

IN SUPPORT OF ENERGY INDEPENDENCE

Whereas, the economy of the United States and the world is dependent on the supply of reasonably priced energy in all its forms: Natural Gas, Hydroelectric power, Petroleum, Nuclear Power, Coal and Natural Gas, Wind and Solar Power.

Whereas, the Biden Administration and the Democratic Party have imposed a burdensome transition to expensive and unreliable Solar and Wind-generated electricity and away from these abundant and clean energy sources.

Whereas, the Biden administration and the Democratic Party have imposed an arbitrary termination for combustion engines and natural gas appliances.

Whereas, said arbitrary termination has caused a lack of investments in updating and modernizing the transportation and processing methods and the production of all petroleum products.

Whereas, The United States has an abundance of natural resources and technology sufficient to lead the world in energy production and exports such as Petroleum and Liquefied Natural Gas without jeopardizing domestic supplies.

Now Therefore, it is resolved the Republican Party of Skagit County calls upon the Congress of the United States to override these obstacles to energy independence by establishing, in law, an inclusive (all of the above) approach to energy production for the United States of America.

SCRP Resolution: Oppose SHB 2368

Facilitating the Immigrant Industrial Complex

Whereas SHB 2368 is a new proposed law by the Washington State legislature that authorizes the Department of Social and Health Services to coordinate statewide efforts to “assist” Immigrants and Refugees with millions of dollars of tax-payer cash and services.

Whereas a \$25 million appropriation for SHB 2368 would provide tax-payer cash assistance, medical assistance, long-term housing, employment, and training programs for illegal immigrants.

Whereas it is neither appropriate nor compassionate to offer cash and services incentivizing foreigners to illegally enter and remain in our country, undermining the Rule of Law.

Whereas SHB 2368 enables, encourages, and has the effect of condoning illegal immigration, criminal trafficking, and human smuggling.

Whereas SHB 2368 will inevitably increase pressure on housing, healthcare and schools and increase the potential for more violence, crime, and deadly drug distribution (including Fentanyl) contributing to the degradation of Washington State.

Whereas SHB 2368 is another needless Democrat ‘jobs program’ adding more financial burden on the taxpayers and adding to the unending tax-payor funded government bureaucracy.

Whereas SHB 2368 codifies government state assistance to illegal immigrants making Washington a perpetual Sanctuary “Nanny” State.

Whereas SHB 2368 facilitates the Democrat controlled DSHS and Democrat controlled Non-Government Organizations to permanently move Immigrants and Refugees to strategic elections locations.

Whereas the Skagit County Republican Party welcomes and supports rational legal immigration, which SHB 2368 undermines and damages.

Now, Therefore Be It Resolved, the Skagit County Republican Party wholeheartedly opposes the passage of SHB 2368, which is a total failure of public policy.

RESOLUTION ON IMMIGRATION AND BIRTHRIGHT CITIZENSHIP

WHEREAS Washington State declared itself a so-called “sanctuary state” in 2019, an overtly partisan political act designed to obstruct enforcement of immigration laws, which act entices illegal immigrants to the state with the promise of sanctuary and protection from removal and deportation;

WHEREAS the Biden Administration has since 2021 wilfully and systematically refused to comply with immigration laws, failed to control the borders to the detriment of national security, compromised public safety, and violated the rule of law and separation of powers in the Constitution to the manifest injury of the United States and Washington State;

WHEREAS Washington State has recently passed legislation specifically designed to encourage illegal immigrants to settle in the state, receive subsidised housing and preferential employment assistance;

WHEREAS the financial stability and social cohesion of the State of Washington and its cities, towns and counties is threatened by the prospect of an unrelenting influx of illegal immigrants creating a burden on public services, school districts, law enforcement and housing all as a consequence of the intentional conduct of the Biden Administration and the Washington State Democrat Party;

WHEREAS the 14th Amendment to the Constitution guarantees citizenship at birth to almost all individuals born in the United States and subject to the jurisdiction thereof;

WHEREAS the Preamble of the Constitution describes the purpose of our Union to “... establish justice, ensure domestic tranquility, [and] provide for the common defense;”

WHEREAS justice and domestic tranquility cannot endure when our laws are unequally enforced or not enforced at all, and providing for the common defense requires our borders be protected from invasion at all costs;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Skagit County Republican Party calls for the explicit repeal of the so-called “Keep Washington Working Act” (codified at RCW10.93.160) and the explicit nullification of Governor Inslee’s Executive Order 17-01 (styled as “Reaffirming Washington’s Commitment to Tolerance, Diversity, and Inclusiveness);

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Skagit County Republican Party supports and calls on the Congress to pass HR4864, presented in the 118th Congress and styled as the “End Birthright Citizenship Fraud Act.”

Resolution to Remove Election Machines in Skagit County

WHEREAS: We the people realize the importance of electoral integrity and the constitutional mandate that individual states oversee their own elections, the continued use of electronic voting technology is a matter of utmost concern.

WHEREAS: These electronic voting systems, while aimed at enhancing efficiency, have demonstrated vulnerabilities that can compromise the accuracy of the vote.

WHEREAS: Elections have moved towards a quasi-federalized structure, the risk of undue federal influence is too high, jeopardizing state-level sovereignty.

WHEREAS: The removal of electronic voting systems would not only bolster the public's confidence in electoral outcomes but would also offer the benefit of reduced expenditure, and same day results.

WHEREAS: National security implications cannot be overlooked as electronic systems are susceptible to interference from unknown actors, and creating threats that compromise the integrity of our democratic institutions.

THEREFORE: It is imperative that we remove manipulative technology from our elections. This will not only honor the Constitution's allocation of electoral responsibilities to the states, but also serve as a robust safeguard for our personal security.

THEREFORE: Since our current electronic voting machines can be manipulated, we cannot continue to use them and maintain the confident vote of the people. For decades the citizens of our state voted in person (with reasonable absentee ballot accommodations for military, overseas citizens, etc.), on one day, with photo ID, paper ballots and local hand-counting, and we can accomplish this again.

RESOLUTION: We move to eliminate electronic voting machines, return to same day in-person voting with photo ID, paper ballots, and transparent precinct-by-precinct hand counting. We move for the state party platform to adopt the same, and for the party to direct the legislature to legislate and support the same.

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Approved ^{vote} by members of Skagit County Precinct # 126 Gear

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★ Passed unanimously
by 172 ★

**SKAGIT COUNTY REPUBLICAN PARTY
RESOLUTION ON HOMELESS RELOCATION
JANUARY 2024**

WHEREAS gathered statistics demonstrate that homelessness is on the rise in Washington State, including in its Western-most counties along the I5 corridor such as, e.g., Skagit, which experienced a 191% increase in unsheltered individuals from 2022 to 2023;

WHEREAS there is anecdotal evidence that local government agencies (including specifically law enforcement) intentionally relocate homeless individuals across city/county/state lines;

WHEREAS an increase in homelessness causes/risks the creation and establishment of illegal homeless encampments;

WHEREAS homelessness increases the fiscal burden on taxpayers, negatively impacts the tourism, hospitality, event and retail industries and disrupts the economic growth of communities generally;

WHEREAS homelessness is empirically correlated to property crime, drug crime and violent crime;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Washington State Republican Party supports legislation that would bar government agencies from: (1) actively moving (or passively permitting the moving of) homeless individuals across city or county lines within the state; (2) actively relocating (or passively permitting the relocation of) homeless individuals across city/county lines within the state; and (3) actively accepting the moving (or passively permitting the moving of) homeless individuals from outside the state into the state.

** Passed by unanimous
vote 172*

**SKAGIT COUNTY REPUBLICAN PARTY
RESOLUTION ON CASH PROTECTION
JANUARY 2024**

WHEREAS per FDIC statistics, 4.5% of households were “unbanked” in 2021 (meaning no one in the household had a checking or savings account at a bank or credit union);

WHEREAS per FDIC statistics, unbanked rates are higher among lower-income households, less-educated households, Black and Hispanic households, working-age households with a disability and single-mother households;

WHEREAS per FDIC statistics, only 71.5% of households had a credit card in 2021;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Washington State Republican Party supports legislation that would bar businesses selling or offering goods or services from (i) requiring a buyer to pay using a credit card or a central bank digital currency and (ii) prohibiting the use of cash, cashier’s checks or money orders as valid payment methods, subject to reasonable exception (e.g., online-only transactions).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Washington State Republican Party supports legislation that would bar any government agency from (i) requiring citizens to pay for transactions using a credit card or a central bank digital currency and (ii) prohibiting the use of cash, cashier’s checks or money orders as valid payment methods, subject to reasonable exception (e.g., online-only transactions).

**RESOLUTION
DIVERSITY, EQUITY AND INCLUSION
K-12 EDUCATION**

WHEREAS THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON ARTICLES 1 AND 2 INSURE AND ARE ESTABLISHED TO PROTECT INDIVIDUAL RIGHTS:

WHEREAS RCW 28A.200, 28A.150.010, and RCW 28A.195-195.010 ARE ALL PERMITTED FORMS OF EDUCATION:

WHEREAS **DIVERSITY** REFERENCES OUR FOURTEENTH AMMENDMENT JURISPRUDENCE AND STATES THAT THE U.S. SUPREME COURT "HAS FOUND DIVERSITY IN EDUCATION TO BE A COMPELLING GOVERNMENT INTEREST" *HOFSTRA LAW REVIEW (VOLUME 44 1271) I.d (CITING GRUTTER V. BOLLINGER, 539 U.S. 306, 327-28 (2003))*.

WHEREAS **ERIC THESAURUS** EDUCATIONAL ENVIRONMENT DEFINES IN THEIR SCOPE NOTE: "*Conditions, forces or factors within or exogenous to an educational setting capable of influencing the setting or those within it*"):

WHEREAS THE CURRENT FINANCIAL ENVIRONMENT DOES NOT PROVIDE **EQUITABLE**: *1 : Fairness or justness in dealings between persons (Merriam Webster)1.a justice according to natural law specifically freedom from bias or favoritism (Merriam Webster)*

WHEREAS THE CURRENT FINANCIAL ENVIRONMENT PROVIDES ONLY FOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS TO THE **EXCLUSION** OF OTHER LAWFUL FORMS OF EDUCATION WHICH ARE NOT PROVIDED FOR IN STATE LAW THEREFORE NOT **INCLUDING** THE LAWFUL RIGHT OF STUDENTS TO RECEIVE THE SAME FINANCIAL ALLOTMENT IN ALL ASPECTS TO ATTEND THE SCHOOLS OF THEIR CHOICE.

THEREFOREFOR LET IT BE **RESOLVED** THAT STUDENTS K-12 BE ALLOTTED A SAVINGS ACCOUNT, THE AMOUNT TO BE BANKED FOR EACH STUDENT K-12 IN AN EDUCATION SAVINGS ACCOUNT. SAID AMOUNT SHOULD BE THAT WHICH IS CURRENTLY ALLOCATED FOR PER CAPITA PUBLIC SCHOOL ACCOUNT (RCW 28A .320.330). ADOPT RULES FOR APPLICATIONS TO BE PROCESSED IN A TIMELY MANNER BY A PARENT OR GUARDIAN AND SUBMITTED TO THE SCHOOL DISTRICT IN WHICH THE STUDENT RESIDES IN APPLICATION FORM. SUCH SCHOOLS SHALL INCLUDE AGE-APPROPRIATE TRADE AND APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAMS FOR INTERESTED STUDENTS.

LET IT BE **RESOLVED** THAT FEDERAL AND STATE FUNDING FOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS K-12 TO THE EXCLUSION OF ALL OTHER LEGAL INTITIES IS UNCONSTITUTIONAL AT BOTH STATE AND FEDERAL LEVELS

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Increasing allocation of funds to law enforcement

SKAGIT COUNTY REPUBLICAN RESOLUTION

STATEMENT: The population in Skagit County is increasing and crime is increasing. However the number of law enforcement officers is not increasing sufficiently to permit effective law enforcement services.

WHEREAS, the above is true

WHEREAS, and citizens want less crime - for obvious reasons -

NOW, THEREFOR, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, the allocation of funds for law enforcement be increased. [add all necessary language]

Approved vote by members of Skagit County Precinct # 172

Jolita Gates Carl Long
Lonnie Gates
LoAnn Gates

13 January 2024

INCREASING ALLOCATION OF FUNDS TO COUNTY LAW ENFORCEMENT

WHEREAS the population in Skagit County is increasing and crime is increasing however, the number of law enforcement officers is not increasing sufficiently to permit effective law enforcement services;

WHEREAS citizens want less crime for obvious reasons;

NOW THEREFORE IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the Skagit County Republican Party advocate that the allocation of funds for law enforcement be increased.

SKAGIT COUNTY REPUBLICAN RESOLUTION

LYMAN CAUCUS JANUARY 13, 2024

Requesting all Washington State Legislators take legislative actions to require Dept. of Fish & Wildlife and Commission to stop elk intrusion damages and the spreading of the deadly elk hoof rot on Eastern Skagit County's agriculture floor and private property a mandate of RCW77.04.012.

WHEREAS, 85 elk exposed to the deadly elk hoof rot disease in the Mt. St. Helens Herd were imported into Eastern Skagit County in 2003-05, and

WHEREAS, elk hoof rot disease thrives in wet soils and is spread from field to field and from elk to livestock, and

WHEREAS, right now an estimated 300 elk in Eastern Skagit are infected with this inhumane, incurable death sentence by extreme pain, starvation and dehydration, and

WHEREAS, Fish and Wildlife Dept. are unable to respond to eliminate diseased elk in a timely manner, and

WHEREAS, Fish and Wildlife must be held accountable and liable for animal cruelty and inhumane treatment of the states elk, and

WHEREAS, elk intrusion damages are causing over \$1,500,000 damages annually to Eastern Skagit County (Skagit County Assessor Survey 2019) agriculture farms, and

WHEREAS, elk feces contamination is eliminating fresh and organic food production causing food safety and security issues on 13,500 acres of prime farmland, with 6 crop farmers already having to exit Eastern Skagit, and

WHEREAS, elk are causing traffic collisions on state and county roads, and

WHEREAS, a wildlife overpass will not work in Eastern Skagit County. Skagit County is too flat with many private driveways, no natural barriers to channel elk, will only keep elk on agriculture farmland and critical areas wetlands, and

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, that Fish & Wildlife Dept. and Commission and Director be held accountable for the mismanagement of the imported elk as mandate in RCW77.04.012. The safety and welfare of the citizens of Skagit County has been jeopardized by elk intrusions and now the safety and welfare of the elk themselves is in jeopardy with the spread of the contagious elk hoof rot disease.

Solutions,

1. Reinstate the general hunting season a Goal of the 2002 North Cascade Elk Herd Plan which would encourage the elk to move off the agriculture floor back onto a healthier higher dryer elevation. The original intent was to release the imported elk onto state and federal lands in the higher elevations.

2. Allow landowners and hunters to euthanize diseased or disabled elk without fear of being penalized and report to Fish and Wildlife for directions with the carcass.

Approved by the members of the Lyman pooled caucus _____

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