

What is the purpose of a resolution?

Advocacy

- 1) Advocate for an issue you care about.
- 2) Prescribe the action/s to be taken.
- 3) Ongoing use as an advocacy tool.

1) Advocate for an issue you care about

A resolution is used to argue in favor of an issue you care about, strengthened by documented references. The WHEREAS clauses hold this information.

Here are just a few examples,

- Fact and science-based sources,
- Reputable publications or websites,
- [Party Platform](#) elements (to demonstrate the Party's beliefs support taking action),
- [2023 WSDCC Legislative Priorities](#) (pdf),
- Party Caucuses, Committees and LPO's

Examples

Example issues the WSDCC recently voted on,

- [1017](#) - Support of a Washington Tax on Extreme Wealth,(SB 5486 and HB 1473)
- [1016](#) - Disability education in schools
- [1015](#) - Ending the state-wide ban on rent controls
- [1013](#) - Natural Climate Solutions Investments in State Forestland
- [1007](#) - Supporting Starbucks Workers (May 2023 meeting)

2) Prescribe the actions to be taken

Write clearly defined actions to support the outcome you want.

For example, prescribed actions might include,

- Directing who should receive the resolution and what they should do with it,
- Asking an entity to support or vote on a bill or legislation – be specific if you know exactly how you want them to vote,
- Asking the State Party Chair to support the issue(s) and how,
- Forwarding to the Advocacy Committee for follow up.

*The Resolutions Committee follows Rules section VII.d when reviewing actions in the THEREFORE. Staff also relies on this section to know what person/agency/committee to direct the resolution to.

3) Advocacy tool for future activist efforts

A resolution is a tool for ongoing *advocacy efforts.

For example,

- When advocating with elected officials; to show large support for an issue,
- When communicating with other democrats who may be less involved.
- As a template to customize for your LPO/Committee/Caucus, or
- As a supporting document in LPO/Committee/Caucus advocacy efforts,
- As an historical record for reference on Party advocacy efforts.

*When your advocacy needs shift, or a resolution becomes stale or outdated, please update it so anyone using it has the most current data and action requests.

Resources

Writing a resolution but don't want to duplicate efforts? Looking for an idea or a resolution to update? Ask around and/or browse these documents.

- [Rules for Resolutions \(updated as of Sept 30 2023\)](#)
- [Constituency Caucuses and Committees](#)
- [LPOs](#)
- [2023 WSDCC Legislative Priorities identified by the Advocacy Committee](#) (pdf)
- [Active Resolutions](#)
- [Party Platform](#)
- ResolutionsChairs@wa-democrats.org
- Resolutions recommended for Update (coming after Jan 2024)