



El Cerrito Democratic Club

Newsletter – September 2020

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ECDC
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1. Regular Meeting Agenda Tuesday September 22, 2020 @ 6:30PM via Zoom.

Board Members:

Janet Abelson, President

Peter Chau, Immediate Past President on leave

Champagne Brown, Executive Vice President

Madeline Kronenberg, Vice President-Media

Glen Nethercut, Vice President-Records

Kathy Fleming, Vice President Treasurer

Margaret Kavanaugh-Lynch, Vice President-Programs

Greg Lyman, Vice President-Membership

Carolyn Wysinger, Vice President-Publications(Newsletters)

Join September 22, 2020 Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89181154069>

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Agenda:

6:30 Call to Order

6:31 Determination of Quorum

6:32 Approval of Minutes from 6-23-20, 7-16-20, 7-28-20, 8-14-20, and 8-25-20

6:40 Other Board Reports

6:45 Report from Central Committee

6:50 Report from Diversity and Equity Committee

6:55 Precinct Walking and Sign Distribution

7:00 Program

7:00 Uncontested Candidate Rebecca Saltzman for BART Board

7:20 Supervisor Gioia presents Contra Costa County Ballot Measure X for ECDC endorsement (*action possible*)

7:40 Supervisor Gioia discusses Statewide Ballot Proposition 15

8:00 Silvia Young presents two California Democratic Party resolutions for consideration by the Club (*action possible*)

8:15 Announcements and Good of the Order

8:25 Adjournment to October

Schedule of Upcoming ECDC Meetings:

October? Mark DeSaulnier invited via Zoom

November 24 Topic to be determined

December? Holiday Party hosted by President Janet Abelson

2. September 22 Program Preview

BART Director and El Cerrito resident Rebecca Saltzman will speak to the club as an uncontested incumbent. We look forward to hearing about her vision for BART.

Supervisor John Gioia will speak to us and ask the club to endorse Measure X. The matter was distributed on September 12 by an email from Greg Lyman. Additionally, here is a link to the County's website: <https://www.contracosta.ca.gov/7913/Measure-X>

Supervisor Gioia will also speak to us about other issues he is passionate about, especially State Proposition 15.

Silvia Young will ask the club to adopt two resolutions for the California State Democratic Party. The resolutions were distributed on Saturday September 12 by email and are attached.

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3. ECDC Diversity Subcommittee Report

The subcommittee members met on September 8. Members include Y'Anad Burrell (chair), Dr. Fatima Alleyne, Buddy Akacic, Jonee Grassi, Greg Lyman, Audrey Shields, Scottie Smith, Cheryl Sudduth, Irene Tait and Marsha Williamson. Subcommittee Chair Y'Anad Burrell reports:

1. The subcommittee recommends ECDC Members participate in the already scheduled events hosted by the West County Democratic Club (WCDC) Black Lives Matters Committee as our Club's efforts align with theirs in several ways. Lock in the below dates and links/flyers will be forthcoming:

- **Sunday, Sept. 27th @ 4 pm - 6 pm** | WCDC BLM Zoom Confidential Book Club, 'Where Do We Go From Here', by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
- **Tuesday, Sept. 29th @ 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm** | WCDC Black Lives Matter Committee Presents, "Pop-in & Ask", Prop. 16 Q&A
- **Tuesday, Oct. 13th @ 6 pm - 8 pm** | Uncomfortable Truths – Moderator, Cheryl Sudduth

2. The Subcommittee scheduled monthly committee meetings to be held the 2nd Tuesday of each month. The October 13th subcommittee meeting will be jointly with the WCDC event.

3. The subcommittee will have a special meeting on Monday, Oct. 19th @ 7 pm to finalize their agenda/vision for the committee. As discussed/agreed, the committee will continue their work and will present to the full membership when appropriate.

Here is the information for the September 27 Zoom Event:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81062553638?pwd=cmZzak3dC9nRE1wQWRtaIFvUWV1QT09>

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4. Biden-Harris Campaign Materials Available

Janet Abelson has lawn signs, buttons and window signs available for you to display. The lawn signs are \$5, the buttons are \$3 and the window signs are free. Please contact Janet at 510-693-8115 to arrange for pick-up.

5. ECDC Walks El Cerrito

Time to step up and get your steps in. We break down El Cerrito into about 75 one-hour walks. We need volunteers to distribute the Democratic Party of Contra Costa County card with endorsements for president and state wide offices and our ECDC flyer with local endorsements. We are going to deliver literature in a touchless way – with gloves and masks – and these will be provided. If you can help, please contact Janet Abelson at 510-693-8115 to arrange to pick-up a bag with instructions, maps, gloves, masks, and literature.

6. ECDC Annual Dinner

By now, we typically have announced the date for the Annual Dinner, provided the location and even hinted at the menu. This year will be different. We will be holding a virtual event – meaning you will have to provide your own food and beverages. We do have a great speaker lined up – Congressman Mark DeSaulnier. We are still working out the time and the meeting logistics. Once we have this information, Greg Lyman will be emailing the information to the membership. The event will occur in October.

7. Draft ECDC Special Meeting Minutes of August 25, 2020

Board members attending: President Janet Abelson, Executive VP Champagne Brown, VP Media (Website) Madeline Kronenberg, VP Membership Greg Lyman, VP of Records Glen Nethercut

1. Call to Order

The meeting was conducted online on Zoom. President Janet Abelson called the meeting to order at 6:35 pm with approximately 19 members in attendance. It was announced that the meeting was being recorded for purposes of preparing the minutes.

2. Discussions

Members discussed the scope of the committee and determined it was not possible to complete this during this meeting. The George Floyd resolution calls for the formation of the subcommittee and was the start of the discussion. Y’Anad Burrell reiterated that she raised this in the January meeting. Discussion included the intersectionality between racial injustice and other justice issues of education, environmental, criminal, gender, economic, ethnic, sexism, class and disability. Speakers agreed there needs to be action, not just words.

3. Motions

Y’Anad Burrell made a motion to form a permanent subcommittee, volunteered to be chair and requested volunteers to join her to discuss scope of the subcommittee. The motion was seconded

by acclimation and unanimously approved. Greg Lyman collected names of volunteers for the subcommittee. Volunteers included Fatima Alleyne, Buddy Akacic, Jonee Grassi, Greg Lyman, Audrey Shields, Scottie Smith, Cheryl Sudduth, and Irene Tait.

4. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:19 pm.

8. Draft ECDC Special Meeting Minutes of August 14, 2020

Board members attending: President Janet Abelson, Executive VP Champagne Brown, VP Programs Margaret Kavanaugh-Lynch, VP Media (Website) Madeline Kronenberg, VP Membership Greg Lyman, VP Records (Secretary) Glen Nethercut, VP Publications (Newsletters) Carolyn Wysinger

1. Call to Order

The meeting was conducted online via Zoom. President Janet Abelson began the meeting at 6.35pm with approximately 22 people attending.

2. Motions

Champagne made a motion that the full membership not be allowed to revote using OpaVote on the four propositions determined during the July ECDC Regular meeting (Propositions 20, 22, 24 and 25).

The motion was seconded by Cheryl, and approved unanimously.

3. Discussion of Proposition 21 and Consideration of Position

Members will be asked to vote on Proposition 21 using OpaVote.

4. Adjournment

9. Draft ECDC Membership General Meeting Minutes – July 28, 2020

Board members attending: President Janet Abelson, Executive VP Champagne Brown, Treasurer Kathy Fleming, VP Media (Website) Madeline Kronenberg, VP Membership Greg Lyman, VP Records (Secretary) Glen Nethercut

1. Call to Order

The meeting was conducted online via Zoom. President Janet Abelson began the meeting at 6.35pm with approximately 22 people attending. It was announced that the meeting was being recorded.

2. Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Kathy Fleming said the Club's bank balance is \$12,015.15.

3. Report from Club Representative to the DPCCC

The Democratic Party of Contra Costa County (DPCCC) met July 16, Executive VP and Club representative to the DPCCC Champagne Brown said. She also reported:

- The California Democratic Party's 2020 Summer Executive Board meeting, trainings and caucuses were held online July 23-26.
- District 2 and 3 candidates are being sought.

- Vote 2020 has completed 30 virtual actions.
- 22 new members were added to the Endorsement Committee.
- Interviews are being held August 8 by the DPCCC's Endorsement Committee.

4. Membership Report

Vice President Membership Greg Lyman said membership increased to 170, and that a third of these are new. Some joined after the July 11 deadline for eligibility to participate in Club endorsements, and are therefore being offered refunds.

Greg discussed how changes in the DPCCC's endorsements calendar made it necessary to move up the Club's endorsement votes from August 25 and 29 to August 15 and possibly 16 in order for those endorsements to be considered by the DPCCC. The Club's Standing Rules require membership for 45 days prior to an endorsement vote, he noted. July 11 is 45 days prior to August 25. As Greg wrote in the newsletter, "The Board is suggesting we waive the 45-day rule for this year because the date change was imposed upon us by the DPCCC. Honoring the published membership cut-off date of July 11 acknowledges the intent of the rules, as everyone that joined had no knowledge of the endorsement date change."

Champagne moved Greg's motion to waive the 45-day rule, which was seconded by Gabriel Quinto, and passed unanimously.

Greg and Scott Lyons demonstrated OpaVote, an online voting platform which Club members will use to cast their endorsement votes for propositions and candidates. Details were provided in the newsletter, item 6. "ECDC Embraces Online Voting". The endorsement vote begins August 15, and must be submitted by the deadline of 4.00pm on Sunday August 16, 2020.

There are three ways to vote:

- Online via the link to OpaVote appearing in the email sent a members.
- 25 memberships are for households, and have a single email address. These will receive a separate email with a code for voting through OpaVote.
- Offline members will be mailed printed ballot, and their votes manually obtained by phone, and entered into OpaVote.

Ballots cast through OpaVote are anonymous. Scott Lyons will monitor OpaVote, and provide assistance to members.

5. Program – Statewide Propositions

By 7pm 29 people were attending; some members appeared twice, attending both by Zoom video and by telephone.

Statewide Propositions 14 through 26 were reviewed by the Club. Propositions not receiving an endorsement vote at this meeting will appear on the Club's August 15 ballot. Much of the information shared during the program came from ballotpedia.org.

A motion for the Club to conduct a vote after a discussion of each proposition was made, seconded by Paul Fadelli, and approved unanimously.

Greg made a motion to approve the E-Board's recommendation in support of (yes vote) of Propositions 15, 16, 17 and 18. The motions was seconded by Betty Brown, and approved unanimously.

Title	Subject	Description ¹
Proposition 15	Taxes	Requires commercial and industrial properties to be taxed based on market value and dedicates revenue
Proposition 16	Affirmative Action	Repeals Proposition 209 (1996), which says that the state cannot discriminate or grant preferential treatment based on race, sex, color, ethnicity, or national origin in public employment, education, or contracting
Proposition 17	Suffrage	Restores the right to vote to people convicted of felonies who are on parole
Proposition 18	Suffrage	Allows 17-year-olds who will be 18 at the time of the next general election to vote in primaries and special elections

A discussion and vote of the other propositions followed. Greg explained the Club could vote Yes to support, No to oppose, or No Endorsement. Each proposition must receive 60% of a vote to receive one of these three designations; if less than that, than the Club registers an endorsement of Silent.

Pro	Con	Title	Description
Greg	Greg	Proposition 14	Issues \$5.5 billion in bonds for state stem cell research institute

Jonee Grassi said that while Federal stem cell research funds have been cut, she's concerned by motives of the proposition's chief proponent, and suggested delaying an endorsement vote to August 15. Jonee's motion was seconded by Gabriel, and approved unanimously.

Pro	Con	Title	Description
Greg	Greg	Proposition 19	Changes tax assessment transfers and inheritance rules

A motion of No Position on Proposition 19 was made by Ed and seconded by Isis Bastet. The vote was 15 in favor, with Norman La Force and Y'Anad Burrell abstaining. The measure failed with less than 60% in favor.

Greg moved that endorsement on Proposition 19 appear on the Club's August 15 ballot. Jonee seconded the motion, which was approved by 15 in favor, with none opposed and no abstentions.

Pro	Con	Title	Description
Janet	Greg	Proposition 20	Makes changes to policies related to criminal sentencing charges, prison release, and DNA collection

The ballot initiative was designed to make changes to AB 109 (2011), Proposition 47 (2014), and Proposition 57 (2016), three measures that were each intended to reduce the state's prison inmate population. The measure would also broaden the application of "wobblers" which gives prosecutors broad discretion in deciding the severity of a legal charge, Norman said. He noted this adds to California's prison population, and disproportionately effects Blacks and Latinos.

Norman's motion to oppose Proposition 20 was seconded by Isis, and received a vote of more than 60% in favor.

Pro	Con	Title	Description
Greg	Glen	Proposition 21	Expands local governments' power to use rent control

¹ https://ballotpedia.org/California_2020_ballot_propositions

Isis made a motion to support Proposition 21, which was seconded by Ed. Isis then sought to amend her motion, realizing she had misspoken, to oppose Proposition 21. Ed declined to second the revised motion.

Noting that “lateness of the hour” and that discussion of Proposition 21 could consume the rest of the meeting, Ed made a substitute motion for the endorsement vote to appear on the August 15 ballot, which was seconded by Gabriel, and approved without opposition or abstentions.

Isis then asked that the Club to reconsider its vote. Greg said that under Robert’s Rules of Order this would require a motion, a second, and two-thirds approval.

Isis said she believed the previous vote was based upon Ed’s description of “the lateness of the hour”, which she contested based upon Janet’s statement following the vote that there was ample time to consider the remaining propositions. Scottie Smith seconded the motion for the Club to reconsider its previous vote. The motion failed with 5 votes in favor, 8 opposed, and no abstentions.

Isis made a motion that the Club adjourn, which was seconded by Champagne. The motion failed with 7 votes in favor, 11 opposed, and no abstentions.

Pro	Con	Title	Description
Glen	Greg	Proposition 22	Considers app-based drivers to be independent contractors and enacts several labor policies related to app-based companies

Betty made a motion to oppose Proposition 22, which Norman seconded. With 22 members online (including some duplicates, monitored by Greg), the motion passed with 15 votes in favor, no opposition and no abstentions.

Pro	Con	Title	Description
Janet	Janet	Proposition 23	Requires physician on-site at dialysis clinics and consent from the state for a clinic to close

Jonee said she was “torn” by the proposition. Betty observed that support for the measure by California State Conference NAACP may be in conflict with local NAACP chapter, which frequently differ.

Glen made a motion that the Proposition 23 endorsement vote appear on the August 15 ballot, which was seconded by Norman, and approved with 13 votes in favor, no opposition and no abstentions.

Pro	Con	Title	Description
Greg	Greg	Proposition 24	Expands the provisions of the California Consumer Privacy Act (CCPA) and creates the California Privacy Protection Agency to implement and enforce the CCPA

A motion to oppose Proposition 24 was made a seconded, and passed with 13 votes in favor, no opposition and no abstentions.

Pro	Con	Title	Description
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Greg	Greg	Proposition 25	Replaces cash bail with risk assessments for suspects awaiting trial
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Greg said a vote in favor of the proposition would uphold Senate Bill 10 (SB 10), which would replace cash bail with risk assessments for detained suspects awaiting trials.

Norman made a motion to support Proposition 25, which was seconded by Champagne, and passed with 16 votes in favor, no opposition and no abstentions.

6. Announcements & Good of the Order

Cheryl Sudduth called for Club members who voice support for broadening the inclusion and power of non-white and marginalized individuals to do so through their actions. She noted that some members had expressed concerns over items during the meeting, and that “a woman of color has been disrespected.” She said, “Take time to behave more humanely.”

7. Special Meeting August 14 to Discuss Proposition 12

A discussion of Proposition 21 was resumed by the Club. Greg made a motion for the Club to hold a special meeting Friday, August 14 at 7pm. The motion was seconded by Champagne, and approved with 13 votes in favor.

8. Schedule of Upcoming Events

- August 14, 7pm: Proposition 21 discussion and endorsement vote
- August 15: Regular Club meeting to consider endorsement of candidates appearing on the November 2020 Ballot.

Greg said the Club newsletter will be published by August 4, and include Zoom details for the August 14 meeting.

9. Adjourn

The Club adjourned at 9.30pm.

10. Draft ECDC Membership Special Meeting Summary – July 16, 2020

Board members attending: Executive VP Champagne Brown, VP Treasurer Kathy Fleming, VP Media (Website) Madeline Kronenberg, VP Publications (Newsletters) Carolyn Wysinger

1. Call to Order

The meeting was conducted online on Zoom. VP Champagne Brown called the meeting to order at 6:35 pm with 10 members in attendance. It was announced that the meeting was being recorded.

2. Motions

Thomas made a motion, seconded by Madeline, to waive the 10-day notice requirement necessary for a Special Meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Isis made a motion, seconded by Madeline, to adopt the updated Resolution Regarding the Murder of Mr. George Floyd. The update replaced the reference to Black Lives Matter Global Network Foundation as the beneficiary of the Club's \$3,000 donation with “local grassroots organizations” as the beneficiary of the \$3,000 donation. The motion passed, with one abstention.

3. Adjournment

There was no report in the absence of Treasurer Kathy Fleming.

4. Membership Report

The meeting adjourned at 6:45 pm.

11. Draft ECDC Membership General Meeting Minutes – June 23, 2020

Board members attending: President Janet Abelson, Executive VP Champagne Brown, VP Programs Margaret Kavanaugh-Lynch, VP Media (Website) Madeline Kronenberg, VP Membership Greg Lyman, VP Records (Secretary) Glen Nethercut, VP Publications (Newsletters) Carolyn Wysinger

1. Call to Order

The meeting was conducted online via Zoom. Executive VP Champagne Brown began the meeting at 6.35pm with approximately 25 people attending. (By 7pm 36 people were attending.)

2. Minutes

A motion to approve minutes of the June 28, 2020 meeting, corrected to reflect that meeting date, was seconded, and unanimously approved.

3. Treasurer’s Report

There was no report in the absence of Treasurer Kathy Fleming.

4. Membership Report

Vice President Membership Greg Lyman reported 30 new paid memberships since the last meeting, increasing Club membership to 128.

President Janet Abelson arrived 6:40pm, and presided over the remainder of the meeting.

5. Report from Club Representative to the DPCCC

Executive VP Champagne Brown said she was unable to attend the Democratic Party of Contra Costa County’s June meeting, and had no report.

6. Other Officer Reports

None

7. Consideration of Support of ECDC Resolution in the Aftermath of the Death of Mr. George Floyd

Saying the questions, she would be asking “might be difficult for some people,” Isis Bastet asked if development of the resolution included participation of the Board’s two Black members, and why it was not delegated to the Diversity Committee. Greg said the Board felt it important to have a draft resolution written in time for tonight’s meeting, and that the Board reviewed and modified the draft written by Kathy Fleming, which was included in the agenda packet for consideration by membership tonight. Greg added that while there had been discussion of establishing a Diversity Committee, such a committee does not exist. Champagne said she read the resolution, and “felt that it was important that our white members spoke on how they felt.”

Greg read the resolution to the Club.

Betty Brown observed this was a “modest step forward”, and read from a letter she received from Congressman Mark DeSaulnier which she believed went further, including a call for ending “qualified immunity” which shields police officers from liability in most cases.

VP Publications (Newsletters) Carolyn Wysinger objected to the confrontational manner in which the discussion began, noting, “No one can speak for me.” She asked interested members to work together to develop a stronger resolution.

Cheryl Sudduth said “there’s a better way to do this,” adding “there is no issue” in how the resolution was developed.

Joey Smith said she was pleased the Club took this step in drafting the resolution. “Let’s make this more than symbolism. How are we going to turn those good words into good works?” she asked.

Greg suggested revising the resolution along the line proposed by Betty and Joey.

Joey called the question, moving to have the resolution revised by an ad hoc subcommittee. Greg offered to assist this subcommittee, and asked that those speaking tonight consider participating. A subcommittee of Isis Bastet, Michael Fischer, Kathy Fleming, Margaret Kavanaugh-Lynch, Thomas Minter and Michael Tabe was subsequently agreed upon.

The motion made by Greg, and seconded by Betty, was passed by the Club, with Greg, Carolyn and Norman La Force abstaining.

8. Program

Paul Keith, El Cerrito Police Chief

El Cerrito Police Chief Paul Keith reviewed how El Cerrito’s policing policies and practices have changed over the past few years, and how these changes are consistent with those currently being discussed nationally as a response to police violence as raised by the Black Lives Matter movement. A key component involves officers working to reduce, or deescalate, a situation. This might include having officers break off their engagement of a situation, returning later at a calmer time.

Before measuring the El Cerrito Police Department’s work, Chief Keith said it was necessary to determine the demographics of the community they serve. One measure is the city’s population, but that does not reflect those who shop, work, play and travel through El Cerrito. With El Cerrito High School students coming not just El Cerrito but from throughout the area, Department chose this demographic as its base.

The Department then determined that 30 percent of El Cerrito traffic citations were issued to Black people – a number greatly in excess of their share of this demographic. Most of these were “fix it tickets”, which Chief Keith said place a particular burden on lower income individuals. The Department subsequently reduced the priority of such citations, and in 2019, Blacks dropped to the third highest demographic group cited, with Whites highest.

Chief Keith noted the Department began avoiding involvement in “things that aren’t our responsibility,” determining before they get involved in a situation “is there a crime?” This means the Department does not send officers out on calls regarding merely “suspicious” individuals who do not appear to be committing an infraction, or where businesses seek interventions which are best managed by private security, or pursuing complaints by store clerks before consulting store managers who may not wish to press charges. This approach has led to an

overall 48 percent decrease in arrests, and 55 percent reduction in Blacks arrested. Crime in El Cerrito has meanwhile stayed level.

Carolyn Wysinger, President, San Francisco Pride Board

This year marks the 50th anniversary of San Francisco Pride, a celebration which Carolyn heads up as President of the San Francisco Pride Board. Like everything else, Pride has been impacted by the Covid-19 pandemic. The annual parade and festivities, schedule for June 29-30, were cancelled on April 15, and a new virtual online experience developed. This is “almost as much work” as in-person Pride, Carolyn said.

Carolyn said she grew up in Richmond, and attended El Cerrito High School, where she was her senior class president, and president of the Black Students Union.

9. Schedule of Upcoming Events

- July 28: Regular Club meeting with moderator and speakers for and against the November California Ballot Measures, followed by online endorsement vote.
- August 25: Regular Club meeting with endorsement of candidates on November 2020 Ballot.

10. Adjourn

The Club adjourned.

FemTruth ACEs Resolution

*The inclusion of youth voices and lived experiences, Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs)
Aware Advisory Committee; a public health crisis
by Silvia Young, Tiana Day*

WHEREAS: ACEs (Adverse Childhood Experiences) Aware is an initiative led by the Office of the California Surgeon General, Dr. Nadine Burke-Harris, and the Department of Health Care Services to give Medi-Cal providers training, clinical protocols, and payment for screening children and adults for ACEs, detecting ACEs early and connecting patients to interventions, resources, and other support;

WHEREAS: The Advisory Committee includes healthcare providers, government agencies, community-based organizations and other key partners coming together to support this initiative to make California communities ACEs Aware;

BE IT RESOLVED: That [organization] calls on the Office of the Surgeon General of California, Dr. Nadine Burke-Harris, and the Department of Health Care Services to integrate youth and lived experiences representation in its ACEs Aware Advisory Committee to facilitate inclusion of affected populations.

FemTruth Curriculum Resolution

The misinformation and re-education of students about systemic sexism and racism in womxn's health and its relation to pain; a public health crisis

by Silvia Young and Heather Guidone

WHEREAS: The subject of ‘painful diseases affecting people assigned female at birth (AFAB)’ is not taught in school, focusing instead on sexuality, and perpetuating a sexist narrative of stigma, shame and silence; and

WHEREAS: AFAB, when they suffer pain from AFAB-specific health issues, including diseases listed by the NIH among the twenty most painful in terms of symptoms, are dismissed, gaslit, told it’s “in their head” and labeled “hysterical”, leading to truancy, mental health issues, infertility, disability, financial destitution, and suicide; and

WHEREAS: Sexist and racist propaganda/myths are perpetuated by society, including education and medical institutions, and family (generational):

BE IT RESOLVED: That [organization] calls on [local school district] to integrate into its health education (not sex education) curriculum, and on [local Assemblymember] and [local State Senator] to sponsor and/or support state legislation to facilitate inclusion in school health education (not sex education) curriculum, of the following:

- History of OBGYN.
- Science-based disease/wellness information, lived experiences, and support resources.
- Sensitivity training for teachers, school staff, parents, and community.
- An environment for discussion and critical thinking in public health, history, womxn’s studies, etc.
- Work-from-home accommodations for pain days, on the student’s word.
- Inclusion of students suffering pain from AFAB-specific health issues in AIP (academic intervention program) services for support.