

Resolution in Support of PCO Elections in Washington State

WHEREAS Washington's political system is more transparent and more democratic because we elect PCOs;

WHEREAS Washington's Legislature passed precinct committee officer election laws in 1907 to prevent the political corruption of Tammany Hall and Boss Tweed, because PCOs are elected by the voters in the precinct, not chosen by the Party boss;

WHEREAS elected PCOs are a source of stability for the Democratic and Republican (D and R) parties; and

WHEREAS the election of PCOs every two years is the "re-set button" that allows us to re-organize our county and LD parties, electing their officers and state committee representatives, who then control the state party;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that we call on all County Auditors and Directors of Elections to acknowledge the valuable role that elected PCOs play in Washington's democracy; and

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we ask all County Auditors and Directors of Elections to call on the Washington Association of County Officials to work with the Republican and Democratic parties to find a sensible way to continue this important feature of our democracy.

Submitted by the Mason County Democrats to the Washington State Democratic Central Committee for consideration at its January 28, 2012 meeting in Shelton. (Date Submitted 1/11/2011)

Submitted by the Clark County Democrats to the Washington State Democratic Central Committee for consideration at its January 28, 2012 meeting in Shelton. (Date Submitted 1/20/2011)

The WSDCC Resolutions Committee "AMENDED THIS RESOLUTION AND RECOMMENDED A PASS" at its January 28, 2012 meeting in Shelton.

The WSDCC "PASSED" this resolution at its January 28, 2012 meeting in Shelton.