

Suggested Law Enforcement Policy and Procedure for the Planned Service of Arrest Warrants or Search Warrants and Residences

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Washington State Democratic Central Committee encourages amending RCW 10.31.040 to limit the hours of the day that certain arrest and search warrants can be served at residences, to establish specific requirements for how the officers announce their presence and the uniform that they will wear, to specify the amount of time that officers must wait before forcing entry into the residence and what limited circumstances allow exceptions to that requirement, and to mandate agencies adopt a model policy and procedure approved by the legislature to adopt in their own policies and procedures.

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Washington State Democratic Central Committee urges all Washington State law enforcement agencies to adopt the “*Suggested Law Enforcement Policy and Procedure for the Planned Service of Arrest Warrants or Search Warrants*” attached to and incorporated into this Resolution.

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to all Washington State County Democrats Organizations and to the Washington State Legislature’s House and Senate Democratic Caucus for their consideration and action.

Submitted by the 38th Legislative District to the Washington State Democratic Central Committee for consideration at its January 30, 2021 meeting (Date Submitted 1/28/2021)

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