

1 **Resolution in Support of PCO Elections**
2 **in Washington State**
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4 **WHEREAS** Washington’s political system is more transparent and more democratic
5 because we elect PCOs;
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7 **WHEREAS** Washington’s Legislature passed precinct committee officer election laws in
8 1907 to prevent the political corruption of Tammany Hall and Boss Tweed, because
9 PCOs are elected by the voters in the precinct, not chosen by the Party boss;
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11 **WHEREAS** elected PCOs are a source of stability for the Democratic and Republican
12 (D and R) parties; and
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14 **WHEREAS** the election of PCOs every two years is the “re-set button” that allows us to
15 re-organize our county and LD parties, electing their officers and state committee
16 representatives, who then control the state party;
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18 **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that we call on all County Auditors and Directors of
19 Elections to acknowledge the valuable role that elected PCOs play in Washington’s
20 democracy; and
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22 **THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that we ask all County Auditors and
23 Directors of Elections to call on the Washington Association of County Officials to work
24 with the Republican and Democratic parties to find a sensible way to continue this
25 important feature of our democracy.
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28 Submitted by the Mason County Democrats to the Washington State Democratic
29 Central Committee for consideration at its January 28, 2012 meeting in Shelton. (Date
30 Submitted 1/11/2011)
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32 Submitted by the Clark County Democrats to the Washington State Democratic Central
33 Committee for consideration at its January 28, 2012 meeting in Shelton. (Date Submitted
34 1/20/2011)
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36 The WSDCC Resolutions Committee “AMENDED THIS RESOLUTION AND
37 RECOMMENDED A PASS” at its January 28, 2012 meeting in Shelton.
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39 The WSDCC “PASSED” this resolution at its January 28, 2012 meeting in Shelton.