



Resolutions Committee Report

January 8, 2019

Supporting Humane Education

WHEREAS in 2015, the California Legislature passed a resolution (HR 28) recognizing the California education code (60042 and section 233.5) requirements for humane education, the promotion and encouragement of kindness to pets and the humane treatment of all animals; Florida, Illinois, Maine, New Jersey, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Washington, and Wisconsin have all adopted such humane education requirements for pre-kindergarten and grades 1 to 12; and

WHEREAS numerous academic studies have established a correlation between animal cruelty during childhood and interpersonal violence in adulthood, and such concerns have been shared by law enforcement agencies in major cities such as Houston, Chicago, and Los Angeles, where special enforcement units to combat animal cruelty have been formed; and

WHEREAS humane education is supported and facilitated by reputable non-profit organizations that help offset the costs of complying with such code requirements; humane education is an investment in fostering compassion, respect, empathy, and tolerance for this and future generations;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Los Angeles County Democratic Party joins the California Legislature in calling for an increased commitment to meeting California education code requirements for humane education (the promotion of kindness to pets and the humane treatment of all animals) in pre-kindergarten and grades 1 to 12, this to teach compassion and empathy and build more humane society; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED this resolution shall be sent to the Superintendent of Public Instruction, the State Board of Education and the State Department of Education.

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Standing Against Saudi Arabia's Human Rights Abuses

WHEREAS on November 16th, 2018, the United States Central Intelligence Agency concluded that Mohammed bin Salman, the acting leader of Saudi Arabia, ordered the assassination of Washington Post columnist Jamal Khashoggi; and

WHEREAS this brutal murder adds to a list of Saudi human rights abuses including torture, amputations and beheadings as judicial corporal punishment, human trafficking and slave labor, along with vast human suffering caused by its war with Yemen; and

WHEREAS there are precedents for the exertion of economic pressure on nation states in the cause of addressing human rights abuses, such as the Sullivan Principles opposing apartheid in South Africa and the MacBride Principles opposing religious discrimination and supporting fair employment practices in Northern Ireland;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Los Angeles County Democratic Party calls on all public officials and all private companies to avoid investments in and contracts with Saudi Arabia, and such divestment should continue until the Saudi regime brings all those responsible for the brutal murder of Washington Post columnist Jamal Khashoggi to justice and restores human rights shared by civilized democracies; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED this resolution shall be sent to Speaker Nancy Pelosi, Governor Gavin Newsom and California State Controller Betty Yee.

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