

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE AFGHAN PEOPLE

WHEREAS the United States military withdrawal from Afghanistan was followed rapidly by the collapse of the Afghan national military and government, resulting in the Taliban assuming near complete control of the country within days of the U.S. military withdrawal; and

WHEREAS the rapid takeover by the Taliban has resulted in numerous Americans, allies, and Afghans who supported our forces through two decades of warfare being stranded in Afghanistan, producing heartbreaking scenes of desperation, abuse, and death in and around Kabul airport and elsewhere, including from the recent terror attack which killed 13 U.S. military personnel and numerous civilians; and

WHEREAS thousands of foreign nationals and Afghan refugees are desperate to leave Afghanistan rather than be subjected to Taliban rule, especially given the last Taliban regime's disregard of the rights of Afghans, particularly Afghan women, who in the last twenty years made impressive if insufficient gains in longevity; access to resources for their health, education, work outside the home; and other human and civil rights, which progress is now threatened by the return of Taliban rule; and

WHEREAS the United States has a moral obligation to evacuate all Afghans who actively supported our efforts in Afghanistan who wish to leave, and to ensure that all Afghan refugees are safely and expeditiously resettled either in the United States or with trusted international allies, where their human rights will be honored and respected;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Santa Clara County Democratic Party calls on the United States and all countries to use their collective economic resources and diplomatic efforts to ensure that all people in Afghanistan who wish to leave the country are able to do so, and to resettle all Afghan refugees quickly and safely to countries where the rights will be respected; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Santa Clara County Democratic Party calls on the State of California, Santa Clara County, and communities within Santa Clara County and throughout the United States to welcome Afghan refugees with open arms and to provide the financial and other support needed by all such refugees to establish a stable and sustainable life for themselves and their families in their new home country.

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