

34th District Democratic Precinct Caucus Resolutions
High Point Community Center Area Caucus
March 6, 2006

Summary of All Resolutions from the High Point Area Caucus

(Individual resolutions also are separately referenced in the Platform and on www.34dems.org)

Be it resolved by the area Democratic Caucus at High Point Community Center:

- Members of Congress are hereby instructed to support both HR 1200 and HR 676 and to design and enact a national health program consistent with the principles of universal publicly funded health care coverage.
- Washington state mobilize its resources to provide affordable housing with the needed supports so that all of our residents may have a home.
- All elected representatives are asked to ensure that: no further public funding be provided for the purpose of renovating Key Arena (the Seattle Center Coliseum) for the Seattle Supersonics; representatives of King County legislative districts take every action to prevent any further public funding for the Seattle Supersonics; and the King County Democratic Chair sends a copy of this resolution with a cover letter to King County legislators, the King County Council and the Chair of the state Democratic party.
- We urge our state representatives and senator to join in the sponsorship and passage of the Fairshare Health Care legislation. A copy of this resolution will be forwarded to the House Health Care and Senate Health and Long Term Care committees, our members of the legislature, the governor and the Secretary of State.
- We urge members and voters to refuse to sign the anti-equal rights initiative and referendum. Adoption of this resolution would also allow the campaign against these ballot measures (e.g., www.washingtonwoulddiscriminate.org) to list the King County Democrats as opposing the signature gathering effort.
- We support passage of SB 6651 or HB 2873 (regarding the restoration of voting rights to felons) and urge state representatives Eileen Cody and Joe McDermott and state senator Erik Poulsen to join in the sponsorship and passage of this legislation. It is our intent that this resolution be forwarded to the state committee, our members of the legislature, the Governor and the Secretary of State.
- Washington state should strengthen its educational system with revenue generated by the estate tax reinstated in SB 6096 as one of the most equitable strategies to fund such services. We oppose I-920 and support the retention of SB 6096.
- We join with the Washingtonians for Energy Security in endorsing I-937 to the people, which will ensure electric utilities purchase 15 percent of their power from clean, appropriately sited renewable resources by 2020 and realize all available cost-saving energy efficiency.

- The type of benefits provided in the original GI Bill should be restored and funded for all veterans; full funding of Veterans Administration hospitals should be restored and expanded in anticipation of the increased demand the current Republican leadership is creating; and we ask the Democratic party of the state of Washington to encourage veterans to participate in the local and state party and to support the candidacy of veterans running as Democrats for congressional offices in Republican held congressional districts.
- The President of the United States shall not be able to conduct warrantless wiretaps on US citizens per the fourth amendment to the US Constitution. Wiretapping should require court warrants as provided for by the Foreign Intelligence Security Act (FISA) court regulations already in place.
- The Democratic party should actively support the strengthening and expansion of international law through multilateral institutions such as the United Nations and instruct Democratic members of congress and a Democratic president, if one is elected, to ratify the declaration of the rights of a child.
- We support national legislation that would create a cabinet-level Department of Peace.
- The Democratic party believes that quality education is the highest priority issue facing our communities; that the state must meet its paramount duty to fund K-12 education, that the state legislature and governor take immediate action to provide ample funding for basic education; that congress and the president fully fund federal mandates under Individuals with Disabilities Act (IDEA) and Title I of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act; and that we call upon all Democratic elected officials to sponsor or sign on to legislation that would accomplish these objectives.
- We oppose all attempts to remove “sexual orientation” and “gender identity” from the list of protected groups under the Washington state law governing the jurisdiction of the Human Rights Commission, and oppose any initiatives or referendums to overturn HB 2661, the Anderson-Murray Anti-Discrimination Bill, which passed in the 2006 legislative session.
- We support: 1) making election day a national holiday; 2) immediate restoration of voting rights of felons who have completed their sentences; 3) public financing of all election campaigns; 4) laws requiring all broadcast license holders to provide adequate free air time to political candidates as a condition of their FCC license; 5) fair, voter-verifiable, fully transparent and auditable voting systems; 6) inclusive campaign and debate process that does not exclude credible third party candidates; 7) aggressive congressional investigation of improper connections between government and industry; and 8) universal voter registration of all US citizens who are eligible voters.
- We oppose the sale of federal lands through the Bureau of Land Management and USDA Forest Service.
- The members of the House of Representatives should initiate a bill for the impeachment of George W. Bush.
- The Washington State Congressional Delegation should initiate and introduce bills for the withdrawal of all US troops from Iraq as quickly as possible, but no later than six months from now.

- The area Democratic Caucus at High Point Community Center recommends a slogan for the 2006 Democratic campaign consisting of the words: “Return America to the People!”