Resolution Against Washington State Initiative Measure 960 (Closes Loopholes the Legislature Put in Taxpayer Protection Initiative 601, Voter-Approved in 1993)

WHEREAS, I-960 would create a bureaucratic horror, requiring voters to approve even routine fund transfers and regular budget matters. I-960 would make government less efficient and put funding for critical public services at risk;

WHEREAS, routine fund transfers from one account to another to address needs such as fixing roads, or priorities in children's health care or prescription drug assistance for seniors would require a 2/3 legislative vote AND another election;

WHEREAS, I-960 would not cut taxes, in fact it could end up raising taxes. Endless elections and extremely long ballots would cost millions to administer, leading to cuts in vital services;

WHEREAS, I-960 could tie up the courts for years, costing taxpayers millions of dollars;

WHEREAS, I-960 could slow down the government's response, even in time of crisis, the measure is written in such a way allowing the legislature to suspend these time-consuming votes during a natural disaster only, leaving us vulnerable in an economic recession or even terror attacks;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Washington State Democratic Central Committee join the NO ON 960 campaign as supported by a broad coalition of business, labor, environmental and healthcare groups as well as a host of other organizations from across the State of Washington. The King County Democratic Central Committee and many of its legislative district organizations have signed on to the NO ON 960 Campaign and request that the Washington State Democratic Central Committee do so at their September 29, 2007, meeting in Wenatchee.

Submitted by the King County Democrats to the Washington State Democratic Central Committee for consideration at its September 29, 2007 meeting in Wenatchee. (Date Submitted 9/13/2007)

The WSDCC Resolutions Committee "RECOMMENDED A PASS" on this resolution at its September 29, 2007 meeting in Wenatchee.

The WSDCC "PASSED" this resolution at its September 29, 2007 meeting in Wenatchee.