

Resolution to Support Comprehensive Decriminalization of Fare Evasion under the San Diego Metropolitan Transit System Service Area

WHEREAS, the San Diego Metropolitan Transit System Public Security Committee approved an action to forward a recommendation to the San Diego Metropolitan Transit System Board of Directors to implement the proposed Phase One Pilot for a Fare Evasion Diversion Program, granting transit riders options to resolve unpaid fares under a civil citation process in sixty (60) days through payment of a reduced fine of fifty (\$50) dollars, completion of three (3) to four (4) hours of community service at a service provider of the rider's choice, and fifteen (15) days to appeal against citations by providing Proof of Paid Fare or Malfunctioning Ticket Vending Machine,

WHEREAS, approximately seventy-two percent (72%) minority riders and sixty-six percent (66%) of low income riders are the majority of ridership in the San Diego Metropolitan Transit System and North County Transit District service areas as determined by the San Diego Association of Governments Civil Rights Act Title VI Fare Equity Analysis of 2019, representing historically discriminated classes of people that have been impacted by justice system,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the San Diego County Democratic Party supports Comprehensive Decriminalization of Fare Evasion and the proposed Phase One Pilot for a Fare Evasion Diversion Program recommended to the San Diego Metropolitan Transit System Board of Directors with the expectation the program engages more low income and minority transit riders in a civil process rather than the San Diego County Superior Court System where criminal citations are processed for fare evasion,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the San Diego County Democratic Party supports a Fare Evasion Diversion Program that allows riders up to ninety (90) days to resolve unpaid fares under an administrative process as the program was originally proposed San Diego Metropolitan Transit System Staff at the February 27, 2020 Public Security Committee Meeting, and that the program fosters a culture of transit ambassadors' model as opposed to transit enforcement-first approach and adopts a Public Transit

school as an additional option to resolve unpaid fares as well.