

Rules for the Consideration and Adoption of Resolutions by the WSDCC

As amended by the Washington State Democratic Central Committee on April 18, 2015

- 1 I. Resolution submitted for consideration and adoption by the Washington State
2 Democratic Central Committee (WSDCC) must be submitted in compliance with the
3 following rules.
- 4 II. Resolutions must be submitted by one of two types of organizations:
 - 5 A. Democratic Party Organizations in the state of Washington
 - 6 B. One of the standing or ad-hoc committees of the WSDCC, a caucus of the
7 WSDCC, the WSDCC Executive Board, or the Washington State Democratic
8 Convention.
- 9 III. Requirements for the submission of resolutions by Democratic Organizations in the
10 state of Washington
 - 11 A. The resolution must be e-mailed to the State Party no later than fourteen (14)
12 days prior to the WSDCC meeting at which the resolution is to be considered.
13 Resolutions should be emailed in a format that can be easily edited, preferably
14 Microsoft Word. Each resolution received shall be made expeditiously available
15 to the Resolutions Committee by the State Party Staff.
 - 16 B. A printed version of the resolution must be received by the State Party no later
17 than two (2) days prior to the WSDCC meeting at which the resolution is to be
18 considered.
 - 19 1. The printed version must be signed by the Chair or Vice Chair of the
20 Democratic Party Organization submitting the resolution.
 - 21 C. Resolutions submitted in this manner will be compiled for review and action by
22 the WSDCC Resolutions Committee.
 - 23 1. The organization that submits a resolution is encouraged to have a
24 representative attend the Resolutions Committee meeting to be available
25 for clarification of the resolution
 - 26 2. The Resolutions Committee can amend the resolution or combine the
27 resolution with other resolutions addressing a similar issue and shall
28 clearly set forth the committee's action.
 - 29 3. The Resolution Committee's action will be submitted to the WSDCC for
30 consideration at the general meeting of the WSDCC.
- 31 IV. Requirements for submission of resolutions by one of the standing or ad-hoc
32 committees of the WSDCC or the WSDCC Executive Board or by the WSDCC
33 membership.
 - 34 A. Circumstances may dictate that a resolution be drafted by one of the standing or
35 ad-hoc committees of the WSDCC, a caucus of the WSDCC or the WSDCC
36 Executive Board immediately prior to or during a WSDCC meeting. A resolution
37 may also be presented by any WSDCC member provided it is signed by fifty (50)
38 WSDCC members.

- 1 B. The Chair of the committee, caucus or board is responsible for making sure that
2 resolutions of this type are submitted to a member of the State Party staff
3 immediately following the committee, caucus or board meeting.
4 1. A printed version of the resolution must be signed by the Chair or Vice
5 Chair of the committee, caucus, board or WSDCC maker before it is
6 distributed to the WSDCC.
- 7 C. Resolutions submitted in this manner will be compiled for review and action by
8 the WSDCC.
- 9 V. All resolutions must be drafted in the same manner as the resolution attached to the end
10 of these rules and titled "**Sample Resolution - Re-Focus Border Patrol Operations to**
11 **Interdiction at the Border.**" Important elements of this formatting include the
12 following:
13 A. The title of the resolution must be clearly and concisely stated at the beginning of
14 the resolution.
15 B. The resolution must contain at least one "**WHEREAS**" stating the situation to be
16 addressed by the resolution.
17 C. The resolution must contain at least one "**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**"
18 stating the action or actions to be taken if the resolution is adopted.
19 D. Clauses should be worded as if written from the point of view of the WSDCC
20 and not the organization originally submitting the resolution.
21 E. The resolution must contain the name of the organization submitting the
22 resolution and the date it was submitted at the bottom of the resolution.
- 23 VI. Responsibilities of the Resolutions Committee
24 A. The Resolutions Committee will review each proposed resolution for the
25 following elements:
26 1. Timely submission, as specified in III.A and III.B
27 2. Proper submission, as specified in II.
28 3. Proper elements, as specified in V.
29 B. The Resolutions Committee will further review each proposed resolution for a
30 reasonable, attainable, and limited scope of action in the "Resolved" clauses.
31 1. Any action resolved must be within the power of the Chairman and staff,
32 or the State Central Committee.
33 2. Any action resolved must be appropriately limited in scope, difficulty and
34 cost appropriate to the resolution.
35 C. The Resolutions Committee will amend or reject any resolution that has not met
36 all above criteria.
- 37 VII. Resolutions submitted for consideration and action at the general meeting of the
38 WSDCC.
39 A. All resolutions shall be distributed to WSDCC Members and their proxies prior
40 to the general meeting of the WSDCC.
41 1. The resolutions will reflect any changes adopted by the Resolutions
42 Committee.
43 2. The resolutions will include the recommendation of the Resolutions
44 Committee.

- 1 3. In all other matters not covered expressly by these rules the Charter and
2 Bylaws of the WSDCC and Robert’s Rules of Order, newly revised, shall
3 prevail.
- 4 VIII. The Chair of the WSDCC and the Resolutions Committee shall be responsible for acting
5 on resolutions passed by the WSDCC.
- 6 A. Following adoption of a resolution by the WSDCC appropriate action shall be
7 taken by the Chair of the WSDCC including, but not limited to the transmission
8 of resolution to effected officials.
- 9 B. The Advocacy Subcommittee of the Resolutions Committee shall be responsible
10 for tracking legislation that concerns the State Party Platform or any resolution
11 passed by the State Convention or the WSDCC, shall track ballot measures and
12 report on such measures to the Resolutions Committee, and may advise local
13 parties on organizing lobbying activities relating to such legislation.
- 14 1. The Advocacy Subcommittee shall consist of no fewer than five members
15 of the Resolutions Committee, as appointed by the Chair of the WSDCC in
16 consultation with the Chair or Chairs of the Resolutions Committee, one
17 of whom shall be designated “Subcommittee Chair” by the Chair of the
18 WSDCC.
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List of Resolution Issues and Abbreviations

AGR	Agriculture
CIV	Civil and Human Rights
CORP	Corporate Power
ECON	Economic Justice and Development
EDU	Education
ENV	Energy and the Environment
FOR	Foreign Policy
GOV	Government and Political Reform
HEA	Health Care
HUM	Human Services
IMM	Immigration
PAR	Internal Party Business
LAB	Labor
LAW	Law and Justice
MED	Media Reform
MIL	Military and Veterans
TRAN	Transportation
TRIB	Tribal Relations

Summary of Resolution Notation

All resolutions have their title listed in the upper right hand corner of the page. Here is a sample of a resolution title.

WSDCCRES - 427 - 090425 - SUB - LAW - Border Patrol Activity

The title consists of several parts, which are explained below.

WSDCCRES	The body that passed the resolution. Resolutions are separated based on which body passed them. The majority of resolutions are passed by the WSDCC, and their titles begin "WSDCCRES". Resolutions passed by a State Convention are considered separate from those both resolutions passed by the WSDCC and resolutions passed by other State Conventions. Each State Convention has a unique identifier (2006SCRES, 2008SCRES, 2010SCRES), indicating which resolutions were passed by that State Convention.
427	The resolution's number. Resolutions are given a number, based on the approximate order in which they were submitted. Resolutions submitted to the WSDCC are numbered as a group, beginning with WSDCCRES 000 and increasing from meeting to meeting as more resolutions are submitted. By contrast, each State Convention has its own numbering system. This means that "WSDCCRES 427" is a separate resolution from "2008SCRES 427", which is separate from "2010SCRES 427".
090425	The date of last action on the resolution. In the case of passed resolutions, like the ones listed below, this is the date the resolution passed. Dates are formatted as year, month, day, so 090425 is April 25, 2009.
SUB	The last action taken on the resolution. Examples of actions include "PASS" (passed), "NOPASS" (not passed), "TABLE" (tabled until a later date), and "REFORG" (referred to originator).
LAW	The issue that the resolution is addressing. The State Party staff separates submitted resolutions into eighteen categories, each of which represents an issue. Examples of these issues are "Agriculture", "Civil and Human Rights", and "Law and Justice". See the previous page for a full list of issues and their abbreviations.
Border Patrol Activity	The resolution's short title. The State Party staff gives each submitted resolution a short title, which briefly explains the topic of the issue.

Sample Resolution
**Re-Focus Border Patrol Operations to
Interdiction at the Border**

1 **WHEREAS** there has been an expansion of mission, facilities, and personnel of the U.S. Border Patrol under
2 the Department of Homeland Security including plans for increased detention capabilities;

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4 **WHEREAS** this expansion comes at a time of reduced funding for basic government services;

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6 **WHEREAS** the US Border Patrol is placing random checkpoints on highways away from the border and
7 conducting internal patrols within communities;

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9 **WHEREAS** the location of checkpoints, the frequency of stops, and the venues selected for community
10 surveillance raise concerns of racial profiling;

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12 **WHEREAS** ordinary crime control is the responsibility of local law enforcement agencies and Border Patrol
13 intrusion into their jurisdictions interferes with community policing strategies that build long-term
14 relationships of trust and accountability;

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16 **WHEREAS** judicial precedent states that checkpoints must have an actual connection with substantial
17 traffic from a proximate border and are not to be used for ordinary crime control purposes, raising
18 questions about the legality of the current program; and

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20 **WHEREAS** Congressman Norm Dicks and Senator Maria Cantwell have expressed similar concerns in
21 letters to Janet Napolitano, Secretary of Homeland Security;

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23 **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that we, the Washington State Democratic Central Committee, call for a
24 suspension of expanded Border Patrol activities away from the border until their utility, legality and
25 constitutionality have been determined by the U.S. Congress and courts;

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27 **THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that during this suspension we call for an evaluation of the
28 utility of the current expansion of Border Patrol mission, facilities and personnel, and an evaluation of the
29 opportunity costs of this federal expenditure while core government services are being cut for lack of
30 funding;

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32 **THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that we call on local law enforcement officers to continue to
33 uphold their sworn oath to protect the constitutional rights and liberties of the members of our
34 communities; and

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36 **THEREFORE BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that we, the Washington State Democratic Central Committee,
37 urge our elected federal officials to pursue a reformed approach to securing our border which focuses on
38 interdiction at the border, preserves constitutional protections and respects local law enforcement.
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41 Submitted by the Jefferson County Democrats to the Washington State Democratic Central Committee for
42 consideration at its April 25, 2009 meeting in Tacoma. (Date Submitted 4/8/2009)