

Resolution calling Upon the NYSDC to Invest Our State Party's Resources Into Viable  
State Senate Races Where a Republican Currently Holds The Seat

And

Demanding that the Individual Senators Who Made Up The IDC Sign a Pledge to  
Remain with the Democratic Leadership Conference Regardless of Which Party Holds  
the Majority Post-Election November 2018

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Whereas the NYSDC Progressive Caucus has for many years called upon the Senators  
who comprised the Independent Democratic Caucus ("IDC"), all of whom ran on the  
Democratic line and were elected as Democrats, to stop caucusing with the Senate  
Republicans and rejoin the Senate Democratic Conference; and

Whereas in July 2017 the full body of the NYSDC passed a resolution calling upon those  
individual members of the IDC to either rejoin the Senate Democratic Conference or to  
no longer run as Republicans; and

Whereas there is clearly a progressive Blue Wave sweeping the nation and New York;  
and

Whereas we are very pleased to see that the IDC has very recently rejoined the  
Democratic State Conference; and

Whereas, however the IDC has in the past promised to rejoin the Senate Democratic  
Conference but failed to do so; and

Whereas after the 2012 and 2016 elections the Senate Democrats had a slight majority  
but yet the Republicans became the Senate leaders because the IDC supported their  
leadership rather than their fellow Democrats; and

Whereas the IDC is still maintaining their separate bank account, and

Whereas, there is no guarantee that if the Democrat-Republican split stays close in the  
Senate that the IDC will not again re-form and throw in with the Republicans as they  
have in the past; and

Whereas, progressive Democrats have often been told that the only way to ensure that  
the IDC is truly untenable after the 2018 election is to have more Democratic held seats  
in the Senate than we currently have; and

Whereas the most recent results of the Blue Wave here in New York have demonstrated  
that Democrats can be elected in Districts once thought to be unassailably Republican,  
now

Therefore be it resolved that the NYSDC heed the repeated requests of the majority of  
its State Committee Members, who in turn represent rank-and-file Democrats throughout  
New York State, and put its energy, campaign expertise, time, and financial resources  
into viable Senate races in Districts now held by Republican Senators that can be won  
by Democrats; and

Be it further resolved that we demand of the former IDC members that they sign a pledge promising never to leave the Democratic Caucus again, regardless of who wins the majority in November 2018, and

Be it further resolved that we all work towards Democratic victory and leadership in the November 2018 elections!