stands against the racism and injustices facing BIPOC communities and stands for and advances human and civil rights, equity, free speech, and free press, we cannot ignore the rise of the Israeli government's flagrant and inhumane attacks on Palestinians, religious institutions, and press organizations; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Democratic County Central Committee acknowledges the dignity and the human rights of Palestinians under international law, and asks the Federal Government to urge Israel to: (1) comply with U.S. Leahy Laws; (2) respect the 4th Geneva Convention and apply and extend the protection of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights; (3) end its practice of tagging Palestinian homes and attacking places of worship and news organizations; (4) end its siege on Gaza and deadly attacks on high-density residential neighborhoods and Palestinian families; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Democratic County Central Committee supports the ceasefire between Hamas and Israel, calls on both sides to refrain from any provocative acts that will undermine the ceasefire, and urges congress to pass H.R. 2590, The Palestinian Children and Families Act, introduced by Congresswoman Betty McCollum (D-MN), which states that the U.S. will not fund the Israeli government's imprisonment and torture of Palestinian children; theft and destruction of Palestinian homes and property; or any further annexation of Palestinian land.

PROPOUNDED BY: Honey Mahogany

ADOPTED: (05/26/2021) By the San Francisco Democratic County Central Committee ###

Motion by Member Ibanez; seconded by Member Morales. Motion passes by acclamation, Members Tung and Cohen abstaining.