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1 **Resolution of the 46th District Democrats Supporting All Vote-By-Mail in**
2 **King County and Calling for Thorough Evaluation and Public Testing of**
3 **Elections Equipment for Use in 2008 Election**
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5 WHEREAS, the 2008 election will be one of the most important elections in the history of
6 our country and our state; and
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8 WHEREAS, it is a priority of the Democratic Party to transition our electoral process in King
9 County to all vote by mail to maximize voter participation and strengthen our democracy;
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12 WHEREAS, 38 of 39 counties in Washington state have already made the transition or are in
13 the process of making the transition to an all vote by mail system to maximize voter
14 participation and strengthen our democracy; and
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16 WHEREAS, King County is considering purchasing new election equipment that will allow
17 King County to transition to all vote by mail for the 2008 election; and
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19 WHEREAS, it is a requirement of Federal Law that any ballot tabulation election equipment
20 used by King County be fully certified by the Federal Elections Commission prior to use in
21 an actual election; and
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23 WHEREAS, in accordance with Federal Law, the election equipment being considered for
24 purchase by King County will be fully tested and certified prior to use in an election; and
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26 WHEREAS, if the election equipment being considered for purchase by King County does
27 not receive the required certification, then it will be returned to the manufacturer at no cost to
28 King County taxpayers; and
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30 WHEREAS, the King County Elections Office has many public oversight mechanisms in
31 place and has received national recognition as a leader in election management;
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33 **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the 46th District Democrats urges the King
34 County Executive and the King County Council to thoroughly and completely evaluate all
35 options for equipment that will enable All Vote-By-Mail in King County in 2008—including
36 the use of existing equipment, new equipment or a combination therein; and
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38 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the 46th District Democrats urges the King County
39 Executive and the King County Council to require King County Elections to conduct a local
40 public demonstration of equipment, new or used, that would be utilized in the 2008 elections,
41 and that the local public demonstration and testing of the equipment be completed before
42 King County commits to purchasing new equipment.
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45 *Adopted by the 46th District Democrats on Thursday, July 19, 2007.*
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