**Resolution: Raise the Minimum Wage in Unincorporated King County to at Least $19/hour**

**Whereas** in 2016, state of Washington voters passed Initiative 1433 to increase the state's minimum wage and have it annually adjusted for inflation; and

**Whereas** Initiative 1433 also required state of Washington employers to provide paid sick leave to employees; and

**Whereas** the 2023 minimum wage for Washington state is now $15.74 per hour; and

**Whereas** according to the 2022 National Low Income Housing Coalition's Out of Reach data, an employee making Washington's minimum wage would have to work 103 hours each week to afford a modest one-bedroom rental home at fair market rent in King County; and

**Whereas** the state's minimum wage is insufficient to meet the basic needs of working families in King and Snohomish counties; and

**Whereas** the cites of SeaTac, Seattle, and Tukwila have increased the wage above the state’s minimum wage.

**Therefore, be it resolved** that the 32nd District Democrats support the efforts to raise the minimum wage in unincorporated King County and encourages the cities of Edmonds, Lynnwood, Mountlake Terrace, Shoreline, and Woodway to increase the minimum wage to at least $19 an hour; and

**Therefore, be it further resolved** that a copy of this resolution be sent to the King County Council and County Executive and to the mayor and councilmembers of Edmonds, Lynnwood, Mountlake Terrace, Shoreline, and Woodway.

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Submitted by Alan Charnley, 32nd LD State Committee Person, PCO