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## PREAMBLE

The Democratic Party believes in the people of California. We believe in their ability to achieve the Great Society envisioned by President Johnson.

We are proud of the outstanding record achieved by the Democratic Party in Washington and in Sacramento. We are proud of the leadership of Governor Brown and President Johnson. We are proud of our Democratic delegations in Congress and the State Legislature.

The Democratic Party believes that government can and must play a positive role in promoting the public good. We believe that good government must seek equal justice and opportunity for all citizens. And we believe that government must protect the interests of all the people.

Under Democratic leadership, California has become the nation's leading state. Our people enjoy unequalled prosperity and our State is the most progressive in the land.

The Democratic Party has constructively dealt with the tremendous growth and complexity of California. We have fulfilled the hopes and promises of the past and opened new horizons for the future.

This document embodies our philosophy, reviews the accomplishments of our State's Democratic Party and outlines our plans and goals for the future.

California's Democratic team has kept California moving ahead. With this platform we pledge a renewed dedication to keep California first in the nation in all fields of governmental responsibility.

## AGRICULTURE

California is the nation's leading agricultural state. Our annual crop is now well over three billion dollars and increasing steadily. We congratulate California farmers for their splendid efforts and pledge our fullest support to keeping California first in agriculture.

The Democratic Administration and Legislature have given their whole-hearted support to Federal programs designed to aid the farmer. Under Democratic leadership, California has become the leader in establishing new methods to increase agricultural productivity and in opening new markets to increase farm income.

\*Democratic legislators have worked to protect California farmers from unfair competition by out of state interests and to insure the modernization of standards governing the production and distribution of agricultural goods.

\*Efforts to aid the farmer through scientific research have been intensified by the Department of Agriculture, by the University of California, and by the California State Polytechnic Colleges. Valuable contributions have been made toward eradicating disease in livestock and agricultural crops and in developing more economical methods of production.

\*Under Governor Brown's leadership, California agriculture is making new headway in bolstering its position in the world trade market. The Democratic Administration has vigorously supported national tariff revision and worked to insure a strong bargaining position for California farmers in the world market.

Despite the prosperity being enjoyed by most California farmers, many problems must be solved. Innovation has been the key to success for California agriculture and our efforts to devise new methodology and to pioneer new markets must be intensified. The lot of the farm laborer must be improved and his skills upgraded. The Democratic Party pledges to work for:

\*Increased participation in world agri-

cultural trade by our farmers. Additional appropriations should be found for an agricultural Trade Council within the Department of Agriculture to provide information and assistance to California farmers seeking to participate in foreign trade.

\*Intensification of agricultural research by the Department of Agriculture, by the University of California, and by the California State Polytechnic Colleges.

\*Legislation to insure California farmers a fair price for their products and to prevent "middle-men" from exorbitant profits at the expense of the farmer and the consumer.

\*Cooperation with the other Western States in achieving reduced transportation costs for agricultural products.

\*Developing more effective pesticide legislation that will protect both the California farmer and the public health.

\*Continuing attention to the present status and future needs of the agricultural labor market in California with emphasis on meeting the needs of California growers. We believe every effort must be made to insure an adequate labor supply for California farmers.

\*Programs to retrain and assist farm personnel who migrate to urban areas.

The goal of the Democratic Party is to rebuild our domestic labor supply and to provide dependable and skilled labor to harvest the state and nation's agricultural products by raising the conditions of life and labor of farm workers to a level of parity with workers in non-agricultural industries.

We urge consideration of legislation that will normalize the marketing of California agricultural products under the California Marketing Act by providing effective controls to insure a fair price for agricultural commodities.

We continue our pledge to:

\*Complete the investigations into ver-

tical integration by non-farm interests and take such action as the problem indicates, including the extension of existing legislation to protect the rights of farmers in all sales and growing arrangements.

\*Extend state-of-origin labeling to chicken poultry in all forms in which it is sold.

\*Protect prime agricultural land against urban sprawl by Statewide planning and by equitable taxation and assessment policies.

We urge the U. S. State Department to pursue vigorously efforts to prevent trade restrictions and discrimination against California farm products in the common Market and other importing countries.

## LABOR

More than 6.5 million Californians are employed today and per capita income is now more than \$3,000 annually. Disposable income per capita has risen \$1000 since 1950. We can be justifiably proud of these figures, but we will not be satisfied as long as unemployment or poverty exist in this State. We will continue to cooperate with organized labor and the Democratic administration in Washington in our efforts to secure full employment and economic security for all Californians.

The Democratic Party in California has worked to combat unemployment, segregation and the exploitation of the laborer. We joined with labor to defeat the so-called "right-to-work" amendment which was designed to destroy the effectiveness of labor unions. The Democratic Party believes in collective bargaining and labor's right to organize.

The laws which protect California workers are the most progressive in the nation. Unemployment and disability insurance programs protect employees and their families. Californians are guaranteed a minimum wage and are protected under laws regulating maximum hours.

The Fair Employment Practices Commission has worked effectively to eliminate discriminatory hiring practices. Discrimination in State hiring has been forbidden by executive order.

Collective bargaining is recognized as an effective tool of the economy under California law and the Department of Industrial Relations provides conciliation and other services for the participants in the bargaining process.

A Commission on Manpower, Automation and Technology has been established to meet the challenges increased technology is offering California.

The California laborer is protected by safety standards enforced by the Department of Industrial Relations. The Department also conducts extensive research into the problems of the worker and the labor market.

Today the State conducts extensive programs for training and rehabilitating han-

dicapped persons so that they can become productive citizens. The Democratic Administration has initiated new programs to train unskilled workers and retrain workers whose skills have become outmoded. California programs have been revised to work most effectively with the new Federal programs initiated under the Kennedy-Johnson Administration.

California farm workers are now protected under many social programs, such as minimum wages and maximum hours for women and minors and disability insurance. The Legislature has authorized the State to participate in housing programs for farm workers. California's farm workers are the best protected in the nation.

The effective cooperation between the Democratic Party and labor during the past six years is in large measure responsible for these advances. We are proud of our record of achievement, however, we realize that much remains to be done.

More Californians are employed than ever before and unemployment is declining sharply, but we cannot be complacent while capable men and women are unemployed. New advances in science and technology have enabled industry to greatly expand its productivity, but these new advances have rendered obsolete the talents of many workers. We believe that the State is obligated to take positive action to prevent this waste of human resources. We support:

\*Expanded retraining programs in cooperation with the Federal Government to provide our workers with the skills which are in demand. This should include opportunities for the employed as well as the unemployed.

\*Expanded programs of vocational education in our high schools and junior colleges.

\*Establishment of a Manpower Development study under the Department of Industrial Relations to explore and publish information pertaining to future labor supply and demand.

\*Expanded scholarship programs which will allow every capable student to continue his education despite his financial status. This should include financial aid to vocational students.

We support a complete revision of our Workmen's Compensation laws to provide:

1. Emphasis on rehabilitation and retraining so that injured workers can resume a productive life.

2. Modernization and revision of the compensation benefits to provide adequate protection for the injured worker and his dependents.

3. Revision of the duration of death-benefit payments so that they continue until the death of the spouse or remarriage with additional benefits for dependents.

4. Retroactive payment of benefits for the seven-day waiting period when the injury extends beyond seven days, with immediate payment when it is apparent the injury will extend beyond seven days.

5. We support a more economical and efficient administration of the system to insure that the fullest possible benefits are available to the recipients.

We support continued modernization and revision of our unemployment insurance laws and benefits. If the experience rating system is to be continued in financing the unemployment insurance system, careful regulation must be adopted and implemented to curb abuses.

Minimum wage standards must continually be examined and readjusted. We support the establishment of a policy of increased overtime pay to stimulate the hiring of more full-time employees.

We believe that employees of the State and local governments are entitled to benefits enjoyed by employees in private industry. We support a system of modified unemployment insurance to protect public employees from the effects of automation and other factors which can result in job loss through no fault of the employee. We do not believe that the public employee should be penalized for serving his community.

The Democratic Party believes that agricultural and domestic workers should be included in laws protecting other workers. In many instances the people most in need of protection under these laws are now excluded. We support the development of:

1. A system of unemployment insurance for farm workers and domestics.

2. Full programs of workmen's compensation, disability insurance and inclusion under the Social Security system for farm workers and domestics.

3. A system of decent housing for migratory farm workers.

4. Adequate educational opportunities for the children of migratory workers and their families.

5. A minimum wage for farm workers and domestics.

We believe in the right of all workers to organize and bargain collectively. In order to implement these rights we recommend the adoption of legislation and regulations to govern, where Federal law does not apply, the conduct of collective bargaining, employee representation and the certification of bargaining units for all employees.

## BUSINESS AND THE ECONOMY

California's economy is expanding constantly. Personal income today is at a new high of more than \$52 billion. Per capita personal income is 25 per cent above the national average. Six and one-half million Californians are employed and unemployment is dropping. Corporate profits have reached \$5.2 billion, a new high, and new industry is locating in California at a record pace. California leads the nation in foreign trade, home building, value of property, construction and in almost every other important sector of our economy. The Democratic Party is justifiably proud of this record and of the businessmen, farmers and workers who made it possible.

Our State Government is now acting to meet the expanding needs of our business community through economic planning. An office of planning has been set up in the Department of Finance to provide gov-

ernment and business personnel with information on future needs and resources of the State. We have recognized that the largest state in the nation must remain the most prosperous. A healthy business climate helps maintain a sound standard of living for every citizen. Democratic accomplishments to increase California economic growth include:

\*Recognition by the State of the need for positive action to promote the economy. The Governor is now charged with the task of coordinating the activities of the various government agencies to stimulate economic growth. An annual economic report by the Governor has been initiated.

\*Laws regulating unfair competition have been strengthened.

\*A Commission on Manpower, Automation and Technology has been established

to enable California to take full advantage of the opportunities offered by technological growth.

\*State agencies have cooperated with agriculture, labor and business to enhance the business climate.

The State has worked through education, highway construction, public works, job training and housing programs to lay a sound Foundation for economic growth.

The Democratic Party pledges to take effective action to stimulate the business climate in California through:

1. Establishment of California Development offices in various eastern cities to stimulate investment and relocation of industry in California.

2. Increased activity in the promotion of California's position in the international trade market.

3. Continued expansion of the University of California and our state colleges which attract new industry to California through their technical facilities and concentration of intellectual talent.

4. The maintenance of a continued balanced budget and the sound fiscal policies

## CONSUMER PROTECTION

The Democratic Party has worked tirelessly to protect the consumer. Old laws have been strengthened, new ones enacted and law enforcement improved under this administration despite consistent Republican opposition. Governor Brown has appointed a Consumer Counsel to give the consumer a voice in Sacramento. Governor Brown's consumer message to the legislature in 1963 constituted the most thoughtful and comprehensive consumer program ever proposed in any state. The work of this Democratic administration—legislature, Governor and Consumer Counsel—in the area of consumer concerns has achieved nation-wide recognition.

Democratic accomplishments in this field include:

\*Laws protecting the rights of Californians when they buy cars and other goods on the installment plan.

\*The first effective law in the nation to safeguard against TV repair rackets.

\*Sales tax reforms saving the public several million dollars a year.

\*Protection against hazardous household substances and against impure and misbranded cosmetics.

\*New safeguards against delays and misleading estimates in household moving.

\*Greatly improved enforcement of laws against door-to-door suede shoe operators.

which have provided the basis for California's rapid economic growth during the past six years.

California continues to receive the greatest share of defense and space technology contracts. The vast academic-industrial complex which has developed in our State is unmatched anywhere in the world. We need to remember, however, that California's technological superiority must be maintained and that our industry must prepare for eventual changes in our defense systems which might decrease the requirement for aircraft and other military equipment. California industry must be prepared for a cut-back in military spending as a result of changes in the world situation and revised defense needs in keeping our defenses strong. We cannot seek to protect our industry by over-arming our nation. We recommend the establishment of an Economic Diversification Agency in California to work with industry and the Federal Government to prepare California's defense industry for retooling to non-military purposes if the need arises.

The Democratic Party believes that much remains to be accomplished to make effective the fundamental rights of all Californians to fair practices in the market place, to providing the protection of law equally to buyer and seller, to safety, to be informed, to choose and to be heard. We recommend:

\*New laws to protect car owners from being victimized by auto repair rackets and incompetence.

\*Enactment of a truth-in-lending bill to assure that everyone who borrows money or buys on time will be given accurate information of the rate of interest he is being charged.

\*Sufficient funds for the Consumer Counsel to carry on a full program of consumer information and research.

\*Ending the chaos in food packaging which conceals the price per unit of weight from the buyer. We need to restore to all citizens the genuine opportunity of exercising their right to compare prices—without slide rules or mathematical wizardry.

\*Outlawing referral selling and other false and misleading practices.

\*Closing loopholes which allow unscrupulous retailers to charge excessive interest on revolving accounts.

\*A re-examination of the insurance rate structure in California to protect those citizens holding insurance policies against excessive premiums and inadequate coverage.

\*Ending costly confusion in home financing by requiring that all charges and fees of the lending agency in connection with home loans be stated with the quoted interest rate.

## TAX AND FISCAL POLICY

The Democratic Administration has wiped out the Republican deficits and produced four balanced budgets which have worked to promote a healthy business climate. Many low income citizens have been removed from the tax rolls while loopholes in the tax structure have been eliminated to maintain revenues.

We favor further revision of sections of the tax law which provide unfair advantage to special interests at the expense of the public welfare.

Insurance companies should not be allowed to deduct the entire amount of the

property taxes on the building in which they are located from their State Premium taxes even if they rent most of that building out for profit. Other such loopholes must also be eliminated.

We pledge a continuation of the prudent fiscal policies employed by Governor Brown and the Democratic Legislature. We also recognize the need for continued expansion of our educational system, our highways and of the other essential functions of the State Government. Revenues for these programs must continue to be found consistent with completely responsible state budgeting.

## VETERANS

We recognize the obligation of all Americans to those citizens who have sacrificed their personal welfare and safety to serve in our armed forces, and especially to those disabled veterans who are financially unable to secure necessary medical payments.

We have strongly supported the many public programs for veterans in the past and we will continue to be sympathetic to their needs in the future. The Democratic Party pledges:

\*To continue the program of direct assistance to veterans of all wars and their dependents in pursuing their claims against the United States arising out of war service and in establishing their rights to any privilege, preference, care or compensation provided for by the laws of California or the United States.

\*To continue the present provisions of the Government Code which grant veterans and their wives preferential points for State Civil Service examinations in which they attain a passing score.

\*In recognizing an obligation to our disabled veterans who are financially unable to secure necessary medical treatment, to support wholeheartedly the Veterans Home of California.

\*To recommend that continuing emphasis be placed on improving the quality of the medical and rehabilitation programs so that an ever-increasing number of disabled veterans will be restored to health and returned to productive lives in their communities.

\*To further liberalize whenever possible the outstanding Cal-Vet Farm and Home Purchase programs where it will not injure or restrict the present program.

\*To continue assistance to veterans in the purchase of homes and farms with long-term loans at a low rate of interest until all California veterans eligible for the program have had an opportunity to avail themselves of the Veterans Farm and Home Purchase Act.

\*To continue benefits in education already provided to the children of veterans who died or were totally disabled in the service of their country.

\*To continue the already reduced administrative cost ratio of the educational assistance program so that every possible dollar can go to assistance for the students.

\*To establish vocational training programs for the wives of disabled veterans who might otherwise require public welfare assistance.

\*To establish additional scholarships, awarded on the basis of scholastic merit and financial need, to children of deceased and disabled veterans who are not provided for by the existing program.

\*To petition Congress for additional Veterans' Administration Hospital facilities for California to meet the needs of the veteran population which is becoming older and therefore requires additional medical aid as their suffering becomes more acute.

# HUMAN WELFARE

We pledge our wholehearted support and cooperation to President Johnson and his War on Poverty. We realize that poverty is a problem which must be met with effective action by the State as well as the Federal Government. The Democratic Party has achieved a great record in helping California's deprived citizens to help themselves, but we will not be satisfied until poverty and suffering have been eliminated.

The Democratic Administration has revised and expanded California's social welfare laws to provide more adequate protection for citizens who must have assistance. Emphasis is on self-help and rehabilitation.

Programs of aid to senior citizens have been expanded and revised to relieve the burdens on families. State programs have been redesigned to cooperate with and take full advantage of Federal programs. We will continue to work for programs which will free our senior citizens from poverty and inadequate health care. We favor an expansion of Federal and State programs including the social security approach to aid the elderly and relieve their families of costly medical expenses which cannot be assumed by many older persons.

The Relatives' Responsibility Law, which frequently caused antagonism and hardship for the families of senior citizens, has been virtually repealed under Democratic leadership.

The Aid to Families with Dependent Children program has been revised to include families in which the father is unable to support his family because of unemployment. This means that a man will no longer have to desert his family in order to provide them with enough assistance to survive. A training program for the parents of families upon the AFDC program has been initiated to help the unemployed and the handicapped gain the skills necessary to earn a decent living. We favor continued study of the AFDC program in the interest of improving it. New emphasis must be put on rehabilitating these families so that they

can become self-sufficient and their children will have opportunities equal to those children from more fortunate families.

The major problems of our older people center around inadequate income, declining health and physical capacity, increased need for health and medical services at a time when there is a decreased ability to pay, and inadequate or unsuitable housing. The Democratic Party intends to move boldly to meet the needs of our elderly regarding these and other problems.

The Democratic Party pledges to continue its efforts to foster the security and well being of Senior Citizens, the blind and the disabled. We support legislative and administrative action to:

1. Study the basic grant and special needs provisions of the various Welfare programs to insure their adequacy under changing conditions.

2. Encourage non-profit groups to create and operate low rent housing of good standards that the elderly can afford.

3. Strengthen and improve public medical assistance for low income elderly persons with the ultimate aim of relieving the aged of the devastating burden of personal indebtedness.

4. To memorialize Congress that the eligibility age for Old Age Assistance be lowered to 62 years to correspond with the age now set for Old Age and Survivors Insurance Beneficiaries.

Under Democratic leadership the Department of Social Welfare has been reorganized to provide more effective service to California citizens. Programs to aid the handicapped and the elderly have been revised and expanded to concentrate on rehabilitation.

The call to arms in our war against poverty was sounded by the Economic Opportunity Act of 1964, which was proposed by a Democratic President and enacted by a Democratic Congress. We pledge the full support and cooperation of the Democratic Party of California and Democratic office-holders to promote the splendid objectives of that act.

the establishment of programs to provide regular health examinations and treatments for all persons requiring such assistance. Under the Democratic Party, a health pilot program of clinics for migratory agricultural workers and their families has been established. We believe

# PUBLIC HEALTH

Public Health services have been greatly increased during the past six years. Our mental health programs have been expanded and modernized to stress recovery, not confinement. State aid to local mental health programs has been increased. The Democratic Party supports

the success of such a program warrants the extension of the system from a pilot to a comprehensive program.

We believe that the State, for both humane and economical reasons, should continue its effective support of out-patient mental health clinics which serve to treat mental illness before it becomes so serious that the individual must be hospital-

ized.

We urge prompt legislative consideration of the forthcoming recommendations of the Governor's Commission on Mental Retardation and the legislative implementation of those recommendations which provide adequate outpatient and inpatient care for the mentally retarded.

# CHILD COUNSELING

We support the development of a program of services in all counties to protect children from neglect and abuse and to assure them and their families of adequate counseling and other services nec-

essary to normal growth into self-supporting adulthood. We favor greater State aid, both financial and technical, to county welfare programs, especially those which have inordinately heavy burdens.

# YOUTH PROBLEMS

The Democratic Party is especially concerned with the great problems facing our youth. Our young citizens confront greater challenges and opportunities than ever before. To meet these challenges our youth must have the health, education and background to cope with the complexities of the society.

Programs to combat juvenile delinquency in California have been expanded and revised to stress rehabilitation rather than punishment. A Youth Conservation Corps has been formed to provide constructive activity for juveniles who might otherwise roam the streets. Under this program, young men are given the opportunity to learn new skills while working to help their state maintain its natural beauty and resources.

We also favor the establishment of a

California Youth Corps to assist the people in the under-developed areas of our State. These young volunteers could help ease the burden of poverty in California, much as the Peace Corps volunteers have done in other parts of the world.

We favor the establishment of State sponsored apprenticeship programs to allow students to gain practical experience on weekends, vacations and after school. Such a program should provide for professionals as well as vocational training.

The Democratic Party supports a program of community youth recreation centers to be jointly financed through State and municipal governments and to be administered locally. These centers could provide great assistance in both the cultural and physical development of our youth.

# HOUSING

California leads the nation in home construction, but too many of our citizens cannot afford adequate housing. One out of every three Californians cannot afford to own even the lowest priced home. While we have made great strides in providing adequate housing, intensive effort is needed to rebuild deteriorating areas and provide decent low cost housing for those families in the low-income bracket.

We strongly support the establishment of a State Department of Housing to deal

with the complex problems involved in insuring adequate shelter for all our citizens. The Rumford Fair Housing Act will make it easier for minority citizens to escape the deprivation and injustice of the ghetto.

New programs must be initiated to provide suitable housing for the elderly, for migratory farm workers and for all other citizens who have special needs, including the expansion of Federal and State public housing programs.

# HUMAN RIGHTS AND CIVIL LIBERTIES

Our nation today faces a great moral crisis. Minority citizens are entitled to their legitimate rights and opportunities. It is the task of a responsible government to see that they are not deprived of these rights.

Civil rights are our constant concern and we seek to make California a place where people of all races, religions and nationalities can live together in harmony.

Under Democratic leadership California has become a model for the nation. The Civil Rights Bill enacted by Congress under the leadership of President Johnson is a national recognition of the problems which led to the passage of the Unruh Civil Rights Act and the establishment of the California Fair Employment Practices Commission in this state five years ago.

During the past two years, the Democratic Administration has made great new strides in erasing the evils of discrimination.

\*Governor Brown has issued an executive order barring discrimination in State employment practices.

\*A bill was enacted which prohibits discrimination on public beaches.

\*The Department of Education has been authorized to assist and advise local school districts in their efforts to eliminate de facto segregation in public schools.

\*Passage of the Rumford Fair Housing Act is a major step in eliminating the major cause of discrimination—segregated housing. The Act, which bars discrimination in the sale and rental of most California housing, works through conciliation and education. The law has proved to be moderate and successful during its first year of implementation under the fair Employment Practices Commission, which has successfully administered California's fair employment laws for the past six years.

The Democratic Party deplors the actions of those members of the California Real Estate Association who are attempting to radically change the Constitution in order to nullify the Rumford Fair Housing Act and all other fair housing legislation. We also deplore the fact that the official California Republican Party, seeking to conceal its extremist schizophrenia with a self-declared cloak of unity, has been cynically silent in dealing with the pre-eminent human problem of unfairness in housing. We commend the courageous members of the real estate profession, and responsible Republicans, who support

the Rumford Fair Housing Act and thus place the interests of their nation and people above imagined self-interest. We strongly support continued firm implementation of the State Fair Housing Act.

We oppose Proposition 14 which would:

1. Nullify a 115-year old provision protecting our property rights;
2. Repeal the state's fair housing laws, including the Rumford Act;
3. Legalize discrimination and increase segregation in housing and schools;
4. Cost the state \$2/6 million in presently scheduled general now is the only scheduled Federal construction projects alone;
5. Violate the 14th Amendment of the U. S. Constitution;
6. Forever prohibit the people of California, its cities, counties and courts, from taking any action to combat discrimination;
7. Re-open the door to "blockbusting" by unscrupulous realtors who induce panic-selling, threatening "inundation" of a neighborhood;
8. Perpetuate slums and ghettos and all their social and economic consequences in California.

We urge Democrats and responsible Republicans to join in the campaign to defeat this insidious and dangerous attack on our Constitution and fair housing laws.

We further charge that the Proposition 14 campaign has been seized by racists, bigots and ultra-extremists whose real purpose is to undermine our government and legislative processes. It is supported by extremist Republican groups, the White Citizens Council, the American Nazi Party and the National States Rights Party, all of whom are violently opposed to everything for which the Democratic Party stands.

The Democratic Party is proud of its past accomplishments, but much remains to be done. The Democratic Party will work toward:

\*The establishment of a Commission on Human Rights to deal effectively with all problems arising from discrimination in housing, education and employment.

\*Specific legislation to prohibit discrimination by trade and professional associations which substantially affect the individual's ability to make a living in his profession.

\*Complete cooperation with Federal agencies seeking to eliminate discrimination.

\*A study into the causes and effects of discrimination in California.

We urge the State of California to take immediate action to solve the continuing problems which are faced by Spanish-speaking Californians in achieving equal opportunity in education and employment. We recommend that the Legislature authorize and provide funds for an immediate study to determine the extent of affirmative action necessary to promote more equitable educational and employment training programs. These should be designed to create broad new areas of opportunity for Spanish-speaking citizens.

The Democratic Party realizes that laws and executive orders are not enough. The Democratic Party pledges vigorous implementation of these laws and opposition to efforts to destroy or mitigate them. We urge every Californian to fully comply with both the letter and the spirit of laws to insure equal rights and opportunities for every citizen.

In this election year, all Americans have been painfully reminded that the vice of extremism is not a proper weapon in the pursuit of liberty. We share the concern of a rational nation that, in the Republican Party, moderation is no longer a virtue.

We oppose the policies of the John Birch Society, the American Nazi Party, the Ku Klux Klan, the Communist Party or any other organization which attempts to subjugate the rights of the individual to an ideology which practices totalitarianism and preaches hate and violence.

We deplore the activities of secret societies headed by men like Robert Welch and George Rockwell which ignore the

Democratic process and resort to lies, deceit and violence in its stead. Our Constitution guarantees equal protection under the law for every citizen, not just those who agree with Robert Welch and Barry Goldwater. The "witch hunt" does not belong in our political system. Neither does the tactics of innuendo and guilt by association which have come to be known as "McCarthyism."

We strongly oppose any attempt to abridge freedom of speech, religion or the press. We oppose those who would ban or censor books because they do not agree with their contents and ideas, or because they do not understand them.

We deplore the efforts of extremist groups like the John Birch Society to purge our school systems of all elements which disagree with their anti-democratic views. The Democratic Party reaffirms its support of academic freedom at all levels of education.

We are concerned about the injustices that occasionally arise through a rigid interpretation of laws requiring oaths from state employees. We favor a positive loyalty oath such as that set forth in the U.S. Constitution.

The public's right to be informed is inherent in our democracy. The public and its news media should have access to all meetings where public business is conducted, unless the public welfare or individual rights are clearly jeopardized.

The Constitution guarantees the rights of petition and assembly. We oppose any attempt to abridge those rights. Accordingly, we support the right of persons or groups to seek redress of their grievances through peaceful demonstrations.

# URBAN GROWTH AND METROPOLITAN PROBLEMS

The Democratic Party recognizes the new problems created by the growth of our cities. With the ever increasing urbanization of California these problems will intensify if they are not dealt with immediately. During the past six years we have pioneered in meeting the challenges of urban growth.

Under the Republican Administrations, urban growth had become so disorganized that it threatened to strangle progress. With the leadership of our Democratic legislators we have taken the first steps in untangling the complex and overlapping growth patterns of our metropolitan areas.

\*A State Coordinating Council on Urban

Policy has been formed to study urban growth problems and recommend policies and programs for their solutions.

\*A Local Agency Formation Commission has been created in each county to review and pass on all proposals for incorporation, annexation or formation of cities and special districts.

\*The State Planning Advisory Commission has been authorized to establish regional planning districts to develop long-range plans for transportation, education, recreational facilities and industrial development.

We believe that if California is to reach its full potential, there must be cooperation at all levels of government. We

strongly support regional cooperation as an effective and economical way to solve urban problems.

The problem of transportation has become acute in our cities. Millions of Californians must be transported on our streets and freeways every day. California leads the nation in the number of automobiles. To keep our highways from becoming choked, metropolitan areas require mass rapid transit systems which utilize various methods of transportation.

To meet these needs the following has been done:

\*A new San Francisco Bay Area Transit system will be completed by 1971.

\*The Legislature has created a new Southern California Rapid Transit District to permit the Los Angeles basin community to solve the traffic problem of an area which has more automobiles than any comparable area in the world.

\*The State has made it possible for counties to finance their transit systems through a small levy on automobiles, thus providing a sound fiscal basis for transit development.

We support local action to implement the possibilities opened by new state legislation. The time to act on rapid transit is now, before traffic congestion becomes more and more critical.

Under Democratic leadership, we have made steady progress toward alleviating air pollution in our great metropolitan areas. We support continued research and cooperation with Federal and local agencies in working to clear the air of noxious materials.

More than 4,000 Californians are killed annually and thousands are injured in automobile accidents. The Democratic Party supports strict enforcement of State and local traffic regulations. We take pride

## GOVERNMENT EFFICIENCY

A general government reorganization initiated by Governor Brown has saved the taxpayer millions of dollars and greatly increased the effectiveness of State operations. We believe that waste has no part in good government and pledge our continued vigilance to protect the taxpayer's dollar.

The scope and complexity of problems facing the nation's most populous state demand that State Government participate fully in promoting the public welfare. California government, although large and complex, is being administered

in the Administration's leadership in obtaining the passage of legislation requiring automobile manufacturers and dealers to install seat belts in all new cars sold in California.

To insure proper growth of our cities, the highways which connect them must be safe and modern. Under the Democratic Administration, California has developed the finest highway system in the nation. We favor continued expansion of highway construction and modernization to meet the future needs of our State, subject to due recognition of its natural resources and scenic values.

The Democratic Party strongly supports modernization of our railroad, airport and harbor facilities to meet the needs of the Nation's largest State. We believe that California must prepare itself to assume leadership in transportation and communication.

Our cities are constantly changing. Therefore, we believe that a constant modernization and revitalization must take place. We have supported and will continue to support efforts to improve our cities through Urban Renewal projects. Every effort must be made to rebuild and pump new life into areas of our cities which have deteriorated. We must work to provide adequate low-cost housing for the residents of these areas. We must provide suitable housing for families whose homes have been displaced by freeways, public facilities, or industrial construction.

We believe that urban development must be orderly and that the present and future needs of the citizens must be of primary consideration. We support efforts to insure adequate recreational areas within the cities.

It is our intention to promote humane, intelligent, and aesthetic plans and programs, to provide urban environments which will enable all people to attain the goals of the Great Society.

effectively and efficiently. The marketability of California State bonds illustrates the success of the Democratic Administration in putting our State Government on a sound financial basis.

The Democratic Administration has produced balanced budgets in place of Republican deficits. We have developed a sound fiscal policy which adequately meets the needs of the State. The services provided by our State, including education, highways, social welfare and many others, are unequalled in the national experience. We will continue to discharge

our duty to see that every tax dollar is spent prudently.

California faces many complex problems which can no longer be considered by a legislature which meets in regular session to consider broad problems of state concern on a biennial basis. We favor a system of annual sessions so that the legislature can make decisions, on a current basis, on the vital issues which affect the public interest in the nation's largest state. The great number of extraordinary sessions in recent years illustrates the need for annual sessions to increase the effectiveness of the legislature in serving the people.

The present system of biennial sessions was established in 1879, but this is 1964. The legislature has the tremendous responsibility of making decisions for a multi-million dollar state government organization with thousands of employees and 18 million stockholders. Such an operation requires the services of a full-time decision-making body.

Legislators are now doing full-time jobs

## LAW ENFORCEMENT

The Democratic Party believes that effective law enforcement at the local level with close cooperation from state and national agencies is necessary for the protection of all our citizens. We believe in crime prevention, not merely action after the crime has been committed. California's law enforcement has become the finest in the world with the assistance of agencies directed by our Democratic Administration.

Since law enforcement rests primarily at the city-county level, the calibre of local agencies is of the utmost significance to every citizen of the state. To insure effective law enforcement, with its direct benefits in crime prevention and social stability, our Democratic Administration has consistently supported these local agencies.

The Peace Officers Standards and Training Commission, the nation's most advanced program for improving the quality of law enforcement, has steadily advanced with the backing of our Democratic Administration. This program, which is financed by assessments against convicted law-breakers, has provided more than \$1,550,000 to local law enforcement agencies for the training of some 5000 peace officers in California over the past four years. Important 1963 legislation, increasing the assessment schedule, is enabling the Commission to launch the second phase of its long-range program by initiating prescribed in-service training at

at part-time pay. Legislative salaries should not be set by the Constitution. Experience with Congress has shown that a legislative body can and will determine the salary level of its members without abusing that privilege. These salaries should be determined by statute rather than Constitutional amendment.

Legislators have difficulty in meeting the expenses involved in holding these important offices under the present low salaries set forth by the State Constitution. Today these are full time jobs which deserve to be so compensated.

We favor a revision of our State Constitution to eliminate out-dated sections and provisions which should be statutory law. Much of the material which now burdens the voters should be delegated to their elected representatives without loss to the democratic process.

California should continue to attract capable personnel at all levels of government service. It is imperative that our public servants be salaried at rates comparable to those of private industry.

the level of sergeant.

The fight against the illicit drug traffic has moved steadily ahead. The State Bureau of Narcotic Enforcement has been strengthened so that it may render additional assistance to local departments. The 1961 legislation sponsored by Governor Brown and Attorney General Mosk continues to pay dividends to California in the form of deterrent penalties for the trafficker and effective rehabilitation for the addict. The Administration and the Democratic-controlled Legislature has alertly continued to study all aspects of the illicit drug problem so that needed revisions and new measures can be considered at the 1965 General Session.

Attorney General Mosk has worked closely with the California Peace Officers Association and other police organizations to raise salaries and improve working conditions for the state's 25,000 peace officers. The State Department of Justice has effectively continued its program of assisting local agencies in the modernization and improvement of police science methods and technological services.

Under the leadership of Attorney General Mosk and the State Department of Justice, the most revolutionary step in law enforcement in thirty years—the adaptation of computers and electronic data processing to police needs—is now under way.

Under the direction and leadership of a

Democratic Administration, the appropriate state agencies have proceeded with diligence against consumer frauds, quackery, and business frauds. Protection for the consumer and the investor has never been more effective.

Statewide crime prevention conferences have met with great citizen interest. Local community action has been spurred by such programs. Within this and other frameworks, police-public relations have steadily improved in California.

We proudly acknowledge that under the leadership of Governor Brown and with Attorney General Mosk as its chief law officer, California has enjoyed continually improving law enforcement which has enabled the state to provide the stability, security and tranquility necessary for economic and social progress.

We urge the counties of California to make wider use of the County Jail Work Furlough Law.

We pledge a continued effort to increase the effectiveness of Law enforcement and crime prevention in California through:

\*Continuing review of State laws regulating narcotics and dangerous drugs to keep pace with the requirements created by the continually expanding technology

## EDUCATION

The Democratic Party believes in maintaining the finest possible educational system. We realize that education is the key to achieving the Great Society envisioned by President Johnson. Education is the basic tool needed for the elimination of poverty and prejudice. We agree with Thomas Jefferson that men cannot be both free and ignorant.

California's educational system is the finest in the world. Our State spends more on education than the total budgets of 43 other states combined. Our educational system attracts new industry to California every day. The Democratic Administration has worked effectively to insure Californians the most effective public school system in existence.

\*Governor Brown and the Democratic Legislature joined with leading educators to create the Master Plan for Higher Education which has already become a model for educational systems throughout the entire world.

\*The University of California, with more than 60,000 students enrolled, is among the world's finest. Its faculty contains more Nobel Prize winners than any other in the nation, which is testimony to its standing as one of the world's leading

of the drug industry.

\*Expansion of the use of computers and electronic data processing to aid law enforcement throughout the state.

\*Continued vigorous attack on the illicit drug traffic.

\*Continued strong State support for local law enforcement and crime prevention activities.

\*Continued psychological research and therapy to get at the causes of violent crimes and to prevent them.

\*Continued modernization and revision of our penal system and institutions to provide greater emphasis on rehabilitation.

\*Expansion of the Highway Patrol to provide more effective law enforcement on our highways.

\*Expansion of public assistance to destitute and low income individuals who are accused of crimes but are unable to make a proper defense in the courts.

\*Revision of the bail bond procedures in California to give greater flexibility to the courts, without destroying the effectiveness of the system, so that persons without financial means are not unjustly penalized.

research institutions.

Under the Democratic administration the University has entered its period of most dynamic growth. Two new campuses of the University, at Irvine and Santa Cruz, will open in the Fall. The new San Diego campus has already commenced instruction.

\*The State College System has been developed to give thousands of young people throughout the State the opportunity to receive a college education. The State College has been greatly expanded, and coordinated with the University, under our Democratic Administration.

\*State aid to public schools has been greatly increased. Our high schools have the lowest dropout rate in the nation. California teachers are the best paid in the nation, thus assuring the highest caliber of applicants.

\*Programs of vocational education have been expanded so that every student can make best use of his school years.

\*Our schools have developed special programs to meet the special needs of both the gifted and the retarded child. The Legislature has appropriated additional funds to aid retarded children.

Special State aid is available for the education and rehabilitation of handicapped children.

\*Our present Democratic Legislature has enacted an expanded program of aid to public elementary, high schools, and junior colleges. Provisions are made to encourage reduction of class sizes. Increased aid is available to local school districts which seek unification with other districts.

\*Aid to junior colleges has been increased. California's junior college system is the largest in the nation and has served as the classic model for all such systems.

\*A system of compensatory education has been established to aid culturally disadvantaged children.

\*Adult education, through the University Extension and the local public schools, has been upgraded.

\*A California Arts Commission has been established to develop programs to encourage cultural activities within the community and to supplement the work of the public schools in promoting an appreciation of the arts.

\*Increased financial assistance is now available to both gifted and economically deprived students.

The Democratic record in education speaks for itself, but we must continue to fight for expanded educational programs to meet the needs of our youth in the nation's largest state. Our investment in education brings huge dividends in the form of more productive citizens. We support:

\*The establishment of a statewide compensatory educational program for culturally disadvantaged children.

\*Intensification of the vocational education programs which help provide our students with skills which are needed to gain adequate employment in our tech-

## NATURAL RESOURCES

Under the leadership of Governor Brown, the California Democratic Party has produced tangible evidence to support its belief that our natural resources are a priceless asset of the people. The protection, conservation and the encouraging of wise utilization of these resources is an important obligation of the State to the future generations of Californians. However, California's population explosion, combined with an ever-shorter work week, renders imperative an ever more effective program for the protection and better utilization of our natural resources

nologically advanced society.

\*Increased aid to programs which provide specialized educational attention to our handicapped and retarded children so that they can lead useful lives.

\*Expansion of adult education and cultural programs so that our citizens can make better use of their increasing leisure time.

\*Expanded programs of State aid to libraries, museums, and other cultural centers.

\*Strong consideration of proposals for the year-round use of our junior college, state college, and University facilities so that more students can be educated in less crowded classrooms.

\*Continued adjustment of teachers' salaries so that they are comparable to those of persons in private industry with similar education and experience.

\*State aid to assist those private college and university programs which serve to decrease the burden on our State Colleges and University.

\*Increased local programs for gifted children so that they can attain their full potential.

\*Increased scholarship and loan programs to provide capable students without adequate funds the financial assistance necessary to obtain a higher education.

\*Additional financial State aid to local districts to offset additional cost imposed by action of the California State Legislature which increase and expand school curriculum.

We oppose any attempt to impose prohibitive tuition on our State college and University students. We do not believe that financial barriers should be erected which would discourage talented young people from continuing their education.

for recreational purposes.

We recognize that a sound and informed natural resources policy is the cornerstone of a healthy and productive government and that the strength of this state and the nation is dependent upon the carefully planned utilization of renewable resources, the economic development of non-renewable resources such as minerals, and the protection and enhancement of those resources which contribute to the peace and recreation of the citizens of this State and its legion of visitors.

## Parks and Recreation

The Brown Administration has moved to initiate a comprehensive and objective approach to alleviate the over-crowded conditions of California's beaches and parks and to aid and encourage local government to expand its efforts in providing recreation for the growing population.

The Democratic Party gives full endorsement to Proposition 1, the State Park, Recreation and Historical Facilities Bond Act of 1964, and pledges its active support to insure that this proposal will become a reality.

We are also dedicated to the principle that all units of our State Park System are the property of every citizen of this State, constituting a sacred trust which must be protected.

We recognize the conflicting interests which endanger those values, and pledge our support for those criteria which give full recognition to the tangible and intangible values of those units in instances where other interests, private and public, envision other uses for those units.

## Scenic Values

California's scenic grandeur, one of our State's principal natural resources, attracts thousands of tourists to the Golden State each year.

To further preserve California's scenic beauty, the Brown Administration and the Democratic Legislature have created legislation to tighten controls on billboards along Federal highways.

The Democratic Party of California believes it is important to our State's future to take immediate action to preserve California's natural beauty. We call for further tightening of controls on billboards along scenic routes.

We also call for full and painstaking coordination of future State highways and freeway development in California's scenic areas, to the end that a full and just balance be maintained between our irreplaceable scenic resources and the public interest in safe and efficient highway transportation.

## WATER RESOURCES

The development of California's vast water resources to serve all areas of the state through a cooperative effort by all levels of government—the Federal Government, the State and local entities—has received top priority from the Brown Administration since 1959.

## Conservation

The Democratic Party reaffirms its dedication to the principle that carefully planned utilization of California's natural resources will reap immediate benefits and will insure continued future utilization. We stand firm in our conviction that no resource should be exploited at the expense of another resource and we are all in full support of the administrative policies of the Brown Administration which require inter-agency coordination to eliminate such problems.

The Democratic Party subscribes to the need for careful State and local planning to insure that all commercial natural resources are continually available through their full economic life.

## Fish and Wildlife

California's fish and game are receiving unprecedented pressures. The value of California's fish and wildlife to recreation is pyramiding. The Democratic Party endorses the current policy which provides for recognition of fish and wildlife resources in all state water projects and supports the Brown Administration in its effort to inventory the fish and game habitat of California with the ultimate objective of achieving maximum wildlife population compatible with other reasonable demands on the use of that habitat.

The Democratic Party also fully recognizes the importance of commercial fisheries to the economy of the State and the nation. It is deeply concerned over the present economic plight of much of the industry, reflected by a diminishing and aging fleet, closed plants, and reduced employment in fishing, fish processing, canning and distribution. It urges a stepped-up program to revitalize the industry. This program must include greatly augmented effort in the traditional fields of biological and oceanographic research, including the development of unexploited resources where indicated, and in research on fishery technology and marketing. Such research must take cognizance of problems caused by pollution and land use changes which affect our bays, estuaries and the open coast.

Substituting vigorous and positive action for the stalemate and failures of previous administrations, California, under the progressive leadership and the bold programs of Governor Edmund G. Brown, has moved to the forefront in water resources development.

With the \$2 billion Feather River Project, the largest single water project ever undertaken by any state, as its keystone, California today has the greatest water development program of any state of the Union. Our State is the leader in all phases of water conservation, planning and construction.

Realizing the need for a comprehensive water resources development program for our State, the Democratic Legislature in 1959 adopted the California Water Plan to serve as a guide to orderly development of our water resources and to coordinate all State, Federal and Local water projects.

The Democratic Administration followed the same year with enactment of the Burns-Porter Water Bond Act to finance construction of the Feather River Project, including the largest earth fill dam in the world and a canal system stretching virtually the entire length of the State. This gigantic project will bring vitally needed surplus Northern California waters to Central and Southern California for agricultural, municipal and industrial use. After approval of the project and bond issue by the voters in 1960, construction moved ahead rapidly. First project water was delivered in 1962 and today the project is on schedule.

The project protects the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta and the counties and areas of origin. Governor Brown's Water Contracting Principles of January 1960 have provided an effective basis for construction and operation of the Feather River Project. The Project also insures development of facilities for recreation and fish and wildlife resources to the fullest extent possible.

The Democratic administration also took a major step forward in federal-state cooperation in water development through the unprecedented agreement for joint construction and operation of San Luis Dam and canal system as a unit of both the federal Central Valley Project and the Feather River Project.

As part of the financing of the Feather River Project, the Democratic Legislature and Governor Brown enlarged our program of state financial assistance to local water projects through a \$130 million program of loans and grants for urgently needed local water supply and recreation projects.

Under the Brown Administration our State has also led the nation in saline conversion research, having allocated more money to this purpose than all other 49 states combined. This leadership also resulted in the cooperative federal-state construction of the pioneering sea water conversion plants at San Diego.

We recognize that the development and maintenance of adequate supplies of good water for municipal, agricultural and industrial uses is essential to the future economic and physical well being of our great State. To obtain this objective, the Democratic Party of California pledges to continue these dynamic water resource policies of the Brown Administration and the total cooperation of that Administration with President Johnson's administration in the water resources field consistent with complete protection of California's own vital interests in this area.

\*We pledge continued efficient and prompt construction, operation, and administration of the Feather River Project, including the most economical utilization of funds available for the project.

\*We will continue to work diligently to protect California's supply of water from the Colorado River, to maintain the integrity of existing California agricultural and municipal projects on the river, and to assure a firm supply of the waters of the Colorado for our use.

\*We urge that regional planning for the entire West be immediately and thoroughly studied in depth as to whether California has more to gain from a sound regional plan than it has from going it alone in this respect as it has done in the past.

\*We urge that such a study of regional water planning should include not only all the federal agencies affected but all the states affected as well and that California's portion of such a study should be made not only by the executive branch of its state government, but by its legislative branch as well.

\*We believe further that before any regional plan affecting California's own water resources is adopted, full and complete protection must be accorded in such a plan not only to the areas in California in which water originates but also to those areas of California which are still deficient in their water supplies and those areas in California, such as the Delta, whose resources will also be used in such a plan.

\*We pledge to continue to exert intensive efforts to protect the interests of California to all of the waters of our State. We urge early and comprehensive basin-wide planning to meet the growth requirements of all parts of our State, to satisfy the ultimate needs of all areas, and to make the most efficient use of our water supplies.

\*We will vigorously urge the Congress of the United States to authorize and construct vitally needed federal water resources projects in California, including the Auburn-Dam-Folsom South Canal and

East Side Division of the Central Valley Project, the Sacramento Valley Canals, other projects of the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, and greatly needed flood control and water conservation projects. In this connection we shall use every effort to protect all necessary sources for federally developed agricultural water. We urge a continued high level of federal participation in local water projects in California.

\*We commend President Johnson and the Democratic Congress for greatly expanding our federal program of saline conversion research. We pledge to support fully these increased efforts and to

maintain a high level of such activity on the state level in order to assure that all available sources of water supply are utilized to the greatest extent possible in our State.

The heritage of the Democratic Party in our nation is one of prudent development and maximum conservation of great national resources in the interests of all the people. The Democratic Party of California pledges to continue this tradition in our State providing progressive enlightened leadership in water resources development.



## RESOLUTIONS

### SENATOR GOLDWATER

#### WHEREAS:

Barry Goldwater's statement that civil rights should be left to the states makes it clear that he seeks the votes of those against equal rights for all Americans; and

This statement indicates that he is content to let the racial tensions in such states as Alabama and Mississippi continue; and

Many of his other statements reveal shallow and oftentimes dangerous thinking. In 1961 he said that he was "convinced there will be a war or we'll be subjugated without war . . . real nuclear war . . . perhaps five, ten years from now." He has consistently opposed efforts on the part of Presidents Kennedy and Johnson to ease the threat of war, efforts such as the limited Nuclear Test Ban Treaty; and

His views on the Constitution and the role of the Supreme Court are shocking

for a Presidential candidate. In 1963 he said, "I do not think any decision of the Supreme Court is necessarily the law of the land." Such a statement offers encouragement to those who seek to violate Supreme Court decisions; and

In his acceptance speech in San Francisco he made his famed statement "extremism in defense of liberty is no vice." Most Americans agree with President Johnson that our nation cannot tolerate the division, violence and hate caused by the solid front of extremist groups supporting Goldwater's candidacy.

#### NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

The Democratic State Central Committee of California believes that Barry Goldwater's past political statements indicate that he does not, in reality, offer any choice but that of intolerance and reaction to the progressive leadership of Lyndon B. Johnson and the Democratic Party who are working toward the fulfillment of the Great Society.

### PROPOSITION ONE

#### WHEREAS:

Proposition One, a bond issue which would provide \$150 million for the acquisition and development of State Parks, beaches and recreational facilities, is vitally needed because of our state's growing population and the increasing amount of leisure time available to our working men and women.

The measure will provide "breathing space" for the state's enormous future population which will reach an estimated

total of 27.5 million by 1980.

The bond issue would include an allocation of \$105 million for enlarging and improving the State's beaches and parks and preserving historical areas; \$40 million in grants to local cities and counties to help them develop local and nearby recreational areas and \$5 million for Wildlife Conservation Board projects.

The passage of Proposition One will mean that hundreds of thousands of Californians will no longer be turned away

from our recreational areas.

#### NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

The Democratic State Central Commit-

tee urges all Californians to vote YES on Proposition One so that future generations will have access to the scenic beauty of California which we now enjoy.

## EDUCATION

#### WHEREAS:

California leads the nation in its standard of education.

Our leadership is due to the foresight of Governor Brown and our Democratic State Legislators who have established California's Master Plan for Higher Education through which work has already begun on three new campuses of the University of California, six new State Colleges and a new medical school. Junior Colleges, for the first time, also receive state support for construction.

The Master Plan has resulted in the creation of a unique system of publicly supported Universities, State Colleges, and Junior Colleges, a system which has been described by the American Association for the Advancement of Science as the "best-planned in the world."

Other positive action taken by our Democratic leaders to better education include a compensatory education program to help

culturally deprived children receive an adequate education and the passage of the Unruh Education Act which provides both for an increase in state aid to local public schools and junior colleges and a streamlining of our public school systems.

Our State's progress in meeting the educational demands of the future was recently dramatized when President Lyndon B. Johnson dedicated the new University of California at Irvine with the words, "California is not just talking about education. You are doing something."

#### NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

The Democratic State Central Committee commends the foresight of Governor Brown and our Democratic Legislators in establishing the Master Plan for Higher Education and other programs benefiting education which are already reaping positive dividends for the state's growing student population.

## PROPOSITION 16

#### WHEREAS:

California's voters will decide November 3 whether or not a privately run lottery may be operated in the state.

A group of promoters sponsoring the ballot proposition, Proposition 16, would make an estimated \$100 million each year if the initiative is approved.

The sale of lottery tickets by a private corporation can cause untold economic and police problems, all of which would be an added burden on the local taxpayer.

The Legislature has approved a measure which will appear on the ballot prohibiting private corporations from operating lotteries established by the initiative process. It is Proposition Number 13.

#### NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

The Democratic State Central Committee of California joins with Governor Edmund G. Brown and Attorney General Stanley Mosk in calling upon Californians to vote NO on Proposition 16 and YES on Proposition 13 so that citizens will not be faced with heavier tax loads in order that a few promoters may grow wealthy.

## CALIFORNIA'S DEMOCRATIC TEAM

#### WHEREAS:

Our Democratic State Legislators have compiled a monumental record of achievement in the past two sessions.

This record includes passage of the Rumford Act, budget provisions for aid to local school districts, allocation of funds for the purchase of much-needed recreational land and broadening our programs providing assistance to the infirm, the blind and the needy.

As a result of its work, California leads the nation, has the finest educational system in the world, and is enjoying the greatest period of economic boom in the State's history.

These achievements have been made possible through the great work of Governor Edmund G. Brown, our Constitutional officers and our Democratic Legislators, all working together as a team in order to continue the advances our State

has made since 1959.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:**

The Democratic State Central Commit-

## THE FAR RIGHT

**WHEREAS:**

The Republican Party has become a refuge for extremists of the right who seek to impose their twisted version of "Americanism" on the rest of the nation.

Evidence of this association between the hate groups of the right and the Republican Party was provided recently with the announcement of Robert Creel, Grand Dragon of the Alabama Ku Klux Klan, that he will support Goldwater in November.

Creel said, "I like Barry Goldwater. I believe what he believes in. I think the same way he thinks. So does George Wallace."

Another Klan leader, Calvin Craig, Grand Dragon of Georgia, has endorsed Goldwater also; thus adding to the open endorsements of such extremists as Robert

## SENATOR ENGLE

**WHEREAS:**

California, two weeks ago, lost one of its most dynamic leaders who had fought valiantly to aid the Democratic Party and the nation.

Senator Clair Engle of Red Bluff set an example of courage which we all shall long remember when he was carried into the Senate Chambers to cast his final vote for the Civil Rights Bill.

During his years in the State Legislature, the House of Representatives and the United States Senate, Clair Engle distinguished himself as a dedicated fighter for the interests of California. He authored every important bill expanding the

## LAW ENFORCEMENT

**WHEREAS:**

California's local law enforcement agencies have successfully met the nation's rising tide of crime in this the nation's most populous state.

The local departments of our state are generally rated the finest in the nation. These agencies have received great aid and support from the Democratic administration while it has assured that control has remained in the communities.

tee commends the dedication of our Democratic office-holders in California and points out the necessity of electing strong, able Democrats to office this November.

Welch, and the newly formed Conservative Party.

When asked to repudiate the support of the Ku Klux Klan, Republican National Chairman Dean Burch said that he was not "in the business of turning away votes."

This kinship of the Party of Lincoln and the Ku Klux Klan is shocking to most Americans and should not be further encouraged by the Republican Party.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:**

The Democratic State Central Committee condemns the open solicitation of extremist support by the Republican Party and urges GOP National Chairman Burch and his entire Republican ticket to reconsider their alliance with extremist groups.

Central Valley Project since its authorization in 1937 and was one of the original sponsors of the Wilderness Bill, enacted the day following his death.

In 1961, Senator Engle authored a bill which has expanded our trade with the Far East, a bill of particular importance to California.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:**

The Democratic State Central Committee is saddened by the death of California's great Senator Clair Engle and recognizes that much of the prosperity which the State shall enjoy in the future will stand as a memorial to his life-time of public service.

Attempts by Republicans to weaken community control have also been resisted successfully.

The improvement of police selection standards, training and pay, the development of new techniques in crime fighting—including the use of computers, the establishment of new branches of the State Department of Justice to aid local enforcement agencies, attention to new methods of penology, rehabilitation and training, continuing attacks on addiction

and alcoholism—both as diseases and as causes of crime, improvement of the functions of local agencies; all of these have been praised by law enforcement officials throughout the state and nation.

Under the present administration, the nation has looked to California for the newest and most effective methods of law enforcement and crime prevention.

Every major peace officer organization has acknowledged the efforts of this administration.

## THE CIVIL RIGHTS BILL OF 1964

**WHEREAS:**

The Congress has enacted the historic Civil Rights Bill sent to it in 1963 by President John F. Kennedy.

The enactment of this measure stands as a tribute to the memory of President Kennedy and to the diligent work on its behalf by President Lyndon Johnson.

The Bill will eliminate discriminatory practices in the areas of transportation,

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:**

The Democratic State Central Committee praises the effectiveness and honest local law enforcement agencies of California and commends Governor Brown, Attorney General Mosk and the Democratic Legislature for their great teamwork and leadership in providing California law enforcement with the tools necessary to meet the challenge of crime in the nation's largest and most urban state.

employment and the use of public facilities.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:**

The Democratic State Central Committee pledges its full support of President Johnson in the implementation of the Civil Rights Act and notes with pride the unanimous support given the measure by our late, beloved Senator Clair Engle and all members of California's Democratic Congressional Delegation.

## SCHOOL BONDS

**WHEREAS:**

The Legislature, at the request of Governor Brown, has placed on the November ballot two bond issues for school construction.

Proposition 2 would provide State College, Junior College and University facilities with much needed funds for the construction of buildings as well as facilities for the mentally ill, mentally retarded, narcotics control, correction and forest fighting facilities.

Enrollments in both the University and State Colleges are expected to increase by a combined amount equalling 50 per cent of the 1963-64 enrollments. This would mean that some 96,000 students will be attending the University of California, and 126,000 attending our State Colleges.

Proposition 3 would provide \$260 million for local school construction, insur-

ing our state's leadership in local education.

More than 72,000 children were forced to attend half-day schooling in 1963 and 160,000 additional children must be absorbed in the schools each year.

With this continued growth being experienced, even a momentary stoppage or slow-down in the school construction program would immediately impair seriously the quality of education in California.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:**

The Democratic State Central Committee pledges its full support for Propositions Two and Three, the school bond issues, which will appear on the November ballot and recommends a YES vote on both measures as an absolute necessity for maintaining and improving the facilities for quality education throughout California.

## PROPOSITION 17

**WHEREAS:**

Proposition 17, an initiative measure on the November ballot, would repeal the California Safe Crew Law, as it has stood on our statute books for many years, and

Proposition 17, if passed, would surrender the right of the State of California to regulate for the safety of its citizens, eliminating both the state legislature and the State Public Utilities Commission from any voice in determining the minimum

number of freight train crewmen necessary for private and public safety and property giving the powerful railroad interests the sole right to balance private enrichment against public safety, and

Proposition 17 would freeze this measure into the Constitution without possibility of change, except by means of another costly initiative, a difficult and greatly abused process; and

Proposition 17 would establish compulsory arbitration, generally opposed by both management and labor, in place of collective bargaining, for the settlement

## THE WAR ON POVERTY

### WHEREAS:

The United States, under the leadership of President Johnson and the Democratic Party, has undertaken a crusade to destroy one of mankind's most vicious enemies, poverty.

The blight of poverty, spawned by poor housing, disease, illiteracy, and unemployment still exists as a tragic paradox in a nation which is enjoying a record prosperity.

President Johnson's War on Poverty Program, enacted this month by Congress, will attack all facets of this problem. It will create a corps to train youths for

## PROPOSITION 14

### WHEREAS:

The Democratic Party in California has taken the lead in protecting and nourishing the civil rights and civil liberties of all Californians.

Our Party created the first Fair Employment Practices Commission. We passed the comprehensive Unruh Civil Rights Act and the Hawkins Public Housing Act. We outlawed discriminatory voting laws. And Governor Brown last year set forth the State's Code of Fair Practices, attacking discrimination within state government and prohibiting discrimination by persons selling to, contracting with or licensed by the State.

Last year, our legislature passed the Rumford Fair Housing Act, the state's first law prohibiting discrimination in private housing.

Now that law is under attack by a selfish, bigoted minority led by the California Real Estate Association. Proposition 14 would not only nullify the state's fair housing laws. It goes far beyond. It would freeze into the California Constitu-

of disputes; and

Railroading conditions in California are vastly different from those in any other state, with more miles of mountainous terrain, more dangerous grade crossings and the heaviest automobile traffic of any state.

### NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

By the California State Central Committee that Proposition 17 be opposed as contrary to the public interest, and that the citizens of California be urged to vote NO on this initiative Tuesday, November 3rd.

jobs and help create employment in depressed areas, such as Appalachia, through low-interest loans to industries.

Federal assistance will be given to local communities who plan programs designed to eliminate poverty in their areas.

### NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

The Democratic State Central Committee commends President Johnson and our Democratic Congressmen for their leadership in making this much needed legislation a reality and Governor Brown for his prompt action looking toward the successful implementation of this legislation in California.

tion a prohibition against the elective officials of our state, cities and counties ever taking any action against discrimination in housing.

Proposition 14 would introduce Jim Crow in California. It is rank racism, thinly disguised as a measure to protect property rights. It would legalize discrimination and segregation. It would promote hate and bigotry. It would lead to racial tensions and discord.

The Rumford Act, on the other hand, is the way of moderation. Through conciliation and mediation, complaints of discrimination are solved equitably and without hardship. Similar laws have worked well in 10 other states. In its first year of operation not a single complaint of unfairness has been reported.

Some Republican organizations, such as the United Republicans of California, are openly supporting the California Real Estate Association and right-wing organizations in their efforts to eliminate this law which has proven effective in reducing racial intolerance and tensions.

Democratic organizations and Party leaders have joined with civic and religious groups in opposing Proposition 14.

### NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

The Democratic State Central Committee of California reiterates its strong support of fair housing laws and its unanimous and dedicated opposition to Proposition 14.

### AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

We urge all citizens who seek progress in human rights to vote NO on Proposition 14 and censure the Republican Party

## THE STATUS OF WOMEN

### WHEREAS:

The late President John F. Kennedy set up a National Commission on the Status of Women to study the barriers that stand in the way of the full realization of women's basic rights;

Formation of this Commission acknowledges both the value of and the necessity for encouraging women's participation in the national life and of assuring their rights as individuals, as citizens, and as workers, and

As of this date 32 states in the nation (5 in the West) have created Commissions on the Status of Women either by Execu-

for its shameful refusal to live up to its promises of the past.

We also urge all Republicans who share our concern for the preservation of California's civil rights leadership to join with us in defeating Proposition 14 in November.

### BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That general campaign literature of the Democratic Party of California, including the traditional slate mailer on behalf of all candidates, incorporate a statement of opposition to Proposition 14.

tive Order of the Governor or by Legislative Statute, and

California as the most populous State in the Nation will, by establishing its own Commission, affirm its intention to utilize the talents of all its citizens and to safeguard the freedoms of all its people for the great economic and social tasks that lie ahead,

### THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

That the Democratic State Central Committee of California ask Governor Edmund G. Brown and the Legislature of California to create during the 1965 general session a Statutory Commission on the Status of Women.

## THE EXTENSION AND EXPANSION OF THE McATEER ACT CONCERNING COMPENSATORY EDUCATION

### WHEREAS:

Millions of Americans and 2½ million Californians still live at a poverty level with incomes below \$3,000 per year; and

These victims of poverty suffer most from chronic unemployment, substandard housing, and gross inequality of access to a decent standard of living; and

The Democratic party has recently rededicated itself to the war against poverty both national and in California; and

There are thousands of poverty afflicted children in our public schools who are unable to profit by the general educational programs afforded by the public school system because of cultural and economic disadvantages; and

The California State Legislature during its 1963 session affirmed its belief in the

principle of equal educational opportunities by passage of Senate Bill 115 (McAteer Act) which provided for the establishment of experimental educational projects for disadvantaged students; and

It is now evident by the reports submitted by these projects that culturally and economically disadvantaged children can be helped to raise both their academic performance and their own self-esteem by providing them with special services and educational techniques of a compensatory nature;

### NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That the State Democratic Central Committee urges the State Legislature at its 1965 session to extend and expand upon the McAteer Act thus allowing additional thousands of disadvantaged California children to benefit by such compensatory educational programs.

## RESOLUTION ON MINORITY REGISTRATION

### WHEREAS:

Voter registration drives in the Negro and other minority Communities have indicated that there are large numbers of minority group members willing and able to register to vote; and

It is the policy of the Democratic Party to increase minority registration;

### THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

That the California State Central Com-

mittee of the Democratic Party implement its stated policy by:

1. Adding new staff for registration purposes in the remaining four weeks before the close of registration.

2. Increasing efforts to publicize voter registration campaigns.

3. Operating or contributing to the operation of voter registration headquarters in the minority communities of California.

4. Appropriating sufficient funds to carry out the above programs.

## CALIFORNIANS WITH SPANISH SURNAMES

### WHEREAS:

The State of California is fortunate in having as its largest single minority Americans of Spanish surnames whose tremendous contributions to our culture and economy have been an important factor in the progress and development of our State; and

These Spanish surname Californians have problems that are unique to them and require our continuing understanding and attention; and

The Democratic Party has always been responsive to the needs of the people; and

Californians of Spanish surnames register and vote in overwhelming percentages with the Democratic Party; and

There presently exist serious problems among Californians of Spanish surnames particularly in the areas of education, employment opportunities, and housing;

### NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

By the California Democratic State Central Committee that it recognizes the socio-economic circumstances that presently exist and handicap many of the members of the Spanish speaking com-

## EXECUTIVE CLEMENCY FOR CIVIL RIGHTS DEMONSTRATORS

### WHEREAS:

Well meaning people in San Francisco, many of whom are college students and professors, in attempting to achieve equal employment opportunities, have been involved in demonstrations resulting in mass arrests, and

Convictions of large numbers of participants in the civil rights movements have resulted, and

For the misdemeanors involved there have been onerous and widely varied sen-

ences, and implicit in true justice is equality of punishment, and

That the State administration and the State Legislature are urged to take continued cognizance of the separate and distinct problems of Spanish speaking Californians and accelerate their effort to cope with the problems of schooling, jobs, housing, and general economic advancement; and

That the Legislature is urged to undertake an immediate and comprehensive study of these conditions adversely affecting the Spanish speaking communities and further urges immediate implementation of programs designed to ameliorate these conditions, including the extension and expansion of the McAteer compensatory education act, passed by the 1963 Session of the Legislature; and

That copies of this resolution be transmitted to Governor Edmund G. Brown, the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the Assembly of the California Legislature and to such other persons and other organizations as the Chairman of this Committee deems appropriate.

### NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That the Democratic State Central Committee urges that the Governor favorably consider the possibility of granting executive clemency in these matters.

## MISSISSIPPI FREEDOM DEMOCRATIC PARTY

### WHEREAS:

The so-called Democratic Party of Mississippi is undemocratically constituted because it discriminates against large numbers of citizens and excludes Negroes who make up over 40% of the population of the State; and

The so-called Democratic Party of Mississippi has not supported the platform of the National Democratic Party and has often asserted that it is not a part of the National Democratic Party and many of its leaders have publicly stated that they will support the Republican nominee for President in 1964; and

The delegation to the National Democratic Convention from the so-called Democratic Party in Mississippi is not legally constituted because it has been selected through undemocratic and discriminatory procedures in flagrant violation of the law of the land, basic principles of our democracy and in brazen disregard for fair play and human decency; and

A Freedom Democratic Party has been established in the State of Mississippi which is open to all citizens regardless of race, color, or national origin, and which does support the National Platform and candidates; and

The Freedom Democratic Party is seeking to have its delegation seated instead

of the delegation of the so-called Democratic Party of Mississippi at the 1964 Democratic National Convention; and

The Executive Committee of the California Democratic State Central Committee voted unanimously to request the California Delegation to support the Freedom Democratic Party of Mississippi at its June 27, 1964 meeting in San Francisco;

### NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

That the Democratic State Central Committee meeting at the annual official session request the California delegation to the National Convention of the Democratic Party to take all appropriate action to deny seating of delegates from the illegally selected so-called Democratic Party delegates of the State of Mississippi; and

That the State Central Committee request the California Delegates to the Democratic National Convention to take all appropriate action to seat the delegates from the Freedom Democratic Party of Mississippi; and

That copies of this resolution be sent to Governor Edmund G. Brown, Chairman of the Democratic Delegation from California to the National Democratic Convention and to such other persons as the Chairman of the Democratic Party deems it necessary.

## THE RIGHT TO REGISTER

### WHEREAS:

President Lyndon B. Johnson has appealed to every eligible voter to register and vote because "voting is the first duty of democracy"; and

President Johnson has called this the "unfinished business on the agenda of Democracy"; and

American citizens have been murdered in Mississippi and elsewhere in the South for attempting to assist with this "unfinished business of Democracy"; and

American citizens are threatened with the continuation of the murders, harassment, burnings, bombings, and other terroristic activities in order to prevent American citizens in the south to register to vote; and

The law enforcement agencies in Mississippi and other Southern states have not only demonstrated unwillingness to protect the lives of the American citizen engaged in voter registration work, but have, in many cases acted so as to aid,

abet, and incite brutal terroristic acts against the very American citizens who are attempting, without arms or violence, to assist other American citizens in voting, "the first duty of democracy";

### NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

That the State Central Committee of the Democratic Party meeting at its annual official session urges the President of the United States to exert all reasonable and expeditious efforts to utilize all Federal resources necessary to protect the lives, property, and persons of the peaceful American citizens in the Southern States of the United States of America who have been and might continue to be victims of these barbarous and lawless acts unless given the protection of the forces at the disposal of the Federal Government;

That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States, to the 1964 National Convention of the Democratic Party, as a resolution presented to that Convention from the California delegation to the Democratic Convention.

## BILLBOARDS

### WHEREAS:

The 1964 Special Session of the Legislature enacted the Collier-Z'berg Billboard Control Act; and

The Democratic Party has traditionally championed control measures on our State and Interstate Highway System so that the scenic natural resources of our State may be protected against the ever encroaching billboard jungle;

## OPPOSITION TO ORGANIZATION OF CITIZENS COUNCIL IN CALIFORNIA

### WHEREAS:

Additional evidence of the increasing tempo of extremism in California has been provided by the announcement that branches of the Citizens Councils of America, an organization directed from Mississippi, are being established in the State of California.

This group is described by its California Chairman as opposing the Civil Rights Law, the Rumford Act and the menace of "racial integration."

## MISSISSIPPI INTEGRATION

### WHEREAS:

Mississippi is the last state in the Union to fail to integrate any schools below the collegiate level; and

Federal Courts have ordered integration of schools in three counties in Mississippi for the forthcoming school year; and

Recent days have shown the depravity of those in Mississippi who wish to perpetuate the discriminatory evils in that society; and

State officials have inadequately protected civil rights workers and those like James Meredith who breached the walls

## SAN FRANCISCO BAY

### WHEREAS:

San Francisco Bay is a great natural resource for the benefit of all the people, and

Since 1850 approximately 243 square miles of this bay have either been drained or filled; and

The present rate of reclamation is 316

### NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

That this Convention commends the Democratic leadership of the Assembly and Senate and Governor Brown for their efforts which culminated in the passage of this measure; and

That their efforts continue and that the provisions of the Collier-Z'berg Act be extended to the entire State Highway System.

The leader of the California Citizens Council, Kent H. Steffgen, is a former organizer of the Birch Society in California.

### NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

The Democratic State Central Committee voices its wholehearted opposition to the efforts of racists to organize a Mississippi-style Citizens Council in a state which has a national reputation for its racial tolerance and progressive legislation in the field of human rights.

of segregation; and

The Civil Rights Act of 1964 inheres in the Federal Government a larger presence in the field of civil rights; and

Parents in Leake County Mississippi, in particular, feel that their children's safety is imperiled in their federally ordered integration which is soon to transpire;

### NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That the Democratic State Central Committee of California urges the Department of Justice to intervene physically in the protection of the families of children and the children who will be integrating Mississippi's schools in the next few weeks.

square miles per year and 70 per cent of the total surface of the bay can potentially be filled; and

A number of plans for additional fills are all ready on the drawing boards; and

San Francisco Bay is a major economic resource, producing millions for the Bay Area economy through the production of minerals, sport fisheries, waterfowl hunt-

ing and boating and other recreational activities; and

The filling of San Francisco Bay will have many adverse effects including:

1. The destruction of fish and wildlife habitats and the food chains which support living creatures;
2. The creation of a serious waste and sewage disposal problem;
3. The creation of a potentially dangerous earthquake hazard with respect to improvements built on filled land;
4. The destruction of recreational values;
5. A deliterious effect on the natural functioning of the bay system with potentially dangerous changes in tidal action and river currents;
6. A possible modification of climatic patterns in the bay area which could result in increased air pollution in the area;
7. The loss of a scenic attraction unparalleled anywhere in the world; and

The material environment of the San Francisco Bay, including its great expanse of open space is an invaluable natural and scenic asset which should be preserved for the present and future gen-

## PROPOSITION 7

### WHEREAS:

Assembly Constitutional Amendment No. 13 (Proposition 7), if adopted by the voters, would enable the Legislature to authorize by law the investment of money in public pension or retirement funds in the stock, shares or other obligations of any corporation; and

Such investments would enable public pension or retirement funds to increase their income from investments, thereby reducing the contributions made by public

## FARM LABOR

### WHEREAS:

Under the leadership of President Lyndon B. Johnson and Governor Edmund G. Brown a massive effort is being initiated to make the poor of this nation and this state visible and to develop programs which will eliminate poverty and the suffering accompanying it; and

California's most depressed and disadvantaged group of people are the seasonal farm workers, who number over 300,000 persons (excluding braceros) according to best estimates based on analysis of Social Security Accounts (with the total number of farm workers estimated at well over 400,000 if year-round workers

erations of all Californians; and

The Association of Bay Area Governments is developing a master plan for the development of the entire San Francisco Bay Area; and

The Legislature in 1964 adopted Senator McAtter's measure creating a Bay Area Study Commission whose specific function is to report to the Legislature in 1965 on measures to be taken to preserve the San Francisco Bay from unregulated filling; and

Any filling of San Francisco Bay during the next three years while the Master Plan is being developed will be irreparable,

### NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That the Legislature establish a three year moratorium on future bay filling pending the recommendation of the McAtter Bay Area Study Commission and the development by A.B.A.G. of their Master Plan so that no irreparable damage will be done to this great natural and scenic resource before there is an opportunity to create a comprehensive master plan for the San Francisco Bay Region.'

employees and their employers; and

To permit such investments to public pension or retirement funds would be a substantial factor in protecting those funds from the inroads of inflation;

### NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That the delegates thereto request and strongly urge that the Democratic State Central Committee of California endorse Assembly Constitutional Amendment No. 13 (Proposition 7) and recommend its adoption by the voters.

are added to seasonal workers); and

These American farm workers and their families live isolated from the main stream of community life, encased in poverty and insecurity, subjected to indignity, excluded from most social legislation safeguards, deprived of adequate health care, sanitation and community services; and

In most cases the seasonal farm workers earn between \$1.00 and \$1.15 an hour and even these meager earnings are further diminished by unemployment, under-employment and sporadic work patterns, so that average annual earnings of families (combining the work income of parents and children) including non-farm

employment averages between \$2000 - 2500; and

These conditions are further aggravated by the importation of foreign workers under Public Law 78 and Public Law 414 to displace American farm workers and further depress their already sub-standard wages; and

No systematic program has been undertaken to phase out bracero employment under P.L. 78 (before its scheduled termination date of December 31) and to provide wages and working conditions and living accommodations which would make farm work an adequate occupational choice for American workers;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

That the California Democratic Party favors a program to end poverty in agri-

culture and to assure equal justice to farm workers through legislation:

1. To extend to them unemployment insurance coverage and other social insurance safeguards;
2. To protect collection bargaining;
3. To assure a minimum wage; and

That a program be developed through cooperation among agricultural employers, governmental agencies, community institutions and labor to assure farm workers adequate housing, transportation, planned work itineraries, and guaranteed work periods; and

That the California Democratic Party opposes any further extension of Public Law 78 and opposes any substitute program for importation of farm labor under Public Law 414, or by any similar device.

## **BAIL REFORMS**

**WHEREAS:**

Attorney General Robert Kennedy's study has shown that equal justice cannot be achieved under the present bail system because it discriminates against the poor.

The unregulated power of the 225 million dollar bail bond industry was recently shown in Santa Clara County, when the local bail bondsmen left their offices and went on a "vacation" in protest over local attempts to bail reform.

The present bail system has caused large numbers of accused persons unnecessarily to spend the interval between arrest and trial in jail because they cannot afford to pay the bail bondsmen's premium or put up the collateral demanded.

The accused person suffers unnecessary disruption of family life and loss of job with increased likelihood of conviction and reduced likelihood of probation.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

The Democratic State Central Committee urges Governor Brown to initiate legislation for the reform of California's bail system by reducing the number of offenses requiring bail and by expanding the number of offenses which do not require arrest; but rather a citation.

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

The Democratic State Central Committee urges the California Delegation to the National Convention to work for the adoption of a National Platform plank on bail bond reform.