

Resolution to establish a Seattle commission to address issues of disability

WHEREAS, people who have disabilities are entitled to dignified and productive lives, the opportunity to choose relevant lifestyles, and the freedom to experience environments without barriers; and

WHEREAS, people who have disabilities possess unique talents, insights, and values needed to ensure that Seattle, the nation, and the world become better and more productive societies; and

WHEREAS, governmental policies and practices have often introduced barriers that prevent people who have disabilities from participating in the decisions that affect them, from realizing their full potential, and from contributing to the greater good.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the King County Democratic Central Committee (KCDCC) calls upon the Seattle Mayor and Seattle City Council to establish a Seattle Commission specifically to advise the City on how best to address concerns expressed by people with disabilities; and

Be It Further Resolved, that the Chair of the KCDCC (or the Chair's designee) shall communicate approval of this resolution to the Chair of the Washington State Democratic Central Committee (WSDCC), Mayor of Seattle, and Seattle City Council, with a copy to the Proponent of this Resolution, through electronic mail before the date of the next WSDCC meeting (September 26, 2009).

Passed by 43rd LD Democrats, September 15, 2009

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