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GLOBAL WARMING AS A PRESIDENTIAL AND A LOCAL PRIORITY

WHEREAS, global climate change, due in large part to human-generated emissions of greenhouse gases, is increasingly harmful to the environment, the economy, and the future well-being of the people of the United States and the world; and

WHEREAS, the scientific community has reached the consensus that we must take significant action within the next decade in order to prevent the worst effects of global climate change, making it critical that the next President of the United States provide strong, decisive leadership and a workable plan to curb global warming; and

WHEREAS, California's leadership in passing laws such as the Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006, authored by former Assemblymember Fran Pavley and Assembly Speaker Fabian Núñez, is highly significant, vital, and commendable, but represents only one step by one state to solve a problem that requires concerted worldwide action;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the California Democratic Party urges all Democratic presidential candidates to pledge to establish a national program requiring reductions of U.S. greenhouse gas emissions; to create a major national research initiative to foster rapid development of sustainable energy technologies, thereby stimulating new jobs and investment; and to provide leadership in multi-national efforts to reduce atmospheric levels of greenhouse gases, including programs requiring reductions of greenhouse gas emissions from China and other countries which contribute greatly to worldwide greenhouse gas emissions; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the California Democratic Party encourages all Californians to work within their communities to recommend and implement local steps to save energy and to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

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