

## **Restoring Voter Confidence in Washington State Elections In Specific Regard to Electronic Elections Systems**

**Whereas**, Washington State voters have a right to reasonable assurance of election integrity; and

**Whereas**, elections officials in Washington State have a legal duty and an ethical obligation to provide publicly verifiable information to Washington State voters so that they are able to pursue and attain reasonable assurance of election integrity; and

**Whereas**, the use of electronic voting/tallying systems and mandatory vote-by-mail elections is relatively new, and Washington State has essentially pioneered these systems and their processes in the United States; and

**Whereas**, the ability to tailor and tamper with election tabulation data appears to be built into the software and firmware of each electronic tabulation system (e.g. the “weighted race feature” and manual adjudication), as well as into the operational interface used by elections officials; and

**Whereas**, numerous instances of election-tabulation irregularities related specifically to the use of electronic tabulation systems (which are similar in form and function to the systems used in Washington State), have been reported across the country, including irregularities that appear to be related to functions of the system’s software/firmware itself as well as irregularities that are alleged to be unintentional errors made by elections officials while they are using the machines; and

**Whereas**, Washington State voters are not currently permitted to examine or audit the software, firmware, or data logs of these electronic tabulation systems; and

**Whereas**, appeals to Washington State courts for the ability to run independent audits have been refused out of hand; and

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**Whereas**, independent audits are being rejected by Washington State officials under the guise of being necessary to protect proprietary information, despite the industry standard for such audits commonly including a requirement for the auditor(s) to sign a non-disclosure agreement to protect proprietary information; and

**Whereas**, these circumstances and reports have significantly and negatively impacted voter confidence in the integrity of Washington State's elections.

**Now therefore, be it resolved**, that the King County Republican Party (KCGOP), calls for an immediate and independent audit of Washington State's elections systems' software and firmware in order to obtain, and provide to the public, verifiable evidence that Washington State's electronic voting and tabulation systems, and the processes they employ, are secure and have integrity; and

**Be it further resolved**, that KCGOP calls for the use of regular, independent audits of our elections systems that include full analyses of each electronic voting system's software and firmware to help verify no inappropriate code or manipulative algorithms are imbedded in the infrastructure; and

**Be it further resolved**, that KCGOP calls for a full analysis of each electronic voting system's data-logs to identify and guard against any inappropriate or unlawful use of the system; and

**Be it further resolved**, that KCGOP will support all policies and legislation that help facilitate government transparency and accountability concerning Washington State elections systems, and that strive to protect the ability of Washington State voters to seek out assurance of election integrity by making such evidence publicly available; and

**Be it further resolved**, that KCGOP will oppose any policies, and legislation that seek to impair or hinder government accountability and transparency and the ability of Washington State voters to seek out assurance of election integrity by limiting or prohibiting public access to relevant information and evidence; and

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**Be it finally resolved**, that KCGOP will collaborate with state and county officials, as well as Republican leadership in Washington State, to help provide Washington State voters with assurance of election security and integrity, by holding to the above resolutions and by advocating for transparency by way of making all information concerning Washington State's elections processes available to the public for the purpose of their assurance through its verification.

Drafted by the KCGOP Election Integrity Committee

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