

Election Protection Resolution Urging the Democratic National Committee to Safeguard Voting Rights and Protect the Integrity of Our Elections

WHEREAS it has been well documented that a database program to prevent alleged voter fraud known as “Interstate Crosscheck,” currently in use in up to 30 states, has wrongly tagged voters, listing them as either registering in two states, or potentially voting in two states, a felony crime, and the methodology used to tag a voter is that they share a first and last name with another voter, e.g., that Maria ISABEL Hernandez of Virginia is supposedly the same voter as Maria CRISTINA Hernandez of Louisiana, thus providing an excuse to purge millions of mainly non-white voters from their state voter registration databases; and

WHEREAS it has also been documented that other means of vote suppression and manipulation, such as gerrymandered districts, racially discriminatory voter ID laws, reducing polling locations in demographically targeted areas, and failing to supply adequate staff and working voting equipment, have resulted in either disenfranchisement, or discouragingly long lines and inordinate wait times before citizens can cast their votes, often as in states such as Pennsylvania, on paperless electronic machines that provide no human-readable backup record in case of machine failure or for audit and recount purposes; and

WHEREAS the use of voting and vote-counting machines running on secret, undisclosed software, without any meaningful ability to verify the integrity and accuracy of such systems or to audit the results they produce, raises concerns that our elections could be, and may have been, rigged through misuse or manipulation of such systems;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the California Democratic Party urges the Democratic National Committee to demand that our elections be fully transparent, verifiable, and routinely audited, that the U.S. Justice Department conduct an immediate investigation into the Interstate Crosscheck program’s racially and ethnically biased purge operation — and that the list of over seven million Americans suspected of voting or registering in two states be challenged; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we urge the Democratic National Committee to establish and expedite a 50-state strategy to explore, investigate, and pursue all remedies in overturning current and future methods used in undermining U.S. citizens’ right to vote or to have their votes counted as cast in free, fair, verified elections, including “Jim Crow” voter ID restrictions, targeted reductions in polling locations, times, staff, and equipment, unverifiable paperless election systems running on secret, undisclosed software, and other vote suppression and manipulation techniques, including gerrymandering.