

Resolution

Barring the Use of District Resources for Precinct Caucuses

WHEREAS the last two competitive Democratic Presidential nomination processes (2008 & 2016) have resulted in overflow crowds and chaos at our precinct caucuses with many disabled and physically-compromised individuals unable to participate; and

WHEREAS the precinct caucus process is inherently discriminatory against the working poor and others who cannot devote the time required to spend all day at a caucus meeting and marginalized communities who do not feel safe or welcome at the caucuses; and

WHEREAS changes required to significantly increase absentee participation that would address the problems above would result in, for all practical purposes, a Presidential primary run with party resources and volunteer labor and would be cost-prohibitive and may not be technically feasible;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that we, the 47th District Democrats, request that the Washington State Democratic Central Committee (WSDCC) vote to replace the use of precinct caucuses for the purpose of Presidential delegate allocation with a state-run Presidential primary election; and

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that should the WSDCC vote to maintain the use of precinct caucuses for Presidential delegate allocation, the 47th District Democrats bars the use of District resources for these precinct caucuses in 2020; and

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution serves notice that should the Washington State Democratic Party desire that precinct caucuses occur within the boundaries of the 47th Legislative District, they will have to organize, fund, and staff them.

Adopted by the 47th District Democrats on February 6, 2019