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# CALIFORNIA DEMOCRATIC PARTY

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## PRESIDENT'S FAILURE TO PROTECT THE AMERICAN PEOPLE

**WHEREAS:** The informed citizenry of the United States, through various weather services, television and radio, knew that a major hurricane of unprecedented proportions was heading for the Gulf shoreline and might hit New Orleans head-on; President Bush, while vacationing at his ranch, was apparently unaware of any hurricane or else was in denial; and

**WHEREAS:** It was several days after the storm had passed by New Orleans, leaving havoc and death in its wake, that the President and his Administration woke up to the enormous disaster perpetuated on the Gulf Coast cities and ordered FEMA and later the DOD to provide relief; and

**WHEREAS:** The Bush administration demonstrated that it was clearly unprepared and lacked the requisite leadership to aid state and local governments in mitigating the human suffering despite their repeated promises after 9/11 to bring emergency preparedness to an acceptable level

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** That the California Democratic Party strongly admonishes the President of the United States for his failure to move quickly and in a timely fashion to help survivors of Katrina

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:** That the California Democratic Party urges Congressional leaders to establish an independent panel to investigate this appalling lack of responsibility by President Bush and his Administration to protect the American people and take the necessary steps to see that such failures do not occur in the future.

Approved by Santa Clara County Central Committee

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