

Resolution Condemning the Lethal Use of “Non-Lethal” Weapons

WHEREAS, the right to protest is a fundamental constitutional right in the United States and current tactics implemented by Law Enforcement departments in San Diego County have led to escalation of force that has led to the conditions for violence and looting;

WHEREAS, the deployment of teargas cannisters, rubber bullets, and bean bag rounds has led to the serious injury of a number protesters exercising their first amendment rights like the case of La Mesa resident Leslie Furcron who was shot in the head by an unidentified law enforcement officer leading to serious near-fatal and permanent injury;

WHEREAS, law enforcement officers are trained not to aim tear gas cannisters, rubber rounds, and bean bag rounds at a person’s face because such deployment can lead to fatality,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the San Diego County Democratic Party demands that Law Enforcement departments and officers stop the usage of bean bag rounds, rubber rounds, and tear gas cannisters against peaceful protesters and place a specific focus on de-escalation practices,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the San Diego County Democratic Party demands that the San Diego County Sheriff’s Department and the La Mesa Police Department release any information, footage or video associated with the officer-involved shooting of Leslie Furcron so her family and the community may find justice.