



Presidential Climate Change Forum Resolution

*Proposed by **Alex Pedersen**, 43rd 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 43rd 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 43rd 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 43rd 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.