



CALIFORNIA DEMOCRATIC PARTY

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GUARANTEE FREEDOM OF CHOICE

WHEREAS, a woman's right to choose hangs by a thread in the Supreme Court, and President Bush has appointed two anti-choice justices to the highest court in the land; and,

WHEREAS, in the closely divided decisions in *Gonzales v. Carhart* and *Gonzales v. Planned Parenthood Federation of America*, the newly reconfigured court, with Bush's appointees Roberts and Alito casting decisive votes, upheld the first-ever federal ban on abortion with criminal penalties for doctors, and even more troubling, effectively reversed Supreme Court precedent and rolled back key protections for women's health guaranteed by *Roe v. Wade*; and

WHEREAS, since *Roe v. Wade*, a woman's right to choose has been systematically eroded by anti-choice legislators in many states with more than 500 anti-choice measures enacted since 1995, rolling back this fundamental right for many women, and, with the court's decisions in Federal Abortion Ban cases, the situation has become even more dangerous as women's health is no longer constitutionally protected nor considered paramount, and the Federal Abortion Ban trumps California's greater protections for a woman's health and the right to choose;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the California Democratic Party reaffirm its longstanding position that the right to choose is a right of personal privacy by calling on Congress to secure freedom of choice by establishing a federal law that will codify *Roe v. Wade* and guarantee reproductive freedom for future generations of American women; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the California Democratic Party send this resolution to Governor Howard Dean, the Democratic National Committee, the Democratic members of the California Congressional and Senate delegations; and the Democratic candidates for President.

Submitted by Lyn Shaw Hilfenhaus, Chair of the CDP Women's Caucus

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