

**Buncombe County Democratic Party
County Convention
Resolutions Being Put Forward
April 16, 2016**

A RESOLUTION CALLING FOR SECULAR DEMOCRATIC FUNCTIONS

WHEREAS, We, the Democratic Party, strive, and wish to be recognized for inclusiveness, diversity, and respect for all religious beliefs and non beliefs; and

WHEREAS, Invocations or prayers at Democratic functions appealing to a specific religion or deity may be divisive to those who have different beliefs or non beliefs; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That Democratic Party functions are non-religious in content.

Submitted to the 10th and 11th Congressional Districts Executive Committees by
Rich Wasch, Buncombe County
April 16, 2016

A RESOLUTION CALLING FOR ELECTED OFFICIALS, PARTY OFFICERS, DNC
MEMBERS, AND SUPER DELEGATES TO REFRAIN FROM MAKING ENDORSEMENTS
DURING PRIMARY ELECTIONS

WHEREAS, Cronyism comes into play with endorsements by elected officials, party officers, DNC members, and super delegates during primary elections; and

WHEREAS, Endorsements by elected officials, party officers, DNC members, and super delegates detract from the job they were elected to perform; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That elected officials, party officers, DNC members, and super delegates shall refrain from making endorsements during primary elections.

Submitted to the 10th and 11th Congressional Districts Executive Committees by
Tom Sullivan, Buncombe County
April 16, 2016

A RESOLUTION CALLING FOR THE ELIMINATION OR MODIFICATION OF THE NATIONAL
DEMOCRATIC PARTY'S SYSTEM OF SUPER DELEGATES

WHEREAS, The Democratic Party presents itself as the party that represents every American, no matter their religion, race, creed, or social status; and

WHEREAS, The Democratic Party presents itself as the party that fosters the preservation of voting rights; and

WHEREAS, The Democratic Party presents itself as the party that represents justice and equality for all; and

WHEREAS, The Democratic Party has often challenged other political organizations for lack of transparency in their processes; and

WHEREAS, The Democratic Party presents itself as desiring openness in governing; and

WHEREAS, The Democratic Party presents itself as the party that encourages every American to make her or his voice heard at the polls; and

WHEREAS, The Democratic Party has a system of “super delegates” who are under no obligation to support the candidate receiving the most votes in the primary election process; and

WHEREAS, Super delegates currently constitute about 15 percent of the total number of delegates at the national convention, and are, therefore, able to influence the selection of the Democratic Presidential candidate; and

WHEREAS, The Party’s selection of super delegates is often concealed from the public; and

WHEREAS, The Party has never offered a clear explanation of the purpose of super delegates; and

WHEREAS, The Democratic Party’s system of super delegates can, in fact, serve no purpose other than to thwart the voice of the voters in primary elections and caucuses; and

WHEREAS, The Party’s system of super delegates contradicts the image the Party wishes to present, and it contradicts basic principles of democratic suffrage; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the super delegate system be eliminated, unless the Democratic Party presents to the public a cogent argument for its preservation, along with a transparent process for the selection of super delegates, and a reasonable formula for the number of super delegates relative to the number of “committed” delegates selected by popular vote; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That, in order to avoid confusion during ongoing elections, action on this resolution be postponed until after the current primary election process is completed.

Submitted to the 10th and 11th Congressional Districts Executive Committees by
Stephen Pohl, Patrick Kilroy, and Tom Sullivan, Buncombe County
April 16, 2016

A RESOLUTION CALLING FOR ESTABLISHING A METROPOLITAN TRANSIT DISTRICT FOR
BUNCOMBE, HAYWOOD, HENDERSON, AND MADISON COUNTIES AND THEIR CITIES AND
TOWNS

WHEREAS, The Asheville Metropolitan Area is growing at a rapid rate, particularly in the unincorporated areas of Buncombe County and in the surrounding communities; and

WHEREAS, There is tremendous growth in hotels, visitor stays, and other pressures to traffic and parking; and

WHEREAS, The various communities and unincorporated areas of the Asheville Metropolitan Area are tightly connected economically and physically; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That The Buncombe County Democratic Party endorses formation of a Metropolitan Transit District, unifying the transit systems of Buncombe, Haywood, Henderson, and Madison Counties and the cities and towns of Hendersonville, Waynesville, Weaverville, Marshall, Mars Hill, Swannanoa, and Black Mountain, so as to optimize resource use in providing a comprehensive mass transit service to the people of the greater Asheville metropolitan area.

Submitted to the 10th and 11th Congressional Districts Executive Committees, Buncombe County, the City of Asheville, Haywood County, Henderson County, and Madison County by,
John Campbell, Buncombe County
April 16, 2016

A RESOLUTION CALLING FOR THE NORTH CAROLINA LEGISLATURE TO ENACT “VOTE BY
MAIL” LEGISLATION

WHEREAS, Participation of the citizenry in the electoral process is essential for the survival of our democratic republic; and

WHEREAS, Such participation in North Carolina’s general election totaled barely half of registered voters in 2014; and

WHEREAS, Such participation in primary elections is particularly low, thus contributing substantially to disproportionately partisan outcomes, and

WHEREAS, Vote by Mail is an election system in which registered voters receive ballots and secure envelopes in the mail, fill them out in the privacy of their homes and send them back; and

WHEREAS, Vote by Mail increases turnout, as evidenced by the fact that the average voter participation rates of registered voter of the three Vote by Mail states exceeded the averages of the rest of the nation by 17%; and

WHEREAS, Concerns about the potential for systemic voter fraud have led to measures making voting more complicated, thus impeding participation; and

WHEREAS, Voting by mail makes such laws moot, while assuring accuracy by signature verification; and

WHEREAS, A shrinking pool of qualified poll workers makes the administration of elections increasingly difficult; and

WHEREAS, The costs associated with purchasing and maintaining voting machines, recruiting and training poll workers, maintaining or leasing polling places, and potentially paying overtime wages for election board workers would be eliminated by Voting by Mail (for example in Madison County, the amount budgeted for the 2016 primary and general elections for election activities is \$104,825. Not included is \$182,385 set aside for the new voting machines mandated by the Legislature); now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the North Carolina Legislature enact Voting by Mail legislation modeled on that in effect in Oregon.

Submitted to the 10th and 11th Congressional Districts Executive Committees by
Julie Montanea, Buncombe County
April 16, 2016

A RESOLUTION CALLING FOR REPEAL OF NORTH CAROLINA'S VOTER ID REQUIREMENTS

WHEREAS, Voter fraud as a matter of persons attempting to vote under another person's name is rare to nonexistent; and

WHEREAS, Voter ID requirements impose an impediment to voting for low income and elderly voter who may not have a driver's license or accepted form of picture identification, and

WHEREAS, It should be the goal of a democratic government to encourage rather than discourage participation in the most fundamental right and responsibility of citizens; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the State of North Carolina should repeal its Voter ID law.

Submitted to the 10th and 11th Congressional Districts Executive Committees by
Julie Montanea, Buncombe County
April 16, 2016

A RESOLUTION CALLING FOR NONPARTISAN APPELLATE COURT ELECTIONS

WHEREAS, North Carolina has had good success with its nonpartisan elections for appellate court judges; and

WHEREAS, The recent return to partisan elections for the courts is unnecessary and tends to politicize races, which ought to be based on candidates' records and reputations as impartial jurists; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the State of North Carolina should return to nonpartisan elections for NC State Appellate Courts.

Submitted to the 10th and 11th Congressional Districts Executive Committees by
Julie Montanea, Buncombe County
April 16, 2016

A RESOLUTION CALLING FOR NONPARTISAN REDISTRICTING REFORM

WHEREAS, The drawing of voting district lines has a long history of political gerrymandering with each party attempting to maximize its votes through targeted adjustment of district boundaries; and

WHEREAS, Voting districts in North Carolina are drawn by the party having the legislative majority; and

WHEREAS, That party is likely to draw lines that will protect its own power by gerrymandering; and

WHEREAS, The current voting turnout is low due to district geographic areas that led to non-competitive races; and

WHEREAS, Over 20 states have created nonpartisan commissions to draw district voting lines; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Democratic Party of North Carolina work actively to advocate for a nonpartisan commission to be created to redefine the districts at all levels to create a representative cross section of the electorate; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the State of North Carolina look at models used to create nonpartisan voting districts, particularly the model used by the State of Iowa; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Democratic Party of North Carolina commit its actions, time, ideas, energy, treasury, and prayers toward ensuring the creation of nonpartisan voting districts within the state; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the State of North Carolina should implement a nonpartisan commission system to create fairly all voting districts in the state.

Submitted to the 10th and 11th Congressional Districts Executive Committees by
Julie Montanea, Linda Scott-Styles, Barbara Wall, Jack Buchanan, James Samuel Hobson, Jr.
Emory Underwood, and John Parker, Buncombe County

April 16, 2016

A RESOLUTION CALLING FOR THE SUPPORT OF TEACHERS AND TEACHER EDUCATION
AND COMPENSATION IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

WHEREAS, A just, humane, imaginative, well-educated and industrious citizenry is essential to a democratic society; and

WHEREAS, Public education has long been recognized as an essential function of government; and

WHEREAS, Free public education provides tangible benefits for individuals, the community, and the economy;

WHEREAS, A high quality public education requires that the State of North Carolina recruit, train and support teachers of outstanding character and intellect; and

WHEREAS, The compensation and benefits currently offered public school teachers in North Carolina denigrate their abilities and commitment, discourage entry into the profession and lead teachers to seek employment elsewhere; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the recruitment, training, empowerment and compensation of a high quality teaching force is regarded as the top priority in the expenditure of revenues of the State of North Carolina; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That in addition to significant increases in the regular budget devoted to the preparation and support of a high quality teaching force for the public schools, any budget surpluses are to be devoted to making teachers' compensation competitive with any other state, encouraging the enrollment of the best and brightest in teacher preparation, the provision of adequate instructional supplies and the reduction of student teacher ratios; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the North Carolina General Assembly and the U.S. Congress should increase funding for public education from Pre-K through College.

Submitted to the 10th and 11th Congressional Districts Executive Committees by
Julie Montanea, Linda Scott-Styles, Jack Buchanan, James Samuel Hobson, Jr., and Emory Underwood, Buncombe County
April 16, 2016

A RESOLUTION CALLING FOR INCREASED FUNDING FOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS

WHEREAS, the quality of education standards continue to increase in rigor, in order to prepare children to be competitive participants in an increasingly complex technological and global economy; and

WHEREAS, the population has increased to a degree that the current schools are crowded to a capacity that has been shown in repeated meta-analyses and high-level randomized reviews to inhibit a supportive educational environment; and

WHEREAS, many rural districts have been forced to close schools in an effort to balance a precarious budget; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the North Carolina State Legislature increase funding to public schools to a degree that is current with standard evidence-based practice, and increase the student loan forgiveness programs for educators.

Submitted to the 10th and 11th Congressional Districts Executive Committees by
John Campbell, Buncombe County
April 16, 2016

A RESOLUTION CALLING FOR THE STOPPING OF STRIPPING PUBLIC FUNDS FROM NORTH CAROLINA'S PUBLIC SCHOOLS

WHEREAS, The North Carolina constitution says that taxpayer money be used “exclusively for establishing and maintaining a uniform system of free public schools,” (*Asheville Citizen-Times*, “Growing Interest in School Voucher Program in WNC,” 7/31/15); and

WHEREAS, The North Carolina Supreme Court still ruled in favor of a voucher program – The Opportunity Scholarship Program – providing up to \$4,200 per student to attend private schools for families of four whose annual income is below \$59,667 family; and

WHEREAS, In Buncombe County last year, just 13 students received scholarships, where 113 students have applied for scholarships for the 2015-16 school year; and

WHEREAS, In many cases the \$4,200 scholarship fails to cover the total cost of the private schools and ultimately leaves some students still not able to attend the private school, therefore, possibly leading to segregation of schools by economic levels; and

WHEREAS, Most of the tax dollar scholarships have been going to religious schools, for example, the Trinity Christian School in Fayetteville (receiving \$118,230 of public school funds), the Greensboro Islamic Academy (receiving \$279,300 of public school funds), and in Buncombe County, the Temple Baptist School, with 28 applicants; and

WHEREAS, Republicans have tried to remove income requirements so everyone can attend the private school of their choice with public school funds; and

WHEREAS, In 2015, HB535 proposed allocating \$1 million per year to Parents for Education Freedom in NC (“PEFNC”), a nonprofit funded by the Walton family, established to distribute taxpayer dollars to new charter schools in NC without public oversight; and

WHEREAS, When once a student transfers to a private school but drops out, the money has not been transferred back to public schools; and

WHEREAS, Critics of money being taken away from the public schools point out that there is a lack of standards and accountability at private schools as to the curriculum; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina public school funding has been cut drastically in the Republican budgets coming out of Raleigh to give tax cuts to high income corporations and households instead; and

WHEREAS, Local school districts like Buncombe have had to subsidize public schools to make up for Raleigh's drastic funding cuts; and

WHEREAS, Local governments may need to raise local taxes to maintain the quality of their schools in the face of the General Assembly's failure to provide adequate funding, and due to charter school scholarships diverting funds from public schools to private schools; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the North Carolina legislature follow the state constitution and stop scalping money from public education, which impairs North Carolina public schools' ability to be successful; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the North Carolina legislature implement other proven methods of improving public schools, rather than diverting funds for a select few to private school.

Submitted to the 10th and 11th Congressional Districts Executive Committees by
Janet Betke, Buncombe County
April 16, 2016

A RESOLUTION CALLING FOR EXPANSION OF MEDICAID IN NORTH CAROLINA

WHEREAS, About 500,000 people in North Carolina have no health insurance, and thereby no real access to health care; and

WHEREAS, Estimates of resulting deaths from lack of access to care range from 1,000 to 2,800 people annually (up to seven every day); and

WHEREAS, The State of North Carolina has forfeited more than \$3 billion in federal Medicaid funds, and that total increases every day; and

WHEREAS, Hospitals are in danger of closing and two small hospitals already have closed from lack of the funding that would have come from Medicaid expansion; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the North Carolina Democratic Party and its candidates stand for Medicaid expansion in North Carolina.

Submitted to the 10th and 11th Congressional Districts Executive Committees by
 John Parker, Buncombe County
 April 16, 2016

**A RESOLUTION CALLING FOR FORTIFYING THE MEDICAID BUDGET TO MEET CURRENT
 AND FUTURE REQUIREMENTS**

WHEREAS, The prevalence of individuals with significant financial and medical needs have increased in the State of North Carolina, consistent with the rest of the United States; and

WHEREAS, The cost of living and medical expenses are increased across all communities; and

WHEREAS, Rural communities such as those found in Western North Carolina often have limited access to medical care that may be increased by funding and technology; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the State of North Carolina expand the current Medicaid budget to a level that is sufficient to sustain current Medicaid recipients, in addition to alleviating the significant waiting list for future enrollees, in an effort to reduce restrictions in participation and increase access to affordable healthcare for its residents of lower socioeconomic statuses.

Submitted to the 11th Congressional District Executive Committee by
 John Campbell, Buncombe County
 April 16, 2016

**A RESOLUTION CALLING FOR THE PROVISION OF TREATMENT FOR MENTALLY ILL
 AND SUBSTANCE ADDICTED INDIVIDUALS**

WHEREAS, The majority of the homeless are affected by mental illness and/or substance addiction disorders; and

WHEREAS, The expenditure of funds to treat these populations diminishes the need to expand funds required for operating jails and prisons; and

WHEREAS, Assisting these populations empowers family members to continue to work and enrich the community; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Buncombe County Democratic Party urge the State of North Carolina to use resources to treat and assist family caregivers to manage/provide ongoing care for their family members.

Submitted to the 10th and 11th Congressional Districts Executive Committees by
 Pat Kilroy, Buncombe County
 April 16, 2016

A RESOLUTION CALLING FOR THE DECRIMINALIZATION OF MARIJUANA

WHEREAS, Marijuana has been shown to be a relatively harmless drug; and

WHEREAS, Marijuana prohibition and enforcement have caused irreparable harm to people's lives and families, filling our prisons with too many persons convicted of essentially victimless crimes; and

WHEREAS, Marijuana prohibition and enforcement have imposed tremendous direct and indirect costs on society, for policing and imprisonment, and via broken families and criminal records that impede gainful employment, and

WHEREAS, The experience of other states, which have legalized marijuana, has been to create a very substantial tax revenue stream; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the state of North Carolina should legalize, regulate, and tax the sale of marijuana.

Submitted to the 10th and 11th Congressional Districts Executive Committees by
Julie Montanea, Buncombe County
April 16, 2016

A RESOLUTION CALLING FOR AN AMENDMENT TO THE STATE CONSTITUTION LIMITING THE STATE'S ABILITY TO SEIZE MUNICIPAL ASSETS

WHEREAS, The citizens of the Cities and Counties of North Carolina have expended treasure to build airports, water systems and watersheds, roads, parks, and other infrastructure assets; and

WHEREAS, Local oversight of local assets and asset governance is superior to governance by state appointed commissions; and

WHEREAS, Asset managers responsible to local voters better serve the communities than managers responsible to distant shareholders; and

WHEREAS, Neither the General Assembly nor the Governor of North Carolina should be able to seize local assets without cause or test of the will of voters; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the North Carolina Democratic Party endorse adoption of an amendment to the constitution of the State of NC to strictly limit the circumstances whereby a State entity may seize or divert ownership of a municipally owned public asset.

Submitted to the 10th and 11th Congressional Districts Executive Committees by
John Campbell, Buncombe County
April 16, 2016

A RESOLUTION CALLING FOR THE REPEAL OF NC SL 2015-294

WHEREAS, The people living in North Carolina have different immigration statuses; and

WHEREAS, One needs a government-issued ID to receive basic services; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina SL 2015-294 eliminates the ability to use Consular IDs to obtain services; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Democratic Party of NC work to repeal NC SL 2015-294.

Submitted to the 10th and 11th Congressional Districts Executive Committees by
Pat Kilroy, Buncombe County
April 16, 2016

A RESOLUTION CALLING FOR INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT

WHEREAS, America's infrastructure, its highways, bridges, water and sewerage systems, electric grid, and transportation systems are crumbling; and

WHEREAS, Maintenance and improvement of the public infrastructure is essential to create a thriving economy; and

WHEREAS, Public infrastructure investment is the best way our federal and state governments can reduce unemployment while contributing to the common good; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the U.S and North Carolina governments should increase spending on infrastructure improvements and repairs to build a better world for generations to come.

Submitted to the 10th and 11th Congressional Districts Executive Committees by
Julia Montanea, Buncombe County
April 16, 2016

A RESOLUTION CALLING FOR ELIMINATION OF FOR-PROFIT PRISONS

WHEREAS, Imprisonment of persons convicted of criminal infractions is a necessary function of civil government; and

WHEREAS, To the extent possible our prisons ought to act as correctional facilities, preparing those incarcerated for eventual return to participation in society; and

WHEREAS, Outsourcing imprisonment to private companies has created an industry lobby which advocates for longer sentences and less access to education and counseling, as well as providing funding for political campaigns; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the for-profit prison industry be banned in the United States.

Submitted to the 10th and 11th Congressional Districts Executive Committees by
Julia Montanea, Buncombe County
April 16, 2016

A RESOLUTION CALLING FOR CLEAN ENERGY

WHEREAS, Climate change poses an existential threat to humanity; and

WHEREAS, The world's scientists overwhelmingly agree that climate change is now being driven by combustion of fossil fuels; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That all government entities with regulatory power over energy policy act swiftly to reduce use of fossil fuels, eliminate subsidies for fossil fuel companies, implement strict regulation of fossil fuel emissions, and increase support for renewable energy systems.

Submitted to the 10th and 11th Congressional Districts Executive Committees by
Julia Montanea, Buncombe County
April 16, 2016

A RESOLUTION CALLING FOR BIPARTISAN ACTION ON CLIMATE CHANGE

WHEREAS, We need to reduce greenhouse gas emissions drastically in the next five years to prevent catastrophic risks from climate change; and

WHEREAS, It is estimated that Republicans may control Congress over the next four years; and

WHEREAS, We need Republican support to pass significant climate change legislation; and

WHEREAS, There are market-based bipartisan climate change solutions that Republicans can embrace; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Democratic Party should extend a united hand to Republicans in search of a bipartisan solution that has the best option of passage in the near future.

Submitted to the 10th and 11th Congressional Districts Executive Committees by
Linda Scott-Styles, Barbara Wall, Jack Buchanan, James Samuel Hobson, and Elliot
Underwood, Buncombe County
April 16, 2016

A RESOLUTION CALLING FOR A PERSISTENT DEMOCRATIC MESSAGE ON REPUBLICAN OBSTRUCTIONISM

WHEREAS, The Republicans are always drumming the message that the terrible state of our economy is due solely to “failed policies” of President Obama; and

WHEREAS, Repeating a false statement enough times tends to cause people to believe it; and

WHEREAS, The Republicans have been drilling the idea that Hillary Clinton is dishonest, even though their attacks have been disproved; and

WHEREAS, Hillary says that people will see through the fabricated attacks on their own; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Democratic Party start responding immediately and continue throughout the election year with its political surrogates on the news shows weekly, reminding the public with specific examples of Republican obstructionism, to even the point of obstructing a new Supreme Court judge to be appointed by Obama; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That Democrats need to tell their tale weekly on the public airways of how President Obama successfully brought this country out of the George W. Bush depression, despite eight years of Republican obstructionism; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Democratic Party create an ad campaign touting the accomplishments of the Obama administration leading up to the 2016 General Election.

Submitted to the 10th and 11th Congressional Districts Executive Committees by
Janet Betke, Buncombe County
April 16, 2016

A RESOLUTION CALLING FOR OVERTURNING THE US SUPREME COURT’S *CITIZENS
UNITED* DECISION

WHEREAS, Free speech is guaranteed by the U.S. Constitution for all persons; and

WHEREAS, Corporations are artificial legal entities which cannot and do not fill the role of persons in any meaningful sense; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That Corporations are not persons, should not be treated as persons under the law, and that the U.S. Congress should enact legislation overturning the decision of the U.S. Supreme Court in the Citizens United case.

Submitted to the 10th and 11th Congressional Districts Executive Committees by
Julie Montenea, Buncombe County
April 16, 2016

A RESOLUTION CALLING FOR CAMPAIGN FINANCE REFORM

WHEREAS, The public perceives that Congress has been corrupted by the influence of money on the electoral system; and

WHEREAS, Radio and television stations in the United States are licensed by the Federal Communications Commission to use the public airwaves for the benefit of the public; and

WHEREAS, Democrats desire a country which is run by the people, for the people, and not by corporations, for corporations; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Democratic Party and its candidates should stand for an Amendment to the U.S. Constitution that would limit campaign financing to contributions from breathing, individual U.S. citizens, and not corporations, not to exceed an amount per year determined by law.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this same Amendment lower the cost of campaigns substantially by requiring that all U.S. radio and TV stations provide free time and debate forums for candidates during election periods, to be specified by law.

Submitted to the 10th and 11th Congressional Districts Executive Committees by
Lynn Miller, Buncombe County
April 16, 2016

A RESOLUTION CALLING FOR ECONOMIC AND TAX FAIRNESS

WHEREAS, Our tax structure should require everyone to pay their fair share; and

WHEREAS, Changes in tax policy at the state and federal level have shifted the tax burden from the wealthiest citizens to middle class and lower income citizens in recent decades; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That broad adjustments in taxation are necessary to level the playing field for all our citizens, including but not limited to:

- Snap the Cap on Social Security to collect payroll taxes on incomes above \$108,000;
- A small transaction tax on security and stock trades to fund colleges;
- Disincentives to prevent corporations from offshoring income to avoid taxes;
- Increased taxes on high incomes and capital gains; and
- Increased corporate taxes.

Submitted to the 10th and 11th Congressional Districts Executive Committees by
Julie Montanea and Lynn Miller, Buncombe County
April 16, 2016

A RESOLUTION CALLING FOR BANK RE-REGULATION

WHEREAS, The major banks of the United States made terrible investment decisions which would have led them to bankruptcy; and

WHEREAS, These banks were considered too big to fail without bringing down our entire financial system with them; and

WHEREAS, The U.S. government and U.S. taxpayers had to bail these banks out to save them and the nation's economy; and

WHEREAS, These banks are now even bigger and are still much too big to fail; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Democratic Party and its candidates should stand for a law that breaks up these banks into smaller corporations and re-regulates them to split them into savings and investment banks, and make any other changes required to guarantee the taxpayers that banks will never need government bailouts again.

Submitted to the 10th and 11th Congressional Districts Executive Committees by
Lynn Miller, Buncombe County
April 16, 2016

A RESOLUTION CALLING FOR OPPOSITION TO THE TRANS PACIFIC PARTNERSHIP

WHEREAS, So-called free trade treaties have demonstrably hurt workers in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Free trade treaties including NAFTA have enabled and encouraged manufacturers to outsource supplies to foreign countries and relocate manufacturing plants while laying off U.S. workers; and

WHEREAS, NAFTA has harmed farmers in the U.S., Canada, and Mexico while benefiting multinational agricultural corporations, and

WHEREAS, The proposed Trans Pacific Partnership has been negotiated in secret, with full participation of international corporate representatives, and will enable multinational corporations to override any participating nation's labor and environmental laws; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Democratic Party opposes adoption of the Trans Pacific Partnership trade agreement, and supports renegotiation of NAFTA, CAFTA and other existing free trade treaties in order to keep U.S. jobs in this country and protect our environment.

Submitted to the 10th and 11th Congressional Districts Executive Committees by
Julie Montanea, Buncombe County
April 16, 2016

A RESOLUTION CALLING FOR A \$15 MINIMUM WAGE

WHEREAS, The U.S. minimum wage has not kept pace with inflation or worker productivity for decades; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the North Carolina legislature and the U.S. Congress should mandate a \$15 per hour minimum wage.

Submitted to the 10th and 11th Congressional Districts Executive Committees by
Julie Montanea, Buncombe County
April 16, 2016

A RESOLUTION CALLING FOR FAIR AND HUMANE ACTION ON IMMIGRATION

WHEREAS, The leading contender in the Republican Primary of 2016 states that he wishes to have a dedicated police force to round up the "undocumented" and transport them back by bus or trains to their homelands around the world regardless of whether they have any US born children; and

WHEREAS, The leading contenders in the Republican Primary of 2016 wish to rescind/terminate any of President Obama's executive actions concerning Dreamers; and

WHEREAS, "Fear of uncontrolled immigration is not limited to crazed right wing white folk," ("Dems Must Address Illegal Immigration," *Asheville Citizen/Times*, 1/14/16); and

WHEREAS, A Pew Research Center poll says 79% of Democrats say that the immigration system needs to be completely rebuilt; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Democratic Party candidates will maintain a fair and equitable society in humane and empathetic fashion in contrast to the 2016 Republican Party candidates' approaches.

Submitted to the 10th and 11th Congressional Districts Executive Committees by
Janet Betke, Buncombe County
April 16, 2016

A RESOLUTION CALLING FOR REPEAL OF HB2

RESOLVED, That HB2 be repealed.

Submitted to the 10th and 11th Congressional Districts Executive Committees by
Phebe Watson, Buncombe County
April 16, 2016

A RESOLUTION CALLING FOR NORTH CAROLINA TO BE A HOME RULE STATE

RESOLVED, That the State Constitution be amended to make North Carolina a Home Rule State.

Submitted to the 10th and 11th Congressional Districts Executive Committees by
Phebe Watson, Buncombe County
April 16, 2016