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2 **Resolution on Eliminating Superdelegates From Any Role**
3 **at the Democratic National Conventions**
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6 WHEREAS the role of superdelegates (i.e., unpledged delegates who are considered party leaders
7 not chosen by the voters to be delegates to the Democratic National Convention) is undemocratic
8 because as of 2016, the roughly 720 superdelegates represent 15% of the overall delegate count
9 (about 4,770) and are 30% of the majority needed to win the nomination (2383 currently),
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11 WHEREAS the superdelegates are unrepresentative of the Democratic party because 6 in 10
12 are men, close to two-thirds are white, and their average age is around 60;
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14 WHEREAS these superdelegates can swing the selection of presidential nominee to whomever they
15 want with no regard given to the choice of the voters and their choice in the primary by publicly
16 supporting a candidate during the campaign and by voting for a candidate of their choice on the
17 first ballot at the Democratic National Convention;
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19 WHEREAS the Democratic Party created superdelegates in 1982 to ensure that a popular
20 presidential candidate who the Party leaders consider unelectable does not become the nominee;
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22 WHEREAS the results of elections during presidential election years over the last 50 years prove
23 that the outcomes are unrelated to whether the nominee was chosen primarily by party insiders
24 or voters; and
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26 WHEREAS Article Two, Sub-section 4(h) of the Charter of the Democratic Party of the United
27 States establishes and defines the role of superdelegates.
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29 THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that we, the Jefferson County Democrats, in order to make
30 presidential nominations more democratic, call on the Washington State Democratic Party to
31 instruct its representatives on the Democratic National Committee, the DNC, to take the
32 appropriate steps to eliminate the role of superdelegates by deleting Article 2, sub-section 4(h)
33 of the Charter of the Democratic Party of the United States and not replace it with a similar article
34 giving similar powers to another body.
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