Resolution Censuring the Governor for Actions Regarding Boeing

*Sponsored by Kathleen Smith, 36th Member*

WHEREAS: A major promise of the Democratic Party of Washington has been to protect and extend the welfare of the working people and their organizations;

AND WHEREAS:  The 36th District Democrats were a main force in electing Jay Inslee governor in November 2012 to carry out the program of our party;

AND WHEREAS:  In October 2013, The Boeing Company threatened to move jobs out of state and demanded that the state provide more than 8 billion dollars in tax exemptions and that the members of the Machinists Union, a major labor constituent, give up their defined-benefit pension plan and other benefits;

AND WHEREAS:  Governor Inslee called a special session of the legislature that acceded to Boeing's extortion. but the Machinists refused their part in a 2-to-1 vote; then Boeing and the IAM International insisted on a second vote despite the objections of local union officers that many members would be out-of-town on their holiday vacations;

AND WHEREAS:  Governor Inslee disrespected local union members and process. He added to the pressure and intimidation on Machinists in urging the unfair second vote; state and local officials then used fear and intimidation to press for accepting the Boeing proposal that ultimately cost 28,000 workers their defined- benefit pensions and much higher medical premium.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED;   36th District Democrats censure the governor for his actions;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:  That this resolution be sent to the King County Democratic Party for its adoption.