Resolution in Support of SB 1277 and SB 1279
Senator Loni Hancock

Whereas: The passage of coal through East Bay ports is profoundly detrimental to the health and welfare of nearby communities and coal deeply undermines national efforts to decrease the contribution that the burning of coal makes to global climate change; and

Whereas: Senator Loni Hancock’s SB 1277, by requiring a supplemental EIR, SB 1277 will ensure that the concerns of labor, environmentalists, public health officials and Oakland residents about the health and safety impacts of coal export will get a thorough review and SB 1279, ensuring that in the future no state funds from the California Transportation Commission will be allocated for the handling, storage, or transportation of coal at a port facility located in or adjacent to a disadvantaged community, preventing other disadvantaged communities from facing the kind of threats of increased cancer, asthma and pollution now looming over West Oakland; and

Whereas: SB 1277 and SB 1279 have passed the California State Senate and are now awaiting action in the State Assembly;

Be it Resolved: That the Alameda County Democratic Central Committee reaffirm it’s support for SB 1277 and SB 1279; and

Be it Further Resolved: That the Alameda County Democratic Central Committee urge Assembly Members Tony Thurmond, 15th AD, and Rob Bonta, 18th AD, to cosponsor this legislation in the Assembly