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## REPEAL I-200: DIVERSITY RESOLUTION

**WHEREAS**, the 30th Legislative District is one of Washington state's most ethnically, racially and economically diverse legislative districts which includes diverse communities like Federal Way, Algona, Milton and Pacific, as well as parts of the cities of Auburn and Des Moines and portions of unincorporated King and Pierce Counties;

**WHEREAS**, as of 2017, according to Washington state's Office of Financial Management, Washington's population has grown to 7.3 million people of which 50% are women and over 30% people of color;

**WHEREAS**, 20 years ago on November 3, 1998, Washington State passed Initiative 200, which banned Diversity programs to prevent discrimination against women, people of color in higher education, public contracting and public employment;

**WHEREAS**, Washington state's demographic and economic forces have produced significant education and employment gaps, particularly for people of color, and if the Legislature fails to act soon, these gaps will likely worsen;

**WHEREAS**, the King County Democratic Central Committee (KCDCC), the Martin Luther King County Labor Committee (MLKCLC) and the Washington Federation of State Employees (WFSE) have all passed resolutions endorsing the repeal of I-200;

**WHEREAS**, State Representative Sharon Tomiko-Santos and State Senator Maralyn Chase have introduced House Bill 1158 and Senate Bill 6406 to repeal I-200 and restore gender and racial Diversity in college admissions, public employment and contracting;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the 30th District Democrats hereby endorse HB 1158 and SB 6406, and urge Senator Mark Miloscia, State Representatives Kristine Reeves and Mike Pellicciotti to vote YES on this legislation in Committee and on the floor during the 2018 Legislative Session, and we urge Governor Jay Inslee to sign this legislation into law.

**THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that we urge House Speaker Frank Chopp and Senate Majority Leader Senator Sharon Nelson to bring this legislation to the House and Senate Floors for a vote during the 2018 Legislative Session.

Approved on February 7, 2018 by the 30th District Democrats.

Allison F. Taylor, Chair