Promotion of Fair Representation by Automatic Delegates ("Superdelegates")

WHEREAS a rule "reinterpretation" less than two weeks before the Washington State LD caucuses was passed down to each LD requiring the Caucus Jurisdictional Coordinators to allow alternates to be seated outside their precinct in order "to reduce the likelihood that our final National Delegation will differ significantly - in either direction - from the 73%-27% split that came out of the precinct caucuses. By doing it in this way, we are effectively reinforcing the will of the voters of Washington State"; and

WHEREAS in the 2016 primary, the precinct caucuses delegation went to Senator Bernie Sanders at 73%, but due to the unpledged delegates voting for a different candidate, the end percentage for Senator Bernie Sanders was less than 61%, diminishing the will of the voters of Washington State by over 10%;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Washington State Democratic Central Committee calls on the Democratic National Committee to amend their rules and delegate selection plans, prior to the 2020 Presidential election cycle, to require that superdelegates be pledged on a first ballot to cast their votes in the same proportion as the popular vote in their home state primary election or nominating caucus; and

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Washington State Democratic Party's representatives to the Democratic National Committee are urged to propose and support changes in the delegate selection process to require that superdelegates in each state vote in the same relative proportion as the popular vote in the presidential primary or caucuses of the state they represent at least on a first ballot at the Democratic National Convention.

Submitted by the 33rd LD Democrats on 8/17/2017.

The Resolutions Committee reviewed and amended this resolution and recommended it be passed.

The Washington State Democratic Central Committee amended and approved this resolution on 9/10/17.