**RESOLUTION: DECLINE TO SIGN HEYWOOD INITIATIVES**

WHEREAS Brian Heywood, a multimillionaire hedge fund manager who relocated from California in 2010, has invested lots of money in Republican political campaigns and initiative drives both as an individual and through the political committee entitled Let’s Go Washington1,2, and

WHEREAS last year he funded six Jim Walsh sponsored initiatives, including I-2109, I-2117, and I-2124, all of which were soundly defeated by the voters3, as well a seventh initiative sponsored by the Building Industry Association of Washington, and

WHEREAS the initiatives 4 that he has filed for 2025 would, if enacted, inflict great harm on public education, transgender youth, and local governments, and

WHEREAS the 2024 Washington State Democratic Party Platform5 opposes school vouchers and supports the inclusion of transgender youth,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the 32nd Legislative District Democrats call upon all Washingtonians to “think before they ink” and decline to sign petitions for any measures backed by Heywood that are circulated this spring and summer;

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the 32nd LD Democrats urge Washingtonians to donate time, talent, and money to political committees like Permanent Defense that undertake efforts to oppose one or more of these initiatives;

THEREFORE BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that this resolution be shared through the 32nd LD Democrats’ public media channels.

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