

**State Platform and Resolutions Committee Resolutions**  
**Spring SCC Meeting**  
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**1. Resolution Title: Resolution Opposing the DCCC's Primary Elections Blacklist Policy**

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Whereas the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee (DCCC) has established a new policy, which unfairly advantages incumbents in the primary playing field. The policy states that the core mission of the DCCC is electing House Democrats, which includes supporting and protecting incumbents [1]. The DCCC has additionally adopted policy of not conducting business with, nor recommend to any of its targeted campaigns, any consultant that works with an opponent of a sitting Member of the House Democratic Caucus.[2]

Whereas Democratic voters in a Congressional district may come to believe that their Democratic Member of the House does not represent their values and/or interests and wish to elect someone else whom they believe better represents them;

Whereas all Democrats should have the right to compete in primary elections for the House of Representatives on a level playing field;

Whereas the DCCC spent over \$297 million [3] of the \$974 million [4] spent in the 2018 Democratic house elections, and a policy of blacklisting firms has created substantial difficulty for primary challengers to acquire aid of campaign consultants and firms [5]. Such policy creates a substantially unlevel playing field, coerces Democratic candidates out of the primary, and denies Democratic voters the ability to freely choose who represents them in the general election.

Be it resolved that the DPNM State Central Committee, the governing body of the DPNM, strongly opposes the DCCC's new primary elections policy;

Be it further resolved that the DPNM State Central Committee urges the DCCC to abolish its new primary elections policy, establish a policy of neutrality in all Democratic primary elections to ensure a level playing field, and allow the Democratic voters in all Congressional districts to choose the candidate of their choice without any interference from the DCCC.

**2. Resolution Title: Support for a National Green New Deal**

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Whereas the citizens of New Mexico, the United States, and the world are under threat from increasingly extreme weather and environmental disaster caused by global climate change. Global climate change is caused by human activity, primarily the burning of fossil fuels, and a timely transitioning away from them is necessary to stave off severe economic damages and mass loss of human, animal, and plant life [1][2],

Whereas, because fossil fuels will become more expensive to access and the world economy is moving away from fossil fuels, it is necessary to transition New Mexico's economy away from fossil fuels, and such a transition must be just, fair, equitable, and ensure support to current workers in the fossil-fuel industries [3][4],

Whereas, the New Mexico economy would be strengthened by the diversification away from fossil fuels and a broadening of our energy exports by becoming a leader in solar- and wind-energy generation and upgrades to the energy infrastructure [5][6]

Whereas, a "Green New Deal" has broad bipartisan support among US voters, and would provide necessary federal funding and substantial economic benefit, enabling New Mexico to achieve these diverse goals [7][8],

Be it resolved that we support House Resolution 109/Senate Resolution 59, the Green New Deal, to carry these goals forward for the State of New Mexico and the Nation and that copies of this resolution be transmitted to New Mexico's congressional delegation.

### **3. Resolution Title: Rights of Nature**

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Whereas, The DPNM advocates the legal recognition of rights of nature as a legal concept to protect ecosystems. Central to this are the rights of nature to exist, persist, maintain and regenerate its vital cycles, as well as the right to restoration. <http://therightsofnature.org/what-is-rights-of-nature/>

Whereas, Recognizing the rights of nature advances a new framework for environmental protection, placing the highest societal value and protection on nature through the recognition of rights.

Whereas, if an ecosystem's rights are breached then the State shall establish effective mechanisms to achieve full restoration and shall adopt adequate measures to prevent future violations of the rights of nature.

Whereas, The State shall defend and enforce the rights of nature. People and communities shall be empowered to defend and enforce the rights of nature for perceived breaches, which will then be judged through the legal system.

Whereas, these rights will not be restrictive to human flourishing, and will be designed to cover a definition of ecosystems that is established in conjunction with legal experts, as well as public consultation.

Be it resolved the rights of nature will be established in coordination with legal experts and will involve public consultation; as well as dialogue with countries that have successfully integrated rights of nature into their constitutions, economy, and legal frameworks.

Be it further resolved, recognizing that corporate rights and powers are often used to exploit nature and undermine environmental protections, corporations that violate or seek to violate the rights of nature shall not possess legal rights, powers, privileges, immunities, or duties which may interfere with or violate the rights of nature.

**4. Resolution Title: Resolution Requiring DPNM Neutrality in Democratic Party Primaries**

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Whereas it is up to Democratic Party Voters, not any party organization, to make the selection of Democratic Party candidates in a primary election;

Whereas Democratic Party Voters are at least as well equipped as party officials to decide the best candidate to represent them in an election;

Be it Resolved that the DPNM will remain neutral in all Democratic Primaries ensuring that access to Democratic Party resources will be made equally available to all candidates.