

**RESOLUTION CALLING FOR THE STRENGTHENING OF POLITICAL STRATEGIES,  
PERMANENT STRUCTURES OF ADVOCACY, AND THE ENSHRINEMENT OF  
TRANSGENDER PROTECTIONS AS A DEMOCRATIC RESPONSE TO  
EXTREME ANTI-TRANSGENDER LEGISLATION**

Sponsor: Jupiter Peraza; Bevan Dufty, Peter Gallotta, Leah LaCroix,  
Janice Li, Li Lovett, Honey Mahogany

WHEREAS, 2024 is slated to become a highly contentious legislative year for transgender civil rights with 449 anti-transgender bills already introduced throughout state legislatures across the United States and the most extreme of the plethora of anti-transgender bills have the ultimate goal to end the legal recognition of transgender adults and minors in public life; proposed legislation would prevent trans people from being able to update driver's licenses, hold public office, use public restrooms, or take shelter from domestic violence unless they do so with their assigned birth sex; and

WHEREAS, 2024 is a pivotal election year amongst all Democratic levels which has resulted in an intensified and concerted effort to place transgender issues as a defining factor in electable political ideologies, efficacy in civic administration, and legitimate political leadership; and as conservatives adopt harmful and violent sensationalist narratives about transgender lives to win elections, the Democratic Party should, and must, invest in political strategies to defend and protect the transgender community from extreme narratives with generational implications; and,

WHEREAS, Recognizing that San Francisco is not exempt from the danger of reactionary anti-transgender rhetoric is a critical step to fortifying the city as the international leader of transgender civil rights with bountiful landmarks, history, and culture that attracts tourism, legislative attention, and community engagement worldwide; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Democratic Party calls for a renewed investment and commitment to adopt stronger political strategies to protect transgender individuals in San Francisco and throughout California, and focus on developing permanent and safe structures of trans advocacy; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Democratic Party encourages the enshrinement of the Office of Transgender Initiatives (OTI) into the City Charter to continue developing long-term strategies to retain, protect, and welcome transgender residents; envision a path to enshrining transgender protections into California's constitution; and empower transgender leadership in public office and legislative initiatives in San Francisco, not just as a rudimentary step towards inclusion and true allyship, but as a method to incorporate the interconnectedness of transgender issues to a wider strategic plan of economic renewal, investment in housing, labor protections, the expansion of education, equitable access to healthcare, and community safety.

PROPOUNDED BY: Jupiter Peraza  
ADOPTED: February 21, 2024  
RESOLUTION NO. 2024-02-Trans Advocacy

## **RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF ALLOWING CANDIDATES TO UTILIZE CAMPAIGN FUNDS TO PAY FOR MENTAL HEALTHCARE**

Sponsor: Jupiter Peraza; Gloria Berry, Bevan Dufty, Peter Gallotta, Anabel Ibáñez, Leah LaCroix, Janice Li, Honey Mahogany

On August 30, 2023, the statewide organization California Women's List released a first-of-its-kind report analyzing the mental health impacts of hostility women face pursuing political office in California, which found that more than 80% of all candidates surveyed experienced online abuse during their campaigns and over 50% experienced physical harassment, with women candidates in particular facing disproportionate hostility; and

WHEREAS, A top recommendation issued by the California Women's List report aimed to pass legislation that would allow candidates to use campaign funds to pay for mental health services, as approximately 80% of survey respondents reported that they experienced new or worsened mental health or well-being symptoms, including panic attacks and excessive anxiety, that they believed were caused, in whole or in part, by hostility experienced on the campaign trail; and

WHEREAS, On February 14, 2024, California State Senator Caroline Menjivar introduced Senate Bill 1170 (SB 1170), which would expressly permit campaign funds to be used to pay or reimburse a non-incumbent candidate for reasonable and necessary mental healthcare expenses if the candidate does not have health insurance or has been denied coverage for mental healthcare expenses by their health insurance; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Democratic County Central Committee supports the passage of SB 1170 to address the mental health challenges faced by political candidates and to promote diversity in political representation, and urges the California state legislature to pass this legislation; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to San Francisco's State Legislative Delegation, Members of the California Senate Elections and Constitutional Amendments Committee, California Governor Gavin Newsom, and the bill's primary author California Senator Caroline Menjivar.

PROPOUNDED BY: Jupiter Peraza

ADOPTED: February 21, 2024

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-02-Candidate Mental Health

## **RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND HONORING CHAIR HONEY MAHOGANY FOR HER DISTINGUISHED SERVICE TO THE SAN FRANCISCO DEMOCRATIC PARTY**

Sponsor: Gloria Berry; Keith Baraka, Bevan Dufty, Peter Gallotta, Anabel Ibáñez, Leah LaCroix, Janice Li, Li Lovett, Fiona Ma, Jupiter Peraza

WHEREAS, Honey Mahogany was first elected as Chair of the San Francisco Democratic County Central Committee in 2021 to represent the people of the City and County of San Francisco, California, making history as the first transgender person to Chair a local Democratic County Central Committee and one of the highest ranking transgender electeds in the country; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Mahogany, has served her community with sensitivity, dedication, and positivity through her work as Chief of Staff for then Supervisor Matt Haney, and District Director for Assemblymember Haney, and as Chair of the Democratic Party where she presided over many difficult meetings and election cycles (including 4 elections in 2022) and helped to fundraise hundreds of thousands of dollars for the party during her tenure; and

WHEREAS, Outside of her role as Chair, Ms. Mahogany was instrumental in helping to write and pass legislation establishing Cultural Districts in San Francisco, passing Prop-E to fund Cultural Districts and arts organizations, and establishing the Transgender District in 2017 - the first transgender cultural district in the county - where she served as Director and was instrumental making California the first state in the nation to declare a Transgender History Month in 2023; she also worked tirelessly in then Supervisor Haney's Office during the pandemic to establish 24hr bathrooms in the Tenderloin and SOMA and across the City, to house unhoused people in hotels, and to help children and families in the Tenderloin and SOMA have access to food and safe outdoor space during the pandemic; and in 2018, Chair Mahogany became the first trans woman to serve as co-president of the Harvey Milk LGBTQ Democratic Club; she has twice appeared in Out Magazine's Out100, and also been feature in Queerty's Pride50 featuring LGBTQ trailblazers carrying out the legacy of stonewall, and has received recognition from the City of San Francisco, the State of California, Sainthood from the Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence, and awards from numerous organizations including: the Imperial Court of San Francisco, Harvey Milk Democratic Club, Trans Day of Visibility, BALIF, GLIDE, CA Women's List, League of Women Voters, the Women's Foundation of California, and many more; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Democratic Party hereby commends Chair Honey Mahogany for her years of distinguished service and support which has helped ensure the Party's success and made politics infinitely more fun; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Democratic Party wishes Chair Honey Mahogany the absolute best in whatever adventures and endeavors lay ahead.

PROPOUNDED BY: Gloria Berry

ADOPTED: February 21, 2024

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-02-Recognizing Honey Mahogany