

AB 84 Resolution

WHEREAS, **The San Pedro Democratic Club** believes that big money is corroding our political system by drowning out the voices of the average person while giving special interests a megaphone from which to be heard by elected officials; and

WHEREAS, the California Democratic Party has voted to formally oppose Assembly Bill 84, which would have a deleterious impact on the efforts of the Party to provide walk materials, hold trainings, and otherwise support grassroots activities, by enabling donors to bypass the accountability mechanisms the Party has worked hard to implement; and

WHEREAS, the California Democratic Party gives the voices of all levels of our Party, from grassroots activists to elected officials, a large say in who receives the party endorsement, an endorsement that would lose its relevance in a world where legislative leadership has access to big money to spend against endorsed candidates of the Party;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that **The San Pedro Democratic Club opposes AB 84**, and the creation of ‘Legislative Caucus Committees’ that enable California State Assembly and Senate Leadership to bypass the endorsements made by California Democratic Party delegates and that would allow these legislative leaders to raise money from sources proscribed by Party decisions to fund candidates and campaigns independently of the democratic process

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution shall be sent to our representatives Senator Steven Bradford and Assemblymember Patrick O’Donnell, and to the following legislators who are in a position to determine the fate of the bill:

- State Senator Henry Stern, chair of the Senate Elections Committee
- State Assemblyman Marc Berman, chair of the Assembly Elections Committee
- State Senator Toni Atkins, California State Senate Pro Tempore
- Assemblyman Anthony Rendon, Speaker of the California Assembly
- Assemblyman Kevin Mullin, the author of Assembly Bill 84

Signed,

President

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