

# DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF LANE COUNTY

## Platform Committee

9/21/2017

### RESOLUTION 2017.20

#### A resolution of the Democratic Party of Lane County

##### *Relating to the Sister District Project*

WHEREAS, local elections have national consequences; and

WHEREAS, Oregon is one of only 6 Democratic trifecta states, in contrast to 25 Republican trifecta states, the latter resulting in regressive legislation on issues of reproductive rights, LGBTQ rights, gun control, immigration, and more; and

WHEREAS, state-level policies often serve as templates for national policy, and also for other states to adopt; and

WHEREAS, Republicans now control both chambers in 33 states, and Democrats hold 1,000 fewer state legislative seats than they did in 2008; and

WHEREAS, if Republicans gain control of one more state legislature, they would be able to call for a Constitutional Convention to amend our federal Constitution; and

WHEREAS, many Oregon Democrats are seeking an effective, structured, and research-based approach to helping support Democratic candidates for local and national office in other states as well as their own; and

WHEREAS, there has been a great upwelling of progressive grassroots activism since the 2016 election, and Democrats are eager for effective outlets for that activist impulse; and

WHEREAS, the Sister District Project is dedicated to supporting Democratic candidates throughout the country, by matching volunteers from “safe” Democratic Congressional districts with “at-risk” Democratic Congressional Districts and “flippable” races in other states that they can support, by engaging in such activities as fund-raising, phone-banking, and in-person canvassing and other traditional campaign activities; and

WHEREAS, Oregon Congressional District 4 is often one of these predominately Democratic Congressional Districts which has resources that can be employed to elect Democratic candidates elsewhere in the country where resources are more limited, but may also benefit from assistance in the near future when districts are redrawn and/or outside big money targets this district.

THEREFORE THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF LANE COUNTY RESOLVES that

1. Endorses the efforts of the Sister District Project to maximize and coordinate Democratic human resources across the country in pursuit of electoral victories for the Democratic Party; and
2. Will send a copy of this Resolution to Representative Peter DeFazio of Oregon Congressional District 4; and
3. Will promote Sister District Project events to the DPLC membership and volunteers.

**Resolved by the Central Committee of the Democratic Party of Lane County,  
Assembled in Eugene, Oregon, June 15, 2017**

Signed:

X \_\_\_\_\_.

Chris Wig

Chair

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Celine Swenson-Harris

Secretary