



Resolution in Support of Preserving Denny Blaine Park as a Body-Positive, Queer-Friendly Space

WHEREAS, Denny-Blaine Park has served as a cherished gathering place for Seattle's LGBTQ+ community for decades, providing a vital space for queer joy, trans freedom, solidarity, and cultural expression; and

WHEREAS, the City of Seattle's proposed changes to the park, prompted by a lawsuit from a small group of neighbors¹, threaten to erase its historic role as a sanctuary for marginalized communities; and

WHEREAS, Washington State court precedent recognizes that nudity is legal in public spaces, the 43rd District Democrats recognize nudity as an important means of expression and not a public nuisance; and

WHEREAS, the 43rd District Democrats recognize that the efforts to restrict access to Denny-Blaine Park and alter its character constitute a queerphobic and transphobic attack, aligning with broader patterns of opposition to LGBTQ+ visibility and public space²; and

WHEREAS, Seattle has a responsibility to protect and preserve spaces that affirm the dignity, safety, and history of its LGBTQ+ residents, particularly in the face of rising anti-queer and anti-trans hostility nationwide;

WHEREAS, the Denny Blaine park advocacy group, known as the Friends of Denny Blaine, has recently communicated to its mailing list that it and its legal advisors believe the decision to ban nudity in part of the park to be unconstitutional³.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the 43rd LD Democrats stand in solidarity with the LGBTQ+ community and affirm our support for Denny-Blaine Park to be restored to its original state, free from discriminatory restrictions imposed by neighbors' lawsuit; and

BE IT THEREFORE FURTHER RESOLVED that the 43rd LD Democrats condemn the actions of the litigants that will have the effect of marginalizing queer Seattleites and call on the City of Seattle to prioritize the park's legacy as a haven for the LGBTQ+ community; and

¹ Seattle Times article on the lawsuit referenced: <https://www.seattletimes.com/seattle-news/politics/judge-order-s-an-end-to-nudity-at-seattles-denny-blaine-park-for-now/>

² Capitol Hill Seattle Blog on how the queer and transgender community understand the lawsuit: <https://www.capitolhillseattle.com/2025/07/seattle-defends-queer-nude-beach-against-legal-bid-to-close-denny-blaine-park-nudity-alone-at-denny-blaine-is-also-not-a-nuisance/>

³ Friends of Denny Blaine communication to its subscribers on their and their legal advisors belief that the decision to change the rules of the park are unconstitutional: <https://mailchi.mp/548e81e83d78/big-bad-news-at-the-park-plus-elections?e=20f33ecb57>

BE IT THEREFORE FURTHER RESOLVED that the 43rd LD Democrats urge our members to contact the Seattle City Council, Seattle Mayor Bruce Harrell, and the Seattle Park Department in support of preserving Denny Blaine Park; and

BE IT THEREFORE FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be sent to the Seattle City Council, Mayor Bruce Harrell, and our state representatives, including State Senator Jamie Pedersen and State Representatives Nicole Macri and Shaun Scott, requesting they publicly denounce this attack on a treasured queer space and take immediate action to protect Denny-Blaine Park's status as a historic queer-welcoming, nude park and beach.

BE IT THEREFORE FINALLY RESOLVED that the Secretary of the 43rd LD Democrats report back on the response from the aforementioned recipients of this resolution at the 43rd LD Democrats General Meeting immediately following its adoption.

Submitted by Ryan Talen to the September 16, 2025 General Meeting of the 43rd LD Democrats.

Adopted by the 43rd LD Democrats at the September 16, 2025 General Meeting.