

WELLSTONE DEMOCRATIC RENEWAL CLUB

Resolution in supporting the sovereignty of the Republic of Yemen

Submitted to the California Democratic Party 2021 State Convention

Whereas, in the past four years, the United States of America provided support for the war in the Republic of Yemen, led by the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates (UAE), without the United States Congress ever authorizing U.S. involvement; Democratic senators and representatives called for an end to the Yemeni Civil War, but were rebuffed by the Republican Party members in government; and the Biden administration has announced plans to end support for “offensive operations” by Saudi Arabia in Yemen, signaling a departure from Trump-era foreign policy, and.

Whereas, Yemen today remains the worst humanitarian crisis in the world, according to the United Nations; over 4 million people have been displaced because of the war, and 80 percent of the population, including 12.2 million children, are in desperate need of humanitarian assistance; and, to add to the already dire situation, Yemen has one of the worst COVID-19 death rates in the world – it kills one in four people who test positive; and

Whereas, this humanitarian crisis is a direct result of the Western-backed, Saudi-led war and indiscriminate bombing campaign that has raged against Yemen since March 2015, as well as an air, land, and sea blockade which prevents desperately-needed goods and aid from reaching the people of Yemen.

Therefore, be it resolved, that the California Democratic Party supports the Biden administration initiative and urges the administration to terminate all U.S. arms sales to Saudi Arabia and the UAE, to pressure the coalition to lift the blockade of Yemen, and to ensure that diplomacy and human rights in Yemen are central to U.S. policy; and

Be it further resolved, that all California representatives, as well as United States Senators Diane Feinstein and Alex Padilla, be urged to declare their support for these efforts to hold Saudi Arabia and the UAE accountable for the crisis in Yemen.