

## **Calling on Attorney General Kamala Harris to investigate Exxon**

**WHEREAS**, newly revealed documents show that Exxon's own scientists were aware of and studying the dangerous impacts of greenhouse gases in the 1970s and 1980s, shared their research with other fossil fuel companies -- until Exxon decided to shut down the research and promote climate denial instead, in order to protect the company's large profits, as documented in the Los Angeles Times and Inside Climate News;

**WHEREAS**, climate change fueled by Exxon among other fossil fuel companies has dramatically affected California, including exceptional drought causing crop losses, heat-driven wildfires destroying homes, anticipated record-breaking El Nino, and sea level rise threatening the iconic California coastline, with impacts predicted to accelerate over time;

**WHEREAS**, the California Attorney General has the power to bring civil and criminal actions against wrongdoers whose actions harm the people of the state of California;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the Los Angeles County Democratic Party calls upon state Attorney General Kamala Harris to investigate any breaches of California law by Exxon Mobil and all potentially liable entities, and pursue all available legal remedies; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the Los Angeles County Democratic Party will communicate this resolution to California Attorney General Kamala Harris, State Senator Hannah Beth Jackson, Chair of the State Senate Judiciary Committee and to Governor Jerry Brown.

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