



Resolution #19-04-1

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE GREEN NEW DEAL

WHEREAS, the Global Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, having assessed over 6,000 scientific publications reported in October 2018 that (1) human activities have caused about 1°C of global warming, which is expected to reach 1.5°C between 2030 and 2050, (2) sea levels, mean temperatures, and incidents of extreme heat, heavy rainfall, and drought increase with the level of warming, (3) climate change imperils ecosystems, food and water security, health, and economic development and growth, (4) it is imperative that emissions of carbon dioxide decrease by about 50% by 2030, reaching net zero around 2050, with deep cuts in methane and other emissions, (5) pathways to limiting warming to 1.5°C include a steep decline in coal, increased energy efficiency, the use of a wide range of technologies, and behavioral changes, (6) an ethical and fair transition to a net zero emission economy can achieve sustainable development and eradicate poverty, (7) low energy demand, low material consumption, and low carbon food have the highest co-benefits to health and well-being, and (8) limiting global warming to 1.5°C is not impossible, but requires transformative change in all sectors of the economy and the political will to accelerate the transition to net-zero emissions;

WHEREAS, California is presently experiencing the devastating consequences of climate change in its recurring droughts and wildfires, and is poised to experience the consequences of rising sea levels, coastal and inland flooding, and worsening heat waves; and the Fourth National Climate assessment reports that climate change is expected to cause growing losses to American infrastructure and property and impede the rate of economic growth over this century;

WHEREAS, only a Green New Deal calling for the creation of millions of good jobs by upgrading America's buildings for efficiency and safety; meeting our energy demand through clean and renewable sources; adopting low carbon, plant-based food, small-scale farming, and organic farming; and overhauling our transportation systems can achieve the rapid, fair, and ethical transition of the United States to a net zero greenhouse gas emitting economy;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Democratic Party of Orange County calls on its public officials to enact a Green New Deal that will achieve the above goals and effectuate a ten-year transition to a zero-emissions economy.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be sent to Governor Gavin Newsom, our Democratic state legislators, and California's Democratic congressional delegation, with instructions to draft and enact legislation consistent herewith.

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