

Limiting Involvement of the DCCC in Democratic Primaries

Whereas the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee (DCCC) is a political action committee (PAC) whose mission is to “elect Democratic House candidates every step of the way;” and

Whereas the DCCC is a PAC formed by House Democrats, not an official part of the Democratic Party; and

Whereas the DCCC 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; and

Whereas the DCCC in several 2018 races is actively supporting more conservative candidates and even former Republicans over progressives; and

Whereas the DCCC has supported Democrats against other Democrats in numerous House races across the country, violating their mission of supporting Democrats; and

Whereas the DCCC has issued negative research material on viable Democratic candidates they are not backing; and

Whereas the DCCC’s methods have contributed to a net loss of 63 seats since the 111th Congress in 2009–2011, leaving the House Democrats in their worst position since the 80th Congress in 1947–1949; and

Therefore be it resolved that the DCCC should remain non-aligned during contested primaries between Democratic candidates; and

Be it further resolved that the DCCC is requested to focus its activities during contested primaries to activities that will benefit whichever Democrat is the eventual primary winner; and

Be it further resolved that the 45th District Democrats deliver a copy of this resolution to the Washington State Democratic Party and the DCCC.

Submitted by Liz VanBemmel, 45th District Democrats member, to the 45th District Democrats for consideration at its June 6, 2018 meeting in Redmond. (Submitted May 21, 2018.)

Resolution modeled after resolution passed by the 5th District Democrats.