

A Resolution Calling On Those Individuals And Organizations Who Endorse Candidates For Office, Or Appoint Candidates For Various Positions, To Consider Diversity When Making Said Endorsements And Appointments

Whereas, the membership of the Washtenaw County Democratic Party (WCDP) recognizes a need for diverse candidates and appointments, in line with our democratic values, and

Whereas, diversity can be defined as varying backgrounds in race, religion, gender, socio-economic status, LGBTQ+ identity, ability/disability status, and age, and

Whereas, the membership of the WCDP recognizes the systemic and historical barriers to entry into positions of authority and influence in politics and government, and

Whereas, the WCDP recognizes these barriers are especially significant with respect to racial minorities in Washtenaw County, and affect the representation of communities of color, and

Whereas, the inclusion of diverse people, viewpoints, and backgrounds in decision-making leads to fair decisions and just policies, and

Whereas, we recognize and applaud the efforts that have already been made in this area, and encourage continued attention to efforts to increase diversity in endorsements and appointments,

Therefore, be it resolved, that the Washtenaw County Democratic Party calls on those individuals and organizations, including the WCDP, who endorse candidates for office, or appoint candidates to various positions, to consider diversity when making said endorsements and appointments, and

Be it further resolved, that the Washtenaw County Democratic Party will transmit a copy of this resolution as approved by our membership at our General Membership Meeting on November 2nd, 2019, to the Governor of the State of Michigan, to the Mayors and Supervisors of Cities and Townships within Washtenaw County, to the members of the Washtenaw County Commission, to the WCDP Executive Board, to the 7th District Democratic Party, to the 12th District Democratic Party, and to the Michigan Democratic Party, as individuals and organizations who often make decisions on endorsements and appointments.