

Resolution to Support Fair Nominations

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3 **WHEREAS** the right to vote is a fundamental right enshrined in the U.S. Constitution;

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5 **WHEREAS** the recognition of integrity of the people's right to a fair and impartial nomination
6 process is an essential bulwark against tyranny as old as the Greek democracy and Roman
7 republic;

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9 **WHEREAS** the public expects those holding nomination processes to conduct them impartially
10 and evenhandedly and that the failure to do so breeds contempt and cynicism in the electorate
11 and the party;

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13 **WHEREAS** the Democratic National Committee (herein after the DNC) has, by virtue of its
14 Charter and Bylaws, expressed its commitment to impartiality and fairness in the nomination
15 process;

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17 **WHEREAS** Debbie Wasserman Schultz and the DNC allegedly failed to conduct the 2016
18 primary in an evenhanded and impartial manner in violation of the DNC Bylaws and Article 5,
19 Section 4 of the DNC Charter and were sued in a class action suit alleging numerous instances
20 wherein they failed to conduct the democratic primary in an evenhanded and impartial manner.

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22 **WHEREAS** in defense of said suit the DNC denied that it has an obligation to conduct the
23 primary process in an evenhanded and impartial manner. The DNC called its own Bylaws and
24 Charter unenforceable political promises;

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26 **WHEREAS** the DNC has set a dubious precedent by calling its own Charter and Bylaws
27 discretionary; and

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29 **WHEREAS** the DNC's continued refusal to acknowledge its obligation to provide an impartial
30 and even handed primary deepens the disaffection of certain elements within the Democratic
31 Party;

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33 **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** the Washington State Democrats urge the DNC to reaffirm its
34 obligation to all party members to conduct an evenhanded and impartial nomination process as
35 determined by its Charter, Bylaws and applicable rules; and

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37 **THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Washington State Democrats request a
38 status report from the DNC.

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41 Submitted by the Kitsap County Democrats.

42 The Platform Committee recommended that this resolution be passed at their June 15, 2018
43 meeting.

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45 The 2018 Washington State Democratic Convention passed this resolution on June 16, 2018.