



CALIFORNIA DEMOCRATIC PARTY

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CALLING FOR FULL INVESTIGATION INTO POSSIBLE ABUSES OF POWER BY PRESIDENT GEORGE W. BUSH AND CALLING FOR APPROPRIATE REMEDIES FOR SUCH ABUSE

WHEREAS: President George W. Bush took an oath of office in which he swore to take care that the laws of the United States would be faithfully executed by him; and there is mounting evidence that President George W. Bush and his Administration are recklessly expanding presidential powers which threaten the constitutionally mandated system of checks and balances; and

WHEREAS: It has been alleged that since September 11, 2001, several actions have been taken by President George W. Bush that call into question whether he has followed that oath to the letter of the law, and therefore may be guilty of abuse of power, such as: 1) using information he reasonably knew to be false as justification for the U.S. invasion of Iraq; 2) failure to provide appropriate equipment for U.S. troops engaged in battle in Iraq and Afghanistan; 3) having no exit plan for the U.S. troops in Iraq or aftermath plan for the citizens of Iraq; 4) condoning and authorizing the torture of prisoners of war; and 5) authorizing wiretaps on U.S. citizens without obtaining a warrant, which Robert Reinstein, the Dean of the Law School at Temple University has classified as “domestic surveillance over American citizens for whom there is no evidence or proof that they are involved in any illegal activity, and [which] is in contravention of a statute of Congress specifically designed to prevent this;” and furthermore which is in clear violation of long-standing Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act (FISA) laws and 6) has seemingly disclosed the name of an undercover CIA operative contrary to law in order to harm her for her husband’s opposition to the Iraq war; and

WHEREAS: To date, President George W. Bush has offered no reasonable explanation for any of these actions that would render such actions acceptable, and indeed in some cases has made statements in direct contradiction to his actions, which further calls into question his abilities and intent

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the California Democratic Party calls for whatever steps must be taken by Congress and others to ensure a full and complete investigation into possible abuses of power by President George W. Bush; and especially calls for the appropriate remedy and punishment, including impeachment, to be identified and followed to its conclusion

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That we call upon every fair-minded American to step forward to call for an end to the secret spying of our citizens and the disregard of our Constitution by the Administration and demand respect for the Constitution, for justice in America and for an end to the campaign of lies by the president.

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