

We Oppose the Southwest Airlines Boeing Field Plan

WHEREAS, Southwest Airlines proposed plan to move their Sea-Tac based operation to Boeing Field from the Seattle-Tacoma International Airport would include a new terminal with 85 daily flights, up from the 38 currently departing SeaTac each day;

WHEREAS, the proposal is harmful to Seattle and the King County Metropolitan area as it would impede and diminish the capacity of the Port of Seattle, the City of Seattle, and the County of King to move forward with existing transportation projects;

WHEREAS, the impact to the surrounding business and neighborhoods is more than significant in that 85 daily flights and the accompanying traffic around Boeing Field would affect the livelihood and quality of life of thousands;

WHEREAS, there would be a negative impact on the environment; and

WHEREAS, this is a bad precedent in that others will want to follow suit and the proper planning and infrastructure are not in effect;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that we, the Washington State Democratic Central Committee oppose the proposal to move the operations of Southwest Airlines from the Seattle-Tacoma Airport to the King County International Airport; and

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we call on our elected representatives to require a comprehensive statewide study of the need for another airport and the possible location of such before any tax funds are expended to assist in the relocation of any airline.

Submitted to the WSDCC for consideration at its September 17, 2005 meeting in Everett by the King County Democrats (8/23/2005)

Referred to the WSDCC with a recommendation of "Pass" by the Resolutions Committee at its September 17, 2005 meeting in Everett.

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