



**Resolution #19-10**

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF REFORMING U.S. IMMIGRATION AND CUSTOMS ENFORCEMENT AND HUMANE IMMIGRATION**

**WHEREAS**, in response to the September 11, 2001 foreign terrorist attacks on the United States, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) was formed with the primary mission of protecting the American homeland from terrorist attacks and other threats to national security, but today DHS's mission has been derailed by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE)'s mission to unfairly target immigrants, generating billions in profits annually for private prison corporations such as GEO Group and CoreCivic; and

**WHEREAS**, national and international organizations, such as the ACLU, the U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO), the DHS Office of the Inspector General, and the United Nations Committee Against Torture, have investigated and reported unacceptable failures and severe human rights violations committed by ICE, including through employing an unaccountable, largely-privatized internment camp system where immigrant detainees are exposed to substandard health care, inadequate food, violence, abuse, over 1,200 reported sexual assaults, forced human slavery, and at least 190 deaths since the creation of ICE in 2003, and

**WHEREAS**, without Congressional action to fix our broken U.S. immigration system, ICE has become a force terrorizing Californian immigrant families and communities throughout the United States without regard to civil rights or human rights, as has been well documented by news media, including by employing such tactics as separating families, apprehending family members at schools and hospitals, refusing to reunite families, forcing human beings to live and sleep in cages on concrete floors or in "tent cities," and detaining children separated from their families under inhumane conditions while subjecting them to devastating emotional and sexual abuse;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Democratic Party of Orange County sides with immigrants, condemns any agency in our State coordinating with or supporting ICE, and urges our California Congressional Democrats to a prevent any future

violations of civil rights and human rights, and assign any appropriate immigration enforcement functions to agencies outside of ICE and DHS, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Democratic Party of Orange County calls for new immigration policies which ensure public oversight, compliance with national and international laws and standards, due process, civil rights, the dignity of the human person, and an end to the criminalization of immigrants, refugees, and asylum seekers.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that should the above atrocities not cease, the DPOC calls for further consideration of the complete abolishment of ICE.

**Adopted by the Democratic Party of Orange County  
At its October 2019 Central Committee Meeting**