



Resolution #19-08

RESOLUTION CALLING FOR CLIMATE DEBATE

WHEREAS, the climate crisis represents an urgent and existential threat to civilization, with an international consensus of scientists agreeing that humanity must drastically reduce greenhouse gas emissions 45 percent by 2030 and net zero emissions by 2050 if the world is to limit warming to 1.5 degrees Celsius, and is not a single issue but rather a multi faceted, complex crisis intersecting with public health, foreign policy, jobs and the economy, labor, civil rights, immigration, agriculture, housing, transit, outdoor recreation, and every facet of American lives; and

WHEREAS, the Democratic National Committee has so far refused to permit a climate debate, and is barring presidential candidates from participating in non-DNC-sanctioned debates, despite calls for a climate debate from 16 Democratic presidential candidates, multiple Democratic members of Congress, and over 225,000 signers of a petition delivered to DNC headquarters June 12, 2019, and instead is encouraging networks hosting debates to ask climate questions (climate was only brought up for four questions/ 15 minutes in four hours of debates June 26-27, thus demonstrating that encouragement isn't delivering a substantive debate); and

WHEREAS the DNC's resolutions committee will consider a resolution authored by Tina Podlodowski (and introduced at DNC's June 29 executive committee by Jess Durfee/ Christine Pelosi/ Garry Shay) calling on the DNC to allow a climate debate in which Presidential candidates debate climate policy (along with a weak substitute resolution supported by Tom Perez calling for no substantive change in DNC rules); both to be presented at the DNC meeting August 22-24, 2019;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Democratic Party of Orange County supports the Podlodowski Resolution calling for a substantive climate debate, not the weak Perez-backed resolution, and further urges Rusty Hicks (*state Democratic party chair*) and all DNC members from California to support a stand-alone climate debate among Democratic Presidential candidates;

And therefore, be it further resolved that this resolution be transmitted to the Democratic Party of California and all DNC members from California and to the Democratic National Committee.

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

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