

Investigations and Discipline Procedures for Washington State Democratic Party

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4 **WHEREAS** the highest authority in the Washington State Democratic Party is the State
5 Convention;

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7 **WHEREAS** the Washington State Democratic Central Committee (SCC) is the
8 governing body of the Party when the convention is not in session;

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10 **WHEREAS** other than Removal of Officers by a two-thirds vote of the Central
11 Committee (SCC) (Article II, Section C.8) investigation and disciplinary procedures are
12 not spelled out in the Bylaws of the Democratic Party;

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14 **WHEREAS** the Bylaws state, "In all matters not covered expressly by these Bylaws,
15 Robert's Rules of Order, newly revised, shall prevail." (Article II, Section D.6); and

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17 **WHEREAS** Robert's Rules of Order, newly revised, Chapter XX, DISCIPLINARY
18 PROCEDURES, spells out in great detail the process for investigations and discipline.
19 Further, under "STEPS IN A FAIR DISCIPLINARY PROCESS", page 631 and 632,
20 "CONFIDENTIAL INVESTIGATION BY COMMITTEE" Robert's calls for, "A
21 committee whose members are selected for known integrity and good judgement
22 should conduct a confidential investigation (usually including an interview with the
23 accused) to determine whether further action, including the preferring of charges if
24 necessary, is warranted";

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26 **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** the Washington State Democratic Central Committee
27 (SCC) designates the Rules Committee, or a subcommittee thereof, as the body to
28 conduct confidential investigation per the procedures of Robert's of allegations of
29 violations of the Charter or Bylaws of Democratic Party of the State of Washington, the
30 Delegate Selection Rules of the Democratic Party of the State of Washington, or other
31 matters the Central Committee may specifically designate;

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33 **THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** the Washington State Democratic Central
34 Committee (SCC) designates the Affirmative Action Committee, or a subcommittee
35 thereof, as the body to conduct confidential investigation per the procedures of Robert's
36 of allegations of wrongdoing of an interpersonal nature, or subjects under the normal
37 jurisdiction of that committee; and

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39 **THEREFORE BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that the WSDCC form a subcommittee to
40 confidentially investigate any conflicts or issues that are not handled by the Rules or
41 Affirmative Action Committees as necessary."
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44 Submitted by the Rules Committee to the Washington State Democratic Central
45 Committee for consideration at its October 9, 2010 meeting in Moses Lake. (Date
46 Submitted 10/9/2010)

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48 The WSDCC Resolutions Committee "RECOMMENDED A PASS" on this resolution at
49 its October 8, 2010 meeting in Moses Lake.

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51 The WSDCC "PASSED" this resolution at its October 9, 2010 meeting in Moses Lake.