Guarantee of Network and Telephone Service

WHEREAS: Telephone service providers are now attempting to do away with landline telephone service due to its excessive cost, and reduced profitability which causes users to rely upon cell phone service.

WHEREAS: Tens of Thousands of Customers in rural areas where these networks are non-existent or unreliable, will not have reliable access to required emergency communications services upon which lives may depend.

WHEREAS: If telephone companies wish to eliminate all land line service and require all people use cell phone service, it is reasonable to expect that they be willing to bear all costs of providing dependable cell service as mentioned above to all people living in California and also be willing to provide any supplemental equipment that any phone user would need in order to have the service that they need in order to assure that they will always be able to call for emergency assistance at the same cost. And/or create locally owned phone coops that would be given everything that they would need to take over and operate locally owned landline phone service.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the California Democratic Party demands that all subscribers of telephone service providers be guaranteed network and communications service without any interference or reduced service, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution be forwarded to the California Public Utilities Commission in demanding they find a resolution to this problem that will benefit all concerned and assure that everyone has reliable 24/7 telephone and network service and that the people should expect all governing agencies work with all concerned parties to expedite this matter.

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