



42nd Legislative District DEMOCRATS

Resolution in Support of PCO Elections in Washington State

1 **WHEREAS** Washington's political system is more transparent and more democratic because we e
2 elect PCOs;

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4 **WHEREAS** Washington's Legislature passed precinct committee officer election laws in 1907 to
5 prevent the political corruption of Tammany Hall and Boss Tweed, because PCOs are elected by
6 the voters in the precinct, not chosen by the Party boss;

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8 **WHEREAS** elected PCOs are a source of stability for the Democratic and Republican (D and R)
9 parties; and

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11 **WHEREAS** the election of PCOs every two years is the "re-set button" that allows us to re-
12 organize our county and LD parties, electing their officers and state committee representatives,
13 who then control the state party;

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15 **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that we call on the Auditor of Whatcom County to acknowl-
16 edge the valuable role that elected PCOs play in Washington's democracy; and

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18 **THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that we ask the Auditor of Whatcom County to call
19 on the Washington Association of County Officials to work with the Republican and Democratic
20 parties to find a sensible way to continue this important feature of our democracy.

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22 This resolution was passed by the 42nd Legislative District Democrats at its December 3, 2011 meeting in Ferndale,
23 WA.