

Smaller Precinct Size

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3 **WHEREAS** the precinct is the primary organizational unit of the Democratic Party;

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5 **WHEREAS** under RCW 29A.16.040 (3) "Precincts in which voting machines or
6 electronic voting devices are used may contain as many as nine hundred active
7 registered voters";

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9 **WHEREAS** precincts as large as this are difficult, if not impossible for a single PCO to
10 effectively canvass and organize;

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12 **WHEREAS** precinct caucuses for precincts of this size easily become too large to allow
13 meaningful discussion and debate, thus harming the democratic process and defeating
14 much of the purpose of holding a caucus instead of a primary; and

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16 **WHEREAS** the party building virtues of the caucus system make it desirable to
17 continue using it to select presidential delegates;

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19 **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Democratic Party supports the amendment of
20 RCW 29A.16.040 (3), replacing the language cited above with, "Precincts may contain as
21 many as four hundred active registered voters"; and

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23 **THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that Washington State Democratic Party
24 distribute copies of this resolution to Washington State Governor Christine Gregoire,
25 Washington State Secretary of State Sam Reed, Washington State Senate Majority
26 Leader Lisa Brown and Washington State Speaker of the House Frank Chopp.

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29 Submitted by the King County Democrats to the Democratic Central Committee for
30 consideration at its June 14 convention in Spokane. (Date Submitted 4/21/2008)

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32 Submitted by the Walla Walla County Democrats to the Democratic Central Committee
33 for consideration at its June 14 convention in Spokane. (Date Submitted 4/28/2008)

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35 The Resolutions Committee "AMENDED THIS RESOLUTION AND RECOMMENDED
36 A PASS" at its May 31, 2008 meeting in Ellensburg.

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38 The Washington State Democratic Convention "PASSED" this resolution at its June 14,
39 2008 meeting in Spokane.