

A RESOLUTION OF THE JACKSON COUNTY DEMOCRATS

Resolution No. 2020-1

Limiting the involvement of the Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee (DSCC) in Democratic Primaries

Whereas, the Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee (DSCC) is “the only organization solely dedicated to electing a Democratic Senate. From grassroots organizing to candidate recruitment to providing campaign funds for tight races...to elect Democrats to move our country forward.” (1); and

Whereas, the DSCC is a political action committee (PAC) formed by Senate Democrats, not an official part of the Democratic Party (2); and

Whereas, the DSCC uses individual ability to fundraise, not core Democratic principles and adherence to local and national Democratic platforms, as a deciding factor to choose which Democrats to support in primaries (3); and

Whereas, the DSCC is, as a matter of stated practice, supporting incumbent Democrats against other Democrat primary challengers in numerous Senate races across the country, violating their mission of supporting Democrats (3-5); and

Whereas, in the run-up to the 2020 United States Senate elections, the DSCC has adopted a policy of blacklisting any vendors and consultants who work with Democratic challengers to incumbent senators and discouraging consultants from working for challengers running against the DSCC’s preferred candidate in a seat currently held by the GOP (6-7); and

Whereas, the DSCC, under the leadership of Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer, has shunned and openly discouraged viable Democratic primary senatorial candidates they are not backing (4,7); and

Whereas, the DSCC’s past practice of perceiving voters to be more conservative than they really are and its embrace of persuading swing voters rather than mobilizing the base contributed to giving the Republicans control of the Senate in 2015 for the first time since the 109th Congress in 2005. With 248 seats in the House of Representatives and 54 seats in the Senate, this Congress began with the largest Republican majority since the 71st Congress of 1929–1931 (8-9); and

Whereas, 97% of donations to the DSCC during the 2018 cycle came from grassroots donors giving less than \$200 and the DSCC’s policy of blacklisting and its endorsements favoring “centrist” candidates undermine the democratic process, produces unpopular candidates, and violates the rights of democratic representation of citizens of individual states (9-10).

NOW, THEREFORE, THE JACKSON COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1: We call upon the DSCC to remain non-aligned during contested primaries between Democratic candidates.

Section 2: We call upon the DSCC to limit and focus its activities during contested primaries to activities that will benefit whichever Democrat is the eventual primary winner, thereby remaining neutral until the primary is over.

Section 3: We call upon the Democratic Party of Oregon to endorse this request to the DSCC.

Section 4: We urge Jackson County Democrats to donate directly to their favored candidates and avoid financially supporting the DSCC, until these practices change.

Section 5: We request that, upon adoption, the Chair of the Jackson County Democrats deliver a copy of this resolution to the Democratic Party of Oregon, Senator Catherine Cortez Masto, chairman of the Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee, Senator Charles Schumer, Senate Minority Leader and Oregon Senators Ron Wyden and Jeff Merkley.

Section 6: This resolution shall be distributed to our website, social media accounts and referenced in our newsletter.

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Resolution submitted by the Platform and Resolutions Committee.

ADOPTED by the Jackson County Democratic Party Central Committee on the 30th day of January, 2020.



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