

Democratic Municipal Officials of Michigan Resolution:

The following Resolution is submitted for consideration by the Democratic National Committee's Resolutions Committee at its meeting on August 23, 2018 in Chicago, Illinois.

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Resolution Supporting Local Democracy

WHEREAS, local governments are closely connected to the needs of their communities and are uniquely positioned to pass policies that reflect and act on the views and values of the people they represent; and

WHEREAS, the erosion of local regulatory powers and local control is a priority of the American Legislative Exchange Council (ALEC), and its corporate funders as part of a nationally-driven conservative agenda to deny and distort representative democracy and must be countered; and

WHEREAS, state preemption has been abused by Republican-controlled state legislatures to prevent local governments from enacting policies that would benefit middle class and working families, such as minimum wage increases, paid sick leave and other economic, health and safety policies that protect and improve the lives of people; and

WHEREAS, state preemption laws are increasingly being used to overturn election results, ignoring the will of the voters and eroding faith in the principle of majority rule; and

WHEREAS, our representative democracy is strongest when elected officials at each level of government work together to address the issues facing their constituents.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Democratic National Committee affirms the Democratic Party's commitment to local democracy, to the power of local government to improve on state standards, and in the absence of state law, pass policies that reflect their communities' needs, values and votes.