Restoring Voter Confidence in Election Integrity

Whereas, Washington State residents have a right to be assured that our elections have integrity; and

Whereas, election officials have a legal duty and ethical obligation to provide publicly verified information to voters so they might attain that assurance; and

Whereas, the county auditors overseeing our elections cannot guarantee that mailed out ballots reach the intended eligible recipients, as voters move and ballots are forwarded, sometimes to different states; and

Whereas, the Department of Licensing (DOL) registers voters but does not verify their citizenship unless they apply for enhanced driver's licenses; and

Whereas, Washington law does not prevent the practice of ballot harvesting; and

Whereas, Washington State County Auditors should allow citizens, called Election Observers, to witness and follow the ballot counting process from drop off to final count and transmission of each county's data to the state, giving voters the maximum confidence that every legal vote is counted;

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the WSRP supports legislation that closes exceptions and loopholes to restore voter confidence in our election process; and

Be it further resolved that the WSRP supports legislation to stop the automatic forwarding of ballots to registered voters that have moved; and

Be it further resolved that the WSRP supports legislation to require enhanced drivers' licenses or enhanced ID cards, obtained through the DOL, as the only valid identification allowed for voting, with funding mechanisms in place to prevent cost from ever being a barrier to voting; and

Be it finally resolved that the WSRP will allocate time and resources to coordinate with the Republican leadership in Washington County Parties to ensure a transparent process by confirming that voting systems within each county may be relied upon to provide an accurate count of the votes, work towards training Republicans to become involved as qualified Election Observers, and assure that the ballot-counting process be observable from drop-box to ballot storage, all the way through to the final validation of the votes.