

Agriculture Plank Resolution

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3 **WHEREAS** the Agricultural Plank of the 2006 Platform adopted by the Washington
4 State Democrat Party at the bi-annual convention in Yakima in June 2006 is abbreviated,
5 addressing rural and agricultural issues only in the broadest of terms;

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7 **WHEREAS** the majority of other planks of the Platform are specific, and spelled out at
8 great length;

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10 **WHEREAS** the abbreviated Agriculture Plank of the 2006 Platform was the result of
11 procedural confusion during the deliberations of the 2006 WSDCC Platform Committee;

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13 **WHEREAS** there are many pressing and urgent issues of great concern to the rural and
14 agriculture communities and industries of Washington State;

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16 **WHEREAS** member of the Agriculture and Rural Caucus (ARC) recognized the failure
17 of the proposed 2006 Agriculture Plank to address these issues, and the negative impact
18 such omissions would have on the electoral campaigns in the State of Washington this
19 2006 election season;

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21 **WHEREAS** ARC members attempted to correct the omissions by introducing an
22 amendment to the Convention body from the floor to replace the abbreviated Plank
23 with the Agriculture Plank of the 2004 Washington Democrat Platform;

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25 **WHEREAS** due to severe procedural confusion existing on the floor at that time and
26 misunderstanding of Convention delegates of the seriousness of ARC concerns, the
27 motion was not accepted by the body;

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29 **WHEREAS** the Agriculture Plank of the 2004 Platform of the Washington State
30 Democrats adequately addresses many of the omissions, and the majority of the 2004
31 Plank remains relevant for the 2006 campaign year;

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33 **WHEREAS** Democratic candidates throughout rural and agriculture Washington are
34 suffering from accusations that the Washington Democrats do not value and
35 understand agriculture and rural issues based on readings of the abbreviated 2006
36 Plank;

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38 **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Chair and Executive Director of WSDCC are
39 hereby directed to place a notation at the Agriculture Plank on the WSDCC web-site
40 page with the 2006 Platform that the 2006 Agriculture Plank is further clarified by the
41 2004 Agriculture Plank, and that the 2004 Plank shall be printed and/or included on the
42 same page of the web site as the 2006 Agriculture Plank. The same notation and 2004

43 text inclusion will also be placed on any printed or published hard copy of the 2006
44 Platform,

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46 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Chair and Executive Director of WSDCC
47 immediately forward copies of the 2004 Agriculture Plank to all 2006 Statewide and
48 Federal Democratic candidates in the State of Washington.

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51 Submitted to the WSDCC by the Agriculture and Rural Caucus (ARC) of the
52 Washington State Democrat Central Committee (WSDCC) for consideration at its
53 September 29-30, 2006 meeting in Tacoma (Date Submitted 7/31/2006).

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55 The WSDCC Resolutions Committee amended this resolution and recommended a
56 "Pass" at its September 10, 2006 meeting in Ellensburg. The resolution will be
57 forwarded to the WSDCC at its next meeting on September 29 - 30, 2006 in Tacoma.

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59 The WSDCC passed this resolution as amended at its September 30, 2006 meeting in
60 Tacoma.