

## **OPPOSING TRUMP'S BAN ON TRANSGENDER MILITARY PERSONNEL**

**WHEREAS**, on July 26, 2017, the Trump Administration issued a ban on Transgender military personnel preventing Transgender cadets from military academies and other recruits from commissioning into the armed forces and mandating the expulsion of as many as 6,600 Transgender military personnel serving in active duty in the Armed Forces, all of whom rely on military service careers for their livelihood, medical insurance, life insurance, education grants and other service related benefits; and

**WHEREAS**, the Transgender population has served the United States military with honor and distinction, and has included among its ranks former Navy Seal Kristin Beck, who received the Bronze Star, Purple Heart and Meritorious Service Medal during her time in service, echoing a 2016 Rand Corporation study which showed that other countries, such as the United Kingdom, allow everyone to serve regardless of gender identity and which has had no impact on military readiness, cohesion or effectiveness; and

**WHEREAS**, the California Democratic Party Platform states that we will “protect the right of all people to.... participate in all aspects of society consistent with their true gender identity, regardless of the gender assigned them at birth.”

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Los Angeles County Democratic Party affirms that its shared values of equality and tolerance compels us to speak out and take action against the immoral and inhumane Trump Administration order banning the Transgender community from serving in the armed forces and expresses our commitment to stand in solidarity with those facing down hatred, discrimination and isolation; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Los Angeles County Democratic Party shall send a copy of this resolution to the California Democratic Congressional delegation, calling on each to stand firm in denouncing the Trump administration's Transgender military ban and to take all actions necessary to compel its reversal.

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