



BC DEMS RESOLUTION 2025-03

WHEREAS, on February 1, 2025, Malcolm Kenyatta and David Hogg were elected to be Vice-Chairs of the Democratic National Committee (DNC); and

WHEREAS, a complaint was filed that the DNC did not appropriately follow its gender balance rules in electing both Kenyatta and Hogg; and

WHEREAS, the DNC credential committee voted to virtually refer a question to the DNC membership, with voting beginning on June 9th, of whether or not to invalidate the election of the two vice-chairs and then hold subsequent virtual elections¹; and

WHEREAS, the issue of invalidating the vice-chair election is difficult to separate from simultaneous actions taken by Vice-Chair Hogg regarding partisan primaries; and

WHEREAS, Hogg co-founded a PAC called *Leaders We Deserve* and announced a plan to spend \$20 million in "...safe-blue Democratic primaries against sitting house members..." stating "we need people, regardless of their age, that are here to fight."²; and

WHEREAS, DNC Chair Ken Martin said "...it is the DNC's longstanding position that primary voters – not the national party – determine their Democratic candidates for the general election" and all DNC officers except for Hogg have signed a neutrality pledge to stay out of primaries²; and

WHEREAS, Oregon has five voting members of the DNC who will vote on this question.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Central Committee of the Benton County Democrats (BC Dems) oppose the invalidation of the DNC Vice-Chair elections and urge Oregon's DNC voting members to oppose any motion, resolution, or action to remove Kenyatta and Hogg from their duly elected positions.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,

Section 1. the Benton County Democrats support the goal of Leaders We Deserve to primary "asleep at the wheel" Democrats in safe Democratic districts to elect leaders who are willing to fight for democracy.

Section 2. we believe that this change can come through those in DNC leadership positions.

Section 3. we oppose actions to remove Hogg for supporting these efforts.

A RESOLUTION SUBMITTED BY: CHARLES MAUGHAN Pct 3



APPROVED BY THE BENTON COUNTY DEMOCRATIC CENTRAL COMMITTEE JUNE 5, 2025

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Gabe Shepherd", written over a horizontal line.

Chair Gabe Shepherd

June 6, 2025

Date

REFERENCES

¹<https://www.politico.com/news/2025/05/22/david-hogg-dnc-election-vote-00366717>

²<https://www.politico.com/news/2025/04/15/david-hogg-dnc-vice-chair-to-spend-big-to-take-down-safe-democratic-incumbents-00292535>