



Resolution #18-19

**RESOLUTION ON DEMOCRATIC PRINCIPLES IN ADMINISTERING JUSTICE IN  
ORANGE COUNTY**

**WHEREAS**, matters of criminal justice are of great interest to Orange County residents, especially given the Governor's signing of SB 1421 on Police Misconduct & Use of Force and the hate crimes that recently shocked the nation, and

**WHEREAS**, Orange County's criminal justice system has been undermined by Republican directed unconstitutional jail informants resulting in an even greater public safety threat that included a lesser sentence for a mass murderer and the actual release of a known murderer, and

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the DPOC shall inform the public that (1) it joins the ACLU in opposing the use of any unconstitutional confidential informant program; (2) it supports proven rehabilitation efforts such as collaborative courts, youth programs, and in-custody job training programs ; and (3) that police, sheriffs, prosecutors, and correctional officials should be held to the highest ethical standards, which include respecting the privacy of attorney-client communications. cooperation with laws requiring divulging of all evidence favorable to the defense of the accused, and not "overcharging" defendants to coerce them into pleading guilty to lesser crimes that they did not commit; and (4) that policies and procedures must be implemented and enforced to ensure that no culture of sexual or other harassment exists in Orange County's criminal justice system,; and (5) that tailored risk assessment tools and detention release criteria should be used to evaluate what appropriate bail, if any, should be required to ensure the attendance of the defendant during criminal proceedings; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Democratic Party shall continue to evaluate and endorse party candidates committed to the above "Justice for All" constitutional principles and practices.

**Adopted by the Democratic Party of Orange County  
At its October 22, 2018 Central Committee Meeting**