

**Whereas**, local non-partisan elected officials make daily decisions that affect the health and safety of Democrats across Washington State, and;

**Whereas**, it is generally accepted that the mission of the Democratic Party is to elect Democrats at all levels of government, and;

**Whereas**, grassroots Democrats at the local level are a substantial resource in getting people elected for non-partisan positions, in fact many strong candidates for non-partisan races come from the ranks of the county and LD Democratic Party organizations, and;

**Whereas**, County Democratic Party organizations have well-developed policies and processes for getting Democrats elected into non-partisan offices, and;

**Whereas**, many local non-partisan candidates have relatively small campaign budgets compared to partisan races;

**Therefore be it resolved** that the Washington State Democratic Chairs Organization requests that the Washington State Democratic Central Committee formally adopt the following language as policy regarding access to VoteBuilder by non-partisan candidates:

*1.0 VoteBuilder is a valuable asset to organizing a grassroots campaign to elect Democrats in both partisan and non-partisan elected offices across Washington and shall be recognized as such.*

*2.0 The Chair of the Washington State Democratic Central Committee shall, as a responsibility of the position, develop and implement a written procedure to assign in-kind donations of VoteBuilder accounts to: Democrats running for partisan office at all levels; all Washington State County and Legislative District Organizations; and Non-Partisan races as designated by county party organizations or the State Chairs Organization, as outlined in Sections 2.0 and 3.0 below. This procedure shall include a process for charging non-partisan candidates who are Democrats for access to VoteBuilder. (This Responsibility may be delegated to the Washington State Democratic Chairs Organization only)*

*3.0 The 39 county party organizations shall have the decision authority to designate in-kind donations of VoteBuilder Access to local non-partisan candidates who are Democrats. The criteria for this donation shall be based on policies and procedures of each individual county party organization, in the absence of such the County Chair shall have the decision authority. If such policies and procedures are not present the County Chair is encouraged to request technical assistance from another county or the State Chairs Organization.*

*Decisions on in-kind donations of VoteBuilder access shall be forwarded to the state party office and the procedure identified in section 2.0 of this policy shall be used for assigning an account. This will help to ensure security of the data.*

*Should this section result in a loss of income for the state party, the Chair is encouraged to develop unique fundraising strategies for filling this void in partnership with local party organizations.*

*4.0 The Washington State Democrats Chairs Organization shall have the decision authority to designate in-kind donations of access to VoteBuilder in state-wide non-partisan offices. The Chairs Organization shall develop and implement a written procedure for assigning in-kind donations of VoteBuilder to non-partisan candidates who are Democrats in statewide races.*

*Decisions on in-kind donations of VoteBuilder access shall be forwarded to the State Party office and the procedure identified in section 2.0 of this policy shall be used for assigning an account. This will help to ensure security of the data.*

*Should this section result in a loss of income for the State Party then the Chair is encouraged to develop unique fundraising strategies for filling this void in partnership with local party organizations.*

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