

2016 THURSTON COUNTY DEMOCRATIC RESOLUTIONS

11. Opportunity for Olympia

(Adopted August 22, 2016)

WHEREAS the Legislature has failed to enact free community college tuition;

WHEREAS the Legislature has defunded higher education, pushing tuition costs to almost \$4,000 for community college students, which is more than ten percent of the annual income of two-fifths of Olympia households; and

WHEREAS the Legislature has also failed to fully fund state need grants leaving 300,000 known students with no financial assistance from the state; and

WHEREAS the Legislature has refused to enact progressive income tax to fully fund education; and when the state refuses to act, Olympia can take the lead!

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Thurston County Democrats support and endorse Opportunity for Olympia, which will provide free community college tuition for all high school graduates in Olympia, funded through a 1.5% excise tax on adjusted gross income in excess of \$200,000.