

1 **Stop Citizenship Checks at the Anacortes Ferry**

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3 **WHEREAS** Immigration Control and Enforcement agents have been using the U.S.
4 customs facilities in Anacortes to stop and question people traveling from the San Juan
5 Islands to the Anacortes ferry terminal – intrastate travel on the Washington State
6 highway system – in a way that appears to be racial and ethnic profiling; and
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8 **WHEREAS** Immigration Control and Enforcement agents have detained members of
9 our community without giving timely opportunity to contact concerned family
10 members, and separating families by sudden deportation, leading to fear of separation
11 and restriction of necessary travel by members of our community; and
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13 **WHEREAS** to fully integrate immigrants into our communities, immigrants need to be
14 treated with fairness and respect and afforded the due process of law; and
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16 **WHEREAS** Immigration Control and Enforcement agents have informed legal residents
17 of San Juan County that the citizenship and radiation checks at the ferry terminal are
18 necessary – to protect us in the “War against Terror,” because “‘bad guys’ might be
19 sneaking dangerous materials across the international border in small boats” – without
20 providing any evidence to suspect such activities; and
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22 **WHEREAS** citizenship inspections by Immigration Control and Enforcement agents on
23 our Washington State highway system constitutes an erosion by the federal government
24 of our Fourth Amendment right to freedom from search and seizure; and
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26 **WHEREAS**, as taxpayers, we pay for this service, whether we want it or not;
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28 **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that we urge our Washington State Congressional
29 Delegation to work to stop citizenship inspections of intra-state travel on our
30 Washington State highway system.
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33 Submitted by the San Juan County Democrats to the Democratic Central Committee for
34 consideration at its June 14 convention in Spokane. (Date Submitted 4/22/2008)
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36 The Resolutions Committee “AMENDED THIS RESOLUTION AND RECOMMENDED
37 A PASS” at its May 31, 2008 meeting in Ellensburg.
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39 The Washington State Democratic Convention “PASSED” this resolution at its June 14,
40 2008 meeting in Spokane.