



Restoring Voter Confidence in Election Integrity

Whereas Washington State residents have a right to be assured that our elections have integrity;

Whereas election officials have a legal duty and ethical obligation to provide publicly verified information to voters so they might attain that assurance;

Whereas the county auditors overseeing our elections cannot guarantee that mailed out ballots reach the intended eligible recipients, as voters move and ballots are forwarded, sometimes to different states;

Whereas the Department of Licensing (DOL) registers voters but does not verify their citizenship unless they apply for enhanced driver's licenses;

Whereas Washington law does not prevent the practice of ballot harvesting; and

Whereas Washington State County Auditors should allow citizens, called Election Observers, to witness and follow the ballot counting process from drop off to final count and transmission of each county's data to the state, giving voters the maximum confidence that every legal vote is counted;

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the BCRP supports legislation that closes exceptions and loopholes to restore voter confidence in our election process;

Be it further resolved that the BCRP supports legislation to stop the automatic forwarding of ballots to registered voters that have moved;

Be it further resolved that the BCRP supports legislation to require enhanced drivers' licenses or enhanced ID cards, obtained through the DOL or a US passport or passport card as the only valid identification allowed for voting, with funding mechanisms in place to prevent cost from ever being a barrier to voting; and

Be it finally resolved that the BCRP will allocate time and resources to coordinate with the Republican leadership in Benton County to ensure a transparent process by confirming that voting systems within the county may be relied upon to provide an accurate count of the votes, work towards training Republicans to become involved as qualified Election Observers, and assure that the ballot-counting process be observable from drop-box to ballot storage, all the way through to the final validation of the votes.

Done the 3rd day of March 2022