

Proposed Resolution to Call Upon Democratic Members of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors and the School Board to Preserve and Strengthen the Government Employee Pension Plan

WHEREAS over the last several years, the Republican Party and its right wing think tanks have targeted federal, state and local government workers' salaries and pensions for drastic cuts;

WHEREAS the Republicans hope to deflect the rightful concern over increasing economic inequality by scapegoating government workers;

WHEREAS the right wing regularly uses shoddy research to argue that government workers are overpaid and over-benefited;

WHEREAS county public officials often use austerity arguments to attack the salaries and pension plans of county workers despite the fact that Fairfax County is one of the wealthiest counties in the nation;

WHEREAS the 2016 Democratic Party Platform commits to creating and protecting "good-paying jobs that support the middle class."

WHEREAS Fairfax County's nurses, social workers, librarians, firefighters, police officers, sheriffs, administrative assistants, teachers, mental health workers, skilled trades and maintenance workers provide the county with outstanding services, schools, and public safety as well as beautifully maintained parks and facilities;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Fairfax County Democratic Committee calls upon Democratic Party members of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors and the School Board to defeat all attempts to degrade the current pension plan and to commit, instead, to strengthen it.