

RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE AFFILIATION BETWEEN CALIFORNIA STATE-FUNDED
HOSPITALS AND RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATIONS

WHEREAS, the California Democratic Party platform identifies support for full reproductive health services, including the full range of reproductive, contraception and abortion services, and access to affordable, high quality, culturally sensitive health care services; and

WHEREAS, California's Unruh Civil Rights Act promises that all those within the jurisdiction of the state are "free and equal" and "entitled to the full and equal accommodations, advantages, facilities, privileges, or services in all business establishments of every kind whatsoever"; and denying transgender people gender-affirming care constitutes sex discrimination in violation of constitutional equal protection, and clear case law demonstrates, under the equal protection and privacy guarantees of the California Constitution, that governmental entities must treat all pregnancy options neutrally; and

WHEREAS, both the U.S. and California Constitutions prohibit "sponsorship, financial support, and active involvement of the [state] in religious activity," and Article XVI, Section 5 of the California Constitution provides that no California state entity "shall ever make an appropriation, or pay from any public fund whatever, or grant anything to or in aid of any religious sect, church, creed, or sectarian purpose, or help support or sustain any school, college, university, hospital or other institution controlled by any religious creed, church or sectarian denomination whatever...";

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the California Democratic Party opposes affiliation between any publicly-funded university or hospital and any religious-affiliated hospital or health care organization that openly discriminates against women and LGBTQ patients and requires its doctors to comply with religious directives in conflict with the Party's platform and ethos, and the Party must urge the University of California Board of Regents to adopt regulations that would prohibit any merger of UC hospitals, or any other state-funded hospital, with religious-affiliated hospitals.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the California Democratic Party will send copies of this resolution to Governor Newsom, Lieutenant Governor Kounalakis, State Attorney General Becerra, Secretary of State Padilla, Speaker Rendon, President Pro Tempore Atkins, Democratic members of the California State Assembly and State Senate, US Senators Harris and Feinstein, and members of University of California Board of Regents.

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