In Support of a Green Bond Program To Fuel Washington State's Economic Recovery and To Fund Climate Solutions

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Washington State Democratic Party Central Committee supports green bond programs like the Washington STRONG proposal, ¹ and legislation to this effect, to have bill number added when available, which will be repaid through a carbon tax crafted to protect low - and moderate income households in addition to vulnerable sectors and will be tied to statutory greenhouse goals², and

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Washington State Democratic Party Central Committee calls on our legislators to direct funds from green recovery bond programs using the WA State Health Disparities Map, recommendations from the Environmental Justice Task Force³, and emerging socioeconomic data from the coronavirus crisis to inform decision-making and prioritize spending on communities that have historically been most impacted by environmental harm and economic harm, by prioritizing hiring community members for those projects; and

THEREFORE BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that this resolution shall be forwarded to Governor Inslee, Lt. Governor Heck, Speaker Jinkins, Senate Majority Leader Billig, and the Washington State Democratic Central Committee (WSDCC).

Submitted to WSDCC by WSD Environment and Climate Caucus (ECC) 2020 December 28 For questions - contact ECC Steve Verhey; Chair werheys@hotmail.com (509) 899-4956 or Angie Homola; ECC Resolutions Chair angiehomolad2@gmail.com (360) 632-3016.

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 $^{{\}color{blue} {}^{1}\underline{https://housedemocrats.wa.gov/lekanoff/2020/12/07/lekanoff-shewmake-and-lovelett-announce-the-washington-strong-recovery-bond-program/}$

² https://www.carbonwa.org/wastrong

³ https://healthequity.wa.gov/Portals/9/Doc/Publications/Reports/EJTF Report FINAL.pdf