

1                    **Resolution on Expanded U.S. Border Patrol Activity on the Olympic Peninsula**

2 TO THE HONORABLE BARACK OBAMA, PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, AND TO THE  
3 PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE AND THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, AND TO  
4 THE SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE UNITED STATES, IN CONGRESS  
5 ASSEMBLED, AND TO THE HONORABLE CHRISTINE GREGOIRE, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF  
6 WASHINGTON, AND TO THE SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF  
7 WASHINGTON, AND TO THE HONORABLE JANET NAPOLITANO, SECRETARY OF HOMELAND  
8 SECURITY:

9                    **WHEREAS** there has been an expansion of mission, facilities and personnel of the U.S. Border Patrol under the  
10 Department of Homeland Security in Jefferson County and the Olympic Peninsula with growth from four Border  
11 Patrol agents in 2006 to 25 Border Patrol agents today with projected growth to 125 agents; and

12                    **WHEREAS** this expansion comes at a time when basic government services such as K-12 education have been cut,  
13 long-term local public employees laid off, best practices abandoned for lack of funds, and local officials, the U.S  
14 Attorney and the FBI have expressed budgetary concerns, as reported in statewide newspapers; and

15                    **WHEREAS** the US Border Patrol is placing random checkpoints on highways away from the border in the interior  
16 of the Olympic Peninsula, is conducting internal patrols within our communities, and plans a large new facility on  
17 the Olympic Peninsula which by multiple accounts will include a detention facility; and

18                    **WHEREAS** the location of checkpoints and frequency of stops raises concerns about racial profiling; and

19                    **WHEREAS** ordinary crime control is the responsibility of our local law enforcement agencies and Border Patrol  
20 intrusion into their jurisdictions hampers community policing strategies that build long-term relationships of trust  
21 and accountability; and

22                    **WHEREAS** judicial precedent raises questions about the legality of the current program by stating that checkpoints  
23 must have an actual connection with substantial traffic from a proximate border and are not to be used for ordinary  
24 crime control purposes.

25                    **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that we, the Jefferson County Democrats of Washington State, call for a  
suspension of expanded Border Patrol activity away from the border until the utility, legality and constitutionality of  
this expansion has been determined by the Congress and the courts; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that during this suspension, we call for an evaluation of the utility of the current  
expansion of mission, facilities and personnel of the US Border Patrol on the Olympic Peninsula, and an evaluation  
of the opportunity costs of this federal expenditure while core government services are cut for lack of funding; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that we call on our local law enforcement officers to continue to uphold their  
sworn oath to protect the rights and liberties of the members of our community; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that we urge our elected representatives to foster a reformed approach toward  
securing our border which focuses on interdiction at the border, preserves constitutional protections and respects  
local law enforcement.

Matt Sircely - Jefferson County Democrats Chair  
Deborah Pedersen - Jefferson County Democrats Vice Chair  
Claire Roney - State Committeewoman, Jefferson County Democrats  
Bill Miller - State Committeeman, Jefferson County Democrats  
Jefferson County Democrats and Central Committee  
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