

Resolution to Create Equitable Standards for Elected Officials' Salaries

Whereas people are being excluded from running for office because they cannot afford the pay cut to serve; and

Whereas in the state of Washington most of the elected officials are elected to serve full terms yet are expected to work full-time and be paid part-time wages; and

Whereas the voter expectations of elected officials are to work full-time in their part-time positions yet need to have other sources of income to provide for themselves and their families; and

Whereas most of the elected officials working in several of these positions are working more than 40 hours per week, and are unable to give their best to their elected positions as they have to always balance their livelihood with passion for their community;

Therefore, be it resolved that all state legislators shall be paid full-time for the communities they serve.

Proposed by Chandra Goka, Vice Chair LD48
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