



## Resolutions Committee Report

October 9, 2018

### HOLD U.S. IMMIGRATION AND CUSTOMS ENFORCEMENT ACCOUNTABLE

**WHEREAS**, notwithstanding that in response to the September 11, 2001 foreign terrorist attacks on the United States, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) was formed with the primary mission of protecting America from terrorist attacks and other threats to national security, today DHS's mission has been derailed by its immigration enforcement agency's (U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE)) focus on the apprehension, detention and deportation of immigrants, including children; and

**WHEREAS** national and international organizations, such as the U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO), the DHS Office of the Inspector General, and the United Nations Committee Against Torture, have investigated and reported unacceptable failures of due process, oversight and accountability and severe human rights violations committed by ICE, including through employing unaccountable private, for-profit prisons where immigrant detainees are exposed to inhumane conditions and violence, including sexual abuse; and

**WHEREAS**, without Congressional action to fix our broken U.S. immigration system, ICE has become a force terrorizing immigrants and their communities throughout the United States without regard to civil rights or human rights, as has been well documented by news media, including by employing such tactics as apprehending parents in route to their children's schools or to hospitals for needed medical services, conducting workplace raids of predominantly immigrant-employee businesses, using false pretenses in coordination with other governmental agencies to apprehend immigrants seeking legal status, and detaining children separated from families under inhumane conditions while subjecting them to devastating emotional and sexual abuse;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Los Angeles County Democratic Party urges our California Democratic Congressional representatives to work to abolish or fundamentally reconstruct the immigration enforcement functions currently under ICE to prevent any future violations of civil rights and human rights, including the reassignment of appropriate immigration enforcement functions to agencies outside of ICE and DHS in order to ensure oversight, accountability and compliance with national and international laws and standards; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Los Angeles County Democratic Party holds that the traditional principles of this nation demand a U.S. immigration enforcement system that permits complete public oversight and accountability and that reflects the highest regard for due process and the American values of family unity, human rights and dignity.

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### **Recognizing Student Activism to End Gun Violence**

**WHEREAS** tens of thousands of students walked out of their schools in nationwide demonstrations on March 14, 2018, in a concerted effort to start much needed demand to end gun violence in our schools; and

**WHEREAS** according to CNN, there has been an average of one school shooting each week in 2018;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** the Los Angeles County Democratic Party supports the activism and leadership of young people to end the easy access to high powered guns and return our schools to places where dreams are nurtured and not ended.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** this resolution shall be communicated to Democratic members of the State Legislature and Congress.

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