

THE SAN FRANCISCO REPUBLICAN PARTY

Resolution in Support of Protecting our Democratic Process

WHEREAS our democracy depends on many facets of participation from voting, to volunteering on campaigns, to supporting individual candidates; and there have been many attacks on our democratic processes in recent times, from voter suppression laws nationally to local attempts at subverting the signature gathering process through fraud or theft; and

WHEREAS direct democracy through ballot measures, propositions, and recall elections are a legal and fundamental process for voters to express their views on both policy and on whether elected officials are acting in the public interest; and

WHEREAS the San Francisco Republican Party should stand for full participation of all individuals in our democratic process, voting rights, free and fair elections, and the rights of immigrants and people of color to participate in the democratic process; and such activities are protected by law, the violation of which could lead to criminal charges;

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the San Francisco Republican Party categorically condemns any illegal actions related to interference with the democratic process of voting or illegal actions related to interference with signature gathering efforts of propositions, ballot measures, or recalls; and urges all Republicans and Democrats alike to proactively cooperate with investigations of such crimes, and to avoid inadvertently contributing to a political culture that might encourage such illegal actions; and urges the appropriate law enforcement agencies to prosecute such offenses in a manner consistent with the goal of protecting our democracy;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to local law enforcement agencies, the mayor, and members of the Board of Supervisors.

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We, the members of the SFGOP, resolved as above on this day, the 4th of August, 2021, because we believe that support for free, fair, and transparent elections is a bedrock principle of our constitutional republic. We condemn all forms of election interference; and believe that lawful efforts to improve electoral integrity promote confidence in our democratic process, encourage broad-based voter participation, and should not be a partisan issue.