

**A Resolution of the Jackson County Democratic Party to limit the involvement of the Democratic Congressional Committee (DCCC) in Democratic Primaries  
Resolution No. 2019-004**

**Whereas** the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee (DCCC) is “the official campaign arm of the Democrats in the House of Representatives” and “the only political committee in the country whose principal mission is to support Democratic House candidates every step of the way to fortify and expand our new Democratic Majority” (1) and

**Whereas** the DCCC is a PAC formed by House Democrats, not an official part of the Democratic Party (2) and

**Whereas** the DCCC membership includes not a single member of the Congressional Progressive Caucus, which, with more than 95 members, is the second largest bloc within the House Democratic Caucus (3) and

**Whereas** the DCCC uses individual ability to fundraise, not core Democratic principles and adherence to local and national Democratic platforms, as a deciding factor to choose which Democrats to support in primaries; and

Whereas the DCCC, in several 2018 races, actively supported more conservative candidates over progressives (4) and

**Whereas** the DCCC has, as a matter of stated practice, supported incumbent Democrats against other Democrat challengers in numerous House races across the country, violating their mission of supporting Democrats (5) and

**Whereas** in the run-up to the 2020 United States House of Representatives elections, the DCCC announced a policy to blacklist any vendors and consultants who work with Democratic challengers to sitting congresspeople (6) and

**Whereas** the DCCC has, as a matter of practice, enlisted the aid of the Democratic Speaker of the House to request funds exclusively for the DCCC via a personal fundraising letter, most recently in May of 2019 and

**Whereas** the DCCC has issued negative material on viable Democratic candidates they are not backing (7) and

**Whereas** the DCCC has, as a matter of practice, enlisted the aid of the Democratic Speaker of the House to request funds exclusively for the DCCC via a personal fundraising letter, most recently in May of 2019 and

**Whereas** the DCCC’s past practices contributed to a net loss of 63 seats since the 111th Congress in 2009–2011, leaving the House Democrats in their worst position since the 80th Congress in 1947–1949 (8) and

**Whereas** the DCCC recently contravened their own past practice of favoring incumbents when a recent incumbent’s stance on legalized abortion resulted in the Committee Chair’s cancelation of their fundraising event for that candidate (9)

**Now, therefore, be it resolved by the Jackson County Democratic Party that:**

Section 1. We call upon the DCCC remain non-aligned during contested primaries between Democratic candidates.

Section 2. We call upon the DCCC to limit and focus its activities during contested primaries to activities that will benefit whichever Democrat is the eventual primary winner, thereby remaining neutral until the primary is over.

Section 3. We call upon the Democratic Party of Oregon to endorse this request to the DCCC.

Section 4. We request that, upon adoption, the Chair of the Jackson County Democrats deliver a copy of this resolution to the Democratic Party of Oregon, Congresswoman Cheri Bustos, DCCC Chairwoman, and House Speaker Nancy Pelosi.

Section 5. This resolution shall be distributed to our website, social media accounts and referenced in our newsletter.

*\*Resolution modeled after a resolution passed by the 45th District Democrats of the State of Washington and previously modeled after a resolution passed by the 5<sup>th</sup> District Democrats of the State of Washington.*

1. <https://dccc.org/>
2. <https://www.opensecrets.org/parties/totals.php?cmte=DCCC&cycle=2018>
3. [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Congressional\\_Progressive\\_Caucus](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Congressional_Progressive_Caucus)
4. <http://nymag.com/intelligencer/2019/04/dccc-is-fighting-to-keep-representatives-dems-should-lose.html>
5. <https://theintercept.com/2018/04/26/steny-hoyer-audio-levi-tillemann/>
6. [https://www.huffpost.com/entry/dccc-promises-to-blacklist-firms-that-work-with-candidates-challenging-incumbents\\_n\\_5c95126ae4b01ebee0ec3ae](https://www.huffpost.com/entry/dccc-promises-to-blacklist-firms-that-work-with-candidates-challenging-incumbents_n_5c95126ae4b01ebee0ec3ae)
7. <https://www.vox.com/2018/3/7/17084808/dccc-laura-moser-texas-democratic-primary-2018>
8. <https://history.house.gov/Institution/Party-Divisions/74-Present/>
9. (<http://nymag.com/intelligencer/2019/05/dccc-cancels-fundraiser-for-anti-abortion-candidate-lipinski.html>)

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



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