

THREE PARKS INDEPENDENT DEMOCRATS

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RESOLUTION RE: THE INDEPENDENT DEMOCRATIC CONFERENCE

PASSED BY THE THREE PARKS MEMBERSHIP AT THE APRIL 12, 2017 CLUB MEETING

WHEREAS at a time when the White House and Republican majorities in Congress are propounding executive orders, policies and legislation that undermine the Constitution, shred public health and environmental protections, target the most vulnerable in our communities and enrich the few to the detriment of the many;

WHEREAS, as of this writing, eight members of the self-styled Independent Democratic Conference (IDC) in the New York State Senate, all of whom ran as Democrats but now caucus with Senate Republicans, actively work against progressive legislation, including, but not limited to, the New York State Liberty Act and the DREAM Act, the strengthening of rent regulations and tenant protections, single-payer health care for all New Yorkers, and criminal justice reforms such as raising the age at which children can be charged as adults; and

WHEREAS the IDC is funded largely by real estate and charter school interests that Three Parks has consistently advocated against;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Three Parks Independent Democrats will not invite elected officials who are members of the IDC to speak to the club membership or otherwise participate in club activities until they have joined or rejoined the State Senate Democrats.