

## RESOLUTION TO VOTE AGAINST 0.5% SALES TAX DIRECTED TO CCPD

WHEREAS, the City of Fort Worth has a measure entitled Proposition A on the July 14th ballot that reads “Whether the Fort Worth Crime Control and Prevention District [CCPD] should be continued for ten (10) years and the crime control and prevention district sales tax should be continued for ten (10) years;” and

WHEREAS, this proposition was originally up for election in May when all cities would have participated in local elections but was postponed to a Primary Runoff election, which in Tarrant County, usually has abysmal turnout (3.73% in 2016 and 5.23% in 2018), while all other municipal elections in Tarrant County were postponed to the November election; and

WHEREAS, the CCPD is managed by the Fort Worth Police Department; and

WHEREAS, an annual projection of \$80 million from this sales tax will go to the police department that is already projected to receive over \$267 million from General Funds in the 2020 fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, since its inception in 1995, the dedicated 0.5% sales tax to the CCPD had been approved by voters every 5 years, but now it’s on the ballot for 10 years; and

WHEREAS, recent protests for the Black Lives Matter movement after the murder of George Floyd have highlighted the inequities of police department funding at the expense of community resources that could better benefit marginalized communities; and

WHEREAS, sales taxes in states without an income tax disproportionately hurt low-income communities that would be better served by additional funds in their pockets rather than a militarized police force; and

WHEREAS, in August of 2017, President Trump signed an executive order that allows police departments to purchase extreme military weapons such as grenade launchers, and, though Fort Worth has not yet purchased from this program, 5 police departments in Tarrant County have spent \$3.7 million dollars on military equipment including mine-resistant armored vehicles;

NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED that the Tarrant County Democratic Party advocates for the residents of Fort Worth to vote *Against* Proposition A and the extension of the 0.5% sales tax directed to the CCPD for 10 more years.