

1       **Resolution Requesting Investment of More Resources**  
2       **into the VoteBuilder Project by the Democratic National**  
3       **Committee**

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5       **WHEREAS** the Democratic Party has, until recently, been behind the Republican Party  
6       in building and using technology used for voter identification; and

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8       **WHEREAS** the DNC, in conjunction with the fifty state strategy, has developed the  
9       VoteBuilder software for national use with the flexibility for adaptation to the needs of  
10       the various state Democratic Parties; and

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12       **WHEREAS** the Obama campaign took technology utilization to a higher level by  
13       putting basic online volunteer and donor information directly into the hands of field  
14       organizers, adding significantly to our state party voter ID base; and

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16       **WHEREAS** the existence of standing Technology Committees in state Democratic Party  
17       organizations (for example, the Washington State Democratic Party Central Committee)  
18       correlates positively with higher levels of utilization of VoteBuilder software by PCOs;  
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21       **WHEREAS** the Democratic National Committee does not currently have a technology  
22       committee consisting of DNC delegates; and

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24       **WHEREAS** all state Democratic Parties, like state governments, are short of money for  
25       further investment in technology development; and

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27       **WHEREAS** it is imperative that the Democratic Party not let the vast improvements in  
28       voter ID achieved in 2008 deteriorate, but instead extend and build on those  
29       improvements;

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31       **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that we direct the WSDCC to instruct our DNC  
32       delegates to request at the next DNC meeting that more financial resources be directed  
33       to maintaining, updating and improving the VoteBuilder database, including the hiring  
34       of more database specialists to work for the state parties; and

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36       **THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that we direct the WSDCC to instruct our  
37       DNC delegates to request that the DNC establish a Technology Committee to oversee  
38       improvements in voter and volunteer identification technology at the national level;  
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41 **THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the national Technology Committee  
42 track innovations contributed by campaigns and various state parties for the purpose of  
43 identifying promulgating best practices nationally; and  
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45 **THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the national Technology Committee  
46 encourage state parties that do not have technology committees to establish them; and  
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48 **THEREFORE BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that the Technology Committee make  
49 regular reports to the DNC and the state parties on a quarterly basis.  
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53 Committee for consideration at its April 25, 2009 meeting in Tacoma. (Date Submitted  
54 3/22/2009)  
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56 The WSDCC Resolutions Committee "REFERRED THIS RESOLUTION TO THE  
57 WSDCC TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE" at its April 24, 2009 meeting in Tacoma.  
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59 The WSDCC "PASSED" this resolution at its April 25, 2009 meeting in Tacoma.