

## **Resolution of the 46th District Democrats Executive Board Supporting the Purchase of Election Equipment by King County**

WHEREAS, the 2008 election will be one of the most important elections in the history of our country and our state; and

WHEREAS, it is a priority of the Democratic Party to transition our electoral process in King County to all vote by mail to maximize voter participation and strengthen our democracy; and

WHEREAS, 38 of 39 counties in Washington state have already made the transition or are in the process of making the transition to an all vote by mail system to maximize voter participation and strengthen our democracy; and

WHEREAS, King County is considering purchasing new election equipment that will allow King County to transition to all vote by mail for the 2008 election; and

WHEREAS, it is a requirement of Federal Law that any ballot tabulation election equipment used by King County be fully certified by the Federal Elections Commission prior to use in an actual election; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Federal Law, the election equipment being considered for purchase by King County will be fully tested and certified prior to use in an election; and

WHEREAS, if the election equipment being considered for purchase by King County does not receive the required certification, then it will be returned to the manufacturer at no cost to King County taxpayers; and

WHEREAS, the King County Elections Office has many public oversight mechanisms in place and has received national recognition as a leader in election management;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Executive Board of the 46th District Democrats urges the King County Executive and the King County Council to move forward and approve the proposed purchase of the new ballot tabulation equipment in time for testing, certification and use in the 2008 elections; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Executive Board of the 46th Legislative District Democrats urges the King County Executive and the King County Council to conduct a public demonstration of the new equipment after the testing period to prove the efficacy and accuracy of the equipment.

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*Adopted unanimously by the Executive Board of the 46th District Democrats on July 3, 2007*