

Resolution Calling on Democratic Candidates to Publicly Oppose Racist Campaign Materials Relevant to the Offices They Seek

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Whereas, In every major recent race in San Diego County with a Black Democrat candidate, these Black candidates have been targeted by racist and intentionally misleading opposition mailers and digital campaign advertising, including candidates endorsed by the San Diego County Democratic Party, despite the fact that Black Democrats consistently uplift the Democratic Party and are the deciding winning factor in our most significant elections; and,

Whereas, Inherently racist messaging which attacks Black leaders, including campaign literature and digital ads that target Democratic candidates, undermine our shared Democratic values and the most marginalized communities, and there should be no hesitation to decry these by Democratic candidates who seek to represent these same marginalized communities; and,

Whereas, Anti-Black racism is the direct cause of Black oppression as a result of prejudice in every setting - education, healthcare and wellness, professional opportunities, law enforcement, and even results in deaths due to hate crimes, and must be proactively rejected in every space, including political spaces;

Therefore be it resolved, that silence is consent, especially when egregious attacks on Black candidates occur in political spaces which undermine the safety of the Black community; and, The San Diego County Democratic Party and all Democratic

candidates in a particular race will proactively address, confront and denounce any racist messaging targeting Black Democrat candidates; and

Therefore be it further resolved, that the San Diego County Democratic Party calls upon all Democratic candidates and Central Committee members to unequivocally speak out against and formally oppose racist campaign literature and messaging.