

Washington State Initiatives

WHEREAS, a number of initiatives circulating for consideration this year are fundamental to the principles espoused by the Democratic party and support or conflict with the Platform of the Democratic Party of Washington; and

WHEREAS, it is prudent for the Washington State Democratic Party inform voters of its positions on initiatives they will be asked to sign and/or vote on;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Washington State Democratic Party recommends the support of Initiative 937, which would require large energy utilities in this state to use renewal energy sources in increasing quantities, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Washington State Democratic Party recommends voters withhold their signatures on and vote against, should they appear on the ballot, the following initiatives:

- I-917, which would set car tabs at \$30 per year,
- I-918, which would open all HOV lanes in “off-peak” periods,
- I-920, which would repeal the estate tax now used for education,
- I-924, which would require 65 percent of school operating budgets to be used for classroom operations,
- I-926, which would prohibit public employees from collective bargaining,
- I-933, which would roll back government’s ability to regulate land use,
- I-944, which would require two-thirds majorities for tax, revenue and fee increases,
- I-947, which would limit the legislature’s ability to change the referendum and initiative process, and
- I-949, which would roll back the anti-discrimination protections based on sexual orientation or preference.

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Passed by the Washington State Democratic Party at its State Convention held on June 3, 2006 in Yakima.