

RESOLUTION

Censure State Senators Rodney Tom and Tim Sheldon

WHEREAS Washington State Senators Rodney Tom and Senator Tim Sheldon ran as Democrats in 2010 in the 48th and 35th Legislative Districts and received support from the 48th and 35th District Democrats;

WHEREAS Senators Tom and Sheldon had previously demonstrated in 2012 a shocking deficit of loyalty to the Senate Democratic Caucus and to the Democratic Party more broadly by allowing a seldom-used "Ninth Order" motion to pass in order to advance the minority Republican budget proposal;

WHEREAS this action brought disrepute to the Senate Democratic Caucus and to Washington State Government as a whole;

WHEREAS Senators Tom and Sheldon have again demonstrated gross disloyalty by seeking the support of Senate Republicans to both deprive the Democrats of the majority they earned in the course of elections, and to appoint themselves as Senate Majority Leader and Senate President Pro Tempore, respectively, during the 2013-2014 session;

WHEREAS then State Senators instigated this unprecedented take-over and turned their back on sincere offers for shared leadership with the Democratic Caucus;

WHEREAS these actions furthermore led to adverse change of leadership in the Senate committees vital to the political interests of the Democratic Party and its allies;

WHEREAS these actions furthermore guarantee a "philosophical majority" in the Senate, dominated by Republicans, and thus largely antithetical to the interests of the Democratic Party and its allies; and

WHEREAS Whereas Senator Tom is a sponsor of anti-worker, anti-middle class legislation that conflicts with democratic values;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Thurston County Democratic Party formally censures the State Senators from the 48th and 35th Legislative Districts for their perfidious behavior that has harmed every Democratic State Senator, denying leadership positions to some, denying the ability to pass progressive legislation to many Democratic State House members, and denying to the Governor and the voters of the State the ability to pass a budget that reflects Democratic values;

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Thurston County Democrats commit to withholding support of any kind, including access to VoteBuilder, from Senator Sheldon;

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Thurston County Democrats urge the Senate Democrat Caucus to permanently expel Senators Tom and Sheldon from the caucus;

THEREFORE BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that copies of this resolution shall be delivered to Washington State Senator Ed Murray, Washington State Senator Rodney Tom and Washington State Senator Tim Sheldon, Washington State Senator Karen Fraser, Washington State Senator Nick Harper, Washington State Senator David Frockt, and Washington State Senator Andy Billig.