

PASSED – June 18,2009

Election Reform Resolutions

A. Resolution in Support of Early Voting

Whereas, in recent years 32 states have adopted early voting that allows citizens to vote several weeks before election day; and

Whereas, early voting increases turnout and allows voters to clear up eligibility issues, allows election officials to test voting equipment, and reduces long lines on election days;

Be it resolved that the Ward Three Democratic Committee urges the Mayor and the Council of the District of Columbia to approve legislation in support of early voting three weeks before the Primary and General elections at one or more voting locations in each ward or at Police District Stations.

B. Resolution in Support of Election Day Registration and Early Voting

Whereas, eight states now allow same day registration and voting and North Carolina allows it during early voting period; and

Whereas, one stop registration and voting allows citizens who missed the registration deadline to vote and

Whereas, same day registration facilitates voting among voters who have recently moved but have not updated an address change;

Be it resolved that the Ward Three Democratic Committee urges the Mayor and the Council of the District of Columbia to approve legislation in support of same day registration during early voting and on election days.

C. Resolution in Support of No Excuse Voting By Absentee Ballot

Whereas, 28 states allow no-excuse absentee voting but the District requires its voters to provide an excuse;

Be it resolved that the Ward Three Democratic Committee urges the Mayor and the Council of the District of Columbia to approve legislation in support of the elimination of the requirement for an excuse when voting by absentee ballot.