

Resolution on CalFresh

WHEREAS, CalFresh is California's version of SNAP(Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program), which provides *low income* individuals and families, with a monthly stipend to purchase nutritious food at most stores; and

WHEREAS, around 5.5 million Californians rely on CalFresh to help provide fresh food for themselves or their families, within Santa Clara County 133,000 citizens rely upon CalFresh; and

WHEREAS, recently due to the *federal* H.R. 1 legislation otherwise known as “One Big Beautiful Bill Act” has cut down upon SNAP benefits and by default CalFresh, in which there are stricter work requirements, which forces people to gain increased workloads to comply; and

WHEREAS, former automatic exemptions are now removed and veterans, unhoused individuals, former foster youth, must qualify/file for an exemption resulting in a more difficult process, as well as many *lawful* immigrants (refugees, asylees, and victims of human trafficking) have been completely stripped of CalFresh eligibility;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Santa Clara County Democratic Party will advocate for immigrants, whether documented or not, to be eligible for CalFresh, as well as reducing unnecessary barriers to participate in CalFresh, while still retaining the integrity of the program, additionally a list of places where you are eligible to use CalFresh, can be posted on the Santa Clara County Democratic Party Website in multiple languages, like English, Spanish, and Chinese, etc; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be sent to Members of Congress who represent any part of Santa Clara County.

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