

Debate Commission Proposal Resolution

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Whereas, Harvard's Shorenstein Center on Media, Politics and Public policy has found a consistent decline in air time devoted to public policy during Presidential elections;

Whereas there were no Democratic Presidential Primary Debates in Massachusetts during either the 2008 or 2016 Presidential Primaries;

Whereas, the 2017 DNC Chair candidate Mayor Pete Buttigieg proposed addressing controversy surrounding the 2016 Democratic Primary Presidential debate schedule by empaneling a neutral scheduling commission;

Whereas, on 5/25/2017, 7 black Democratic Congresswoman and 24 additional black Democratic women elected officials, activists, and scholars published an open letter calling for the DNC to do more to recognize black women's importance to the Democratic party;

The CDCC calls upon the Massachusetts DNC delegation to urge Chair Perez to:

- 1. Ensure Confidence in DNC Neutrality By Empaneling a Debate Commission**
- 2. Appoint Democratic Black Women Scholars And Activists to the Debate Commission**
- 3. Charge the Debate Commission with Scheduling and Formatting Debates to Ensure Regional Diversity and Substantive Policy Discussion**