

Resolution to Defend Transgender and Other LGBTQ+ People

WHEREAS Trump has issued multiple executive orders specifically targeting transgender and other LGBTQ+ people, including orders purporting to recognize only two “sexes”, male and female, as assigned at birth; halting gender affirming treatment of minors, military personnel, and others; removing legal protections for transgender women and girls; rescinding requirements to provide inclusive and nondiscriminatory school environments for transgender and other LGBTQ+ students, and preparing to ban transgender people from serving openly in the military, including by falsely claiming that expressing a gender identity “divergent from an individual’s sex [as assigned at birth] cannot satisfy the rigorous standards necessary for military service ... and conflicts with a soldier’s commitment to an honorable, truthful, and disciplined lifestyle”; and more; and

WHEREAS Trump’s orders triggered further harmful actions on the part of members of his administration and others, such as hateful and false claims that a transgender military pilot was involved in the recent tragic midair collision in DC, the cancellation of medical appointments to provide transgender care, and the removal of basic health research data from Centers for Disease Control and other websites, literally weaponizing against the LGBTQ+ community their power to delete years of basic research data; and

WHEREAS members of the transgender and LGBTQ+ community and their families have suffered and will continue to suffer grave consequences as a direct result of Trump’s actions;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Santa Clara County Democratic Party condemns Trump’s attacks on transgender and other LGBTQ+ people and calls on state and local governments to take aggressive and immediate actions, including legal action and direct provision of supportive services, to protect and defend transgender and other LGBTQ+ people in our communities and to mitigate the harm caused by Trump and his minions.

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