

1 *Proposed Resolution to Balance Our Upside Down Tax Code*

2 **WHEREAS** The Washington State tax code is rated as the most regressive in the
3 nation, according to the [Institute on Taxation and Economic Policy](#);

4 **WHEREAS** the nature of our upside-down tax code means working families pay as much as
5 six times the rate in state and local taxes than the wealthiest pay;

6 **WHEREAS** the pandemic has laid bare just how our upside-down our tax code
7 perpetuates racist and classist systems;

8 **WHEREAS** we must now take steps to develop a more equitable, fair and just tax system
9 that works for all Washingtonians;

10 **WHEREAS** The stocks of multiple local large technology companies have risen significantly
11 over the course of the pandemic;

12 **WHEREAS** the wealthiest Washingtonians have seen their wealth increase even during
13 the pandemic;

14 **WHEREAS** Washington State depends on the taxes generated by consumers having
15 enough money to spend in their local economies;

16 **WHEREAS** Washington lawmakers can balance our tax code and make investments in
17 services and infrastructure by asking the wealthiest individuals and most profitable
18 corporations to pay more in taxes;

19 **WHEREAS** [over 20 economists and policy experts](#) signed an open letter to the Washington
20 State Legislature that recommends the “best response to the looming recession is to increase
21 long-term investments in education, health care, infrastructure, and economic security”;

22 **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that we support righting our regressive tax structure so it is
23 more fair and everyone pays their fair share; and

24 **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, as an example, that we support passage of SB 5096 in
25 the state legislature; and

26 **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the 24th Legislative District Democrats call on our
27 representatives at all levels of government to raise the revenue needed through progressive
28 taxes; and

29 **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that copies of this resolution be sent to our LD 24 state
30 legislators, representatives Steve Tharinger and Mike Chapman and senator Kevin Van De
31 Wege and our Congressman Derek Kilmer.

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33 Submitted by Diane Jones