

Rules for the Consideration and Adoption of Resolutions by the WSDCC

As amended by the Washington State Democratic Central Committee on September 26, 2009

- 1 I. Resolution submitted for consideration and adoption by the Washington State
2 Democratic Central Committee (WSDCC) must be submitted in compliance with the
3 following rules.
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- 5 II. Resolutions must be submitted by one of two types of organizations:
 - 6 A. Democratic Party Organizations in the state of Washington
 - 7 B. One of the standing or ad-hoc committees of the WSDCC, a caucus of the
8 WSDCC, the WSDCC Executive Board, or the Washington State Democratic
9 Convention.
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- 11 III. Requirements for the submission of resolutions by Democratic Organizations in the
12 state of Washington
 - 13 A. The resolution must be e-mailed to the State Party no later than ten (10) days
14 prior to the WSDCC meeting at which the resolution is to be considered.
15 Resolutions should be emailed in a format that can be easily edited, preferably
16 Microsoft Word. Each resolution received shall be made expeditiously available
17 to the Resolutions Committee by the State Party Staff.
 - 18 B. A printed version of the resolution must be received by the State Party no later
19 than two (2) days prior to the WSDCC meeting at which the resolution is to be
20 considered.
 - 21 1. The printed version must be signed by the Chair or Vice Chair of the
22 Democratic Party Organization submitting the resolution.
 - 23 C. Resolutions submitted in this manner will be compiled for review and action by
24 the WSDCC Resolutions Committee.
 - 25 1. The organization that submits a resolution is encouraged to have a
26 representative attend the Resolutions Committee meeting to be available
27 for clarification of the resolution
 - 28 2. The Resolutions Committee can amend the resolution or combine the
29 resolution with other resolutions addressing a similar issue and shall
30 clearly set forth the committee's action.
 - 31 3. The Resolution Committee's action will be submitted to the WSDCC for
32 consideration at the general meeting of the WSDCC.
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- 34 IV. Requirements for submission of resolutions by one of the standing or ad-hoc
35 committees of the WSDCC or the WSDCC Executive Board or by the WSDCC
36 membership.
 - 37 A. Circumstances may dictate that a resolution be drafted by one of the standing or
38 ad-hoc committees of the WSDCC, a caucus of the WSDCC or the WSDCC
39 Executive Board immediately prior to or during a WSDCC meeting. A resolution

1 may also be presented by any WSDCC member provided it is signed by fifty (50)
2 WSDCC members.

3 B. The Chair of the committee, caucus or board is responsible for making sure that
4 resolutions of this type are submitted to a member of the State Party staff
5 immediately following the committee, caucus or board meeting.

6 1. A printed version of the resolution must be signed by the Chair or Vice
7 Chair of the committee, caucus, board or WSDCC maker before it is
8 distributed to the WSDCC.

9 C. Resolutions submitted in this manner will be compiled for review and action by
10 the WSDCC.

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12 V. All resolutions must be drafted in the same manner as the resolution attached to the end
13 of these rules and titled "**Sample Resolution - Re-Focus Border Patrol Operations to**
14 **Interdiction at the Border.**" Important elements of this formatting include the
15 following:

16 A. The title of the resolution must be clearly and concisely stated at the beginning of
17 the resolution.

18 B. The resolution must contain at least one "**WHEREAS**" stating the situation to be
19 addressed by the resolution.

20 C. The resolution must contain at least one "**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**"
21 stating the action or actions to be taken if the resolution is adopted.

22 D. Clauses should be worded as if written from the point of view of the WSDCC
23 and not the organization originally submitting the resolution.

24 E. The resolution must contain the name of the organization submitting the
25 resolution and the date it was submitted at the bottom of the resolution.

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27 VI. Responsibilities of the Resolutions Committee

28 A. The Resolutions Committee will review each proposed resolution for the
29 following elements:

30 1. Timely submission, as specified in III.A and III.B

31 2. Proper submission, as specified in II.

32 3. Proper elements, as specified in V.

33 B. The Resolutions Committee will further review each proposed resolution for a
34 reasonable, attainable, and limited scope of action in the "Resolved" clauses.

35 1. Any action resolved must be within the power of the Chairman and staff,
36 or the State Central Committee.

37 2. Any action resolved must be appropriately limited in scope, difficulty and
38 cost appropriate to the resolution.

39 C. The Resolutions Committee will amend or reject any resolution that has not met
40 all above criteria.

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- 1 VII. Resolutions submitted for consideration and action at the general meeting of the
2 WSDCC.
3 A. All resolutions shall be distributed to WSDCC Members and their proxies prior
4 to the general meeting of the WSDCC.
5 1. The resolutions will reflect any changes adopted by the Resolutions
6 Committee.
7 2. The resolutions will include the recommendation of the Resolutions
8 Committee.
9 3. In all other matters not covered expressly by these rules the Charter and
10 Bylaws of the WSDCC and Robert's Rules of Order, newly revised, shall
11 prevail.
12 4. Following adoption of a resolution by the WSDCC appropriate action will
13 be taken by the Chair of the WSDCC including, but not limited to the
14 transmission of resolution to effected officials.
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List of Resolution Issues and Abbreviations

AGR	Agriculture
CIV	Civil and Human Rights
CORP	Corporate Power
ECON	Economic Justice and Development
EDU	Education
ENV	Energy and the Environment
FOR	Foreign Policy
GOV	Government and Political Reform
HEA	Health Care
HUM	Human Services
IMM	Immigration
PAR	Internal Party Business
LAB	Labor
LAW	Law and Justice
MED	Media Reform
MIL	Military and Veterans
TRAN	Transportation
TRIB	Tribal Relations

Summary of Resolution Notation

All resolutions have their title listed in the upper right hand corner of the page. Here is a sample of a resolution title.

WSDCCRES - 427 - 090425 - SUB - LAW - Border Patrol Activity

The title consists of several parts, which are explained below.

WSDCCRES	The body that passed the resolution. The majority of resolutions were passed by the WSDCC (WSDCCRES). Each State Convention is considered a separate body, so resolutions passed by the 2006 State Convention (2006SCRES) are considered separate from resolutions passed by the 2008 State Convention (2008SCRES).
427	The resolution's number. Resolutions are given a number, based on the approximate order in which they were submitted. Each body's resolutions are numbered separately, so 2008SCRES 123 is different from WSDCCRES 123
090425	The date of last action on the resolution. In the case of passed resolutions, like the ones listed below, this is the date the resolution passed. Dates are formatted as year, month, day, so 090425 is April 25, 2009.
SUB	The last action taken on the resolution. Examples of actions include "PASS" (passed), "NOPASS" (not passed), "TABLE" (tabled until a later date), and "REFORG" (referred to originator).
LAW	The issue that the resolution is addressing. The State Party staff separates submitted resolutions into eighteen categories, each of which represents an issue. Examples of these issues are "Agriculture", "Civil and Human Rights", and "Law and Justice". See the previous page for a full list of issues and their abbreviations.
Border Patrol Activity	The resolution's short title. The State Party staff gives each submitted resolution a short title, which briefly explains the topic of the issue.

Sample Resolution
**Re-Focus Border Patrol Operations to
Interdiction at the Border**

1 **WHEREAS** there has been an expansion of mission, facilities, and personnel of the U.S. Border
2 Patrol under the Department of Homeland Security including plans for increased detention
3 capabilities;

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5 **WHEREAS** this expansion comes at a time of reduced funding for basic government services;

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7 **WHEREAS** the US Border Patrol is placing random checkpoints on highways away from the
8 border and conducting internal patrols within communities;

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10 **WHEREAS** the location of checkpoints, the frequency of stops, and the venues selected for
11 community surveillance raise concerns of racial profiling;

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13 **WHEREAS** ordinary crime control is the responsibility of local law enforcement agencies and
14 Border Patrol intrusion into their jurisdictions interferes with community policing strategies that
15 build long-term relationships of trust and accountability;

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17 **WHEREAS** judicial precedent states that checkpoints must have an actual connection with
18 substantial traffic from a proximate border and are not to be used for ordinary crime control
19 purposes, raising questions about the legality of the current program; and

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21 **WHEREAS** Congressman Norm Dicks and Senator Maria Cantwell have expressed similar
22 concerns in letters to Janet Napolitano, Secretary of Homeland Security;

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24 **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that we, the Washington State Democratic Central Committee,
25 call for a suspension of expanded Border Patrol activities away from the border until their utility,
26 legality and constitutionality have been determined by the U.S. Congress and courts;

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28 **THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that during this suspension we call for an evaluation
29 of the utility of the current expansion of Border Patrol mission, facilities and personnel, and an
30 evaluation of the opportunity costs of this federal expenditure while core government services are
31 being cut for lack of funding;

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33 **THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that we call on local law enforcement officers to
34 continue to uphold their sworn oath to protect the constitutional rights and liberties of the
35 members of our communities; and

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1 **THEREFORE BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that we, the Washington State Democratic Central
2 Committee, urge our elected federal officials to pursue a reformed approach to securing our
3 border which focuses on interdiction at the border, preserves constitutional protections and
4 respects local law enforcement.

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7 Submitted by the Jefferson County Democrats to the Washington State Democratic Central
8 Committee for consideration at its April 25, 2009 meeting in Tacoma. (Date Submitted 4/8/2009)