

**Resolution Condemning the Actions of Ypsilanti Township Clerk Karen Lovejoy Roe and Trustee Heather Jarrell Roe in the 2020 Democratic Primary**

WHEREAS Ypsilanti Township Clerk Karen Lovejoy Roe and Trustee Heather Jarrell Roe announced publicly and filed paperwork to run for re-election to their respective positions and then withdrew from those races and filed paperwork right before the filing deadline to run for Washtenaw County Commission (Karen Lovejoy Roe) and Township Clerk (Heather Jarrell Roe) instead when others did not have easy access to the Clerk's office that Clerk Lovejoy Roe had and,

WHEREAS at a recent Ypsilanti Township Board meeting, a majority of the Board voted "no confidence" in Township Clerk Karen Lovejoy based on what the Board found was a repeated pattern of inappropriate actions in her position as an elected official, including allowing a candidate to file for office who was not eligible to run and not notifying multiple candidates of errors in their forms in time for them to correct them and,

WHEREAS Ypsilanti Township Clerk Karen Lovejoy Roe made decisions about ineligible candidates remaining on the ballot that directly benefitted her daughter-in-law Heather Jarrell Roe's candidacy for Township Clerk and,

WHEREAS the actions of these two officials are counter to the values of the Democratic Party, including the Washtenaw County Democratic Party, by preventing fair access to the ballot and a free and fair election,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the members of the Executive Board of the Washtenaw County Democratic Party support the Ypsilanti Township Board's "no confidence" vote against Karen Lovejoy Roe and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of the Executive Board of the Washtenaw County Democratic Party condemn the behavior of Karen Lovejoy Roe and Heather Jarrell Roe in the 2020 Democratic Primary as counter to our values of transparency and fairness and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of the Executive Board of the Washtenaw County Democratic Party will urge the County Party's members not to endorse Karen Lovejoy Roe and Heather Jarrell Roe in the November election if they should win their primary election races due to their behavior and actions in the 2020 Democratic Primary.

*Passed by the Washtenaw County Democratic Party Executive Board on Tuesday, May 19, 2020*