

## Support the Washington Recovery Agenda

**WHEREAS**, Every Washingtonian, no matter their background or where they come from, believes that our economy, our community, and our state is strongest when all of our neighbors are healthy and stable and have the necessities to thrive, and

**WHEREAS**, for the vast majority of Washingtonians, the twin public health and economic crises caused by coronavirus have been destabilizing. The pandemic and ensuing crash only exacerbated the preexisting symptoms of decades of trickle-down economic policies that already left millions of people in the margins - specifically Black, brown, and Indigenous workers, families, and small business owners, and

**WHEREAS**, when people are prosperous and stable and have more to spend in their communities, businesses hire more workers, our economy grows, and people thrive. We face unprecedented economic disruption as consumer demand has collapsed in response to the pandemic. Thousands of temporary business closures have become permanent, which means more workers are laid off and fewer people are able to participate in the economy, and

**WHEREAS**, cutting back state and local investments perpetuates this economic downward spiral and further compounds the suffering for communities who have already faced the brunt of both the pandemic and economic crisis, and

**WHEREAS**, Recover Washington (a coalition of economic opportunity organizations, unions, community service providers, environmental and other progressive organizations) have proposed the Washington Recovery Agenda<sup>1</sup> to protect families, save small businesses and grow our economy.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the First District Democrats (FDD) support the Washington Recovery Agenda which will put us back on the road to economic growth and create an economy that's stronger and healthier than it was before. Through new progressive taxes on the state's wealthiest citizens and most profitable corporations, we can come together to invest at least \$2.5 billion this biennium in:

1. Increasing direct cash assistance and raising wages to keep people spending in their communities and save jobs, and extending unemployment assistance and other supports to immigrant workers not covered by traditional employment benefits;
2. Saving small businesses through direct cash assistance, loans, and other supports;
3. Increasing investments in affordable housing, childcare and early education, healthcare, and higher education while reducing costs for families; and
4. Preserving and expanding access to basic needs like food security, health care, and COVID testing, so workers and families have the necessities to survive the pandemic.
5. In addition, investments in infrastructure and the maintenance and creation of good-paying jobs through capital and transportation projects must also be a crucial part of restoring our economy to pre-pandemic levels.

**THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the FDD will sign on as a signatory organization for the Washington Recovery Agenda on Recover Washington's website, and

**THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the FDD urges its members to contact their legislators to support the Washington Recovery Agenda and to have the will to finally raise taxes on a small handful of the richest people and corporations in this state who have largely been untouched by this crisis, and

**THEREFORE, BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that a copy of this resolution will be sent to the First Legislative District's State Representatives and Senator.

Proposed by Linda Tosti-Lane – March 4, 2021

Recommend do PASS by the First District Democrats Issues Committee – March 4, 2021

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.wastaterecovery.org/the-agenda>