

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF OCCUPY WALL STREET



WHEREAS, Occupy Wall Street has grown into a national and international movement for economic, political, and social reform; and

WHEREAS, the movement has attracted thousands of participants to Zuccotti Park and to venues throughout the country to protest the state of the economy, the great economic disparity that exists between the very wealthy and the other 99% of Americans, and the greed, corruption, and lack of accountability on Wall Street and in the financial sector that have contributed to the great recession; and

WHEREAS, the concentration of wealth by the top 1% of the population is greater than at any time since the Great Depression; and

WHEREAS, tax cuts for the wealthy were renewed by Congress and are financed by reductions in services for the middle and poor classes; and

WHEREAS, New York State's "millionaires" tax is set to expire at a time when severe cuts have been imposed on schools, healthcare and many other social services;

WHEREAS, 14 million Americans are unemployed including 20% of African-American men and 25% of youth and a larger number are underemployed and working for poverty-level wages; and

WHEREAS, the Supreme Court decision in the "Citizens United" case has further corrupted the democratic process by allowing corporations to legally contribute unlimited funds to political candidates; and

WHEREAS, the Republican Party has blocked all recent attempts by President Obama and the Democratic Party to implement economic relief, stimulus, and jobs programs for the poor and middle class, now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Chelsea Reform Democratic Club supports Occupy Wall Street and urges our members, our community, the Democratic Party, and our elected officials to actively support the initiatives and goals of the movement.

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