

Resolution Supporting End to Nuclear Moratorium in California

WHEREAS, this moratorium was enacted during a period of significantly different technological, environmental, and energy circumstances than those facing California today;

WHEREAS, California has committed to achieving 100 percent clean electricity and economy-wide carbon neutrality in the coming decades, requiring the rapid expansion of reliable, zero-emission baseline energy sources to meet growing electricity demand;

WHEREAS, modern nuclear technologies, including advanced reactors and small modular reactors, incorporate enhanced safety systems, improved fuel efficiency, and reduced waste generation compared to earlier designs;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Santa Clara County Democratic Central Committee supports legislative efforts to repeal or modernize California's nuclear moratorium so that nuclear energy technologies may be evaluated on their merits as part of the state's clean energy transition;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Santa Clara County Democratic Central Committee urges the California Legislature and Governor to update state law to allow the responsible development and consideration of advanced nuclear energy technologies, taking into consideration the use of Project Labor Agreements and workforce education, as part of California's path to a clean and resilient energy future.

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