

## Vote by Mail Ballot Reform

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3 **WHEREAS** Washington State's registered voters have the fundamental right to vote  
4 without the obstruction of cost;

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6 **WHEREAS** in Fall of 2009, King County Election officers failed to provide most voters  
7 the ability to securely return their ballot without the cost of postage;

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9 **WHEREAS** the 2009 General election provided just four drop box locations for the 2,700  
10 King County square miles that previously provided 509 polling locations; and

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12 **WHEREAS** Voters with disabilities, who have the right to vote in person on an  
13 accessible voting unit, are being discriminated against by the reduction of the voting  
14 center locations;

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16 **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Washington State Democrats request that  
17 counties provide prepaid return envelopes and/or additional secure ballot drop boxes  
18 and accessible voting units at every library for primary and general elections.

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21 Submitted by the 5<sup>th</sup> LD Democrats to the Washington State Democratic Central  
22 Committee for consideration at its January 30, 2010 meeting in Seattle. (Date Submitted  
23 1/22/2010)

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25 The WSDCC Resolutions Committee "AMENDED THIS RESOLUTION AND  
26 RECOMMENDED A PASS" at its January 30, 2010 meeting in Seattle.

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28 The WSDCC "PASSED" this resolution at its January 30, 2010 meeting in Seattle.