

## Resolution in Opposition to Anti-Democratic Actions by the Democratic Party

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4 **WHEREAS**, the 2006 Platform of the Washington State Democratic Party, Section 7,  
5 Political Reform, states:

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7 “Our government derives its legitimacy solely from the democratic will of the  
8 people and must reflect our values as citizens. Our government must be fiscally  
9 sound; operate ethically; refrain from establishing or supporting religion; and be  
10 open, transparent and accountable to the will of the people. Our faith in our  
11 government and our political system can only be restored through constructive  
12 reform, and only substantial election reform can restore faith in the election system.  
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15 **We believe:** Citizen participation is a right and duty of citizenship, and free, open,  
16 and verifiable elections are key to our democratic processes.

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18 **We support:** [...] Inclusive campaign and debate processes that do not exclude  
19 credible third party candidates... “; and

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21 **WHEREAS**, the Democratic Party, the Washington State Democratic Party, and  
22 organizations created to support the Democratic Party (e. g., the Democratic National  
23 Committee) have failed in their duty to live up to the principles expressed in our  
24 platforms, with respect to political campaigns, elections, and related activities; and

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26 **WHEREAS**, one of the specific examples of this failure was the Party’s reluctance and  
27 failure to reveal and present in a timely manner the results of a secure, online  
28 presidential preference poll that was sponsored and conducted by the office of the  
29 Washington State Democratic Party, this poll posted and active for two weeks on the  
30 website of the State Party with no results announced until after extreme pressure was  
31 brought to bear by the campaign of the winning candidate, Congressman Dennis  
32 Kucinich; and

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34 **WHEREAS**, the aforementioned secure, online poll was equally available to all persons  
35 in all of the Democratic presidential campaigns who had an equal amount of time to  
36 cast their votes; and

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38 **WHEREAS**, each voter could cast only one vote during the entire two-week period of  
39 the online poll; and

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41 **WHEREAS**, the purpose of this poll (sponsored and conducted by the Washington  
42 State Democratic Party) was to determine the statewide level of grassroots support for  
43 each of the Democratic Party candidates; and

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45 **WHEREAS**, the State Democratic Party Chair refused to post (after a request by the  
46 Kucinich Campaign coordinator) a congratulatory message to the winning candidate,  
47 Dennis Kucinich, with an accompanying current photo of the candidate on the Home  
48 Page while, at the same time, leaving an out-of-date report of an opposing candidate  
49 (Barack Obama) in place for many days following his first place finish in the Iowa  
50 Caucus; and

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52 **WHEREAS**, all of these factors, being taken together, constitute a very unfair situation  
53 for a candidate who also, for no legitimate reason, suffered a media blackout of his  
54 message and image in the corporate, mainstream media; and

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56 **WHEREAS**, one of the long-term goals of the Democratic Party has been to strengthen  
57 the base of support and engagement of citizens in a diverse nation; and

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59 **WHEREAS**, our Democratic Party has traditionally supported equality and the  
60 principle of free speech;

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62 **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Washington State Democratic Central  
63 Committee, asserts its wish to reaffirm the principles of "open and inclusive campaign  
64 and debate processes" and "free speech" and equal and fair treatment of all declared  
65 candidates who are on the Washington Democratic ballot, as well as the relevance and  
66 importance of adherence to our Party Platform by the Party Chair and his agents; and

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68 **THEREFORE, BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED THAT**, this resolution, upon passage, be  
69 sent to: the Washington State Democratic Central Committee of the; the Officers of  
70 the WSDCC; Dwight Pelz, Party Chair; to the Chair of the Democratic National  
71 Committee, and to Congressman Dennis Kucinich of Cleveland, Ohio.

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74 Submitted by the Progressive Caucus to the Washington State Democratic Central  
75 Committee for consideration at its January 26, 2008 meeting in the Vancouver. (Date  
76 Submitted 1/14/2008)

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78 The WSDCC Resolutions Committee "AMENDED THIS RESOLUTION AND  
79 RECOMMENDED A PASS" at its January 26, 2008 meeting in Vancouver.

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81 The WSDCC "PASSED" this resolution at its January 26, 2008 meeting in Vancouver.