

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE CERTIFICATION OF A SUSTAINABLE FOOD AND AGRICULTURE
CAUCUS IN THE CALIFORNIA DEMOCRATIC PARTY**

WHEREAS, California is the number one agriculture state in the United States, feeding California, the country, and the world; the California Democratic Party has a Business & Professional Caucus, a Labor Caucus, and a Computer & Internet Caucus, but does not have a Food and Agriculture Caucus; and over 400 members of the Democratic State Central Committee applied for the certification of a Sustainable Food & Agriculture Caucus in July of 2009, an application which is still pending in the Rules Committee;

WHEREAS, persons who practice sustainable food and agriculture, including farmers (rural, urban, and suburban), ranchers, farm workers, nutritionists, food preparers, food processors, food distributors, and food servers, and persons seeking to support sustainable food and agriculture, are an underrepresented demographic in the Democratic State Central Committee of the California Democratic Party, and without a Caucus;

WHEREAS, a Sustainable Food and Agriculture Caucus would greatly benefit the California Democratic Party by assisting the Party in outreach to this demographic, and energizing participation in, allegiance to, and enthusiasm for, the California Democratic Party and its candidates;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That the Sonoma County Democratic Central Committee urges the California Democratic Party to promptly certify a Sustainable Food & Agriculture Caucus.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the Sonoma County Democratic Central Committee urges other DCCs to join the Sonoma County Democratic Central Committee in urging the California Democratic Party to promptly certify a Sustainable Food & Agriculture Caucus.

Offered by Paul Apffel on January 6th, 2011 to the Marin Democratic Central Committee - passed.

Offered by Yannick A. Phillips on January 11th, 2011 to the Sonoma County Democratic Central Committee - Chair Stephen Gale calls for vote - passed.