



Resolution #17-10

**RESOLUTION CONDEMNING THE OC BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' REJECTION OF
A MODERNIZED VOTING SYSTEM**

WHEREAS, Orange County has been designated to be one of the first ten counties to implement Secretary of State Alex Padilla's innovative approach to modernize and increase voter participation and save taxpayer dollars by sending every voter a 'vote by mail' ballot, replacing precinct polling sites with 150 Vote Centers strategically placed near public transportation routes and other accessible sites; staffing vote centers with trained and skilled workers including bilingual staff; installing secure drop boxes throughout the count to allow voters to drop ballots without needing a stamp; and opening Vote Centers 10 days before the election, including weekends, for voters choosing to vote in person or drop off ballots; and

WHEREAS, Neal Kelley, the Registrar of Voters, had stated that the new system will save taxpayers more than \$10 million and will place even further safeguards against potential voter fraud through modernized, secured technology; and

WHEREAS, the all Republican Orange County Board of Supervisors voted on June 13 without discussion to reject the new voting system, turning their backs against taxpayer savings and increased voter participation;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Democratic Party of Orange County condemns the Orange County Board of Supervisors for rejecting a modernized voting system that will increase voter participation in our democratic election system; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Democratic Party of Orange County will work to thwart the Trump Administration's attempts at voter suppression through the Presidential Advisory Commission on Election Integrity.

Submitted on July 3, 2017 by Carina Franck-Pantone, Resolutions Committee Chair

**Adopted by the Democratic Party of Orange County
At its July 24, 2017 Central Committee Meeting**