

To the Fresno County Democratic Central Committee:

We, the undersigned, oppose the removal of Emily Cameron from the Fresno County Democratic Central Committee.

We cannot ignore the timing of this removal attempt, after Ms. Cameron made motions to reject police contributions from the FCDCC and to ask Democratic candidates to do the same. Ms. Cameron's motions in July were deferred to a committee, then the committee's recommendations reported in August were tabled until the September FCDCC meeting.

Ms. Cameron is a young, LBGTQ+, Latinx, low-income woman elected to the FCDCC by 5,990 registered Democrats in Fresno County Supervisorial District 2 - the second-highest vote recipient of her district. Removing Ms. Cameron sends a clear message that the Party is retaliating for her work on the issue of police contributions and damages the Party's reputation in respect to Black Lives Matter, police accountability, and money in politics. We recognize that Ms. Cameron is an outspoken activist who has additionally spoken out against corporate donations including those from fossil fuel companies and real estate developers/landlords, with plans to seek bans of contributions from those entities after the police contribution decision.

At a time when the Party needs to work together to win in November, we condemn this attempt to remove a prominent activist representing democratic socialists and progressives. The Democratic Party faces enormous criticism that the Party purges progressives and is hostile to those on the left such as Bernie Sanders; the movement to form a progressive third party as an alternative to the Democratic Party continues to grow, and we urge extreme caution in this matter. By removing Ms. Cameron, the Party would confirm these critics' beliefs, launch a wave of negative public attention, and give more "ammunition" to skeptics who want to see the Democratic Party fail.

Opposing ideological factions in the Democratic Party do not need to like each other, but at the very least, need to work together and try to resolve conflicts gracefully for the good of our Party. We oppose individuals on the FCDCC leaking details of Ms. Cameron's removal to the press, which violates Robert's Rules of Order, and ask for better internal practices in disciplinary matters.

We ask members of the FCDCC to oppose this removal and think about the consequences, which will impact more Democrats than those in Fresno County alone.

In solidarity,

Amar Shergill, Chair, Progressive Caucus of the California Democratic Party

RL Miller, Chair, California Democratic Party's Environmental Caucus; Democratic National Committee member; elected member, Ventura County Democratic Central Committee

Cullen Tiernan, Vice Chair, Veterans Caucus of the California Democratic Party

Iyad Alfalqa, President, California Democratic Council

Zach Denney, Officer At-Large, CDP Progressive Caucus; Central Region Director, CYD Progressive Caucus; ADEM Delegate AD13, San Joaquin County DCC Member

Dr. Amy Champ, Regional Chair. CDP Rural Caucus. E-Board Member. Amador County Central Committee member

Glenn Glazer, CDP Executive Board Member, AD 29; Secretary Santa Cruz County DCC

Karen Bernal, DSCC delegate, Sacramento County/Outreach Director Prop 21

Margarita Lacabe, Elected Member, Alameda County Democratic Central Committee

Sarah Saunders, El Dorado Co. DCC, AD05 delegate to SDCC, co-chair El Dorado Progressives, California Nurses Assoc. Delegate and Nurse Rep.

Andrew Scot Becker, Secretary & Rules Committee Chair, Democratic Party of Sacramento County

Dotty Nygard, Elected delegate SJCDCC/ e Board SJCCCLC/ elected DNC delegate CD10

Margaret Okuzumi, Santa Clara County Democratic Central Committee member-elect; California Democratic Party delegate

Christina Perry, San Diego Democratic East Area Progressive club chair ,AD71 Central Committee Member elect 2021

Liz Lavertu, Endorsed Candidate for State Assembly 71, ADEM Eboard 71

Mark Van Landuyt, California Democratic Party elected delegate

Soli Alpert, ADEM, AD15

Tiffany Maple, ADEM AD71

Shirley Toy, ADEM 7 delegate

Melissa Michelson, CADEM delegate, AD49; LACDP member, AD49

Dianna Mitzner, Central Committee Chair - Alpine Co.

Michael Boos, CDP Elected Delegate AD41, Democratic Club of Claremont

Michele Walford, CC Delegate (HCDCC), Vice Chair Humboldt Progressive Democrats, Communication and Education Committee chair for Humboldt County

Nathaniel Perry, California Democratic Party Delegate

Alfred Twu, California Delegate to the Democratic National Convention

Lauren Bier, CADEM Rep from San Diego DCC, Progressive Caucus Secretary, EBoard member

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Jessica Matthews, Bay Area Deputy Regional Director, CYD; Bay Area Regional Director, CYD Environmental Caucus

Ben Hauck, Assembly District Delegate AD70, Associate Member LACDP

Josh Lewis, Assembly District 5 Elected DSCC delegate

Ajaib Gill, Assembly Delegate AD34

Jacinta Lincke, Elected delegate to the LACDP 41 AD

Gabriel Ramirez, Elected California Democratic Party Assembly Delegate District 49 and Alternate Los Angeles County Central Committee Democratic AD Delegate 49

Dennessa Atilas, Elected Assembly Delegate, District 9

Elizabeth Castillo, LACDP delegate AD63

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Alexandria Ramos-O'Casey, Member of Fresno County Democratic Central Committee

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