**Creation of a Task Force to Review the Caucus and Primary Process**

*For reference, a very similar resolution was passed by the Washington State Democratic Party June 14, 2008. Because of similar concerns, but conditions having changed, we bring this resolution forward eight years later with the intent of again considering our options.*

<http://www.wa-democrats.org/sites/wadems/files/resolutions/2008SCRES%20-%20097%20-%20080614%20-%20PASS%20-%20INT%20-%20Caucus%20Resolution.pdf>

**WHEREAS** registration by party has not been possible in Washington state since a Grange initiative was passed in 1922;

WHEREAS, of 4 million Washington voters, an estimated 38% are Democrats, totaling an estimated 1.5 million Democrats; more than 230,000 Democrats participated in their precinct caucuses and this turnout was 15% of the estimated Democrats ;

**WHEREAS** this includes 35,000 Democrats who participated by surrogate affidavits allowed for work, disability, religious or military obligations, but many potential participants could not attend due other conflicts and were not eligible to vote by proxy;

**WHEREAS** the Democratic National Committee will not allow us to split our delegate allocation process using both the precinct caucus and the May 24th state presidential primary;

**WHEREAS** some people submitted resolutions and suggestions about abolishing the precinct caucuses;

**WHEREAS** we value openness and we want to make our party accessible; and

**WHEREAS** any process can be improved, and it behooves us to be responsive to requests to improve this process;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Washington State Democratic Party recommends that the Washington State Democratic Central Committee respond to these concerns by creating a Caucus and Primary Task Force to review the lessons learned from the 2016 presidential selection process and to propose improvements; and

**THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this task force hold hearings or virtual hearings and report its findings and proposals for improving the delegate selection process to the WSDCC within one year.

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