

Resolution to Responsibly Reduce Police Funding in the City of San Diego

WHEREAS, the City of San Diego has approved a San Diego Police Department budget of \$566 million dollars including a \$27 million dollar increase via Federal CARES Act funding for fiscal year 2020-2021 in spite of thousands of calls by San Diegans in opposition to this budget increase,

WHEREAS, the San Diego Police Department has had a history of discrimination which has led to greater rates of detainment and use of force against the Black Community, Indigenous Community, and other Communities of Color

WHEREAS, community and social services can address poverty, homelessness, school discipline interventions, neighbor disputes, and mental health better than armed, or militarized police

BE IT RESOLVED, that the San Diego County Democratic Party supports the shifting of non-law enforcement responsibilities including but not limited to poverty, homelessness, school discipline interventions, neighbor disputes, mental health, and non-criminal enforcement to social service agencies and supports the effort to demilitarize Law Enforcement agencies thereby reducing the department's budget and redistributing those resources to social service agencies,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the San Diego County Democratic Party supports the efforts of Council Member Monica Montgomery to create and fully fund the Office of Race and Equity to meaningfully address the issue of systemic racism, and her effort to direct the Independent Budget Analyst's office to research ways to reduce the budget of the San Diego Police Department.