

Support of EHJR 4202

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3 **A RESOLUTION** of the Washington State Democratic Central Committee in keeping
4 with our platform and in support of proposed Constitutional amendment EHJR 4202 to
5 allow local school levies to be approved by a simple majority of the voters;

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7 **WHEREAS**, Washington's Constitution states that it is the paramount duty of the State
8 to provide for the education of all children, and;

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10 **WHEREAS**, adequate, stable funding is critical to the fulfillment of this mission; and
11 resources provided through voter-approved school levies are essential to local school
12 districts' ability to provide a well-rounded school levies are essential to local school
13 districts' ability to provide a well-rounded, quality education to each student; and

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15 **WHEREAS**, local levy dollars account for a critical portion of the operating budget in
16 most districts statewide; and

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18 **WHEREAS**, school districts are required to receive 60 percent approval for ongoing
19 levies, even though other property tax measures do not face the same requirement; and
20 EHJR 4204 would promote fairness by allowing school levies to be approved by a
21 majority of those voting, and

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23 **WHEREAS**, EHJR 4204 will appear on the November 2007 ballot for approval by a
24 majority of Washington voters;

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26 **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT**, the Washington State Democratic Central
27 Committee, support EHJR 4204 which allows citizens throughout the State to support
28 students learning through simple majority approval of school levies.

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31 Submitted by the Hispanic Latino Caucus of the Washington State Democratic Central
32 Committee to the Washington State Democratic Central Committee for consideration at
33 its September 29, 2007 meeting in Wenatchee. (Date Submitted 9/29/2007)

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35 The WSDCC Resolutions Committee "AMENDED THIS RESOLUTION AND
36 RECOMMENDED A PASS" at its September 29, 2007 meeting in Wenatchee.

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