

Washington State Democrats

Dwight Pelz, Chair

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RE: Resolution passed by the Washington State Democrats

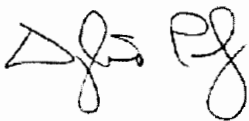
Dear President Stone,

At its recent meeting in Pasco, WA the Washington State Democratic Central Committee approved a resolution that merits your attention.

- o **Resolution on Campaign Finance Reform** – Resolution 346 stating that that the Washington State Democratic Central Committee commits itself to the public financing of campaigns. The WSDCC calls on all local Democrats to join Washington Public Campaigns. To also support Governor Gregoire's proposal for public financing for judicial campaigns and request that she also consider supporting public campaign financing for legislative and statewide campaigns. The WSDCC also urges all state legislators to further educate themselves on public campaign financing for legislative, executive, and judicial campaigns at the state level, and to consider supporting legislation to accomplish such reforms.

Your hard work and commitment to these efforts would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,



Dwight Pelz
Chair
Washington State Democrats

CC: Washington Governor Christine Gregoire
Washington Public Campaigns President, Board of Directors Marcella Stone
All Washington State Legislators
All Washington State Democratic Chairs

Resolution on Campaign Finance Reform

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3 **WHEREAS**, the 2006 Clark County Democratic Convention adopted the following as
4 its first resolution: "We strongly support public financing of campaigns at all levels
5 of government. We call upon the Governor and the Democratic leadership of the
6 House and Senate to pass comprehensive state-level Clean Elections legislation in
7 2007."

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9 **WHEREAS**, all of Clark County's Democratic state legislators supported a 2006 bill,
10 put forth by Washington Public Campaigns, allowing municipalities to choose to
11 institute publicly financed elections, which passed in the Senate but did not come to
12 the House floor for a vote;

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14 **WHEREAS**, Governor Gregoire has proposed public financing for judicial elections
15 and included funding for this in her proposed budget;

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17 **WHEREAS**, in Maine, after the passage of public financing, the Maine legislature
18 was able to pass a progressive health care reform bill over the heated and determined
19 objections of the pharmaceutical industry;

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21 **WHEREAS**, in Arizona, Governor Janet Napolitano has won twice as a "clean"
22 candidate and has lauded the freedom that being a clean candidate gave her to spend
23 the majority of her time talking with constituents and listening to their needs and
24 desires, rather than spending most of her time dialing for dollars;

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26 **WHEREAS**, in Washington State, a small group attempted to install their political
27 ideologies into office by pouring large sums of money into the State Supreme Court
28 races.

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30 **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT**, the Washington State Democratic Central
31 Committee commits itself to the public financing resolution adopted at the 2006
32 Clark County Democratic Convention;

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34 **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT**, we call on all local Democrats to join
35 Washington Public Campaigns, educate themselves on the website
36 <http://www.washclean.org>, and advocate for public campaign financing;

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38 **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT**, we support Governor Gregoire's proposal
39 for public financing for judicial campaigns and request that she also consider
40 supporting public campaign financing for legislative and statewide campaigns.

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45 state legislators to further educate themselves on public campaign financing for
46 legislative, executive, and judicial campaigns at the state level, and to consider
47 supporting legislation to accomplish such reforms.
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50 Submitted by the 17th Legislative District Democrats to the Washington State
51 Democratic Central Committee for consideration at its June 30, 2007 meeting in the
52 Tri-Cities. (Date Submitted 3/26/2007)

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54 The WSDCC Resolutions Committee "RECOMMENDED A PASS" on this resolution
55 at its June 30, 2007 meeting in the Tri-Cities.

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57 The WSDCC "PASSED" this resolution at its June 30, 2007 meeting in the Tri-Cities.