

California Democratic Party RESOLUTION:

Creating New Jobs and Tax Revenues with a Californian Cannabis and Hemp Industry

PASSED & RESOLVED at the Statewide Democratic Party Executive Board Meeting,
during the General Session, 07-31-11.

RESOLUTION 11-07.10

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WHEREAS, the California economy is experiencing a persistent crisis regarding unemployment and tax-revenue shortfalls for state and local government; and opportunity exists to expand the proven jobs- and tax-revenue- generating track-record of California's legal medical cannabis industry by and through a pragmatic and progressive attitude toward industrial hemp farming and manufacturing and commercialized and industrialized adult-use recreational cannabis creating even more single-earner, made in America middle-class industries that will enable our state to control, tax, regulate, commercialize and industrialize these new and emerging industries; furthering an environment of secure-and-safe access for medical cannabis patients; and regulating use by consenting adults.

WHEREAS, on Nov. 2, 2010, over 4.6 million Californians, fully 46.5% of the electorate, voted for Proposition 19 to control, tax, and regulate adult-use recreational cannabis and set a new record for adult-use recreational cannabis legalization; and being endorsed by Democratic party county committees representing a majority of California Democrats; and receiving no opposition from any county committees; and receiving more votes than Meg Whitman and Carly Fiorina despite not being backed by a multi- million-dollar advertising campaign.

WHEREAS, appropriate- legalized, commercial and industrial controlled, taxed and regulated California hemp and cannabis industries will generate billions of dollars in new, state and local tax revenues to fund our struggling schools, teachers, nurses, firefighters and law enforcement; and opportunity exists to create more than 100,000 new, sustainable, single- earner jobs while freeing up 100's of millions of dollars and other resources spent annually on law enforcement, adjudication and incarceration to be focused on eliminating criminal drug cartels and violent crime.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the California Democratic Party supports:

- Public and political education and outreach that effectively addresses the economic and job-creation aspects of appropriately controlled, taxed and regulated hemp and cannabis industries in California.
- Maintaining a focus on new jobs and revenue creation; attracting and developing broad-based political, economic and social support for the commercialization and industrialization of hemp and cannabis;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall not require expenditures of California Democratic Party funds, nor shall passage of this resolution be construed as support for or against any potential ballot measure covering the subject matter of this resolution and the California Democratic Party will transmit a copy of this resolution to President Barack Obama, the California Democratic Congressional Delegation, the Speaker of the State Assembly, the State Senate President Pro Tem, Democratic Members of the State Legislature, all County Supervisors of California, and Mayors representing populations over 100,000.

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