**Resolution to Oppose ‘Compassion Seattle' Charter Amendment 29**

Whereas: Seattle’s lack of adequate, affordable permanent housing is the primary driver of homelessness.  Numerous studies have established that the long-term solution to homelessness is permanent, affordable housing — not stopgap measures aimed at reducing the visibility of poverty, like clearing city streets and building temporary shelters; and

Whereas: Many of the backers of CA 29, Seattle Chamber of Commerce, the Downtown Seattle Association, real estate firms like Weyerhauser, Clist Properties, and Vulcan, and former City Council member Tim Burgess have stood in fierce opposition to progressive solutions to address homelessness and build deeply affordable permanent housing; and

Whereas: Charter Amendment, CA 29 does not provide or guarantee safe permanent housing for unhoused people living in Seattle; and

Whereas: CA 29 locks up 12% of Seattle’s general fund for human services for six years, regardless of other public needs, like libraries, parks, fire, public health services, infrastructure, etc. in contradiction of budgeting laws and common sense; and

Whereas: CA 29 repeals all conflicting “preexisting ordinances and rules" without spelling out which laws and ordinances would be repealed; and

Whereas: CA 29 is an unfunded mandate as it requires 2,000 housing units plus services without providing any way to pay for them beyond funds from the 12% lockbox; and

 Whereas: CA29 has no guarantee that any housing that is built remains affordable to low-income residents.

Therefore be it resolved that the 32nd LD Democrats oppose CA 29 (also called “Compassion Seattle”) and will publicly advocate against it’s passage if it does appear on the ballot; and

Be it further resolved that the 32nd LD Democrats endorse the House Our Neighbors campaign to oppose CA 29.

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