

DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF LANE COUNTY

Platform Committee

1/17/2019

RESOLUTION 2019.4

A resolution of the Democratic Party of Lane County

Relating to support for criminal justice reform in the 2019 Legislative

Session

WHEREAS, the DPLC Platform of 2018 advocates for “laws and public institutions [that] are Fair to all, and show respect for each person’s worth, dignity, opinions, and rights;” and

WHEREAS, the DPLC Platform of 2018 clearly states the DPLC believes “Jury trials in criminal cases should require an unanimous verdict;” and

WHEREAS, Oregonians voted to legalize recreational use of cannabis by passing Measure 91 during the 2014 General Election;” and

WHEREAS, the Drug Policy Alliance has reported that up to 78,000 cannabis-related convictions may be eligible for expungement in Oregon; and

WHEREAS, HJR 10, which was introduced in the 2019 Oregon Legislative Session, would refer an amendment to Oregon Constitution to require unanimous jury verdicts in criminal trials; and

WHEREAS, Senator Floyd Prozanski and Senator James Manning are chief sponsors of HJR 10; and

WHEREAS, SB 420, which was introduced in the 2019 Oregon Legislative Session, would direct prosecuting attorneys to file motions to set aside misdemeanor convictions for possession, delivery or manufacture of marijuana based on conduct

that would not constitute crime under current law.

THEREFORE, the Democratic Party of Lane County resolves:

SECTION 1: To encourage Lane County legislators to vote in support of HJR 10 and SB 420 during the 2019 Oregon Legislative Session.

SECTION 2: To communicate our support of HJR 10 and SB 420 to the appropriate committees and to the Members of the Oregon Senate and Oregon House of Representatives.

**Resolved by the Central Committee of the Democratic Party of Lane County,
Assembled in Eugene, Oregon, January 17, 2019**