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### Resolution in Support of Path to Power

**Submitted by: Engineers and Scientists of California Local 20, IFPTE, AFL-CIO/CLC**

**Whereas**, Central Labor Councils (CLCs) are chartered by the AFL-CIO as regional coordinating bodies that bring unions from many industries together to take action on local and statewide issues and campaigns;

**Whereas**, local governments have a tremendous influence over the lives of working people;

**Whereas**, when union members hold public office, they champion labor's values and work hard to shift the balance of power for working people;

**Whereas**, CLCs organize, mobilize, and give working families an independent voice in the political process not beholden to any political party;

**Whereas**, the Path to Power is a project of the AFL-CIO to help CLCs build local political power through the election and engagement of union members in local political offices;

**Whereas**, the goal is to shift the power in local government to favor stronger pro-worker policies, build stronger relationships between local labor movements and their public officials, and develop a bench of candidates to move into higher office;

**Whereas**, Path to Power works with affiliates, state federations, and local labor bodies to develop in-state programs that identify, recruit, elect, and engage union members in political office;

**Whereas**, CLC links analytics with local knowledge of the political environment to help identify races that can be won by progressive pro-working families' candidates.

**Whereas**, CLCs train union members to run for office while working with affiliates to build a robust labor-to-labor program to help mobilize voters in support of endorsed union member candidates;

**Whereas**, the CLC will continue to have union members in elected office access to continued issue education, networking opportunities, and policy conferences, giving union members elects the resources they need to introduce and pass progressive, pro-working families legislation;

**Whereas**, in the 2018 midterms alone, 964 union members were elected to public office across the country at all levels of government;

**Whereas**, the creation and funding of a parallel structure, like "Labor Slate" threatens the unity of our movement and will siphon existing resources from our coalitions;

**Therefore**, may it be resolved that the Contra Costa Central Labor Council hereby affirms its commitment to electing union members and working people to local, state, and national office through the Path to Power Program to create a powerful unified labor movement.

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