

Resolution on a Seattle Disabilities Commission

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3 **WHEREAS** people who have disabilities are entitled to dignified and productive lives,
4 the opportunity to choose relevant lifestyles, and the freedom to experience
5 environments without barriers;

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7 **WHEREAS** people who have disabilities possess unique talents, insights, and values
8 needed to ensure that Seattle, the nation, and the world become better and more
9 productive societies; and

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11 **WHEREAS** governmental policies and practices have often introduced barriers that
12 prevent people who have disabilities from participating in the decisions that affect
13 them, from realizing their full potential, and from contributing to the greater good;

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15 **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Washington State Democrats call upon the
16 Seattle Mayor and Seattle City Council to establish a Seattle Commission, to be staffed
17 by the Seattle Office for Civil Rights, and specifically to advise the City on how best to
18 address concerns expressed by people with disabilities; and

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20 **THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the WSDCC Chair (or the Chair's
21 designee) shall urgently send a copy of this resolution communicating its approval by
22 the WSDCC to the above-referenced City officials, by electronic mail, by close of
23 business on Friday, October 2, 2009 (given the timeliness of this communication in light
24 of the City of Seattle's budget considerations commencing on Friday, September 25,
25 2009).

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28 Submitted by the Disabilities Issues Caucus to the Washington State Democratic Central
29 Committee for consideration at its September 26, 2009 meeting in Walla Walla. (Date
30 Submitted 9/26/2009)

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32 The WSDCC Resolutions Committee "RECOMMENDED A PASS" on this resolution at
33 its September 26, 2009 meeting in Walla Walla.

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35 The WSDCC "PASSED" this resolution at its September 26, 2009 meeting in Walla
36 Walla.