

Resolution in Support of Afghan Refugees

Sponsors: Berry, Mahogany , Thomas, Lovett, Williams, Mar, Avalos, Gallotta, Ibañez, Tung, LaCroix, Li

WHEREAS, The ongoing uncertainty and violence in Afghanistan has created a humanitarian crisis, with rapidly deteriorating human rights and reductions in safety particularly for vulnerable individuals, including, but not limited to: women and children, members of the LGBTQ community, those who have direct ties to the U.S. government and military, members of ethnic minority communities, those who are Shi'a Muslim, adherents of non-Muslim faiths, including those of Sikh and Hindu faiths, and individuals who work for or have ties to aid organizations; and

WHEREAS, Refugees and their families face a multitude of challenges when arriving in the United States and transitioning to a new life, including but not limited to: resettlement, language barriers, financial hardship, accessing education, finding work and legal status; and

WHEREAS, Federal and state leaders in California, specifically in the Bay Area, home to the largest concentration of Afghans and Afghan Americans in the United States , have the unique and moral responsibility to welcome Afghan refugees into our communities, while honoring the commitments of the United States government, assisting in the evacuation of vulnerable groups, providing support to organizations who will serve the refugee community, and showing support for the Afghan community during this difficult time; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the San Francisco County Democratic County Central Committee supports and welcomes refugees from Afghanistan into our community and urges our state and federal leaders to act immediately and with determination to rightfully bring at-risk and vulnerable Afghan peoples and their families to the United States for safety and prosperity and that they be afforded full benefits to transition into American life; specifically, the San Francisco Democratic Party encourages California to accept more, and house more, Afghan refugees and supports access to significant opportunities and benefits to individuals and families arriving from Afghanistan, including, but not limited to: immediate eligibility for reception and placement afforded under Special Immigrant Visa (SIV) and refugee status conditions within a week of arriving on US soil; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be forwarded to the Office of California Governor Gavin Newsom, and House Speaker Nancy Pelosi.

PROPOUNDED By: Gloria Berry

ADOPTED:(Date 9/22/21) By the San Francisco Democratic County Central Committee

Motion passes by acclamation

Resolution Upholding Reproductive Rights

Sponsors: Mahogany, Berry, Thomas, Williams, Mar, Li, Ibañez

WHEREAS, On September 1, 2021, the Governor of Texas signed Senate Bill 8 into law, undermining Roe v. Wade, blocking access to abortion after six (6) weeks of pregnancy, before many know they are pregnant, effectively taking away the right to reproductive autonomy and setting a dangerous precedent that puts reproductive freedom across the nation at risk; and

WHEREAS, Limiting access to reproductive healthcare, including systematically stripping birthing people of access to abortion, is not only a transgression against basic human reproductive rights but is also an assault on dignity and autonomy and is part of a larger movement to subvert the rights of women, birthing people, and people living in poverty; and

WHEREAS, In an astounding breach of its duty to uphold precedent, the Supreme Court of the United States declined to block Senate Bill 8 from going into effect, opening the door to revisiting Roe v. Wade which would have grave consequences for our nation; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Democratic County Central Committee stands with women and all birthing people and upholds that Reproductive Freedom is a human right, that access to healthcare is a human right, and that access to reproductive healthcare, including access to abortions, is a human right and urges our Federal Representatives to pass laws that would protect these rights across the country; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That upon passage, this resolution shall be transmitted to the offices of the President and Vice President of the United States, to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, to the Majority Leader of the Senate, and to the U.S. Senators for the State of California.

PROPOUNDED By: Honey Mahogany

ADOPTED:(Date 9/22/21) By the San Francisco Democratic County Central Committee

Motion passes by acclamation
with Member Pelosi abstaining

Resolution Urging and Supporting Implementation of Overdose Prevention Sites

Sponsors: Mahogany , Moliga, Mar, Ibañez, Williams, Berry, Gallotta, Haney, Campos, Thomas, LaCroix

WHEREAS, The United States has seen a dramatic and unprecedented rise in drug overdose deaths since the beginning of the 21st century. In a 12-month period ending in December 2020, more than 93,000 people nationwide have died from drug overdose, the largest number of drug overdose deaths for a 12-month period ever recorded. Last year San Francisco lost 719 people due to overdose, compared to the 257 deaths from COVID, and in the first 6 months of 2021, San Francisco has already seen 404 overdose deaths; and

WHEREAS, Synthetic opioids and illicitly manufactured fentanyl entering the drug supply have accounted for nearly 60% of overdose deaths in San Francisco, and overdose deaths involving cocaine and psychostimulants have also been increasing. The persistence and severity of the drug overdose epidemic calls for innovative and patient-centered strategies to prevent deaths and reduce other harms from drug use, while expanding access to evidence-based treatment; and

WHEREAS, Safe consumption sites (SCS), also known as supervised injection facilities (SIFs), and overdose prevention sites (OPS), are places where people may consume previously obtained drugs in a safe environment under supervision without fear of arrest. The term OPS focuses on the overall purpose of these sites, and the shift to refer to them as OPS rather than SIFs or SCS reflects an effort to reduce stigma and emphasize their public health goals. Around the world, these sites have been established in response to community recognition of local need. The goals of OPS are primarily to prevent deaths and reduce harms from drug use that could otherwise result in transmission of HIV and/or hepatitis B and C, skin infections, and other ongoing health challenges; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Democratic County Central Committee urges and supports Mayor Breed in exercising executive powers and responsibilities as defined in San Francisco Charter Section 3.100(14) and Chapter 7 of the San Francisco Administrative Code to proclaim a declaration of the existence of a local emergency around the overdose crisis; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, San Francisco Democratic County Central Committee will support the Mayor's proclamation of emergency on the overdose crisis to immediately authorize, fund, and implement overdose prevention sites.

PROPOUNDED By: Honey Mahogany

ADOPTED:(Date 9/22/21) By the San Francisco Democratic County Central Committee

**Motion passes unanimously
with Members Feinstein and Chen abstaining**