

WARD THREE DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE

**RESOLUTION TO REGISTER AS A
FEDERAL POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE**

Passed 2/18/2021

BECAUSE the Ward Three Democratic Committee (Ward 3) is a District of Columbia Political Action Committee (DC PAC), but not a Federal Political Action Committee (Federal PAC); and

BECAUSE, as a DC PAC alone, Ward 3 is limited under Federal campaign finance law to contribute a total of \$1,000 per calendar year to Federal PACs and Federal candidates; and

BECAUSE the \$1,000 limit includes the cost of in-kind contributions such as sponsoring fundraisers and engaging in postcard campaigns; and

BECAUSE, as both a DC PAC and a Federal PAC, Ward 3's limits under Federal campaign finance law would be increased to \$5,000 per candidate per election plus \$5,000 per Federal PAC per calendar year (which limits would be shared with the District of Columbia Democratic Party and its [affiliated organizations](#)); and

BECAUSE many states impose restrictions and requirements on non-Federal, out-of-state PACs that limit Ward 3's ability to contribute to the campaigns of state and local candidates in those states, which restrictions and requirements generally do not apply to Federal PACs; and

BECAUSE having the flexibility to contribute to Federal PACs and Federal, state, and local candidates outside the District of Columbia would benefit Ward 3 by allowing Ward 3 (1) to go outside the borders of the District of Columbia to promote issues important to Ward 3, such as statehood, and to support candidates who promote those issues; and (2) to support candidates in battleground states and districts to gain Democratic control in Federal, state, and local governments to better achieve Democratic goals important to Ward 3; and

BECAUSE registering as a Federal PAC would not hamper activities Ward 3 has undertaken as a DC PAC or otherwise detract from its mission, and, in fact, would enhance that mission; and

BECAUSE registering as a Federal PAC would not confer any additional authority to expend funds without approvals consistent with Ward 3's by-laws;

THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED that the Ward Three Democratic Committee will register as a Federal Political Action Committee.

Passed by:

THE WARD THREE DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE