

2023-5 Resolution Standing with Democracy in Opposition to the Rise of Right-Wing Nationalism

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WHEREAS, right-wing nationalist or religious nationalist governments have been elected in democracies including Hungary, Indonesia, Israel, Italy, the Philippines, Poland and Turkey, and far right parties have emerged in Brazil, Sweden, Chile, Costa Rica, Norway, Germany, France and the United Kingdom, and Trumpism within the Republican Party represents the far right; and

WHEREAS, many of these nationalist governments have used demagoguery to obtain slim, temporary legislative majorities, and once in power, sought to persecute marginalized communities, women, children, and LGBTQ persons, disempower labor rights and eliminate or reduce the power of an independent judiciary to protect civil rights, eliminate political dissent, and impose religious restrictions on society at large; and

WHEREAS, vibrant democracies depend on equal protection of law for all citizens, an independent judiciary, and the right of dissent, the answer to the rise of far-right nationalism is to support leadership change and the restoration of democracy through voter empowerment and citizen activism; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the San Mateo County Democratic Party supports the principle of democratic government with an independent judiciary that interprets law without political, religious or populist interference; and

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the San Mateo County Democratic Party stands in solidarity with the citizen activists of those countries seeking to protect their democracies, marginalized communities and LGBTQ rights in their countries through their right to protest.

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