**Resolution in Support of PCO Elections**

**in Washington State**

**WHEREAS** Washington’s political system is more transparent and more democratic because we elect PCOs;

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

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

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

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that we call on Carolyn Weikel to acknowledge the valuable role that elected PCOs play in Washington’s democracy; and

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

**THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that we ask the Washington State Legislature, and our State Senator Paul Shinn and State Representatives Mary Helen Roberts and Marko Liias, to support the election of precinct committee officers through legislative efforts.

This resolution was passed by the 21st Legislative District Democratic Organization at its December 20, 2011 meeting in Lynnwood, WA.