



Resolutions Committee Report

of the Los Angeles County Democratic Party

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Boycott of Brazilian Beef and Products Produced by Means of Deforestation

WHEREAS the Amazon rainforest is the most biodiverse habitat on land, with millions of insect species, many tens of thousands of plant species, and many thousands of bird, fish, amphibian, reptile and mammal species, the Amazon is also home to indigenous people and it plays a critical role in climate stabilization and carbon sequestration; the loss of the Amazon rainforest would be a tragic loss for the diversity of life on earth and would fuel destructive climate change; and

WHEREAS the Amazon rainforest is burning out of control, 30,000 fires were set in August alone, cattle ranchers play a prominent role in starting these fires along with farming, logging and mining interests; Brazilian President Bolsonaro was elected promising the removal of environmental regulations and the destruction of the rainforest, a 'Day of Fire' promoted on social media to celebrate Bolsonaro's presidency kicked off the record level arson ignited fires this year; and

WHEREAS world leaders (excluding the United States and Brazil) have recognized the destruction of the Amazon rainforest as global crisis, international aid offered to help fight these fires has been rejected by Bolsonaro as he allows the destruction to continue; international economic pressure seems the only way to influence Brazil to end massive deforestation in their country;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Los Angeles County Democratic Party, in order to prevent the loss of the Amazon rainforest, the most biodiverse habitat on the surface of earth and a vital resource in preventing destructive climate change, calls for a worldwide boycott of Brazilian beef, leather goods, soy beans, tropical woods and other products produced by means of deforestation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED we call upon our Democratic leaders and activists to join us in this boycott and help widen the call for the preservation of the Amazon rainforest.

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