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At the end of each policy you will find a year in brackets. i.e. [2021] That year is when the resolution was adopted.

You can examine the Journal of Proceedings for that year and see the policy that was adopted, with all of the accompanying WHEREAS statements. Whereas Statements provides information or the rationale for the "resolved" course of action.

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AGRICULTURE

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3 We also reaffirm our primary mission: to support local small scale and family farms
4 as an essential mainstay of local economies and food security, including support for
5 farmers markets, farmland preservation, community gardens, and gardening & food
6 education programs at Grange halls and in Grange communities. [2009]
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8 AGRICULTURAL CHEMICALS

9
10 Support the banning of the use of Glyphosate products on the grounds of all public
11 property including schools, parks, civic buildings, roadsides and highway areas.
12

13 Support Integrated Weed Management (IWM) and other safe alternatives to
14 glyphosate use. [2018]
15

16 Will address Colony Collapse Disorder through written communication and in-person
17 lobbying of the California Department of Pesticide Regulation, the USDA and the U.S.
18 Environmental Protection Agency and communicate its opposition to the use of and
19 furthermore recommend a ban of neonicotinoid pesticides. [2011]
20

21 Shall insist that all chemicals reviewed by the California Office of Environmental
22 Health Hazard shall have a full scientific evaluation by the Science Advisory Board,
23 and shall oppose the use of Authoritative Body provisions to ban the use of chemicals.
24 [1997]
25

26 Will work to assure future full funding the USDA Pesticide Data Program. [1996]
27

28 Support legislation, laws and regulations that will assure the general public that any
29 information it receives, either pro or con, pertaining to chemicals used on farm
30 products will be reliable, and any individual issuing false information will be liable for
31 felony prosecution. [1993]
32

33 Supports uniform pesticide regulations for all US producers, but allowing State
34 Agencies to handle special needs created by local conditions. [1984]
35

36 ANIMAL HUSBANDRY

37
38 Support clear and transparent labeling of USA born, raised and harvested
39 livestock products labeled as "Product of the USA" giving the assurance that all
40 livestock products purchased were solely raised and processed in the United
41 States; and to urge the US Department of Agriculture (USDA) to immediately pass
42 Mandatory Country of Origin Labeling for all livestock products to strengthen
43 national food security and help stimulate economic growth. [2021-003]
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49 Seeks laws or regulations that require all humane shelters, animal control agencies,
50 rescue agencies and other animal agencies working on the behalf of law enforcement
51 to bear their own expenses. Only once proven guilty should costs be charged to the
52 guilty party, if found innocent, the acting agency shall bear all expenses. Only under
53 judicial approval shall costs then be recovered through liens, charges, and
54 compensation for their actual expenses in the action. Including:

- 55 a) Requiring that in the interests of constitutional justice regarding the taking of
56 property without compensation and the enforcement of regulations and laws [e.g.
57 SB 917 (Animal Abuse, Lieu, 2011) and AB 1117 (Animal Abuse: penalties, Smyth,
58 2011)], no animal ownership title shall change hands until the lawful proceedings
59 of justice are complete; and
60 b) Urges that costs incurred by the actions undertaken by agencies in the enforcement
61 of animal abuse statutes shall be the responsibility of the acting agency. [2011]

62
63 Urges the USDA to provide adequate funding for eradication programs designed to
64 control highly infectious diseases of livestock (i.e. Anthrax, Brucellosis, Scabies, New
65 Castle disease, etc.) [2011]

66
67 Opposes the routine feeding or injection of antibiotics in healthy animals raised for
68 human consumption. [2010]

69
70 Favors amending the existing sections regarding recovery of losses caused by dogs or
71 other predatory animals to the end that the counties of this state will be required to
72 set aside sufficient funds annually for the payment of damages to livestock owners for
73 losses sustained by dogs and other predatory animals. [1976]

74

75 FAIRS & EXPOSITIONS

76

77 Suggests that any threat to the continued existence of local fairs be removed; that the
78 funds allotted to them be increased; and that local fair boards have maximum control
79 of the allotted funds and the operation of the fairs. [1972]

80

81 Lobby the legislature to ensure that people appointed to serve on fair boards represent
82 agricultural interests. [2019]

83

84 FARM POLICY

85

86 Actively encourage and promote legislation for the development, use and promotion
87 of solar powered electrical tractors and farm equipment. [2020-023]

88

89 Actively lobby State officials to create a regulatory category for small farms with less
90 than
91 \$150,000 gross income per year, with such category having reduced regulation and
92 cost burdens. [2020-024]

93

94 Endorses and supports the enactment of Local Food and Community Self-Governance
95 Ordinances and/or Resolutions.; and supports and encourages each Pomona Grange in
96 presenting Local Food and Community Self-Governance Ordinances and/or Resolutions
97 before their County Board of Supervisors. [2011]

98 Supports legislation that will raise the Cultivation Cap for Cannabis Cooperatives of four
99 (4) acres to ten (10) acres. [2020-003R]
100

101 Supports the removal of marijuana (cannabis) from the United States Drug
102 Enforcement Agency (USDEA) Schedule I classification. [2019]
103

104 Will support existing measures and encourage the adoption of new measures to help
105 insure that California's agricultural land and agriculture, which sometimes includes
106 water and roads be protected from urban encroachment, including the following steps
107 to be considered:
108 (A) require local agency formation commissions (LAFCO)}, local bodies that approve
109 annexations to put their decisions to an advisory vote in their jurisdiction.
110 (B) urge that property tax limitations be modified to enable communities to purchase
111 land and easements from those willing to sell. [1999]
112

113 The California State Grange in cooperation with the Alaska State Grange will insist that
114 the
115 U.S. government do what is necessary to insure that agricultural imports are produced,
116 handled and processed in a manner at least equal to the U.S. requirements. [1997]
117

118 Shall oppose any governmental decisions or actions which would limit export of U.S.
119 farm commodities. Further, Will support actions at the federal level which will institute
120 a national policy to oppose the use of farm commodities as an instrument of
121 international politics. [1997]
122

123 Will continue to urge the preservation of agriculture's standing in the Presidents
124 cabinet. [1991]
125

126 Will inform State and Federal legislators that removal of livestock from public lands
127 would be disruptive to the economy of the western states as well as the American
128 food chain and would adversely affect the Consumer Price Index and that
129 management of public lands should continue for multiple-use, including livestock
130 grazing, as a practice vital to the preservation of resources, the continued
131 productivity of those rangeland resources and the well being of wildlife. [1990]
132

133 Will urge legislation to control foreign ownership of farmland; to strictly enforce the
134 Agriculture Foreign Investment Disclosure Act; prohibit foreign investors from
135 purchasing or owning farmland unless they establish permanent residency within their
136 areas of ownership and become citizens of the US; to stop the unfair tax advantages
137 of foreign investors; and to stop the use of public funds and/or the services of the
138 government agencies in the development of US based foreign-owned agricultural
139 enterprises. [1989]
140

141 Will request the state legislature to enact a law to pay for the loss of revenue to an
142 agricultural producer for crops declared unfit for human consumption by state order,
143 or by chemicals placed in the products, unless the grower has contributed to the loss;
144 and the reimbursement for the losses would be available to replace the lost market.
145 [1985]
146
147

148 FARM PROGRAMS

149

150 Lobby the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection to allow cannabis
151 farmers to be considered agriculture. [2021]

152

153 Supports the creation of a regulatory classification for small farms with less than
154 \$150,000 of gross income per year and this regulatory classification should have
155 reduced regulations and cost burdens compared to other regulatory classifications
156 [2021]

157

158 Will actively lobby the California Congressional delegation to maintain and increase
159 funding by 25% for the Beginning Farmers and Ranchers Development Program
160 through the 2018 Farm Bill. [2017]

161

162 Will actively lobby the California Congressional delegation to maintain and increase
163 funding by 25% for the National Organic Cost Share Program through the 2018 Farm
164 Bill. [2017]

165

166 Will actively lobby its Congressional delegation to increase funding by 25% for the
167 Organic Agriculture Research and Extension Initiative through the 2018 Farm Bill.
168 [2017]

169

170 Urge its Congressional delegation to maintain and increase funding for the Specialty
171 Crops Block Grant Program through the 2018 Farm Bill. [2017]

172

173 Shall aggressively lobby State and Federal representatives to amend the Digital
174 Millennium Copyright Act (DMCA) to allow owners of farm machinery to use and
175 modify their equipment however they determine is in their best interest. [2017]

176

177 Shall actively lobby the USDA Risk Management Agency to train insurance agents
178 about the Whole Farm Revenue Protection program, work to streamline the
179 paperwork associated with the program for producers, and work to create additional
180 organic price elections to ensure coverage for the full value of organic crops. [2017]

181

182 Shall actively lobby California's Congressional delegation to maintain and increase
183 funding by 25% for the National Organic Program through the 2018 Farm Bill. [2017]

184

185 Shall actively lobby the California Congressional delegation to support the Livestock
186 Forage Disaster Program, the Non-Insured Crop Disaster Assistance Program, and
187 the Conservation Reserve Program-Grasslands in the 2018 Farm Bill. [2017]

188

189 Urges the California State Assembly and Senate to enact legislation that effectively
190 reduces the government-mandated fees placed upon Calif. farmers who wish to
191 convert their farmland to Certified Organic. [2011]

192

193 Expand its efforts in support of existing organic farming research and education bills in
194 the California State Legislature, and request ongoing expansion of financial support for
195 organic ecological farming research, educations and incentive. [2002]

196

197

198 Shall oppose expanding payments of Loan Deficiency Payments to growers who have
 199 not signed Production Flexibility Contracts. [2000]

200
 201 Will support legislation to improve the condition and financial health of family farms
 202 to include emergency funding, government purchase of crops to alleviate world hunger,
 203 open markets, enforce trade agreements, promote exports, modernize Ag research
 204 for small farms and improve crop insurance. [1998]

205
 206 Will support legislation establishing a reformed Agricultural Worker Program that will
 207 allow streamlined processing of temporary, legalized foreign workers. [1998]

208 Will support legislation which would allow producers and handlers to seek criminal
 209 and economic damage from people or organizations that disseminate false or faulty
 210 information which causes economic harm to a grower or handler of an agricultural
 211 product. [1994]

212
 213 Will support passage of agricultural legislation which would establish a national
 214 farm program that would:

- 215 a) Set a floor price for agricultural commodities that will meet the cost of
- 216 production, plus a return on investment;
- 217 b) Establish mandatory supply management program to prevent market
- 218 depressing excess;
- 219 c) Conserve soil and water resources for future generations;
- 220 d) Restrict imported commodities from interfering with the operations of the
- 221 Price Support Program. [1987]

222
 223 Will oppose programs that expand farm payment schedules and limit production.
 224 [1977]

225
 226 Will support a plan whereby the acreage limitation would be based on the lands'
 227 productivity and economic potential to provide a farm family a good living, and to also
 228 consider local cropping patterns, farming techniques and practices. [1977]

229
 230 Urges the loopholes being used by conglomerates be closed, to require them to pay
 231 their fair share of taxes; more control of farm programs be moved from the Secretary
 232 of Agriculture to the local level; and that the subsidy payment programs be gradually
 233 phased out and substituted by a self help marketing program including the Farm Base
 234 Unit Concept. [1972]

235
 236 FOOD

237
 238 Will support the initiation of a regulated food products irradiation program, the
 239 initiation of a program to educate the public about the benefits of irradiated food
 240 products. [1998]

241
 242 Advocate for the California Department of Agriculture to revise Food and Agriculture
 243 Code Section 27541 - Egg Safety Quality Management guidelines to include an
 244 exemption from registration and fees for individuals engaged in the casual production
 245 and exchange of eggs not as a primary source of income with flocks of less than 100
 246 birds. [2020-006]

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248 GENETICALLY MODIFIED ORGANISMS (GMO)

249

250 Adopted policy resolutions addressing foods containing Genetically Modified Organisms
251 (GMO) and/or Genetically Engineered (GE) be considered to also address foods labeled
252 as Bioengineered (BE). [2022]

253

254 Lobby State Officials to not allow genetic engineering of cannabis cultivars. [2021-
255 020R] Adopts a public policy to support labeling genetically engineered (GMO) foods;
256 and shall lobby at the State Level to pass laws requiring labeling of genetically
257 engineered (GMO) foods [2016]

258

259 Shall advocate to enact a law that requires labels on baby foods and infant formulas
260 that list all genetically engineered ingredient(s), including milk from animals treated
261 with growth hormone(s). [2016]

262

263 Opposes FDA approval of Genetically Engineered crops for human consumption unless
264 third party toxicity studies prove they are safe; and supports initiatives that would
265 enact a state law requiring the labeling of GMOs in food. [2011]

266

267 Oppose FDA approval of genetically engineered salmon for human consumption and
268 that adequate assessment has proven the GMO Salmon is safe for human consumption;
269 will advocate for clear product labeling of all genetically modified salmon and salmon
270 products; and oppose FDA approval of genetically engineered salmon unless an
271 adequate Environmental Assessment has been conducted that shows there is no
272 possibility of GES escaping into the wild. [2010]

273

274 Supports legislation that food labeling which states the word "Organic" must also state
275 whether the food (seed) was genetically modified. [2011]

276

277 Supports legislation that calls for the labeling of genetically engineered foods and
278 ingredients, which contain possible allergens, and will lobby on both a state and federal
279 level for this effort. [2003]

280

281 Supports controls on any outdoor planting of genetically engineered crops and
282 mandated paper trail for any movement of processing of pharmaceutical crops to
283 prevent contamination of the food supply. [2003]

284

285 Supports regulations that specify containment of genetically engineered crops and
286 enforcement of liability for those responsible for genetic contamination. [2003]

287

288 Urges the California State Legislature to mandate sound scientific reviews of the impact
289 that the technology of planting crops genetically altered with viruses and bacteria has
290 had on California farmers; and the review of the safety and desirability of such crops.
291 [2002]

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297 HEMP - CANNABIS

298

299 Lobby State officials to allow legacy and new genetics to be entered into
300 Marijuana Enforcement Tracking, Reporting & Compliance (METRC –
301 California’s Cannabis Track & Trace System). [2022]

302

303 Lobby the state of California to support direct to consumer Cannabis sales.
304 [2022]

305

306 Lobby State Officials to remove Track & Trace regulations for the State of
307 California. [2021]

308

309 Lobby state and federal officials to de- schedule cannabis from Federal drug
310 scheduling. [2021]

311

312 Lobby the California Drug and Food Administration (CDFA) CalCannabis Division to allow
313 for the use of Hemp and Cannabis waste in feed for animals. [2020]

314

315 Support hemp and cannabis being treated as an agricultural commodity. [2020]

316

317 Supports legislation to promote the development of a fair and equitable cannabis
318 industry focused on small farmers before imposing further tax burdens on cultivators
319 and distributors. [2020]

320

321 Lobby CalCannabis and other agencies to create a consistent standard for all Counties
322 to perform an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for cannabis cultivation which
323 conforms to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) for cannabis cultivation.
324 And that the State of California Drug and Food Administration (CDFA) should have
325 counties perform countywide EIRs for cannabis cultivation rather than putting the full
326 burden on each individual farmer. [2020]

327

328 Supports the removal of marijuana (cannabis) from the United States Drug
329 Enforcement Agency (USDEA) Schedule I classification. [2019]

330

331 Supports the cultivation of industrial hemp, as defined under the Agriculture
332 Improvement Act of 2018 as hemp plants having no more than 0.3%
333 Tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) content. [2019]

334

335 That hemp grown for personal consumption or use, shall be exempt from the yearly
336 \$800 agriculture department registration fee. [2019]

337

338 Supports the legalization of industrial hemp. [2001]

339

340 MARKETING & COOPERATIVES

341

342 Shall oppose any legislation, regulation, or initiative proposal that would curtail the
343 sale, transport, or slaughter of horses for human consumption, except with the concern
344 of the humane treatment of such animals. [1998]

345

346

347 Will urge the USDA to adopt a labeling program to alert the consumer that this meat
348 product contains any portion of imported meat and where it is from. [1998]

349
350 Will oppose any restrictions on exports of any agricultural commodities. [1996]

351
352 Urges the United States Department of Agriculture to maintain the quarantine on
353 importation of avocados from Mexico unless the proper documentation showing proper
354 fumigation and inspection procedures have been done to prevent the introduction and
355 spread of seed weevil and stem borer fly into the United States. [1995]

356
357 Will support legislation and/ or other actions which will change the USDA regulations
358 to require poultry cooled to under 26 degrees Fahrenheit to be labeled as "Frozen" and
359 that poultry held above 26 degrees Fahrenheit may be labeled as "Fresh". [1994]

360 Will support changes in marketing orders and grading classifications to reflect the
361 reduced use of pesticides and reduction in the quality of fruits and vegetables, in order
362 to preserve farm level income. [1990]

363
364 Will work toward implementing regulations requiring shippers and brokers to deliver
365 grains of the quality specified in the contract. [1986]

366 Supports the implementation of proposals that would require dockage in grains to be
367 reported to the nearest .1%. 19[86]

368
369 Recommends that brokers shall pay the producers (Farmer, Grower, etc.) within 15
370 days after sale of commodity and supports legislation to bring about this procedure
371 using format as outlined and mandated by the Packers and Stockyard Act. [1978]

372
373 PEST MANAGEMENT

374
375 That California State Grange will form an action team to educate the public and
376 Subordinate Granges take steps to educate the public about the threat of
377 neonicotinoids and advocate for a ban similar to one adopted by the European Union;
378 and until a ban is in place that the California State Grange support measures to restrict
379 the sale of nursery plants and seeds that have been treated with neonicotinoids making
380 sure that these plants are clearly labeled with the danger of exposure to bees, butterflies,
381 and other pollinators. Such labeling shall also be placed on household garden products
382 sold to the public that contain neonicotinoids. [2019]

383
384 Shall lobby and go on record with the California Department of Fish and Wildlife in
385 favor of easing all restriction on the hunting and trapping of Nutria (*Myocastor*
386 *coypus*), and establishing a bounty program with the express intent of full removal
387 of Nutria from within the state of California. [2019]

388
389 Does not support the California Department of Food and Agriculture's proposed
390 Programmatic Environmental Impact Report, but encourages and supports additional
391 use and research into scientifically proven alternative pest management [2011]

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396 As the LBAM (Light Brown Apple Moth) program is being conducted throughout our
397 state, Will request reclassification for LBAM as a nonactionable pest; and ask all our
398 elected representatives to work diligently and forcefully to sever the taxpayer funding
399 for the Light Brown Apple Moth eradication program. [2010]

400
401 Will seek to have the Grange continuously represented on the National Invasive
402 Species Council and that Grange members nationwide be kept informed with regard
403 to progress made. [1999]

404
405 Will support provisions to fund the building and operation of a Sterile Mexican Fruit Fly
406 Laboratory. [1991]

407
408 Favors a policy that will expedite the eradication of agricultural pests as compatible
409 with sound agricultural practices and urge the State of California to develop an ongoing
410 program of control and eradication of such pests. [1988]

411
412 Will support a system of integrated pest management for control of exotic insect pests
413 in California. Such a system should involve extensive education and participation by
414 growers and the public in developing and implementing specific control programs.
415 Sharing the costs for such programs by growers and other state residents should be
416 based on the relative benefits the program will provide. [1988]

417
418 Will support the efforts of the CDFA & USDA to control infestations of "imported" exotic
419 pest that are of major economic importance. [1987]

420
421 Will support policy that requires all commercial bee colonies be inspected periodically
422 to control the spread of the Africanized bees. [1985]

423
424 Will support research, development and education of the full implications and feasibility
425 of Integrated Pest Management application. [1980]

426
427 RESEARCH & TECHNOLOGY

428
429 Urge the United States Administration to halt the growing of genetically engineered
430 alfalfa outside of closed laboratory conditions; and urge the United States Congress to
431 immediately enact legislation strongly regulating all genetically engineered crops based
432 on sound science and a risk based approach, instead of the current practice of letting
433 the industry police itself. [2011]

434
435 Will actively promote legislation to ban the field testing and commercialization of GURT
436 (Genetic Use Restriction Technology) in the United States, as described in US Patent
437 #5723765; and will actively partner with other national and international organizations
438 to permanently ban the GURT on a global basis. [2010]

439
440 Will support ethical programs for genetically engineered agricultural products that
441 directly benefit agricultural producers, and that adequate testing and research has been
442 completed before their introduction in the food chain. [1998]

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446 Will encourage legislative action in developing at state and local levels an integrated
447 management approach to control and eventually eradicate Yellow Star thistle, this
448 obnoxious, non-native weed. [1998]
449

450 UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE (USDA)
451

452 Supports the Agriculture Extension Service, and opposes any significant reduction in
453 funding for the Agriculture Extension Service that would cause programs to be
454 discontinued. [2016]
455

456 That local California Granges participate as stake holders in Local Control and
457 Accountability Plan (LCAP) committees in their communities; and the California State
458 Grange advocate for direct funding for Agricultural Education Career Technical Education
459 (CTE) program funding. [2016]
460

461 Urges the USDA to provide adequate funding for eradication programs designed to
462 control highly infectious disease of livestock (i.e. Anthrax, Brucellosis, Scabies, New
463 Castle disease, etc.). [1974]
464

465 MISCELLANEOUS
466

467 Lobby the State of California to create more accessible, and better promoted, incentive
468 programs for farmers that would like to implement regenerative methods. [2022]
469

470 Lobby for the enactment of and support legislation that directs the California State
471 Capitol building to only display flowers and foliage grown in California. [2022]
472

473 Request Congress to review the benefits of the protections and restrictions established
474 in Congressionally designated wild horse and burro management areas under the "Wild
475 Free- Roaming Horses and Burros Act of 1971", and if necessary, amend the act to
476 prioritize balanced ecosystem management or repeal the act. [2019]
477

478 Reaffirms its support for the community of farmers of our nation, and strongly
479 expresses its objections to the conditional approval of the Monsanto and Bayer
480 merger announced by the U.S. Department of Justice. [2018]
481

482 Officially endorse the allocation of state cap-and-trade funds towards "climate
483 smart farming" programs including but not limited to "The Healthy Soils Initiative",
484 "The State Water Efficiency and Enhancement Program (SWEEP)" and "The
485 Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation Program" (SALCP). The California State
486 Grange lobby to maintain, and even increase, funding for such programs, including
487 funding for technical assistance to small family farms so that these resources are
488 equitably distributed amongst the agricultural community. [2018]
489

490 Call will upon the California Division of Labor Standards Enforcement to cease
491 investigation and prosecution of farmers hosting volunteers and interns unless
492 pursuant to a complaint; petition the State Assembly to begin hearings to review
493 California Labor Law in the light of recent legislation in Oregon and Washington aimed
494 at accommodating the practice of volunteering and interning on small farms; and
495 support a specific exclusion from existing law for farms grossing under \$100,000

496 annually who wish to host volunteers and/or interns. [2010]

497

498 Opposes any legislation that levies fees and/or placing further restrictions on
499 agricultural burning. [1979]

500

501 Urges the California State Department of Food and Agriculture to investigate the
502 willful destruction of any food products. [1974]

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CITIZENSHIP

508 BORDERS

509

510 Urges the congress to allow the assignment of our Military forces to assist the Border
511 Patrol units in enforcing our border policy where there is a need for man power to
512 control the flagrant violations of our Immigration laws. [1992]

513

514 ELECTIONS

515

516 Supports the Federal Election Day being declared a federal holiday; and the date of
517 the Federal Election being moved to a Monday to conform with the Uniform Monday
518 Holiday Act of 1968. [2021-007]

519

520 Supports California 2017 AB84 which changes the date of the California primary from
521 June to March. [2017]

522

523 That Urge our state legislators to implement laws to prevent incumbent elected
524 leaders from receiving salary for their office while running for other elected positions.
525 [2016]

526

527 Will support California 2017 AB84 which changes the date of the California primary
528 from June to March. [2017] Support California 2017 AB84 which changes the date of the
529 California primary from June to March. [2017]

530

531 UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE

532

533 Support legislation in the US Congress to repeal the 2006 law requiring pre-funding of
534 retirement, such as H.R. 2382, the USPS Fairness Act, and support all legislation
535 designed to support the functioning of the US Postal Service. [2020-010]

536

537 That Shall encourage the US Congress to continue funding to support the US Postal
538 Service to maintain its important services, i.e. maintain post offices, lowest cost
539 delivery services, minimum level of services to customers, continued Saturday delivery
540 and door and curbside service. [2016]

541

542 VETERANS

543

544 Urges our federal law makers to question the Department of Veterans Affairs on the
545 restrictive approach of limiting headstones for veterans who paid the price of wrong-
546 doing in later life. [2016]

547

548 TRADE NEGOTIATIONS GENERAL

549

550 Shall not endorse any trade agreements negotiated by the federal government that
551 are not fair and equitable to American consumers and businesses and do not include
552 any procedures for redress of unfair or inequitable trade practices. [2001]

553 FOREIGN AFFAIRS

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555 Granges at all levels join the international condemnation of the alleged atrocities being
556 committed by the armed forces of the Russian Federation in its 2022 invasion of
557 Ukraine and issues a public statement to that effect. [2022]

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559 Petition the Department of Defense and the State Department to prioritize and allocate
560 5% to 10% of their annual budgets for ten years to rebuild the Ukrainian Bread Basket
561 of Europe; after combat ceases and only if Ukraine remains an independent nation.
562 [2022]

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CONSERVATION

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569 AIR AND WATER QUALITY

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Actively encourage State Legislators and Regulatory bodies to use a tiered approach when proposing regulations regarding onsite domestic wastewater treatment systems (septic systems) that takes into consideration the risk of the system impacting the ground water in the area, with the determination of low, medium and high risk being under local authority control to include the setting of fees, be it county, regional or some other entity that has knowledge of the local conditions. [2009]

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Petitions the Environmental Protection Agency to actively enforce regulations on unsafe urban waste water treatment plants and to insist that each plant be designed and operated to function with minimal risk to public health and safety. [1990]

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Supports:

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1. Restrictions in the release of Chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs) to the atmosphere;
2. An orderly transition to a replacement for CFCs to a less harmful chemical;
3. A phase in period of seven to ten years if new refrigeration systems are required as part of the CFCs replacement process. [1991]

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Proposes that clean water funds be used only to:

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- 1.Reduce pollution;
- 2.Facilitate land disposal alternatives;
- 3.Provide for tertiary treatment of urban waste if surface water discharges are completely unavoidable. [1988]

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Proposes that state engineers adequately monitor mercury pollution in air and water around abandoned mercury mines and to accurately determine the impact of mercury on the environment. [1988]

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Urges the Air Quality Control Board to standardize their enforcement statewide. [1983]

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Urges Congress and the Environmental Protection Agency to enact legislation and regulations to reduce emissions causing acid rain. [1983]

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Supports asking the Air Quality Control Board to allow controlled burning where safeguards are provided. [1976]

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CLIMATE

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Shall publicly acknowledge the value of scientific research and inquiry; shall aggressively lobby State representatives to honor existing legislation and international agreements, such as the Paris Climate Agreement, which seek to limit the effects of industrial activity which contributes to temperature rise; and that future lobbying shall encourage legislation to reverse global warming. [2017]

614 ENDANGERED SPECIES

615
616 Supports all legal efforts on the part of governments, Non-Governmental
617 Organizations (NGOs), and other groups and individuals to modify the human-
618 generated activities which have made survival for endangered and threatened species
619 more difficult, in order that we may recover the biodiversity so essential to the survival
620 of life on earth. [2019]

621
622 Support Humboldt, Del Norte and Mendocino Counties in opposing the current Marine
623 Life Protection Act (MLPA) initiative process in the north coast region so long as it
624 remains unresponsive to local concerns. [2009]

625
626 No Endangered Species Act recovery plan should be put into effect without the
627 financial means and a program to pay just compensation for the loss to individuals
628 and the private sector for the costs of feeding, watering and sheltering rare,
629 endangered and threatened species. [2004]

630
631 Supports legislation that would require the notice acknowledging receipt of a petition
632 to add or remove a species from the lists of endangered or threatened species to
633 include information on whether the species is a bird, mammal, fish, amphibian, reptile,
634 or plant, and the locations where a copy of the petition is available for public review.
635 [1995]

636
637 Urges and will support changes in the Endangered Species Act that would incorporate
638 consideration for the human and economic impacts of declaring a species either
639 threatened or endangered. [1991]

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641 Urges and will support changes in the Endangered Species Act that would assure
642 public hearings in the involved area, such hearings to include impact on human
643 welfare and the area concerned. [1992]

644
645 Urges and will support changes in the Endangered Species Act that would require
646 scientific research to prove beyond a reasonable doubt that a species is in danger of
647 becoming extinct before it is placed on the endangered list. [1993]

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649 ENERGY

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651 Request the United States Congress review the Code of Federal Regulations and
652 update the statute that governs the Department of Energy's 10 CFR 440.18(f)(2)(iii)
653 which currently reads "That dwelling units partially weatherized under this part or
654 under other Federal programs during the period September 30, 1975 through
655 September 30, 1994..." be changed to read "That dwelling units partially weatherized
656 under this part or under other Federal programs from a date 10 years prior to date
657 of client application. [2018]

658
659 Opposes the rezoning of currently zoned agricultural land to any other commercial or
660 industrial designation when renewable energy projects are installed on existing
661 agricultural property. [2011]

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- 664 Support geological studies that lead to environmentally safe methods to make use of
 665 the newly discovered oil reserves in the Dakotas and Montana until America is no
 666 longer dependent on foreign oil and until our nation can be free of dependence on
 667 fossil fuel reserves. [2009]
 668
- 669 Lobby the California Office of State Architects and the American Institute of
 670 Architects, California Chapter working on California schools and public buildings to
 671 utilize designs featuring solar and "green" renewable energy technologies when
 672 designing projects and remodeling upgrades. [2007]
 673
- 674 Initiate legislation and lobby for a wider use of wind energy in appropriate areas suited
 675 to sustaining wind power development and that the equipment used in production of
 676 wind power be inspected by local utility companies under the guidelines of the Public
 677 Utility Commission, and upon decommissioning the equipment be removed and the
 678 landscape returned to its natural condition. [2007]
- 679 Urges the passage of the Alternative Energy, Research, Production, Incentives Tax
 680 on California oil producers (Prop. 87) to increase the use and development of alternate
 681 fuels. [2006]
 682
- 683 Strongly support and vigorously lobby for usage of alternative energy resources. [2006]
 684
- 685 Supports legislation authorizing the production of electricity by using water wheel
 686 powered generators or low head generators anchored in the canals. [1993]
 687
- 688 Opposes the banning of the use of coal and coke for industrial uses as a form of
 689 regulation by cities, counties, and states, and insists regulations concerning the use
 690 of coal and coke be based on factual information and not emotional facts and, if
 691 necessary, supports stricter regulations concerning emission standards for coal and
 692 coke fired industrial plants. [1990]
 693
- 694 Recommends that the U.S. Department of Energy encourages the expansion of
 695 ethanol production from surplus agriculture products for use as a fuel and power
 696 source. [1988]
 697
- 698 Opposes any action by the legislature, or regulators, to remove local control of
 699 geothermal resource development from county jurisdiction. [1976]
 700
- 701 Supports the development of public owned facilities to utilize other safe sources of
 702 energy. [1975]
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ENVIRONMENT

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- 706 Shall urge the California Congressional delegation to support the Cooperative
 707 Conservation Partnership Initiative, the Environmental Quality Incentives Program
 708 (EQIP), the Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP) and the Wildlife Habitat
 709 Incentive Program (WHIP) in the 2018 Farm Bill. [2017]
 710
- 711 Urges the legislature of the State of California to ban enhanced hydraulic fracturing
 712 and fracturing waste disposal in injection wells in the State of California. [2016]

713 Has determined that enhanced extraction by hydraulic fracking or by acid injection is
714 too dangerous to the local environment and local economy and therefore fracking
715 operations cannot be permitted in Monterey County; has determined that storage of
716 enhanced fracking waste in injection wells is too dangerous a risk to the Salinas Valley
717 water basin and cannot be permitted in Monterey County; opposes the use of
718 hydraulic fracking in Monterey County. [2015]

719
720 Agrees to undertake a concerted effort to educate its members on the advantages
721 and opportunities in the operations of Biochar production and use for soil building,
722 crop productivity enhancement, water filtering, pollution mitigation, renewable
723 energy generation, and greenhouse gas emissions reduction; and lobby vigorously to
724 support legislation that encourages Biochar production and use at the State and local
725 policy levels to ensure the benefits embedded in the promise that is biochar gives, to
726 build soil now and for future generations, for AB 32 climate mitigation compliance, to
727 enhance renewable energy generation portfolio standards, indicating a will and
728 tangible possibility therefore of human survival, will demand that the role of
729 agriculture's success in these areas be funded at a level commensurate with its
730 contribution [2011]

731
732 Recognizes and advocates the need for sustained leadership and commitment at the
733 federal, state, regional and local levels to develop strategies to combat the effects of
734 climate change. [2007]

735
736 Support the construction of Auburn Dam and lobby accordingly. [2005]

737
738 Supports and urges efforts to overhaul the Superfund Program so it will expedite
739 clean ups, limit retroactive liability, and prioritize the sites deemed necessary for
740 clean up. [1993]

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742 Supports legislation to reduce the use of polystyrene products using
743 Chlorofluorocarbons as a blowing agent. [1988]

744
745 Opposes exploration and production of off shore oil and gas drilling and exploration in
746 the area from Point Conception to the Oregon border. [1988]

747
748 Urges Congress to ban the scuttling of nuclear submarines and all other dumping of
749 radioactive wastes in the oceans under the control of the United States. [1983]

750
751 Favors legislation providing subsidies designed to encourage a bigger and better re
752 refining industry, and, that the penalties for dumping waste oil in the waterways be
753 enforced. [1975]

754
755 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORTS

756
757 Supports existing outdoor agriculture, and crop cultivation which should not be subject
758 to California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). Regional Environmental Impact
759 Reports (EIR's) should suffice to measure the environmental impacts of crop
760 production in any given region. [2022]

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763 Will urge the Legislature to streamline the processes involved to obtain the vacuum
764 dredging permits needed for Clear Lake thereby eliminating the red tape that now
765 encompasses the process. [1996]

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767 FIRE FIGHTING/CONTROL

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769 Supports the concept of cooperation between political subdivisions when fighting
770 wildfires through means such as mutual aid agreements. [1977]

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772 FISH AND GAME AND WILDLIFE

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774 Support legislation and regulatory authority to empower local governments to
775 determine the need to control mountain lions or other predatory animal populations
776 within their jurisdictions. [1996]

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778 Shall be prepared to participate in the discussion of plans for restoring historic
779 fisheries along the rivers of California and other habitats, in order to ensure that
780 agricultural interests and the economic impacts of the implementation of these plans
781 be fully considered prior to implementation. [1994]

782

783 Supports protection and maintenance of the natural balance between predator and
784 prey species. [1991]

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786 Urges the Department of Fish and Game, State of California, to change the procedure
787 to make anyone who obtains a deer tag by drawing be declared ineligible for drawing
788 in that zone the following year. [1982]

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790 Promotes a separate Fisheries Management Council for California. [1980]

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792 Supports the Fish and Game Department program of Tule Elk population control
793 through a controlled hunting season or other practices. [1976]

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795 Recommends that salmon egg-taking projects be continued. [1973]

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797 FORESTS AND FORESTRY PRACTICES

798

799 Support the use of good fire and assist Subordinate Granges in the establishment of
800 Prescribed Burning Associations (PBAs) when/wherever possible. [2022]

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802 Urges the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (Cal Fire), the California
803 Air Resources Board (CARB), and other appropriate Federal, State and County officials
804 and agencies to work in cooperation with Prescribed Burn Associations in California to
805 meet the needs of their local communities. [2020-016]

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807 Will support and encourage sustainable forestry and arboreal practices on both public
808 and private lands; and encourage the use of native or regionally appropriate species.
809 [2017]

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812 Support letting forest fires to burn themselves out except; in areas where structures
813 are threatened. [2009]

814
815 Advocate political actions in support of the harvesting of fire ravaged timber from fire
816 recovery zones, and that removal of such timber be accomplished as soon as possible.
817 [2008]

818
819 Requests the California delegation to the U. S. Congress initiate legislation which will
820 enable all government agencies having fire damaged or insect-killed timber under its
821 jurisdiction now, or in the future, to fast track the sale of harvest of this timber so as
822 to preserve the maximum of its market value. [2003]

823 Support that carefully monitored timber harvest efforts be permitted in more
824 widespread areas of National Forests with fire prevention clean-up as a priority. [2000]

825
826 Supports a national program such as the Civilian Conservation Corps, and urges
827 private timber landowners to establish similar programs for forest improvement work.
828 [1993]

829
830 Supports Tree Reforestation for Economic and Environmental Strength (TREES), or
831 similar programs that apply to state and federal needs, and will work for its
832 establishment by our legislators. [1992]

833
834 Urges the California Forest Service and the California Department of Fish and Game
835 to amend and simplify their rules to help the family farmer to obtain harvest plans in
836 a less time consuming and less costly procedure. [1991]

837
838 Supports sustainable old growth forest management systems through a scientific
839 process that meets the needs of forests, wildlife, and people and still retains the
840 character of true old growth forests. [1991]

841
842 Supports a program to protect our parks and forests from fire and insect infestation
843 by utilizing all dead and down trees for their highest value, and urges that any state
844 laws that conflict with this proposal be changed as needed. [1989]

845
846 Supports the salvage of as much of the fire damaged timber, including that in the
847 Wilderness areas, as is possible, immediately. [1988]

848
849 Supports a program to increase the productivity of our nation's forests, thus making
850 them more useful and valuable to future generations and our nation's future needs.
851 [1974]

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853 Encourages the better utilization of our forest products by urging the development
854 and marketing of wood and wood products now unused. [1973]

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856 LAND PRIVATE/PUBLIC

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858 Encourage its many Subordinate and Pomona Granges to adopt acknowledgements
859 honoring the traditions of the first nations associated with their area. [2022]

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862 Supports grazing as a land management and conservation tool when appropriate
863 for fire control, soil improvement, and healthy lands in public parks, forests, and
864 other lands. [2021-009]
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866 Supports the Federal Election Day being declared a federal holiday; and the date of
867 the Federal Election being moved to a Monday to conform with the Uniform Monday
868 Holiday Act of 1968. [2021-007]
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870 Supports the continuance of the right of agriculturists to graze livestock on appropriate
871 sections of public lands; and that such usage of public lands be granted by permits
872 issued by appropriate authorities and that grazing be carefully monitored. [2003]
873

874 Will urge legislation to standardize the definition of what constitutes a "public
875 nuisance" in county ordinances to that defined in the California Civil and Penal Codes,
876 thus removing such ordinances from local unlimited and arbitrary implementation.
877 [1997] [reverses 1972 position]
878

879 Supports the efforts of the Soil Conservation Service (SCS) in developing a National
880 Grazing Land Conservation Program that would address the following issues:

- 881 a) To establish and strengthen partnerships and the opportunities for
882 organizations and interest groups to work with the SCS;
- 883 b) To develop an informational and educational program that will inform users of
884 non federal grazing lands of the ecologic, biologic, hydrologic, and economic
885 importance of these lands to all Americans;
- 886 c) To increase the technical, leadership, and communication skills of SCS
887 employees who work with the public regarding non federal grazing lands;
- 888 d) To improve the plant and wildlife resource populations and habitat so that
889 multiple resource values may be sustained;
- 890 e) To support the development of sustainable animal agriculture operations that
891 operate on a sound ecological and economical basis;
- 892 f) To enhance the yields of quality water and to maintain the productivity of our
893 soil resources and improve air quality by using improved technology transfer
894 and conservation practices;
- 895 g) Seek to have incorporated amendments into the current Farm Bill, or into the
896 next Farm Bill, a program that will address the needs of our non federal grazing
897 lands by implementation of a National Grazing Lands Conservation Program to
898 be administered by the Soil Conservation Service, and will work for inclusion of
899 the National Grazing Land Conservation Program into future farm bill
900 legislation. [1991]
901

902 Urges that the State Mines and Geology Board be requested to restrict gravel mining
903 in areas overlying aquifers or in the vicinity of aquifers that serve as a potable water
904 supply for domestic, municipal, and agricultural needs, and if such restrictions are not
905 possible, than regular monitoring of the underlying groundwater be mandated, with
906 careful analysis to detect any potential pollutants and to ensure compliance with
907 standards. [1991]
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909 Opposes the nationalization of mineral exploration and development through
910 exorbitant fees and regulations.
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912 Supports and encourages state officials to implement the California State Soil
913 Conservation Plan. [1986]

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915 PUBLIC SAFETY

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917 That Urge the Fish and Wildlife Service and the California Department of Fish and
918 Game to investigate the impact of foreign crabs and other foreign species in California
919 waters and address control. [1998]

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921 Supports state and federal legislation that would require notification of property
922 owners whenever any government agencies relocate park bears or other potentially
923 dangerous animals, and that the property owners to be notified are those within what
924 would be considered the normal range of the animals being released. [1990]

925 RECYCLING

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927 Supports efforts by local Granges, the public, and individuals as well as by the
928 California Legislature and Congress to take action to (1) reduce the production of
929 single-use plastic items and to (2) eliminate plastic materials from entering the Waste
930 Stream. [2019]

931

932 That Supports the principals of zero waste including but not limited to:

- 933 a) Reducing the use of natural resources when possible;
934 b) Re-using resources when possible rather than discarding them;
935 c) Recycling recyclable materials rather than disposing of them;
936 d) Composting organic materials rather than burying them in a landfill; and
937 e) Designing, producing and distributing products using methods and
938 procedures that minimize negative health and environmental impacts
939 throughout the product life cycle including end-of-life post-consumer
940 materials management. [2008]

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942 SOLID WASTES

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944 Urges the state and county governments to publish or make available proper
945 explanation of the cost of solid waste disposal to all residents. [1992]

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947 MISCELLANEOUS

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949 Shall stand in opposition to any reduction of the net metering credit for surplus
950 power customers. [2021-013]

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952 Shall initiate and support "Right to Dry" legislation to prohibit and rescind state or
953 local laws or regulations, restrictions, or private contracts from limiting the ability of
954 dwellers to erect and use clotheslines for the drying of clothing within their
955 communities. [2008]

956

957 Urge lawmakers to implement imposition of an additional one-time fee upon all vehicles
958 when first licensed in California and that all resulting funds be held in a segregated,
959 interest-bearing account, all proceeds of which shall be used solely for the timely
960 removal expenses of all vehicles found abandoned on either public or private properties

961 by request of the property owner. [2006]

962

963 Will adopt the position that the United States withdraw from the 1972 World Heritage
964 Treaty and that the Congress of the United States rescind all designations of American
965 historical treasures to the United Nations for management. [1999]

966

967 Urges the Department of the Interior, National Park Service, to rule that the amount
968 of penalty for removing petrified wood within the boundary of the park be raised from
969 \$1.00 a pound to not less than \$100.00 a pound. [1973]

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EDUCATION

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976 ADMINISTRATION - SCHOOL

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Supports the implementation of the following in California public schools:

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- Schools must provide the education and the environment to promote lifelong health choices, then model and promote those behaviors throughout the campus.

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- Development/enforcement of nutritional standards for all food and beverages offered.

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- A comprehensive nutrition education program that becomes part of or is integrated into the California State Education Standard.

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- A comprehensive physical education program that becomes a part of or is integrated into the California State Education Standards.

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988

Will actively lobby the Governor of California to support the current placement of Regional Ag. Ed. Offices and regional Ag. Ed. Programs and contests. [2002]

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Urges the State Legislature to carefully monitor educational planning in California and continues to encourage strengthening educational standards in California schools. [2002]

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995 CHARTER SCHOOLS

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Encourages positive legislation that supports the Charter School Law and will monitor legislation that is detrimental to the Charter School Law. [2002]

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1000 COMMUNITY CONTROL

1001

Supports local control of school districts by school boards elected by the voters of the local school districts. This does not include intervention by the State Department of Education, as per the California Education Code. [2001]

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Supports a parent’s right to choose where their child is educated. [2000]

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Will support a plan in the State’s Public School system in which parents participate with the school system in their children’s learning programs [2000]

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1010 CURRICULUM

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Lobby the California Department of Education and the California Legislature to amend the California Education Code to allow school districts to offer American Sign Language (ASL) in addition to other foreign language classes to fulfill the foreign language graduation requirement. [2017]

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Will recommend and request the California Department of Education to make the study of the Constitution of the United States of America a mandatory course. [1999]

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1019 That Supports legislation that funds local and County K-12 history programs for
1020 students. [2006]

1021 Encourages schools and their districts not to cut enrichment curriculum without first
1022 seeking other funding, including grants, the CSU Intern program, private partnerships,
1023 and corporate donations. [2004]

1024
1025 Actively supports state and national legislation that funds after school agricultural
1026 education programs. [2003]

1027
1028 That Urge all Subordinates to actively seek out partnerships with schools and other
1029 organizations in planning, implementing and funding the continuing viabilities of local
1030 school gardens. [2006]

1031
1032 Supports state and federal legislation that funds agriculture and gardening education
1033 for Grades K-12, to include vocational agriculture provided by the Regional
1034 Occupation Program of the State of California. [2003]

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1036 DRIVER EDUCATION

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1038 That the California State Grange Master appoint a committee to assist our
1039 Subordinate Grange Youth to find avenues to pursue in bringing free driver's
1040 education back into public schools. [2018]

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1042 NUTRITION - SCHOOL

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1044 Urges the CDE (California State Department of Education) to closely monitor school
1045 lunch programs (design and implementation) in both Traditional and Charter Schools
1046 for any discrepancies or violations. [2004]

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1048 Will lend its support to educate the public, increasing awareness and mobilizing the
1049 community about the benefits of food safety, nutrition, and their consequences.
1050 [2001]

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1052 PATRIOTISM

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1054 Reaffirms its school patriotism policy of: The Pledge of Allegiance and/or the Star-
1055 Spangled Banner be included in the daily curriculum of the Public School System. and
1056 supports any legislation to keep the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance in our schools
1057 nationwide with the individual's choice of saying the pledge with or without the words
1058 "Under God." [1984]

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1060 PHYSICAL EDUCATION

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1062 Urges the California Department of Education to closely evaluate the physical
1063 education programs, for grades K-12, throughout all California public schools, to
1064 ensure that all students receive weekly appropriate and adequate physical education
1065 programs that will enable them to pass the Physical Education test component of the
1066 State's mandated STAR testing. [2004]

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1068 SPECIAL EDUCATION

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1070 Will urge our Congressional representatives to enact legislation providing for a federal
 1071 contribution of 40% of the total cost of federally mandated special education
 1072 programs. [2000]

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1074 TEACHERS

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1076 Will seek legislation that will cause local school districts to hire fully credentialed
 1077 teachers on a priority basis, over those individuals with emergency teaching credentials
 1078 only. [1999]

1079

1080 Actively pursue changes in the Education Code to allow school districts the authority
 1081 to terminate a teacher within their district, based on teacher performance, without
 1082 regard for tenure. [1992]

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1084 TEXTBOOKS

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1086 Supports funding for traditional educational standards in American schools by making
 1087 certain that school textbooks, today and in the future, are not modified to the point
 1088 where our historical past is altered or lost due to political or social pressures. [2006]

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1090 VOCATIONAL EDUCATION

1091

1092 Shall actively lobby the California Congressional delegation to amend the Public
 1093 Service Loan Forgiveness Program to include farmers who work on a USDA defined
 1094 Farm. [2017]

1095

1096 Initiate and support legislation requiring the inclusion of solar and renewable energy
 1097 technology curriculum for California schools Regional Occupation Program (R.O.P.)
 1098 and Certified Technical Education classes (C.T.E.) [2007]

1099

1100 Supports the development and/or implementation of a comprehensive program of
 1101 career/vocational education for all students from the elementary level through college.
 1102 This program should consist of the following:

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1104 1 A sequential career education program at the elementary level that assists
 1105 the classroom teacher in utilizing job-related activities which emphasize
 1106 planning and instruction to reinforce learning experiences related to English,
 1107 Science, Mathematics, and Social Science, and give the student an
 awareness of and an orientation to the world of work.

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1109 2 Elective industrial arts and career education programs in the grades 6-12
 1110 that provide the students the opportunity for exploration, development and
 1111 understanding of the technical, consumer, occupational, organizational,
 1112 managerial, social and cultural aspects of agriculture, industry and
 1113 technology. The program also will provide a link between abstract
 1114 educational concepts and the practical use of basic occupational and
 1115 technical skills.

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1117 3 Vocational educational components that should represent a continuum
 1118 starting in high school and extending to the college level to provide
 1119 preparation, work experience and placement services and activities that will
 1120 lead to meaningful and informed occupational choices and to the
 1121 development of sufficient skills and knowledge for the student to enter and
 1122 advance in a gainful, satisfying career. [2001]

1123
 1124 Favors balanced funding, standards, and evaluation of performance for vocational
 1125 programs, including ROP (regional occupation programs), Supervised Occupational
 1126 Experience Projects (SOEP), Future Farmers of America (FFA) and that applicable
 1127 entry level college prep courses be included in high school Vo Ag programs for
 1128 students desiring to acquire credits in agriculture and agribusiness.
 1129 [1982][reaffirmed 1990 and 1991]

1130
 1131 Will support legislation that exempts the 16 and 17 year old from compulsory
 1132 schooling if they:
 1133 a) Attend a Regional Occupational Center for job training.
 1134 b) Attend grade classes at a community college.
 1135 c) Pass a basic skills examination developed by the State Department of
 1136 Education after getting parental permission to take the examination.
 1137 [1972]

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 1139 MISCELLANEOUS

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 1141 Supports the expanded use and funding of educational loan repayment funding
 1142 programs in rural and underserved communities within the State. [2021-027]

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 1144 Supports the expanded use and funding of educational loan repayment funding
 1145 programs to incentivize physicians, specialists, physician assistants, nurse
 1146 practitioners, chiropractors, nurses, and other healthcare professionals'
 1147 commitment to serve rural areas and underserved communities within the state of
 1148 California designated as Health Professional Shortage Areas (HPSA), Medically
 1149 Underserved Areas (MUA), Medically Underserved Populations (MUP), Exceptional
 1150 Medically Underserved Populations (Exceptional MUP), and Governor-Designated
 1151 Secretary-Certified Shortage Areas for Rural Health Clinics (RHCs). [2021-004]

1152
 1153 Supports a driver education and training program to be provided within the public
 1154 school system for all high school students by credentialed driver education
 1155 instructors. [2001]

1156
 1157 Shall educate our membership about the "Know Your Zone" tsunami awareness
 1158 message and encourages local Granges, Grange members and their families to
 1159 utilize the website, TsunamiZone.org, to educate themselves and their
 1160 communities, and to participate in local and regional educational efforts and drills
 1161 regarding tsunamis and tsunami zones. [2019]

1162
 1163 Supports and lobbies for California's return to its historic policy of using public
 1164 funds to provide free admission and tuition to all California residents to public
 1165 State higher education systems, encompassing community colleges, California
 1166 State University, and University of California institutions. [2019]

1167 Supports and promotes the Great Shakeout program and encourages local Granges,
1168 State Granges, and Grange members and their families to participate in and register
1169 for the annual Great Shakeout on their website <https://www.shakeout.org/register/>.
1170 [2019]
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HEALTH

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DISEASES & TREATMENT PROCEDURES

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For the duration of the COVID-19 pandemic, supports the Center for Disease Control (CDC) recommendations of wearing masks when in public, encourages social distancing when possible, and discourages members from participating in large gatherings which go against CDC recommendations. [2020-026]

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Promotes prompt and comprehensive testing and contact tracing to minimize the spread and manage the disease during any pandemic. [2020-027]

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Supports spontaneously aborted, or full-term placental and umbilical cord stem cell research for medical use and disease control. [2002]

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That urge legislation to allocate funds to expand the research necessary to find a preventative drug or procedure that will prevent Alzheimer’s Disease. [2000]

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Supports research programs on communicable diseases and on the dissemination of information on communicable disease to the public. [1988]

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DRUGS

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That the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) classify Cannabis as an agricultural crop, and

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- That the California State Grange (CSG) supports the normalization of cannabis as a beneficial and effective herbal remedy and supports the right for it to be grown, transported and prepared by any California residents of legal age as a part of each person’s medical rights , and to be treated the same as other safe herbs for reasons of health, economics, community resilience and emergency preparedness, and
- That Supports the education of our communities in the science and recommended safe use of cannabis, and be it further
- Especially support the evidence-informed education of the youth in our communities. [2018]

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Supports legislation allowing prescription drugs to be purchased outside the United States. [2004]

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Urges the implementation of legislation which states that if a physician is agreeable to stating in writing that any medications, vitamins, mineral and other supplements available over-the-counter without a prescription but by the doctor’s orders shall be, in such situations, tax deductible. [2004]

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1220 HEALTH CARE

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1222 Will actively lobby on behalf of universal access to health care for all Californians as
 1223 defined in CA Senate Bill SB-562 (Lara/Atkins), aka the 'Healthy California Act';
 1224 request that all of our elected legislative representatives work diligently for the
 1225 passage of SB-562; encourage local actions that help to mobilize our members and
 1226 our communities at the grassroots level to encourage and to support this effort; and
 1227 in the event that SB-562 does not pass, Will continue to advocate for universal access
 1228 to Health Care for all Californians. [2017]

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1230 Endorse and support the World Health Organization (WHO) and its roles and
 1231 responsibilities in support of physical, mental and social well being or personal health
 1232 on a global level. [2020-025]

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1234 Support the properly supervised medical use of marijuana by citizens suffering pain
 1235 not previously relieved by other medications. [2005]

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1237 Urge appropriate government agencies at all levels that deal with the HIV and AIDS
 1238 problem be more strongly funded, and testing for AIDS and HIV be more strongly
 1239 emphasized. [2005]

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1241 Will oppose legislation restricting individuals from choosing their treatment providers
 1242 with whom they feel secure and who are familiar with their cases. [1998]

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1244 Will support legislation which requires infant hearing testing within the first two
 1245 months of life, and to do everything within their power to implement this testing.
 1246 [1998]

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1248 Will vigorously continue to work toward the attainment of a Universal Health
 1249 Insurance plan adequate for the care of every citizen including those in rural areas.
 1250 [1992]

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1252 Supports a national health care plan that would be consistent with the following
 1253 principles addressing cost, access, and quality:

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a) Federal cost Containment legislation is needed to insure that public and
 1255 private payers pay the same for health care. Regional reimbursement
 1256 schedules for hospitals and physicians should be established to insure
 1257 that all pay the same for the same care.

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b) National spending targets should be established at the Federal level to
 1259 reduce annual increases in health care costs to an acceptable level.

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c) Actions to address the quality of health care should include the
 1261 development of practice protocols, technology assessment, quality
 1262 measurement systems and continuous quality improvement processes in
 1263 health care.

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d) Federal legislative reform is needed to reduce the explosion in costs
 1265 associated with medical malpractice suits.

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e) Medicare must remain as the primary payer for the elderly.

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f) Immediate action on reforms is needed now, even though implementation

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1268 may extend over a period of several years. [1991]

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1270 HEALTH INSURANCE

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1272 Policy will be to oppose socialized medicine in any and all forms regardless of the
1273 name given to it -single-payer, Canadian style, etc. [1994]

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1275 Opposes a mandated National Health Insurance Plan, but supports the inclusion of
1276 provisions requiring employees to pay at least 25% of the insurance premium cost
1277 through a payroll deduction if a National Health Insurance Plan is instituted. [1993]

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1279 HEALTH MISC.

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1281 Requests the membership to contact their lawmakers and urge them to support the
1282 Over- the-Counter Hearing Aid Act, H.R. 1652. [2017]

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1284 Support creative and practical personal, local, state & national health re-vitalization
1285 actions and policies to reduce the occurrence of type 2 diabetes and obesity through
1286 promotion of healthy lifestyle practices. [2010]

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1288 That Urge passage of legislation to eliminate any and all penalties imposed on late
1289 applicants for Medicare. [2000]

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1291 Support a regulation requiring Health Maintenance Organizations (HMOs) and other
1292 health care providers to cover all prescribed medications and limiting the increases of
1293 medication co-payments to not more than 5% per year with a 30% cap through their
1294 coverage program. [2000]

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1296 HOSPITAL & CARE FACILITIES

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1298 Support efforts to keep rural hospitals and healthcare facilities open. This would
1299 include advocating for programs and funding to help rural hospitals and healthcare
1300 facilities update to alternative hospital models, increase funding for and encourage
1301 the increased usage of technological advances in medicine in rural healthcare
1302 facilities, and to explore other ways of keeping healthcare facilities open in rural
1303 communities, and

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1305 Support legislation, including the Rural Emergency Medical Center (REMC) Act, the
1306 Save Rural Hospitals Act, and the Rural Emergency Acute Care Hospital Act, which
1307 would improve funding and change regulations to help keep rural hospitals and
1308 health care facilities open. [2018]

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1310 Endorses legislation to fund grants to eligible children's hospitals for construction,
1311 expansion, remodeling, renovation, furnishing and quipping of children's hospitals;
1312 and twenty percent of bonds shall be available for grants to certain University of
1313 California general acute care hospitals, and eighty percent of the bonds shall be
1314 available for grants to other general acute care hospitals whose missions focus on
1315 children with illnesses such as leukemia, heart defects, sickle cell anemia and cystic
1316 fibrosis, and which meet other stated requirements. [2004]

1317 MEDICARE / MEDICAL

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1319 Passage of legislation to eliminate any and all penalties imposed on late applicants
1320 for Medicare. [2000]

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1322 Favors the including the cost of eyeglasses, hearing aids and necessary dental
1323 services in the Medicare program. [1981]

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JUDICIARY

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1330 ALIENS/IMMIGRATION

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1332 Urges a revision to the Immigration Service laws on entry requirements by
1333 developing a place of asylum for applicants to reside until the screening process is
1334 completed. [1993]

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1336 CONSTITUTION

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1338 Will work with the California legislature and Congressional representatives, to develop
1339 and implement any and all legislation that restricts and reserves the protections of
1340 the Bill of Rights, particularly the 1st Amendment, the Commerce Clause, and the 14th
1341 Amendment’s equal protection clause for natural people, not corporations; and work
1342 with California legislature and Congressional representatives, to develop and propose
1343 and or support an amendment to the US Constitution that insures the 14th
1344 Amendment and the Bill of Rights primarily protects natural people, and specifies that
1345 corporations are not natural people. [2016]

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1347 CRIME

1348

1349 Support laws to prevent the robbery or desecration of Native American graves and
1350 burial sites and to require newly discovered human remains, grave artifacts and/or
1351 sacred items of Native American origin to be returned to the tribes or areas of their
1352 origin. [2001]

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1354 Urges the Legislature to enact a measure protecting the rights of the people to defend
1355 and protect their real property by reasonable means to accomplish that defense and
1356 that the person owning property, or property left in their care, has the right to control
1357 such property including restricting trespassers and without liability for injuries to a
1358 trespasser. [1986]

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1360 DRUGS

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1362 Play a leadership role in urging the legislature to adopt stronger measures to control
1363 use and production of methamphetamine. [1998]

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1365 HOUSING

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1367 Supports a policy of providing minimum housing for migrant farm workers and to
1368 address the proper government agency for provision of subsidies to agricultural
1369 counties to help provide minimum housing for migrant farm workers in, or near,
1370 farming areas. That the migrant farm workers using these facilities be charged a

1371 reasonable rental fee for the housing maintenance. [1989]

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1374 JUDICIAL / TORT REFORM

1375

1376 Will support legislation to ensure that land and property owners shall not be liable in
1377 criminal actions or civil lawsuits when trespassers are attacked by dogs that are
1378 protecting livestock, equipment or other personal property when area has been posted
1379 with "BEWARE OF DOGS" signs. [1992]

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1381 LABOR LAWS

1382

1383 Lobby State officials to create a policy for workers to have privacy from cannabis
1384 drug testing at their workplace and no worker shall be penalized for using
1385 cannabis outside work hours. [2022]

1386 Supports legislative reform that provides access to a legal and stable agricultural
1387 workforce in the short- and long-term. Stability will be provided through:

1388 a) The creation of a new agricultural visa program that is responsive to market
1389 needs and available to both seasonal and year round farmers,
1390 administered by the USDA, and that provides flexibility for employers and
1391 workers by allowing contract and at-will employment options, and

1392 b) An adjustment of status for experienced, but currently unauthorized,
1393 agricultural workers. [2018]

1394

1395 Will urge the California Legislature to enable employers to be reimbursed for
1396 administrative expenses incurred by enacting the court ordered wage garnishment,
1397 and that these expenses be paid by the garnished employee. [1997]

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1399 PRISONS / PRISONERS

1400

1401 Will support legislation to reduce spending money to build prisons and find a lower
1402 cost means of incarceration, and that new prisons built should be safe and adequate
1403 without expensive facilities to enhance the inmate comforts. [1994]

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1405 SEIZED PROPERTY DISTRIBUTION

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1407 Will promote legislation requiring a minimum of 20% of the cash and assets which
1408 are seized in drug arrests and convictions be allocated to the communities within the
1409 school districts needing assistance to promote drug education and rehabilitation of
1410 the youth within these communities. [1989]

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1416 MISCELLANEOUS

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1418 Supports amendments to the implementation of 2021 California Assembly Bill (AB
1419 506) to allow an individual to use the highest level certificate of training from any one
1420 organization to apply to any other organizations with which they may be involved.
1421 [2022]

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1423 Support legislation designed to address racism, regarding legal protection, economic
1424 injustice, and community safety through education and advocacy and that the
1425 California State Grange create a standing committee on Diversity and Inclusion to
1426 continue investigating modes for addressing these issues. [2021-001]

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1428 Be in favor of California State legislation, ballot initiatives or propositions that limit
1429 or remove the authority of the California Coastal Commission to restrict use or
1430 access of California's public beaches when those beaches are already administered
1431 by an appropriate land management agency. [2019]

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1433 Support and/or sponsor legislation allowing broadband providers to install
1434 appropriately sited and approved broadband communications equipment within
1435 existing and future rural railway rights-of-way. [2019]

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1437 Support the legislative efforts of Public Safety Telecommunicators, namely 9-1-1
1438 call- takers and Dispatchers, to be reclassified by the Federal Office of
1439 Management and Budget (OMB) to the same protective first- responder
1440 occupation, as police officers and firefighters. [2018]

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1442 Direct our state law makers to legislate criteria that prevents proven polluting autos to
1443 be registered in California after the second (2nd) ineffective repair. [2018]

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1445 Urge our California Lawmakers to prohibit vote changing and vote adding in both
1446 houses of our State Legislature. [2016]

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1448 Shall only support the call for a California Constitutional Convention within a scope
1449 limited to reforms or revisions to: the structure of governance; campaign finance
1450 reform; term limits; budgeting; and revenue distribution. Shall not support any call
1451 for a full rewrite of the Constitution of the State of California. [2009]

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1453 Will support the current regulations in the California Constitution with regard to
1454 voting privileges for former felons. [1999]

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TAXATION & FISCAL POLICY

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1461 BANKRUPTCY

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1463 Supports changes in the bankruptcy code that would set uniform personal exemptions
1464 for all states, place limits on exemptions when necessary to repay obligations to
1465 federally insured institutions, and require whenever the debtors income will support
1466 it, participation in a repayment plan that repays a reasonable portion of the
1467 outstanding debt. [1990]

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1469 DEFENSE/MILITARY

1470

1471 Supports legislation to bring the military pay in line with private industry. [1980]

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1473 DEFICIT REDUCTION

1474

1475 Supports a mandate to operate State and Federal governments on balanced
1476 budgets. [1982]

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1478 Supports legislation reducing the U.S. National debt (deficit) and that Congress
1479 establish a ceiling and hold the line. [1978]

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1481 EDUCATION

1482

1483 Oppose any law, legislation, or constitutional amendment that allows:
1484 a) New residential construction fees of \$2.65 or greater per square after June 1994.
1485 b) School bonds to pass with a majority vote instead of a two thirds vote.

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1487 Will encourage legislators to support adequate funding for public
1488 education. [1982][Reaffirmed 1987]

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1490 EXPORTS

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1492 Favors that all commodities exported from the U.S. without the benefit of a sale
1493 should have a value for income tax purposes set on them at the time of export.
1494 [1984]

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1496 FEDERAL RESERVE BOARD

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1498 Will oppose any Congressional management or control over the Federal Reserve
1499 Board, and continue to support the independence of the Federal Reserve System.
1500 [1990]

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1505 FOOD SAFETY

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1507 Urges legislation to require the importing companies to certify that the commodity
 1508 to be imported has not been grown or treated with materials not registered to be
 1509 used in the United States, and urge the U.S.D.A. to implement the regulations and
 1510 an inspection system to implement such policy, as well as a fee structure to be paid
 1511 for by the importing company that will recover all costs of this program. [1990]

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1513 Urges the Government to require by law the USDA inspection of all meats imported
 1514 including rabbits and poultry. [1982]

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1516 Urges the F.D.A. and the U.S.D.A. to ban imports of food and fiber from nations using
 1517 FDA banned or restricted compounds, unless they can prove that they were
 1518 produced under equal restrictions as the U.S. Ag. industry. [1973][Reaffirmed
 1519 1989]

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1521 FUEL TAXES

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1523 Support legislation which would provide federal tax credits or tax deductions to
 1524 growers or grower co-operatives who build or own ethanol production facilities.
 1525 [2001]

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1527 FUNDING OF PROGRAMS

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1529 Urge our legislators to pass no unfunded mandates. [2011]

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1531 LANDS, PUBLIC / PRIVATE

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1533 Will support the creation of a fund for state and local open space acquisition
 1534 purposes, and that a program be developed to offer compensation to the extent
 1535 possible for actual economic damage suffered by landowners in the course of
 1536 compliance with land use policies desired and imposed by the public at large. [1972]

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1538 MISCELLANEOUS

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1540 Support a ballot initiative to convert PG&E, SoCal Edison, and San Diego G&E to
 1541 publicly-owned utilities. [2022]

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1543 Granges at all levels join in the international divestment of assets and accounts
 1544 connected to the Russian Federation and conduct an audit of its financial accounts
 1545 and holdings to divest from any financial holdings that are connected to the Russian
 1546 Federation or corporations within. [2022]

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1548 Supports a change in the federal tax code that excludes the value of agricultural real
 1549 and personal property from the value of the gross estate, provided the real and
 1550 personal property remains in agricultural use. [2021-006]

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- 1555 Initiate and support legislation:
- 1556 1. Protecting homeowners from arbitrary and unjustified rate increases from
 - 1557 insurance companies;
 - 1558 2. making the risk models used by insurance companies in rating or underwriting
 - 1559 to set "fireline" scores transparent and disclosed to the public;
 - 1560 3. requiring insurance companies to give premium discounts to homeowners who
 - 1561 make investments in hardening their home from wildfires;
 - 1562 4. enacting a strict consumer protection standard for non-renewals by
 - 1563 prohibiting insurance companies from non-renewing policyholders whose
 - 1564 circumstances have not changed; and
 - 1565 5. requiring insurance companies to obtain approval from the insurance
 - 1566 commissioner before they can reduce the volume of policies in a given area.
 - 1567 [2019]
 - 1568

1569 Revise its public policy to support an Article 5 amendment to the US Constitution
1570 requiring Congress pass a 12-month budget before the start of each federal fiscal
1571 year, and that failure to pass a budget before the federal fiscal year begins strips
1572 Congress of their pay and benefits until a budget is passed.

1573
1574 That the California State Grange is in favor of the Federal Records Retention Act
1575 rules and regulations and Freedom of Information Act requests for those records
1576 applying to all elected positions, as well as all professional congressional staff at
1577 both the State and Federal level. [2019]

1578
1579 Will seek legislation to compel electric utility companies to coordinate with County
1580 and Local Emergency Offices to establish a database of citizens residing in an
1581 affected jurisdictions whose health could be in jeopardy in the event of a power
1582 cutoff, and those citizens with special/ medical needs shall be notified by electric
1583 utility company of the pending electrical cut off. [2018]

1584
1585 Will support legislation to create a California State Bank that supports regional
1586 California public banks. [2016]

1587
1588 Will strongly encourage and work with all subordinate Granges to urge our members
1589 and communities to buy from local farmers, and locally-owned businesses and
1590 stores and do our best to deposit our money in local credit unions and banks that
1591 invest a large proportion of their funds locally. [2016]

1592
1593 Urges our legislators to implement laws similar to the Federal government
1594 prohibiting employment by the State of California of past legislators within two years
1595 of the expiration of their term of office. [2010]

1596
1597 Will urge the U.S. Congress to plan and adopt the yearly budget exclusive of the
1598 Social Security fund and that the Social Security status also be reported, including
1599 the reserves. [1999]

1600
1601 Will support the effort to reform corporate welfare and urge state and federal
1602 legislators to pass legislation aimed to abolish corporate welfare programs. [1996]

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1604 PROBATE / INHERITANCE

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1606 Lobby to completely eliminate the Federal Estate Tax. [2005]

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1608 PROPERTY TAXES

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1610 Adopt and maintain a solid position supporting keeping the Jarvis-Gann Proposition
1611 13 in place. [2007]

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1613 Seek out a legislator or legislators, from either or both the Assembly and the Senate,
1614 to introduce legislation to provide volunteer firemen with a property tax exemption
1615 on his or her personal dwelling. [2006]

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1617 That Urge and support a change in the Revenue and Taxation Code with regard to
1618 real property taxation, revising the due dates for tax payments as follows:

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- With regard to the first installment causing the tax payment to fall due on
1620 September 1 and becoming delinquent by October 10 if unpaid and leaving
1621 the regulations regarding the second installment dates unchanged with the
1622 due date remaining February 1 and becoming delinquent by April 10, thus
1623 causing property tax payments to fall due at six-month intervals. [2001]

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1625 Urges the Legislature that a vote of the people be required before assessment districts
1626 can be imposed and/or assessed. [1993]

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1628 PROPERTY RIGHTS

1629

1630 Opposes the use of eminent domain for construction of the Jordan Cove Liquefied
1631 Natural Gas (LNG) Facility/Pacific Connector Pipeline. [2018]

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1633 Opposes the condemnation of lands by eminent domain for the purpose of laying
1634 pipelines that would transport fossil fuels; and Will support any legislation that
1635 protects our native American brothers and sisters, the indigenous tribes, in their
1636 demands that their treaty rights be respected in regards to issues of eminent domain.
1637 [2017]

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1639 STATE BUDGET

1640

1641 Will urge the California State Senate and Assembly to adopt a transportation fund from
1642 the gasoline tax for exclusive use on California roadways for improvements. [1999]

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1644 TAXES

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1646 Lobby State Officials to remove the cultivation tax on cannabis farmers. [2021-019]

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1648 Will urge the State Attorney General to fully define California's use of the following:

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1. Fee;
- 1650 2. User's Fee;
- 1651 3. Tax Assessments;
- 1652 4. Toll surcharge

1653 And the explanation be defined on how these terms fit with Prop 13. [2016]
1654 Will seek legislation to change the current tax laws within their respective jurisdiction
1655 to include the cost of living in basic care or skilled nursing facilities as a tax-
1656 deductible expense. [2000]

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1658 WILLIAMSON ACT

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1660 Will support efforts to increase the subventions, or monetary compensation, the state
1661 pays for the tax shortfall the counties face when land is placed under a Williamson Act
1662 contract. [1989]

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TRANSPORTATION

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1667 FEES/FUNDING

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1669 Favors legislation to cause reduced licensing fees for agriculture vehicles. [1985]

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1671 MAINTENANCE

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1673 Opposes California Proposition 6 on the November 2018 ballot, and Supports the
1674 continued implementation of the California Road Repair and Accountability Act of
1675 2017 (RRAA). [2018]

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1677 Urges the Cal Trans aided by the Legislature to inaugurate a system to properly
1678 maintain our existing roads and thoroughfares before considering the construction of
1679 new roads. [1980]

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1681 PUBLIC SAFETY

1682 Encourage the California Legislature to pass a law limiting the speed of motorcycles
1683 that are lane splitting to 5 miles per hour over the flow of traffic, with a maximum
1684 speed of 35 miles per hour for motorcyclists while lane splitting. [2009]

1685

1686 Will urge the representatives of the United States Department of Transportation to
1687 oppose any changes in the Federal Motor Vehicle Regulations that would allow
1688 increases in driving hours for drivers of commercial vehicles over the road. [1999]

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1690 RAIL & PASSENGER SERVICE

1691 Supports the expansion of our passenger rail service and will ask our legislature to
1692 increase the State Budget for rail improvements, infrastructure and increasing
1693 passenger services. [2017]

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1695 Supports a passenger rail and bus network to serve Upstate California north of
1696 Interstate
1697 80. [2017]

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1699 SIGNAGE

1700 That the California State Grange pursue legislation that would implement speed
1701 limit signage within 50 to 100 yards of entering a freeway or highway on-ramp.
1702 [2019]

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1708 U.S. POSTAL SERVICE

1709 Will oppose any rate increase in first class mail fees unless regulations are changed
1710 to assure that all users will be obligated to pay the same fees per item of first class
1711 mail, and when further increases are necessary to obtain more revenue these
1712 increases will be levied against all the other classes of mail, other than first class.
1713 [1990]

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1715 Recommends that the Postal Service consider each individual area carefully and go
1716 to the people before making any decision prior to closing any Post Offices. [1975]

1717
1718 Support legislation that assigns to the United States Postal Service the authority,
1719 initial funding, and responsibility to provide reliable broadband access to every
1720 household and business in the United States, its territories, commonwealths, and
1721 other holdings. This will include, but not be limited to, an email address free of
1722 charge or the current technological equivalent along with internet access for an
1723 internet browser or the current technological equivalent. [2021-002]

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1725 MISCELLANEOUS

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1727 Lobby the California Child Support System to restrict rather than suspend the
1728 driver's licenses of parents who are in arrears with support payments. [2017]

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1730 Will join the list of Farm Organizations that have endorsed the Agricultural
1731 Worker Protection Act of 2017 as listed on www.agnetworkforcecoalition.org. [2017]
1732

1733 Will support any efforts that will increase the use of alternative fuels, including natural
1734 gas, LPG, Propane, etc. and those derived from agricultural products as fuels of the
1735 future in this country. [1993]

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WATER

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WATER MANAGEMENT

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Endorses the Tulare Basin Surface/ Groundwater Storage Conveyance Hub with river and canal inerties project feasibility study. [2009]

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Shall use their lobbyists to work with Legislators and Administrators to support actions by the SWRCB (State Water Resources Control Board) and the USEPA (United States Environmental Protection Agency) of water quality standards required to achieve Water Quality Management in the Klamath River to support sustainable water and resource use. [2009]

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Supports the concept of the "Two Gates" project, placing two large gates on sunken barges in two large channels in the central part of the delta in the Delta in order to temper the Tracy pumps and provide water for contracted users, maintain water quality standards, keep desired water levels and protect other animal species. [2009]

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Advocates to all local, state and federal agencies involved in the transportation, storage, delivery and restoration of water, to develop and institute an emergency program to replenish the groundwater resources of the Central Valley of California. [2008]

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Shall support the construction of an isolated water transfer facility outside of the Delta from the Sacramento River to the California Aqueduct near Tracy. [2007]

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That Opposes the privatization of public water systems in their lobbying efforts. Supports the inalienable human right to potable water. [2006]

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Will initiate a program to provide information on a safe drinking water process to rural areas of this country and of the rest of the world will work with other interested organizations to find a way to provide the safe drinking water process to rural families at cost, i.e.: safe drinking water is more important than profit. [2000]

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Go on record to support an equitable water distribution program. [1998]

Will oppose any further action by the administration to implement the American Heritage Rivers Initiative. Further, Will support legislation that prohibits the implementation of the American Heritage Rivers Imitative. [1997]

Express by letters to the State Water Resources Control Board, and to county planning commissions, its extreme opposition to allowing groundwater to be exported from its area of origin or allowing drilling wells and/or pumping of groundwater to replace surface water that has been exported from the area of origin; and will also ask that any application approved for export of any water from area of origin be required to fallow an amount of land commensurate with the normal use of water in farming in the area of origin. [1994]

1787 Will work to protect the present water contractors' rights and see to it their contracts
 1788 are honored as if there was no transfer of ownership or operation of the Central Valley
 1789 Project. [1992]

1790
 1791 Will support regulations or legislation to bring about ground water management
 1792 which would allow "ground water management districts" to be formed, which would
 1793 include the following provisions:

- 1794 a) Locally organized by the landowners in the affected area;
 1795 b) Locally managed with a board of directors elected by and from the local
 1796 landowners;
 1797 c) Ground water management plans to be proposed and approved by local
 1798 landowners, to include provisions for:
 1799 1. ground water extraction,
 1800 2. replenishment of ground water basin,
 1801 3. water quality,
 1802 4. monitoring of wells,
 1803 5. pumping levels,
 1804 6. amounts extracted,
 1805 7. any other activities concerning ground water agreed upon by the
 1806 district landowners.
 1807 d) Assessments to operate the district to be based upon a fair principle similar
 1808 to assessments in irrigation or water districts.
 1809 e) Ground water management districts, where possible shall encompass the
 1810 boundaries of the ground water basin to be managed. [1992]

1811
 1812 Will aggressively oppose any legislation that restricts the use of water for agriculture
 1813 purposes. [1992]

1814
 1815 Supports legislation that would create a Water Resources planning commission that
 1816 would;

- 1817 a) Develop a long-range water plan,
 1818 b) Set priorities for water distribution in future droughts,
 1819 c) Provide for a balance between the water needs of wildlife and man,
 1820 d) Protect existing water rights of current users. [1991]

1821
 1822 Favors regulations requiring the tile drainage water not leave the lands of origination
 1823 unless treated in an accepted manner or through a drainage district facility. [1986]

1824
 1825 Favors implementation regulations prohibiting the practice of disposing of tail water
 1826 by pumping it back into the stream or canal unless it is at least as good a quality as the
 1827 water in the canal or stream at the point of discharge. [1980]

1828
 1829 Will support water rights laws that would accomplish the following:

- 1830 a) Provide sufficient time for adequate review by all interested parties.
 1831 b) Provide for a thorough an extensive study of ground waters and its
 1832 management.
 1833 c) Establish and maintain local control of water policy and management
 1834 decisions concerning water resources.
 1835 d) Reinforce and strengthen "County of Origin" water rights.
 1836 e) Provide for judicial review of water rights policies and decisions.

- 1837 f) Provide for the full protection of existing water rights when establishing in
 1838 stream flows. That any and all changes in the California Water Laws only be done
 1839 one small step at a time with great deliberation and only after full and complete
 1840 public review. [1978]

1841 WATER CONSERVATION

1842 Will augment its policy to support, through legislation, education, and publicity, the
 1843 efficient use of water by all urban, rural, commercial, industrial and agricultural users.
 1844 [2010]

1845 Will oppose all legislation and administrative regulation that would remove and/or
 1846 inhibit construction of dams needed for flood protection, domestic and agricultural
 1847 water supply. The Legislative Department will lobby the state legislature and other
 1848 agencies having appropriate authority to protect needed dams and to allow additional
 1849 dam construction when required. [99]

1850 Encourages the California Department of Transportation to conserve water along the
 1851 highways. [1988]

1852 Opposes the depletion of water supplies in one area to supply another area. [1982]

1853 Favors that only water unsuitable for agriculture be used for the cooling of nuclear
 1854 plants. [1977]

1855 Will support action to cut the amount of water that is being wasted, by encouraging
 1856 the implementation and use of water saving devises. [1977]

1857 Will support legislation to provide water programs for underground replenishment [1977]

1858 WATER DESALINATION

1859 Lobby for increased support of, and investment in, desalination technologies.
 1860 [2021- 024]

1861 Will support the building of desalination facilities when it is feasible. [1982]

1862 WATER DEVELOPMENT

1863 Lobby to create subsidy/incentive programs for rainwater catchment and sovereign
 1864 water storage. [2022]

1865 Lobby the State of California to create subsidy/incentive programs for rainwater
 1866 catchment and storage in National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) approved
 1867 water storage tanks. [2021]

1868 That Supports building additional water storage on the San Joaquin River above Friant
 1869 Dam. [2007]

- 1886 Support building additional storage on the Kings River if it is economically feasible
1887 when proposed. [2007]
1888
- 1889 Push the State and National Governments to build more dams and reservoirs to
1890 conserve and regulate the flow of water down stream on the rivers of California. [2007]
1891
- 1892 Lobby the Department of Water Resources and the Bureau of Reclamation respectively
1893 to conduct a new feasibility study based on current conditions, taking into account the
1894 possibility of power generation, to determine the feasibility of the Ostrum Point Dam.
1895 [2007]
1896
- 1897 Will support the continued development of additional uses of saline irrigation drainage
1898 in beneficial products. [1999]
1899
- 1900 Will urge the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California to develop water
1901 desalinization plants. [1998]
1902
- 1903 Encourages the state and federal governments to adopt policies which will develop
1904 available and unused water from any and/or all sources for efficient use on California
1905 farm lands for irrigation, farm use and related agricultural requirements. [1992]
1906
- 1907 Will oppose the inclusion of the value of federal irrigation water subsidies in gross
1908 income statements for tax purposes. [1990]
1909
- 1910 Supports the addition of thirty (30) feet to the top of Pine Flat Dam. [1989]
1911
- 1912 Will oppose turning the Central Valley Project over to the State of California to operate
1913 and manage. [1988]
1914
- 1915 Favors legislation to proceed with controllable salt water barrier tests. [1988]
1916
- 1917 Urges public agencies to cooperate with the Bureau of Reclamation to build the Auburn
1918 Dam and to support the efforts of the State of California bonding efforts and/or
1919 financial commitment for the completion of the Auburn Dam facility. [1987]
1920
- 1921 Will support the construction of another dam on the Kings River at Rogers Crossing.
1922 [1987]
1923
- 1924 Supports the efforts of California citizenry who voted down the peripheral canal in
1925 opposition to the southerly transport of Northern California water; and urge the people,
1926 government and businesses of California to practice water conservation at all
1927 opportunities as a method of increasing water yield. [1987]
1928
- 1929 Will support legislation to complete the Auburn Dam. [1987]
1930
- 1931 Recommends that an agency building dams be responsible for down stream channels
1932 including costs in price of dam if necessary, and that releases from the dams be
1933 handled by competent people who are familiar with and understand the water shed.
1934 [1985]
1935

- 1936 Will support and promote the following policies:
- 1937 a) The maximum use of surplus seasonal delta flows for export and storage south
- 1938 of the Delta should take precedence over construction of additional
- 1939 Sacramento watershed storage facilities.
- 1940 b) A cross Delta transfer system should be developed giving due consideration
- 1941 to quality of water both within the Delta and at point of export.
- 1942 c) The development of additional storage facilities south of the Delta to enable
- 1943 increased exportation of surplus water during peak winter flows. The Los
- 1944 Banos Grandes Reservoir authorized in 1984 (chapter #1656 84) should be
- 1945 accorded highest priority and the plans should accommodate the maximum
- 1946 2.3 million acre feet.
- 1947 d) That water resources needed to recharge underground basins should be taken
- 1948 into consideration in south of Delta storage plans.
- 1949 e) Legislation for a state wide policy regarding water transfers between water
- 1950 districts and urge the federal government to do the same.
- 1951 f) The concept of irrigation water management plans for water districts. [1985]
- 1952
- 1953 Will oppose any plan by the Department of Interior to divert the contractual water of
- 1954 EBMUD's through the Folsom South Canal. [1985]
- 1955
- 1956 Will support the concept of building water storage facilities south of the Delta. [1982]
- 1957
- 1958 Will request the Secretary of the Interior to place the North Coast Rivers; the Smith,
- 1959 Klamath, Trinity, Eel and portions of the American, under the control of the State of
- 1960 California. [1981]
- 1961
- 1962 Endorses the South Fork of the American River (SOFAR) project to develop water
- 1963 storage and generate electrical power through the sale of revenue bonds. [1979]
- 1964
- 1965 Urges the rapid construction of Clavey portion of Clavey Wards Ferry Hydro project
- 1966 and oppose any wild and scenic designation that would adversely affect this project.
- 1967 [1979]
- 1968
- 1969 Opposes any changes in the present status of the Eel River. [1978]
- 1970
- 1971 Supports the development of surface water to supplement the limited water supplies
- 1972 in California. [1978]
- 1973
- 1974 Encourages the funding and construction of the Auburn Dam and the Folsom South
- 1975 Canal. [1977] *NOTE: The Folsom South Canal was planned to be constructed in five*
- 1976 *reaches for a total length of 68.8 miles. Only the first two reaches have been built, a*
- 1977 *total length of 26.7 miles, and there are no current plans to construct the remaining*
- 1978 *three reaches, about 42 miles, delayed pending reauthorization.*
- 1979
- 1980 Will support better use of our rivers by saving water with holding dams, so that it will
- 1981 be used for agriculture needs in the production of food. In addition, Supports initiatives
- 1982 to build more holding dams to conserve water for agriculture and public use. [1976]
- 1983
- 1984 Urges those government agencies responsible for flood control to take immediate action
- 1985 to alleviate flooding on these rivers. [1974]

1986
1987 Will use our office to influence the development the South Fork American River
1988 (SOFAR) project and oppose any and all efforts to delay completion of the worthy
1989 project SOFAR. [1974]

1990
1991 WATER RIGHTS

1992
1993 Supports the position that any and all of peoples' rights are first and any restrictions
1994 on these rights must be supported by true and accurate science. [2000]

1995
1996 Support legislation which prohibits city or county approval of development or a
1997 subdivision of property for residential or commercial uses UNLESS the appropriate
1998 legislative body makes a finding that a sufficient reliable water supply is available that
1999 will meet the reasonable needs of the project. [2000]

2000
2001 Opposes the removal of the control of the groundwater management districts and plans
2002 from local authority. [1987]

2003
2004 Encourages state officials to finalize and implement plans for the Groundwater
2005 Protection Strategy with local input. [1987]

2006
2007 Favors a policy opposing the extraction of groundwater for export outside of the
2008 groundwater basin if such extraction is adverse to the interests of the overlaying
2009 landowners. [1982]

2010
2011 Urges legislators and the Department of Water Resources to insure that subsequent
2012 legislation incorporate provisions to protect areas of origin. [1981]

2013
2014 Will support protecting the present and ultimate needs of the counties of origin with
2015 regard to dammed rivers, and that they have first priority to this resource. [1978]

2016
2017 Will support efforts ensuring that the underground water remains with the land above
2018 it. [1977]