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## Resolution Calling on State Committee Members to Vote in Favor of a Primary as the Determining Step for Presidential Delegate Allocation

**WHEREAS** the Washington State Democratic Party State Central Committee will vote in April on whether to retain presidential precinct caucuses as the determining step for national delegate allocation or adopt the existing vote-by-mail primary for the same purpose; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2016, approximately 274,000 Democrats participated in the party's precinct caucuses, while 802,754 Democrats voted in the state's non-binding primary; and

**WHEREAS** the Democratic Party, as the party of workers, believes that working people shouldn't have to choose between a shift and a vote; and

**WHEREAS** the Democratic Party, as the party of working families, believes that voting shouldn't require someone to find a sitter; and

**WHEREAS** the Democratic Party is dedicated to fighting ableism, ageism, and all obstacles to full participation in the democratic process; and

**WHEREAS** the suppressive effects on voter turnout from precinct caucuses run counter to these and other core Democratic values; and

**WHEREAS** Washington taxpayers already pay for administration of a statewide Democratic primary by funding state elections infrastructure; and

**WHEREAS** the plan to use the primary as the determining step for delegate allocation will preserve legislative district and congressional district caucuses for the purpose of delegate election, community engagement, and party development; and

**WHEREAS** the state party projects that transitioning to a primary/caucus hybrid system will save the party millions of dollars and thousands of volunteer hours; and

**WHEREAS** party funds and members' volunteer labor are best spent electing Democrats and fighting for Democratic values;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the 30th District Democrats support transitioning to a primary as the determining step in allocating national delegates and call on their State Committee Members to vote accordingly at the April 2019 State Central Committee meeting.

Approved on March 6, 2019 by the 30th District Democrats.

*Allison Fine Taylor*

Allison Fine Taylor, Chair

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