**Increase investments to End Homelessness in Washington!**

**WHEREAS** everyone should have the opportunity to live in a safe, healthy, affordable home;

**WHEREAS** the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction identified 35,551 public school students who experienced homelessness during the 2014-2015 school year, a 36% increase over 2010-2011;

**WHEREAS** during the most recent King County One Night Count of people who are homeless and without shelter in January 2016, volunteers identified 4,505 people surviving outside between 2:00 am and 5:00 am, after area shelters were full (a 19% increase over the 2015 count);

**WHEREAS** the annual statewide point in time count identified 19,418 people experiencing homelessness in January 2015;

**WHEREAS** housing affordability and homelessness have reached a crisis level in communities throughout Washington;

**WHEREAS** Seattle Mayor Ed Murray and King County Executive Dow Constantine have declared a state of emergency due to rising homelessness;

**WHEREAS** a national study found that for every $100 increase in average rents, homelessness increases by 15% in urban areas, and by 39% in rural and suburban areas;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Washington State Democratic Party calls for a significant increase in investment in the state Housing Trust Fund to create newly affordable homes for low income households in Washington;

**THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Washington State Democratic Party calls for state investments in efforts to prevent and end homelessness be significantly increased.

Submitted by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_to the Washington State Democratic Central Committee (WSDCC) for consideration at its June 17-19, 2016 meeting.

Submitted on 3/26/2016 at a caucus of the WSDCC in precinct number \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ .

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