

Resolution to Support the Strategy to Defeat Trump by Amplifying the Issues and Policies that Make a Material Difference For Young People

WHEREAS, while polls show Biden is [winning more older voters](#) compared to Trump, he won an average of 20% of young voters in his own party during the primaries. Biden did 5 points worse than Clinton did competing for young votes in 2016. Polls show the issues that young people support are the same issues that voters, regardless of party affiliation, support. Approval rating for [Medicare For All surged 9 points](#) to 59% among voters in the past month amid the COVID crisis. At a 60% approval rating, Green New Deal has a higher approval rating than wealth tax and free college tuition. Recent survey shows canceling student loan debt comes in a close second at [58% approval rating](#) among voters.

WHEREAS, historically, most of our greatest American achievements came not from presidents but from ordinary people coming together, including the women's suffrage movement and the civil rights movement. We as Democratic Party leaders and activists have an opportunity to show solidarity with young people to continue to work towards fundamental change.

WHEREAS, a majority of young Democrats voted for Bernie Sanders in the primaries usually [at least by a 40 point margin over Biden](#). Winning over Sanders supporters will have a multiplicative impact on Biden's campaign. Not only are they potential voters, the Biden campaign could tap into the over million [volunteer base](#) and over [5 million individual donors](#).

WHEREAS, many young Bernie supporters vote based on issues, not by party. They need an issue-based reason to vote. That's why Sanders' and Obama's endorsement of Biden is not enough to win them over. By supporting [the letter](#) which encapsulates young people's needs and our future, we assert a third option, in addition to Trump and Biden. The third choice is uniting behind the issues and policies that our future depends on. Furthering a Progressive agenda is much easier in a Biden administration than a Trump one. Our support of [the letter](#) is our collective Democratic Party pledge that by voting for Biden, the Democratic Party prioritizes the issues over candidates and will continue after elections to support policy which has material impact for young people. Young voters need to feel heard and need assurance that the Democratic Party will actively work for fundamental change year round.

WHEREAS, defeating Trump is the top priority of Democratic Party more than ever as the COVID-19 crisis continues to cause death and economic devastation across the country while the administration and special interests continue to [loosen regulations for their profits](#). 2016 was [lost by 100,000 votes among swing states](#). Polls show [Trump and Biden are currently tied](#). Each additional vote, volunteer, or donation can determine the outcome of the election. It's uncertain whether the crisis helps or hurts Biden's chances. What is certain is what young people have clearly stated in [the letter](#). They have explicitly stated how Biden would earn their vote. Uniting behind issues and goals and mutual respect can only win more voters bringing us closer to defeating Trump

WHEREAS, showing support for young people by adopting some of the policies outlined in the [letter](#) demonstrates that the Democratic Party values, respects, and takes seriously the issues that matter to young people. While the educational and economic prospects of subsequent generations continue to decline, the vote may be the only power they have left. The Democratic Party has an opportunity to tell them their vote will indeed make a difference in their lives.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Democrats of Pasadena Foothills supports the issues and policies that make a material difference for young people, as described in this [letter](#) by seven national youth led groups addressed to Vice President Joe Biden.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, a copy of this resolution will be sent to local Democratic clubs in LA County, LA County Democratic Party Central Committee, CA Democratic Party, Region 11 CA Democratic Party Progressive Caucus, the offices of Assemblyman Chris Holden, State Senator Anthony Portantino, U.S. Congresswoman Judy Chu, U.S. Congressman Adam Schiff, U.S. Senators Dianne Feinstein and Kamala Harris, U.S. House Speaker Congresswoman Nancy Pelosi, U.S. Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer, and Governor of California Gavin Newsom, urging them to co-sign this resolution and post their support of [the letter](#) in their social media.