

**Resolution of the Progressive Caucus of the NYSDC
Once Again Calling for Real Ethics Reform
in New York State Government
and the
Immediate Closure of the LLC Loophole in Campaign Finance Funding

NYSDC Meeting May 2018**

Whereas, in May 2016, the full body of the NYSDC unanimously passed a resolution **“Calling for Real Ethics Reform in New York State Government;”** and

Whereas, that resolution stated that while “there have been significant changes in the State’s ethics laws and rules in recent years, but there is more work to do;” and

Whereas, that resolution specifically noted “the corrupting influence of campaign contributions through LLCs [and] outside Political Action Committee spending,” and

Whereas, it further stated that “at a minimum, we must close the LLC loophole [and] reform public financing of political campaigns;” and

Whereas, two years later neither or those objectives has been achieved; and

Whereas, closing the LLC loophole is a shared goal of both the New York State legislature and Governor Cuomo; and

Whereas, that is a specific, concrete, and limited policy goal that has long been analyzed and discussed; and

Whereas, closing the LLC loophole can easily be achieved before the end of session this year;

Therefore, be it resolved that the New York State Democratic Committee re-affirms its ongoing support for comprehensive ethics reform that will provide New Yorkers with the continued confidence in our government and its elected and appointed representatives; and

Therefore, be it further resolved that the New York State Democratic Committee calls upon our elected officials to pass at least one tangible and important measure of ethics reform by passing legislation that will close the LLC loophole by the end of session this year.

_____ Signature

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