KCGOP

Restoring Voter Confidence in Washington State Elections
In Specific Regard to Voter Registration and Non-Citizens

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, Washington State is home to many <u>legal immigrants</u>, and has now also been declared a sanctuary state for <u>illegal aliens</u>; and

Whereas, despite Washington State law allowing drivers' licenses to be issued to non-citizens for more than two decades now, the Office of the Secretary of State has never run an audit of the state voter registration database to identify and remove non-citizens who are inappropriately or unlawfully registered; and

Whereas, Washington State's Department of Licensing (DOL) now has the authority and capability to automatically register to vote <u>any person</u> applying for a Washington State drivers' license or Identicard through their agency, and does so without requiring any verification that an applicant is a <u>citizen</u> of the United States; and

Whereas, Washington State's Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) now has the authority and capability to automatically register to vote any person applying to receive services through their agency, and does so without requiring any verification that an applicant is a <u>citizen</u> of the United States; and

Whereas, any Washington State driver's license, and Identicard, ~~and tribal ID card is~~ are now considered legal identification in Washington State for the use in registering to vote; and

Whereas, thousands of non-citizens (namely, <u>legal</u> immigrants working diligently toward their citizenship), are now confirmed to have been registered to vote without their knowledge or consent and many have unexpectedly receive ballots for recent Washington State elections; and

Whereas, some non-citizens (namely, <u>legal</u> immigrants), have had Washington State ballots cast fraudulently in their names without their knowledge or consent; and

Whereas, data and statistics from the Federal E-Verify database, the USCIS S.A.V.E. database, and the US Department of Homeland Security's Citizenship & Immigration Data Repository, while not perfect or comprehensive, are accessible to state agencies/officials (or available upon request), and can be used to assess Washington State's voter roll integrity and to query the voter database to identify non-citizens who have been improperly and unlawfully registered to vote; and

Whereas, in accordance with RCW 29A.08.125[i] and 52 US Code §21083[ii], the Washington State's Office of Secretary of State has both the duty to maintain a voter registration database that is designed to screen for non-citizens, and the authority to use available federal or state agency databases to do so, yet has never run an audit of Washington State's voter registration database to remove non-citizens; and

Whereas, these circumstances and reports have not only significantly and negatively impacted voter confidence in the integrity of Washington State's elections, but also have the ability to put the citizenship eligibility of many legal immigrants in jeopardy when someone else fraudulently casts a ballot in their name.

Now therefore, be it resolved, that the King County Republican Party (KCGOP) calls for the immediate cessation of automatic and same-day voter registration, and for the Department of Licensing and the Department of Social and Health Services to be prohibited from registering voters or having access to voter registration data; and

Be it further resolved, that KCGOP, in accordance with the provisions and stipulations in RCW 29A.08.125 and 52 US Code §21083, calls for Washington State's Office of the Secretary of State to use any available state, or federal database to assist with running a comprehensive audit to query Washington State's voter registration database for the names of non-citizens for the purpose of their immediate removal; and

Be it further resolved, that KCGOP will strongly support all Washington State policies, and legislation that strive to protect non-citizens from intentionally or accidentally registering to vote, and from being registered to vote without their knowledge and consent; and

Be it further resolved, that KCGOP will support Washington State policies, and legislation that seek to require — and provide — any reasonably necessary financial assistance for citizen-verified identification for voter registration; and

Be it finally resolved, that KCGOP will collaborate with state and county officials, as well as with 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 election processes available to the public for the purpose of their assurance through its verification.

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[i] https://app.leg.wa.gov/RCW/default.aspx?cite=29A.08.125
[ii] https://www.law.cornell.edu/uscode/text/52/21083

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