



Resolution #18-03

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE CALIFORNIA LAWSUIT DEMANDING THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY IMMEDIATELY RELEASE OZONE LEVEL DESIGNATIONS**

**WHEREAS**, the *ozone level designation* is the foundation upon which the California Air Resources Board and other agencies address and reduce smog in Los Angeles, the Central Valley and other areas, which directly affect hospital emergency visits for smog-related illnesses, and generally improve quality of life issues for Californians by reducing harmful emissions, and

**WHEREAS**, the EPA has substantially reduced, by one third, the number of suits against polluters brought under the Obama Administration, and a twenty-five percent reduction in suits from the George W. Bush Administration, with significantly lower fines than those levied under previous administrations, and

**WHEREAS**, the current administration has ordered regional agencies to obtain permission from Washington before seeking water and air pollution tests from polluters and factories thus making enforcement cases more difficult to file,

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Democratic Party of Orange County supports California, and twelve other state jurisdictions, in their efforts to make the Environmental Protection Agency fulfill its obligation to enforce ozone level designations and other EPA regulations in effect since the Clean Air Act of 1970, and the Clean Water Act of 1972, that were created to address the ineffectiveness of many state's environmental laws, thus becoming the main protection of public health and the environment.

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