

## Resolution on a Seattle Disabilities Commission

**WHEREAS** people who have disabilities are entitled to dignified and productive lives, the opportunity to choose relevant lifestyles, and the freedom to experience environments without barriers;

**WHEREAS** people who have disabilities possess unique talents, insights, and values needed to ensure that Seattle, the nation, and the world become better and more productive societies; and

**WHEREAS** governmental policies and practices have often introduced barriers that prevent people who have disabilities from participating in the decisions that affect them, from realizing their full potential, and from contributing to the greater good;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Washington State Democrats call upon the Seattle Mayor and Seattle City Council to establish a Seattle Commission, to be staffed by the Seattle Office for Civil Rights, and specifically to advise the City on how best to address concerns expressed by people with disabilities; and

**THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the WSDCC Chair (or the Chair's designee) shall urgently send a copy of this resolution communicating its approval by the WSDCC to the above-referenced City officials, by electronic mail, by close of business on Friday, October 2, 2009 (given the timeliness of this communication in light of the City of Seattle's budget considerations commencing on Friday, September 25, 2009).

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Submitted by the Disabilities Issues Caucus to the Washington State Democratic Central Committee for consideration at its September 26, 2009 meeting in Walla Walla. (Date Submitted 9/26/2009)

The WSDCC Resolutions Committee "RECOMMENDED A PASS" on this resolution at its September 26, 2009 meeting in Walla Walla.

The WSDCC "PASSED" this resolution at its September 26, 2009 meeting in Walla Walla.