

Resolution Condemning Dishonest Attack Mailer Against Fellow Democrat

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WHEREAS, While the discourse in political campaigns can and should include honest arguments against a candidate's opponent, this messaging should be grounded in the truth;

WHEREAS, Fact-based political messaging is especially important when a Democrat is running against another Democrat;

WHEREAS, a mailer sent October 14th by the campaign of Sarah Reyneveld, Democratic candidate for 36th House Position 2, falsely accused Democratic opponent Liz Berry of directing PAC contributions to Republican Rep. Matt Shea (Liz Berry was not on the board of the PAC and did not direct the contributions);

WHEREAS, the mailer also falsely accused Liz Berry of "celebrating" Matt Shea (the mailer's own citing source for this clearly shows Liz Berry's article titled "A Legislative Session to Celebrate," which includes a list of several bills, including a bipartisan civil arbitration reform bill (HB 1128), which Rep. Shea sponsored with several Democrats, including Speaker Laurie Jenkins);

WHEREAS, the mailer relies on these two falsehoods to further conclude that Liz Berry "worked with a domestic terrorist," a statement that is even more outrageous given that Liz Berry has repeatedly shared on the campaign trail that a domestic terrorist killed a good friend of hers and severely injured Congresswoman Gabby Giffords;

WHEREAS, the mailer has been condemned by elected officials, including 36th Rep. Noel Frame; and many progressive organizations, including the Washington State Labor Council, several individual labor unions, Fuse Washington, and Planned Parenthood Votes Northwest;

WHEREAS, the 36th District Democrats logo is on the front of the mailer;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the 36th District Democrats strongly condemn the dishonest attack mailer sent by Sarah Reyneveld's campaign on October 14, 2020.