

Resolution on Campaign Finance Reform

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3 **WHEREAS**, the 2006 Clark County Democratic Convention adopted the following as its
4 first resolution: "We strongly support public financing of campaigns at all levels of
5 government. We call upon the Governor and the Democratic leadership of the House
6 and Senate to pass comprehensive state-level Clean Elections legislation in 2007."
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8 **WHEREAS**, all of Clark County's Democratic state legislators supported a 2006 bill, put
9 forth by Washington Public Campaigns, allowing municipalities to choose to institute
10 publicly financed elections, which passed in the Senate but did not come to the House
11 floor for a vote;
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13 **WHEREAS**, Governor Gregoire has proposed public financing for judicial elections and
14 included funding for this in her proposed budget;
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16 **WHEREAS**, in Maine, after the passage of public financing, the Maine legislature was
17 able to pass a progressive health care reform bill over the heated and determined
18 objections of the pharmaceutical industry;
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20 **WHEREAS**, in Arizona, Governor Janet Napolitano has won twice as a "clean"
21 candidate and has lauded the freedom that being a clean candidate gave her to spend
22 the majority of her time talking with constituents and listening to their needs and
23 desires, rather than spending most of her time dialing for dollars;
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25 **WHEREAS**, in Washington State, a small group attempted to install their political
26 ideologies into office by pouring large sums of money into the State Supreme Court
27 races.
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29 **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT**, the Washington State Democratic Central
30 Committee commits itself to the public financing resolution adopted at the 2006 Clark
31 County Democratic Convention;
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33 **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT**, we call on all local Democrats to join
34 Washington Public Campaigns, educate themselves on the website
35 <http://www.washclean.org>, and advocate for public campaign financing;
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37 **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT**, we support Governor Gregoire's proposal for
38 public financing for judicial campaigns and request that she also consider supporting
39 public campaign financing for legislative and statewide campaigns.
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43 **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT**, we call on all Washington State Democratic
44 state legislators to further educate themselves on public campaign financing for
45 legislative, executive, and judicial campaigns at the state level, and to consider
46 supporting legislation to accomplish such reforms.
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49 Submitted by the 17th Legislative District Democrats to the Washington State
50 Democratic Central Committee for consideration at its June 30, 2007 meeting in the Tri-
51 Cities. (Date Submitted 3/26/2007)
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53 The WSDCC Resolutions Committee "RECOMMENDED A PASS" on this resolution at
54 its June 30, 2007 meeting in the Tri-Cities.
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56 The WSDCC "PASSED" this resolution at its June 30, 2007 meeting in the Tri-Cities.