



Resolutions Committee Report Sacramento, CA Saturday, February 23, 2019

The Resolutions Committee met on Saturday, February 23, 2019 in Convention Center Room 104 to consider resolutions for support by the California Republican Party. Resolutions Committee Chairman, Robert Philibosian, called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.

1. Resolution Supporting the Supervision of Convicted Criminals.

COMMITTEE ACTION: DO PASS

2. Resolution Supporting Public Safety Reform

COMMITTEE ACTION: DO PASS

3. Resolution Supporting Commons Sense Crime Fix

COMMITTEE ACTION: DO PASS

4. Resolution Calling to Condemn State Law that Restricts Law Enforcement and Endangers Public Safety.

COMMITTEE ACTION: DO PASS

5. Resolution Condemning Ballot Harvesting & Calling for Its Repeal

COMMITTEE ACTION: DO PASS AS AMENDED

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert Philibosian
Chairman, Resolutions Committee

Resolution Supporting the Supervision of Convicted Criminals

WHEREAS, Californians have seen crime rates spike in the several years as misguided measures like Prop 47, Prop 57 and AB109 were passed; and

WHEREAS, as a result, thousands of felons have been released into our communities; and

WHEREAS, legislation making commonsense reforms associated with managing the population of ex-offenders who are subject to post-release community supervision, whose provisions are outlined below, were vetoed by Governor Jerry Brown; and

WHEREAS, California residents would have enhanced public safety in our communities by mandating the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation provide local law enforcement with copies of an inmate's record of supervision during any period of parole; and

WHEREAS, having this information during deliberations about whether to grant an inmate parole, the state Parole Board should consider the individual's entire criminal history, including all past convicted offenses; and

WHEREAS, consideration of a person's entire criminal history is a critical provision which would end the current dangerous policy of considering only the offender's most recent commitment offense; and

WHEREAS, to properly develop a realistic assessment of an individual's actual risk of recidivism requires considering the entirety of an offender's background; and

WHEREAS, flash incarceration for ex-offenders on post-release community supervision (PRCS) should be eliminated for those individuals who have violated the terms of their release for a third time; and

WHEREAS, the laws should require notice to the court, sheriff, district attorney and public defender if the local probation department employs flash incarceration, and authorizes a peace officer, including a probation officer to arrest an individual on PRCS if he or she has failed to appear at a hearing on a motion to modify or revoke such supervision; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the California Republican Party strongly urges the Governor and legislature to reintroduce the vetoed legislation which had unanimously passed the legislature, so we can balance the rights and rehabilitation of the formerly incarcerated population, with the need to ensure that our communities are safe from dangerous criminals.

Submitted by Eric P. Early

Resolution Supporting Public Safety Reform

WHEREAS, Prop. 47 and Prop. 57 and AB 109 had the cumulative result of severely eroding public safety by drastically reducing the consequences for criminally victimizing the residents of California; and

WHEREAS, there have been reasonable changes offered in Sacramento to fix some of the problems caused by Props 47 and 57 and AB109, including provisions that unanimously passed the Legislature before being inexplicably vetoed by Governor Brown; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature has sought to restrict lawful possession of firearms in California, while simultaneously lessening the penalties for those who use guns to commit crimes; and

WHEREAS, it is unrealistic to think that Governor Newsom and the Democratic-dominated Legislature would completely abandon Props 47 and 57 and AB109; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the California Republican Party urges the Governor and legislature adopt a hybrid approach that maintains the spirit of the initiatives while fixing some of their more egregious flaws; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOVLED, that the California Republican Party believes it is vital to hold fully accountable those who choose to use firearms in commission of a crime; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the California Republican Party strongly urges the Governor and legislature to enact legislation that provides those who commit crimes are held fully accountable, and that the victims of any criminal action receive justice.

Submitted by Walter Allen

Resolution Supporting Common Sense Crime Fix

WHEREAS, the enactment of changes to the criminal statutes over the past several years have contributed to a continuing marginalization of crime victims; and

WHEREAS, last year legislation was introduced to help address the car burglary problem plaguing California; and

WHEREAS, a central element of the crime of auto burglary is proof beyond a reasonable doubt the vehicle was locked at the time of entry, meaning testimony of the victim is required; and

WHEREAS, a number of victims of car burglaries were out of town visitors who are unable to return to California simply to supply testimony their vehicle was locked at the time it was broken into; and

WHEREAS, without that testimony a vehicle burglary as currently codified in law cannot be proven beyond a reasonable doubt; and

WHEREAS, a broken window is circumstantial evidence a vehicle was locked, but problematic since post window smash, burglars often reach in and unlock the door to make entry and leave the car in an unlocked condition to be discovered by the victim or police; and

WHEREAS, legislation was previously introduced that addressed this issue by making it a crime to “forcibly enter” a vehicle, allowing a prosecutor to show a forcible entry by proving a door was locked or in the alternative, a window was broken, was vetoed; now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the California Republican Party urges the Governor and legislature to support legislation making it a new crime, punishable as a felony or misdemeanor to forcibly enter a vehicle and without the need for the victim’s testimony.

Submitted by Edmond Dadisho

RESOLUTION OF THE CALIFORNIA REPUBLICAN PARTY TO CONDEMN STATE LAW THAT RESTRICTS LAW ENFORCEMENT AND ENDANGERS PUBLIC SAFETY

WHEREAS, the State of California enacted Senate Bill 54, deceitfully titled the “California Values Act,” on January 1, 2018, to further California’s “Sanctuary State” status; and

WHEREAS, the “California Values Act” restricts state and local law enforcement agencies from cooperating with federal immigration authorities by prohibiting local law-enforcement officials from informing federal authorities when an illegal alien who has committed a crime is being released from custody; and

WHEREAS, thousands of criminal illegal aliens have been released into communities across California as a direct result of the “California Values Act”; and

WHEREAS, in Orange County alone, more than 1,000 criminal illegal aliens have been released since the enactment of “the California Values Act,” and more than 15 percent have been re-arrested for crimes including assault with a deadly weapon, attempted murder, burglary, cruelty to children, terrorist threats, rape, kidnapping, and weapons charges, among many others; and

WHEREAS, the Orange County Board of Supervisors voted to join the federal government’s lawsuit against the State of California in March of 2018, following a similar action by the city of Los Alamitos; and

WHEREAS, the Orange County Board of Supervisors found that “it is impossible to honor our oath to support and defend the Constitution of the United States and to be in compliance” with the “California Values Act”; and

WHEREAS, the Counties of Butte, Kern, Mariposa, San Diego, Shasta, Siskiyou, Tehama, and Tuolumne, joined the County of Orange in opposing the “California Values Act”; and

WHEREAS, similar resolutions of opposition were approved by the cities of Adelanto, Aliso Viejo, Anderson, Barstow, Beaumont, Colusa, Costa Mesa, Dana Point, El Cajon, Escondido, Fountain Valley, Hesperia, Huntington Beach, Laguna Beach, Laguna Niguel, Lake Elsinore, Lake Forest, Los Alamitos, Lincoln, Mission Viejo, Newport Beach, Orange, Ripon, Santa Clarita, San Jacinto, San Juan Capistrano, Simi Valley, Upland, Villa Park, Waterford, Westminster, Wildomar, Yorba Linda, Yuba City, and Yucaipa; and

WHEREAS, the City of Huntington Beach has been particularly successful in its legal efforts against the “California Values Act,” achieving a court injunction which prohibits the State from enforcing its dangerous sanctuary law in chartered cities; and

WHEREAS, the California Republican Party believes that “federal funding should be denied to sanctuary cities that refuse to cooperate with immigration officials, and that “these cities are undermining Federal law, and putting our citizens at risk; and

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Resolution submitted by Hon. Michelle Steel

WHEREAS, the danger to Californians has been compounded by laws that have turned California into a sanctuary state; and

WHEREAS, the California Republican Party believes that it is a “California value” to welcome each and every legal immigrant, but that violent criminal illegal aliens should be expeditiously repatriated to their countries of origin; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the California Republican Party wholeheartedly rejects the deceitful notion that harboring dangerous criminal illegal aliens in our communities is a “California value” and will continue to defend innocent Californians of all backgrounds from the “sanctuary” policies that endanger the life, liberty, and property.

Submitted by:
Vice Chair Michelle Steel, Second District
Orange County Board of Supervisors

A Resolution Condemning Ballot Harvesting & Calling for Its Repeal

WHEREAS, the Democrat-controlled Legislature passed and Governor Brown signed AB 1921 which allows paid political operatives to solicit and collect an unlimited number of absentee ballots, and turn them in to their local county Registrar of Voters office, and

WHEREAS, while prior California law allowed relatives or members of the same household as the voter to turn in their absentee ballots this new law does not provide those safeguards to absentee voters, now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the California Republican Party calls on the Legislature to repeal AB 1921, or in the alternative, place a measure on the 2020 ballot that gives the voters the option to repeal AB 1921.

Anthony M. Macias

Delegate from Santa Clara County