

Resolution to Remedy Voter-Suppression

WHEREAS: 1) “Preserving Democracy: What Went Wrong in Ohio”, a report on the 2004 election by Rep. John Conyers “found numerous, serious election irregularities in the Ohio presidential election, which resulted in a significant disenfranchisement of voters”, 2) according to Jesse Jackson, the biggest reason for Trump's electoral vote tally “is the systematic and purposeful voter suppression that certainly cost Clinton the election ... efforts were open, systematic and widespread.”, and 3) the rights to vote of Black, Asian, and Hispanic voters were denied or abridged by Interstate Voter Registration Crosscheck (IVRC), long voter lines, and rigged vote-counting machines.

WHEREAS: 1) Interstate Voter Registration Crosscheck (IVRC) efforts and results are well-documented in the film "The Best Democracy Money Can Buy" (<http://thebestdemocracymoneycanbuy.com/dvd-streaming/>), 2) ever-mounting statistical evidence indicates that vote-counting machines are weighted to favor Republican candidates, and 3) electronic voting-counting machines [are insecure and vulnerable to attack](#). <http://trustvote.org/>

WHEREAS: 1) Efforts to hand-count ballots to ensure the integrity of vote-counting machines have been thwarted in Michigan, Wisconsin, Pennsylvania, and Nevada, and 2) the long list of failures in the "recount" cases have left experts even more concerned about the accuracy, security, reliability and ability to oversee our own election system than they were even prior to Election 2016, and resulted in widespread belief that “Trump was not the legitimate winner of the election” – including 51% among black, Hispanic and other nonwhite Clinton supporters who were targeted by voter suppression. <http://bradblog.com/?p=11967>

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: that the Santa Clara County Democratic Club 1) recognizes that voter-suppression efforts and rigged voting-counting machines were deciding factors in Democratic Party losses at the national level, and 2) calls upon Democratic Party leadership to aggressively press for changes needed to achieve more democratic voting procedures;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that this resolution be sent to other clubs in the County of Santa Clara and to party and state officials, including our County and State Party Chair, our Governor, our Lieutenant Governor; the President Pro Tempore of the California Senate; the Speaker of the California Assembly; and the California State Attorney General.

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