

## **Restoring Voter Confidence in Washington State Elections In Specific Regard to Mail-In Voting**

**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 mail-in balloting is relatively untested, immature in its checks and balances, and lacks the verifiable chain of custody that is well-established in our country's in-person, on-election-day voting systems; and

**Whereas**, Washington State currently conducts elections using a process that essentially excludes and prohibits all forms of voting other than through the use of a mailed out ballot; and

**Whereas**, National Change of Address records appear to indicate significant failures of county auditors in Washington State to maintain accurate and up-to-date records of address for Washington State residents; and

**Whereas**, no county official overseeing our election can verify that each mailed out ballot reaches its intended recipient; and

**Whereas**, no county official overseeing our elections can verify that each returned ballot was filled out by its designated recipient; and

**Whereas**, the current use of ballot security sleeves, as opposed to the sealed security envelopes used in the past, do not prevent elections officials from being able to see and/or tamper with ballots during ballot processing; and

**Whereas**, there are credible reports<sup>1</sup> of partisan operatives in other states taking mail-in ballots of registered voters, and steaming open the envelopes in order to replace a voter's

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legitimate ballot with a fraudulent ballot before resealing the fraudulent ballot in the original, legally signed envelope; 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 the immediate cessation of using unsolicited, mailed out ballots and self-printed ballots; and

**Be it further resolved**, that KCGOP calls for Washington State elections to be conducted using primarily in-person voting (with verification of valid voter ID required), and for mail-in voting to only be allowed for a legally registered voter after that individual has had a direct request for a mailed out ballot granted by the appropriate elections official (i.e., “absentee ballot”); and

**Be it further resolved**, that so long as unsolicited, mail-in voting continues to be permitted in Washington State, KCGOP calls for all state and county address databases to be audited and purged immediately prior to each and every Washington State election in order to help ensure each election ballot is only mailed to the verified, correct, and current address of its designated recipient; and

**Be it finally resolved**, that KCGOP will collaborate with state and county officials, as well as GOP 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.

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<sup>i</sup> <https://www.conservativeglobe.com/articles/bernie-sanders-supporter-admits-to-altering-thousands-of-mail-in-ballots/>

Drafted by the KCGOP Election Integrity Committee

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