

Immigration Reform

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3 **WHEREAS** the Washington State Democrats believe that immigration reform must be
4 approached in a comprehensive and realistic way;

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6 **WHEREAS** the current population of undocumented workers who pay taxes and make
7 positive contributions to their communities must have a path to legalization and
8 documentation;

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10 **WHEREAS** lax enforcement of labor and employment laws gives unscrupulous
11 employers an incentive to exploit immigrant workers and penalizes employers who
12 abide by the law;

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14 **WHEREAS** the Senenbrenner Act provides less protection and lower standards for
15 guest workers than the existing H2A guest worker program;

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17 **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that labor and business together should design
18 mechanisms to meet legitimate needs for new workers without compromising the rights
19 and opportunities of workers already here.

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21 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that enforcement of federal and state workplace
22 standards is a priority and must be accompanied by adequate funding,

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24 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:** that the WA State Democrats urge the WA State
25 Congressional Delegation to support immigration reform as discussed in this
26 resolution.

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29 Submitted by 2nd CD delegates meeting, Anacortes, WA, May 25, 2006, to the
30 Washington State Democratic Party for consideration at its June 3, 2006 convention in
31 Yakima, WA (Date Submitted 05/30/2006) (Contact: Nancy Ging, 360-758-2529,
32 nancy@turtlehome.com)

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34 The Washington State Democratic Party at its State Convention on June 3, 2006 in
35 Yakima referred this resolution to the WSDCC Resolutions Committee for review at its
36 September 9 - 10, 2006 meeting in Ellensburg.

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38 The WSDCC Resolutions Committee at its September 10, 2006 meeting in Ellensburg
39 recommended that this resolution be referred back to its originator so that it can be
40 reformatted properly.

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42 Richard Austin (rich071886@hotmail.com), one of the original endorsers, reformatted
 43 this resolution and resubmitted in on behalf of the Skagit County Democrats on
 44 September 14, 2006.

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 46 Submitted by the Skagit County Democrats to the Washington State Democratic Party
 47 for consideration at its September 29, 2006 committee meeting in Tacoma. (Date
 48 Submitted 9/28/06).

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 50 The WSDCC Resolutions Committee amended this resolution and recommended a
 51 "Pass" at its September 29, 2006 meeting in Tacoma. The resolution will be forwarded
 52 to the WSDCC at its meeting on September 30, 2006 in Tacoma.

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 54 The WSDCC passed this resolution as amended at its September 30, 2006 meeting in
 55 Tacoma.

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57 **Endorsed by the following Delegates to the 2006**
 58 **Democratic State Convention**

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60	1. Eric Teegarden	Snohomish Co.	1 st LD
61	2. Chris Glenn	Snohomish Co.	1 st LD
62	3. Lila Smith	King County	32 nd LD
63	4. Gloria Skouge	King County	32 nd LD
64	5. Christine Hoffman	King County	32 nd LD
65	6. Robbi Ferron	Whatcom County	40 th LD
66	7. Dianne Foster	Whatcom County	40 th LD
67	8. Joan Ging	Whatcom County	42 nd LD
68	9. Hue Beattie	Whatcom County	40 th LD
69	10. Roni Beall	Whatcom County	40 th LD
70	11. Patricia Santangelo	Skagit County	40 th LD
71	12. David Narsico	Whatcom County	40 th LD
72	13. Nina Hodgson	Whatcom County	40 th LD
73	14. Ann Davidson	Whatcom County	40 th LD
74	15. Richard Austin	Skagit County	39 th LD
75	16. Michelle Fisher	Whatcom County	40 th LD
76	17. Nancy Ging	Whatcom County	42 nd LD
77	18. Alexandrina Patty	San Juan County	40 th LD
78	19. Judith Shattuck	King County	45 th LD