

## 1                   **Establish National Voting Standards Resolution**

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3   **WHEREAS**, in the recent presidential election some voters were reportedly required to  
4 wait in line for up to ten hours to have the opportunity to vote, and in at least one  
5 reported case, until 4 AM; and

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7   **WHEREAS**, some polling locations were reported as opening late; and

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9   **WHEREAS**, some polling locations had an inadequate number of poll workers to  
10 facilitate the number of citizens who arrived to vote; and

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12   **WHEREAS**, some polling locations were reported as having an inadequate number of  
13 machines for voting; and

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15   **WHEREAS**, some polling locations were reported as having equipment malfunctions  
16 with inadequate back-up equipment availability; and

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18   **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, it is hereby resolved by the Whatcom County  
19 Democratic Party request that the Washington State Democratic Party move to create a  
20 commission to improve the voting process at a local, county and state level. We  
21 demand that the Democratic national Committee establish standards to facilitate the  
22 voting process by enforcing the following:

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24       1. the required wait to vote should be no longer that one hour  
25       2. one voting machine should be required for every (X #) voters  
26       3. one spare confirmed operational back-up voting machine should be available for  
27       every (X #) machines used  
28       4. poll workers be trained to set-up their polling location in such a manner to  
29       facilitate the most effective use of space to allow the most efficient flow of voter  
30       traffic

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32   **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that we request Democratic National Committee  
33 designate the appropriate funds for a National Voting Stands Commission within one  
34 year's time.

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