

Climate Change Literacy for Elected Officials

WHEREAS, our greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions must be significantly reduced and if, how, and how much this is done is a science-based, political question, requiring informed and motivated elected officials; and

WHEREAS, Elected officials are responsible for policies to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and for informing their electorate about our anthropogenic global warming (AGW) or, simply put, our climate-change crisis; and

WHEREAS, to do their job, elected officials need a sufficient understanding of this crisis;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that DEMCCO wants all elected officials to know (1) the Earth Science text book statements showing the existence of anthropogenic climate change; (2) its potential for harm; (3) the difference between stabilizing the climate at a livable level and destabilization; (4) science-based, climate-stabilizing, greenhouse gas (GHG) reduction targets; (5) the primary variables and considerations in identifying those targets and (6) the approximate amount of life style and technology change required to achieve those climate-stabilizing targets.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution be communicated to the San Diego County Democratic Party Central Committee and the California Democratic Party Resolutions Committee, for consideration in 2017, in the hope that this issue will come to the attention of all of our elected officials.

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This resolution was adopted by a General Membership DEMCCO vote on February 25, 2017. For background on Items 1 through 6 of the "Therefore be it resolved" section, see: <https://sdcdp.ngpvanhost.com/climate-change-literacy-high-school-students>