



Resolution #21-04-3

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF REFORMING U.S. TAX CODE TO
REDUCE THE RACIAL WEALTH & INCOME INEQUALITY GAP**

WHEREAS, many of the provisions from the 2018 Tax Cuts and Jobs Act expanded the wealth of wealthier Americans but did very little to level the playing field for Black families and other minority groups; and

WHEREAS, the Democratic Party aims to build a stronger, fairer economy, it must do so through tax reform that benefits everyone, not just the wealthy. On April 15, 2021 the State and Local Tax Caucus was created to advocate for the removal of the \$10,000 cap on the SALT deduction. Removal of this cap allows wealthier households to lower their federal taxes by writing off a larger amount of state and local tax. National organizations and various committees such as the Joint Committee on Taxation, the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, the Tax Policy Center, and the Institute for Taxation and Economic Policy, have reported that SALT deductions over the current cap will predominantly benefit high-income taxpayers.

WHEREAS, for initiatives that aim to change the tax code, all income levels should benefit. Without Congressional action to end preferential tax policies, Black families and other minority groups will continue to be invisible in a system that purports to value equality.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the *Democratic Party of Orange County*, in the pursuit of an equitable tax system for everyone, supports tax policy change aimed at giving serious consideration to reducing the racial wealth and income inequality gap for low-income and working-class people, particularly Black families and other minority groups.

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