

Resolution in Support of Queer/Bisexual/Non-Binary Education & Political Representation

WHEREAS, the Democratic Party at all levels has committed itself to civil rights and social justice, including for the LGBTQ+ community, which encompasses queer, bisexual, and non-binary persons whose sex, gender, and sexual orientation fall outside and in-between the societally constructed binary, and the Party has stated in our policy and platforms that the representation of racial-minorities, women, and LGBTQ+ people is of a high priority and we should be actively engaged in the process of recruiting, encouraging, and supporting these underrepresented candidates for appointed and elected office;

WHEREAS, a major barrier to the political empowerment of LGBTQ+ and specifically for queer, bisexual, and non-binary people continues to be discrimination based on their real or perceived gender and sexual orientation, including political exclusion, harassment, bullying, intentional and malicious misgendering, questioning the validity of their identify, and other forms of erasure; this discrimination is felt particularly acutely by queer, bisexual, and non-binary Black, indigenous, and people of color, whose exclusion is compounded by discrimination based on race.

WHEREAS, openly queer, bisexual, and non-binary candidates have begun running for (and a number have won) elected office in Santa Clara County, and they deserve the support of the Democratic Party.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT:

RESOLVED, that the Santa Clara County Democratic Party condemns all forms of discrimination against queer, bisexual, and non-binary people, including all forms of erasure and bullying which has the intent or effect of excluding queer, bisexual, and non-binary people from participation in society, and the Party further commits itself to support measures to educate its members and the community about queer, bisexual, and non-binary people and their contributions to our community; and

RESOLVED, that the Santa Clara County Democratic Party reiterates its support for the political empowerment and representation of underrepresented people in appointed and elected office within Santa Clara County, including queer, bisexual, and non-binary people, and will take appropriate actions to recruit, encourage, and support qualified queer, bisexual, and non-binary candidates in the future.

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