RESOLUTION CONCERNING DRIVERS CARDS FOR UNDOCUMENTED HOOSIERS

Category: Inclusion
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WHEREAS the Indiana Democratic Party supports undocumented Hoosiers by advocating for in-state tuition for Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA)\(^1\) recipients, accepts both DACA holders and DREAMERS as appointed state convention delegates only if vacancies exist within their county delegation after the primary election\(^2\), and it recognizes the $500 million USD economic input DACA recipients contribute to the Hoosier economy\(^3\),

WHEREAS Democratic legislators introduced legislation during the 2020 Session of the Indiana General Assembly – Senate Bill 419 by State Senator David Niezgodsiki (SD-10)\(^4\) and House Bill 1083 by Representative Chris Campbell (HD-26) and Representative Earl Harris (HD-02)\(^5\) – following years of similar legislation being introduced and suggestions from grassroots immigrant rights organizations,

WHEREAS according to the National Conference on State Legislatures\(^6\), fifteen states and the District of Columbia have enacted similar legislation for their undocumented immigrant populations,

WHEREAS the Indiana Democratic Party firmly believes in investing in Hoosiers, safe and strong communities, equality and justice for all by protecting the rights of all Hoosiers, and securing the future of our most vulnerable Hoosiers\(^7\),

LET IT BE RESOLVED that the body of the 2020 Indiana Democratic State Convention continues to support Indiana’s undocumented population by supporting the issue of drivers cards and drivers cards learner permits, and will support legislative initiatives to make drivers cards and drivers cards learner permits a reality for all undocumented Hoosiers.

\(^4\) Senate Bill 419 <http://iga.in.gov/legislative/2020/bills/senate/419>
\(^5\) House Bill 1083 <http://iga.in.gov/legislative/2020/bills/house/1083>
RESOLUTION CONCERNING RANKED CHOICE VOTING

Category: Elections

Sponsor: Jorge Fernandez

WHEREAS, RCV is expanding rapidly in cities and states across the country, including the State of Maine becoming the first state to use RCV statewide and NYC adopting RCV last year

WHEREAS, in state partisan elections, RCV would be used in primaries and general elections to avoid vote-splitting and ensure candidates receive a majority of votes.

WHEREAS, RCV could be implemented for specific races in primaries and/or general elections and then expanded from there

WHEREAS, Ranked Choice Voting is easy: instead of voting for just one candidate, you rank your choices in order of preference -1, 2, 3, etc., knowing that if your 1st choice doesn’t have enough support to win, your ballot can count for your 2nd choice; if your 2nd choice is defeated, your ballot can count for your 3rd choice, and so on

WHEREAS, Ranked Choice Voting has potential to:
- Increase voter participation
- Give voters more choice and open the political process to more voices
- Encourage candidates to reach out to more voters and build a broad coalition of support to win
- Expand political participation by historically underrepresented communities, opening the political process to new voices
- Reduce mudslinging and promote civil, issue-oriented campaigns
- Eliminate “spoiler” problem
- Help mitigate the influence of outside expenditure groups in campaigns

LET IT BE RESOLVED that the Indiana Democratic Party supports the expanded use of ranked choice voting.
Set of Resolutions Submitted as a Block

The following resolutions were submitted as a block by seven different Hoosier Democrats around the state.

(3.1) Resolution One: Contest Every District
(Submitted with support of seven Hoosier Democrats)

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The Indiana Democratic Party shall take responsibility for ensuring that every Indiana House and Senate District is contested by a Democratic candidate and for providing support to improve their chances of success.

(3.2) Resolution Two: Grassroots Democratic Precinct Committee Persons
(Submitted with support of seven Hoosier Democrats)

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Require that Democratic Party Precinct Committee Chairpersons be required to reside in the precinct that they represent and that all Precinct Committee Chairpersons must receive Democratic Precinct voter organization training.

(3.3) Resolution Three: Women’s Caucus
(Submitted with support of seven Hoosier Democrats)

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The Indiana Democratic Party establish a Women’s Caucus with a representative seat on the IDP State Central Committee with voting rights.

(3.4) Resolution Four: Veteran’s Caucus
(Submitted with support of seven Hoosier Democrats)

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The Indiana Democratic Party establish a Veterans Caucus with a representative seat on the IDP State Central Committee with voting rights.