

1 **Resolution Requesting Investment of More Resources**
2 **into the VoteBuilder Project by the Democratic National**
3 **Committee**

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5 **WHEREAS** the Democratic Party has, until recently, been behind the Republican Party
6 in building and using technology used for voter identification; and

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8 **WHEREAS** the DNC, in conjunction with the fifty state strategy, has developed the
9 VoteBuilder software for national use with the flexibility for adaptation to the needs of
10 the various state Democratic Parties; and

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12 **WHEREAS** the Obama campaign took technology utilization to a higher level by
13 putting basic online volunteer and donor information directly into the hands of field
14 organizers, adding significantly to our state party voter ID base; and

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16 **WHEREAS** the existence of standing Technology Committees in state Democratic Party
17 organizations (for example, the Washington State Democratic Party Central Committee)
18 correlates positively with higher levels of utilization of VoteBuilder software by PCOs;
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21 **WHEREAS** the Democratic National Committee does not currently have a technology
22 committee consisting of DNC delegates; and

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24 **WHEREAS** all state Democratic Parties, like state governments, are short of money for
25 further investment in technology development; and

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27 **WHEREAS** it is imperative that the Democratic Party not let the vast improvements in
28 voter ID achieved in 2008 deteriorate, but instead extend and build on those
29 improvements;

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31 **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that we direct the WSDCC to instruct our DNC
32 delegates to request at the next DNC meeting that more financial resources be directed
33 to maintaining, updating and improving the VoteBuilder database, including the hiring
34 of more database specialists to work for the state parties; and

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36 **THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that we direct the WSDCC to instruct our
37 DNC delegates to request that the DNC establish a Technology Committee to oversee
38 improvements in voter and volunteer identification technology at the national level;
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41 **THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the national Technology Committee
42 track innovations contributed by campaigns and various state parties for the purpose of
43 identifying promulgating best practices nationally; and
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45 **THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the national Technology Committee
46 encourage state parties that do not have technology committees to establish them; and
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48 **THEREFORE BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that the Technology Committee make
49 regular reports to the DNC and the state parties on a quarterly basis.
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52 Submitted by the 11th LD Democrats to the Washington State Democratic Central
53 Committee for consideration at its April 25, 2009 meeting in Tacoma. (Date Submitted
54 3/22/2009)
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56 The WSDCC Resolutions Committee "REFERRED THIS RESOLUTION TO THE
57 WSDCC TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE" at its April 24, 2009 meeting in Tacoma.
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59 The WSDCC "PASSED" this resolution at its April 25, 2009 meeting in Tacoma.