

1 **Physical Accessibility of Democratic Presidential Campaign**
2 **Offices and Events in Washington State**
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4 **WHEREAS**, disabled voters have long faced a history of obstacles in the exercise of
5 their right to vote and ability to participate in political campaigns;
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7 **WHEREAS**, people with disabilities have long been constructively disenfranchised
8 from the electoral process;
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10 **WHEREAS**, stereotypes have long assumed people with disabilities were either
11 incapable of participating, or chose not to vote or participate;
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13 **WHEREAS**, this disenfranchisement is a factor influencing the over 14 million disabled
14 people of voting age that remain unregistered as voters (see
15 <http://www.michbar.org/journal/pdf/pdf4article1035.pdf>, accessed January 2008);
16 and
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18 **WHEREAS**, the Washington State Democratic Central Committee (WSDCC) has long
19 supported the inclusion of people with disabilities in electoral politics and civic affairs;
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21 **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT**, we, the WSDCC, call on each and every
22 Democratic presidential campaign this year to ensure the physical accessibility of their
23 offices in the state of Washington, including ensuring the ability of wheelchair users to
24 access their offices (and office facilities) without requiring the assistance of others,
25 regardless of legal obligation under the federal Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)
26 or otherwise;
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28 **THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT**, we, the WSDCC, call on each and
29 every Democratic presidential campaign to ensure and indicate the physical
30 accessibility of their officially sponsored events in the state of Washington (that are held
31 outside of private residences), including ensuring the ability of wheelchair users to
32 access event premises – including facilities and main event programs - without
33 requiring the assistance of others;
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35 **THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT**, the WSDCC shall communicate
36 this resolution to each Democratic presidential campaign, including especially
37 campaigns considered both viable or likely to open offices in the state of Washington,
38 by the end of the month of February 2008, by electronic or postal mail with a copy to the
39 WSDIC Chair below.
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42 Submitted by the Washington State Disabilities Issues Caucus to the Washington State
43 Democratic Central Committee for consideration at its January 26, 2008 meeting in the
44 Vancouver. (Date Submitted 1/26/2007)

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46 The WSDCC Resolutions Committee "AMENDED THIS RESOLUTION AND
47 RECOMMENDED A PASS" at its January 26, 2008 meeting in Vancouver.

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49 The WSDCC "PASSED" this resolution at its January 26, 2008 meeting in Vancouver.