

## **Resolution Supporting the creation of an Independent, Community-led Commission on Police Practices**

WHEREAS, the current Community Review Board does not have independent legal counsel, relies on the advice of the Mayor of San Diego and City Attorney, only reviews investigations conducted by the Internal Affairs Department of the San Diego Police Department, and does not have independent investigators on staff;

WHEREAS, data from the San Diego Police Department shows that their officers use more force than 93 percent of police departments in California, only uphold one percent of allegations of discrimination or excessive force, and use deadly force 84 percent of the time without first attempting to use non-lethal force to deescalate or resolve issues with the community; and Black people and other communities of color in the City of San Diego do not trust the current systems in place to hold police officers or the Police Department accountable;

WHEREAS, the City of San Diego spends over \$4 million a year on average for lawsuit settlements involving the San Diego Police Department;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the San Diego County Democratic Party supports the effort to create the Commission on Police Practices, which will have independent legal counsel, use independent investigators and staff, have subpoena power of all officers, witnesses and records, be able to investigate cases of domestic abuse of partners of police officers, and evaluate SDPD's compliance with all reporting laws and requirements;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall be distributed to all members of the San Diego City Council, Mayor of San Diego, all members of the California State Legislature, and all Democratic candidates for office within the City of San Diego.