

2016 THURSTON COUNTY DEMOCRATIC RESOLUTIONS

12. Resolution in Support of Passing Initiative 732 (carbon tax)

(Adopted August 22, 2016)

WHEREAS the Washington State Democratic Platform, adopted by the 2014 State Democratic Convention, calls for “aggressive action now to minimize climate change, as global climate change is the foremost threat to survival of Earth as we know it,” and

WHEREAS the Washington State Democratic Platform calls to “impose a carbon tax at the source to reduce greenhouse gases by providing economic motivation for reduced fossil fuel use,” and

WHEREAS the Washington State Democratic Platform urges that “Washington State should lead national and international efforts to reduce greenhouse gases and mitigate climate change,” and I732 would enact the first state-level carbon tax in the United States, and

WHEREAS the Washington State Democratic Platform calls for “eliminating the Business and Occupation tax,” and

WHEREAS the Washington State Democratic Platform calls for a progressive tax system, and the Working Families Rebate is one of the best solutions available to combat our state’s tax regressivity, and

WHEREAS I-732 has been endorsed by the 5th Legislative District Democrats, 26th Legislative District Democrats, 32nd Legislative District Democrats, 40th Legislative District Democrats, 41st Legislative District Democrats, Kitsap County Democrats, Metropolitan Democratic Club of Seattle, Snohomish County Democrats, Whatcom County Democrats, and Young Democrats of Clark County in its provisions identified as follows:

1. Reduce the state sales tax by one full percentage point.
2. Fund the Working Families Rebate to provide up to \$1500 a year for 400,000 low-income working households in Washington state.
3. Effectively eliminate the Business and Occupation tax for manufacturers.
4. Institute a carbon tax of \$25 per metric ton of carbon dioxide on fossil fuels consumed in the state of Washington.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Thurston County Democrats urge our State Senators and Representatives to endorse I-732, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that our State Senators and Representatives be queried as to their actions and intended actions in furtherance of the above.