



## Presidential Climate Change Forum Resolution

*Proposed by **Alex Pedersen**, 43<sup>rd</sup> LD member since 2008  
Approved unanimously, as amended, July 16, 2019*

WHEREAS, climate change is the existential international threat of our time, as consistently confirmed by scientific research; and

WHEREAS, climate change has been causing ongoing natural disasters harming millions of people and our environment, which will become increasingly irreversible and more intense if not addressed; and

WHEREAS, each nation on Earth needs to do its part, as embodied in the 2015 “[Paris Climate Change Agreement](#)” agreed to by nearly 200 nations in 2015 (International Climate Agreement); and

WHEREAS, the current President of the U.S. Donald Trump made the mistake of withdrawing the U.S. from the International Climate Agreement; and

WHEREAS, city and state governments can and should still do their part to address climate change; and

WHEREAS, the City of Seattle launched a [Climate Action Plan](#) in 2013 which was [updated](#) by Mayor Jenny Durkan in April 2018; and

WHEREAS, state and local officials and others continue to put forth additional ideas on how states and localities can increase their efforts to address climate change; and

WHEREAS, the breadth of climate change also requires a national response; and

WHEREAS, Trump’s presidency is among the biggest impediments to addressing Climate Change; and

WHEREAS, the Democratic candidates for President are putting forth bold plans on how to restore and expedite our nation’s efforts to reduce climate change; and

WHEREAS, a robust discussion of the threats and solutions for climate change warrant a major focus throughout the presidential campaign, including televised debates for the benefit of the American people; and

WHEREAS, the Democratic National Committee (DNC) has [denied](#) Governor Inslee’s request for such a dedicated debate on climate change; and

WHEREAS, the 43<sup>rd</sup> Legislative District Democrats have historically been leaders who encourage others to move forward on important and progressive measures and hold elected officials accountable for results; and

WHEREAS, the full WA State DNC delegation support a resolution calling for a climate debate,

### **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

**The 43<sup>rd</sup> Legislative District Democrats calls upon the Democratic National Committee (DNC) to hold a presidential debate dedicated solely to addressing the existential threat of climate change; and**

### **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

If the DNC decides not to sponsor such a debate that it clearly states that our candidates are free to participate in any and all forums or debates focused on Climate Change sponsored by other groups; and

The 43<sup>rd</sup> Legislative District Democrats shall provide copies of this Resolution to leaders of the Democratic National Committee (DNC), the head of the Washington State Democratic Party, and Governor Jay Inslee.

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