



Resolution #18-06

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF PROTECTION OF NET NEUTRALITY THAT WILL ENSURE A FAIR AND OPEN INTERNET AND PROTECT CUSTOMER PRIVACY

WHEREAS, the Trump Administration has overturned net neutrality regulations, which ended the utility-like oversight of internet service providers put in place under President Obama in 2015, which barred broadband and wireless companies from selling faster delivery of some data, slowing speeds for some video streams and other content, and discriminating against legal material online; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Communications Commission and the Republican Congress also prohibited from going into effect, a separate set of federal privacy regulations which would have limited companies from selling or permitting access to customer browser history; and

WHEREAS, the Trump Administration and the Republican Congress have prioritized corporate profits and the political interests of internet service providers over the public interest and access to a free and open internet.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Democratic Party of Orange County is in support of legislation that would require broadband and wireless service providers to get permission from customers before using or selling their browser history; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Democratic Party of Orange County, is in support of discussions between industry officials and State legislators to craft net neutrality regulations, as a condition of obtaining state operating contracts, that will prevent companies from interfering with internet traffic, or give advantages to higher-paying apps or sites, and will develop a viable and effective system to monitor this monumental responsibility.

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