



RESOLUTION OPPOSING ANTI-LGBT BIAS AND TRANSPHOBIA AND DEMANDING ALLYSHIP IN ALL SPACES

WHEREAS, as evidenced by an incident on October 9th of 2020, when two young transgender women of color were verbally harrassed and physically assaulted in Huntington Beach and were subsequently the victims of what appears to be biased policing and ten months of unjust prosecution by the Orange County District Attorney before the case was dropped under public pressure from the Lavender Democrats of Orange County, systemic anti-LGBT bias, and in particular transphobia and anti-trans bias, is a widespread crisis impacting every sector, from the private industry to the public sector, and its reach into the justice system disrupts fundamental equal rights of freedom and safety; and

WHEREAS, such anti-LGBT and transphobic bias, no matter where it may occur, is a driving force behind innumerable harms including homelessness, unemployment, underemployment, substance abuse, suicide, harassment, assault, and murder, which especially impacts those who are young, economically disadvantaged, immigrants, and people of color; and

WHEREAS, allies must recognize the critical role of speaking out for justice in all spaces, and the inherent power of such allyship work;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Democratic Party of Orange County stands in allyship with the LGBT and the transgender community, and commits to work with Orange County's LGBT and trans communities to develop and lead training programs that aim to build equity, diversity and inclusion in the Democratic community; and

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED that the Democratic Party of Orange County demands action from all allies to interrupt anti-LGBT bias and transphobia in all spaces, all structures, and in all levels of society.

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