

## **RESOLUTION IN OPPOSITION TO THE PRIVATIZATION OF MEDICARE**

Sponsors: Honey Mahogany; Li Miao Lovett, Gloria Berry, Keith Baraka, Peter Gallotta

WHEREAS, The Direct Contracting Entities (DCEs) program that started under the Trump administration introduced a way to move Medicare beneficiaries who had chosen traditional Medicare into a for-profit insurance model without their consent; and

WHEREAS, At the present time there is no Congressional oversight of this program now known as Accountable Care Organization Realizing Equity, Access, and Community Health (ACO-REACH) despite an endless barrage of deceptive advertising, the majority of those eligible for Medicare have chosen traditional Medicare over for-profit insurance offered as Medicare Advantage (MA) and are unaware of this threat to their choice; and

WHEREAS, ACO-REACH programs are allowed to keep from 25% up to 40% of their revenue that they don't spend on healthcare services as profit and overhead; thereby, giving them a dangerous financial incentive to restrict seniors' care and Medicare pays ACO-REACH programs more money for patients with more complex diagnoses which in MA has resulted in the fraudulent practice known as "up coding," meaning that for-profit insurers exaggerate the seriousness of seniors' diagnoses, resulting in higher costs to Medicare; and

WHEREAS, Instead of filling the gaps in Medicare's coverage, the federal government has increasingly used Medicare funds to subsidize private insurance companies, significantly increasing its administrative costs, burdening doctors with extra paperwork, and providing new opportunity for fraudulent billing by private insurer and the Congressional Budget Office has projected insolvency of the Medicare Hospital Trust in 2026 which provides care for 52.6 million seniors; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Democratic Party demands that Xavier Becerra, Secretary of Health and Human Services, and President Biden terminate the ACO-REACH program, and

FURTHER RESOLVED, That we the San Francisco Democratic Party asks this resolution be submitted to the California Democratic Party to stand with seniors in opposition to the privatization of Medicare and work toward ending the ACO/REACH program.

PROPOUNDED BY: Honey Mahogany

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RESOLUTION NO. 2022-10-Opposing Medicare Privatization

## **RESOLUTION IN OPPOSITION OF DA BROOKE JENKINS' POLICIES**

Sponsors: San Francisco Young Democrats, Janice Li, Peter Gallotta, Anabel Ibáñez, John Avalos, Carolina Morales, Gloria Berry, Mano Raju, Li Miao Lovett, Honey Mahogany

WHEREAS, As Black and Brown communities of color continue to face the brunt of social injustice in our broken criminal justice system and US society at large, progressive reforms are necessary to truly create justice and equitable public safety for all San Franciscans; and

WHEREAS, San Francisco's appointed District Attorney Brooke Jenkins has declared a new War on Drugs in San Francisco<sup>1</sup> by prosecuting people suffering from drug addiction and implementing a "5-strikes policy" to lock them up<sup>2</sup>; and

WHEREAS, District Attorney Brooke Jenkins has backpedaled on major progressive criminal justice reforms here in San Francisco by reimplementing cash bail<sup>3</sup>, undermining reforms to hold SFPD & law enforcement accountable for misconduct<sup>4</sup>, failing to hold repeat sexual assault offenders accountable<sup>5</sup>, supporting the dramatic expansion of police surveillance across the City on all people<sup>6</sup>, and charging certain 16-year-old & 17-year-old children as adults to ensure harsher punishments<sup>7</sup>, all without any clear reduction in the level of crime in San Francisco<sup>8</sup>; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Democratic Party urges the Office of the District Attorney & DA Jenkins to consider all alternatives to incarceration to ensure real solutions for San Francisco's most vulnerable, and not backtrack on the progressive reforms that've been made to address the root causes of crime, instead of focusing on the mere symptoms; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Democratic Party urges the Office of the District Attorney & DA Jenkins to move towards a compassionate, solution-based, and progressive approach to criminal justice reform, not a tough-on-crime approach that will simply result in more Black, Brown, Indigenous, and People of Color being stuck in the cycle of mass incarceration.

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RESOLUTION NO. 2022-10-Opposing DA Policies

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**RESOLUTION URGING THE HONORABLE GAVIN NEWSOM, GOVERNOR OF CALIFORNIA, TO GRANT SALESH PRASAD A FULL PARDON TO ALLOW HIM TO REMAIN IN THE UNITED STATES WITH HIS FAMILY AND TO CONTINUE CONTRIBUTING TO HIS COMMUNITY**

Sponsors: Janice Li, Mano Raju; Gloria Berry, Peter Gallotta

WHEREAS, Saleshe Prasad, an immigrant from Fiji entered the United States lawfully with his family at the age of six and has been a Lawful Permanent resident for over 44 years; Mr. Prasad immigrated to the United States lawfully with his family as child; during childhood, he survived domestic violence and was sexually abused by an adult male acquaintance; this abuse resulted in hearing loss and PTSD, pushing him to self-medicate to cope; at age 22, Mr. Prasad took a person's life in an altercation; he was convicted and spent 27 years in prison; in prison, he utilized the rehabilitation programs Alcoholics Anonymous and Narcotics Anonymous; he also spent years in therapy, healed, and became an activist behind prison walls; and

WHEREAS, Upon being granted parole, he was released in August 2021 and was immediately transferred into ICE custody; soon after, Mr. Prasad's mother became ill with COVID; ICE denied Mr. Prasad's temporary release request, and his mother passed away while he was detained; Mr. Prasad continued advocacy work by speaking against the ICE visitation ban that deprived him of his right to properly grieve; he has advocated for fellow detainees by speaking about work safety with Cal-OSHA, helping provide detained people with COVID-19 vaccine information, and supporting the VISION Act, California Mandela Act, and the New Way Forward Act; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Prasad has been detained by ICE for over one year, and while in ICE custody, came out as a queer man; LGBTQ+ people in Fiji face discrimination, hate crimes, and civilian torture by police; Mr. Prasad is also a member of the Indo-Fijian community, a minority subjected to racial violence; Mr. Prasad applied for deferral of removal under the Convention Against Torture because he fears he will be tortured if deported, but his case was denied by an Immigration Judge; the San Francisco Public Defender's Office currently represents Mr. Prasad; Mr. Prasad has the support of numerous community organizations that serve queer, Asian, immigrant, prisoner, and interfaith communities; There is support for his pardon from elected leaders including Assemblymember Matt Haney, Assemblymember Alex Lee, Senator Scott Wiener, and Senator María Elena Durazo; Mr. Prasad has the support of faith communities including The Episcopal Diocese of San Joaquin; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the San Francisco County Central Committee opposes the removal of Saleshe Prasad from the United States; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco County Central Committee urges Governor Newsom to grant Mr. Prasad a full pardon in order for him to remain lawfully in the United

PROPOUNDED BY: Janice Li

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RESOLUTION NO. 2022-10-Pardon Request Prasad

States with his family and his community, and that copies of this resolution shall be sent to Governor Newsom, other Federal and State Representatives in San Francisco, the San Francisco Immigration Court and Mr. Prasad's counsel for appropriate distribution.

PROPOUNDED BY: Janice Li  
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RESOLUTION NO. 2022-10-Pardon Request Prasad

**RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND HONORING BRIAN PERKINS FOR HIS  
DISTINGUISHED SERVICE TO THE SAN FRANCISCO DEMOCRATIC PARTY**

Sponsor: Honey Mahogany; Janice Li, AJ Thomas, Keith Baraka, Gloria Berry, Li Miao Lovett,  
Han Zou, Peter Gallotta

WHEREAS, Brian Perkins was first appointed as Congresswoman Jackie Speier's proxy to the San Francisco Democratic County Central Committee in 2011 to represent her and serve the people of the City and County of San Francisco and the constituents of District 12 (2011-2013) and District 14 (2013-present); and

WHEREAS, Brian Perkins served his community with sensitivity, dedication, a strong sense of ethics, and determination for more than 10 years as a member of the San Francisco Democratic County Central Committee; and

WHEREAS, Brian Perkin's decades of service to Congresswoman Jackie Speier and the Democratic Party will benefit San Franciscans, Californians and Americans for generations to come; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Democratic Party hereby recognizes the contributions which Brian Perkins made to the people of San Francisco; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Democratic Party, on behalf of the San Franciscans, wishes Brian Perkins the absolute best in whatever adventures and travels lay ahead.

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RESOLUTION NO. 2022-10-Recognizing Brian Perkins