

**A RESOLUTION OF THE JACKSON COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY
RESOLUTION NO. 2019-005**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE JACKSON COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY TO THE
ASHLAND CITY COUNCIL REGARDING THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE 3176**

WHEREAS, the 2018 Jackson County Democratic Party Platform includes a commitment to addressing inequities in our justice system and fair policing practices that discourage profiling; and

WHEREAS, the Jackson County Democratic Party opposes any ordinance that discriminates against members of our community including, but not limited to discrimination based on, their race, immigration status, country of origin, ethnicity, sex, gender identity, gender expression, sexual orientation, age, economic status, physical or mental ability, health, or religious beliefs, including no religious belief; and

WHEREAS, the Jackson County Democratic Party believes that Ordinance 3176 will disproportionately impact People of Color, Transgender and Nonbinary people, the unhoused and housing insecure, those who struggle with mental illness, and others with developmental disabilities; and

WHEREAS, the Jackson County Jail is overcrowded with nonviolent offenders and lacking in services, this ordinance would further aggravate this issue and push more nonviolent offenders into our jail; and

WHEREAS, four in ten families in the United States cannot afford a \$400 sudden expense; and

WHEREAS, the Jackson County Democratic Party believes the proposed ordinance 3176 is unconstitutional and infringes upon the rights and due process of our community members; and

WHEREAS, the Jackson County Democratic Party encourages all elected Democrats on the Ashland City Council seeking the endorsement of the Jackson County Democratic Party to oppose this ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the Ashland Chief of Police admitted during testimony that he had not “pondered on” the impact of this ordinance on the transgender community; and

WHEREAS, for the above-stated reasons, the Jackson County Democratic Party condemns action by the Ashland City Council in its moves towards adopting this discriminatory ordinance;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THE JACKSON COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY THAT:

Section 1. We strongly disapprove of and oppose the adoption of this discriminatory Ordinance 3176 and the criminalization of the unhoused population and minorities in Ashland.

Section 2. The JCDP will make a press release and present it at the next Ashland City Council meeting on July 16th.

Resolution submitted by the Jackson County Democratic Party LGBTQ Caucus, 19.06.19.

ADOPTED by the Jackson County Democratic Party on the 28th day of JUNE, 2019.



Tonia Moro,
Chair Jackson County Democratic Party

Date