

## **Resolution Requesting Clarity Regarding PCOs in Special Nominating Caucuses**

**WHEREAS** only newly elected PCOs are viewed as valid for the purposes of voting in legislative district matters after December 1st on even years and any appointed PCOs during that time must be appointed again after the county and legislative district's reorganizations.

**WHEREAS** confusion existed over if appointed PCOs would be allowed to cast their-votes in the 37th Legislative District Special Nominating Caucus and if the 37th LD should be forced by the Chair of the KCDCC to postpone the Caucus until after reorganization when appointed PCOs could be appointed again

**WHEREAS** this confusion resulted in a lawsuit being brought in the King County Superior 'Court against KCDCC and the King County Council in order to delay the Special Nominating Caucus to select the ranked choices to fill a legislative seat left vacant until after the reorganization occurred in the 37th LD

**WHEREAS** the settlement in between the plaintiffs, KCDCC, and the King County Council was that a request for clarity in the WSDCC Bylaws was to be brought before the Rules Committee of the WSDCC for clarification by a King County State Committee Member on behalf of the King County Chair

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the WSDCC will refer this matter to the Rules Committee (or a special committee if the WSDCC Executive Committee so chooses) for the proposed amendment per the settlement between the parties be made to Article VII, section C of the WSDCC Bylaws:

In making interim legislative appointments in single-county legislative districts, the county central committee shall make its appointment from a list of three names submitted to the committee by a caucus of the elected and appointed Democratic precinct committee officers of the precincts within the legislative district. The county chair shall call this caucus on a date during the terms of both the elected and appointed precinct committee officers.

Adopted by the King County Democratic Central Committee, January 24, 2017.

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