

Resolutions --passed at May 25 meeting, FCDC

WHEREAS a Federal Court sitting in Richmond has invalidated certain State Senate and House of Delegates Districts, and  
WHEREAS the Governor of Virginia has called a special session of the General Assembly for June 3,  
NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Fairfax County Democratic Committee strongly urges the General Assembly to adopt single-member districts for the Senate and House of Delegates throughout the Commonwealth, which fully satisfy the one-man, one-vote principle, and which are as free as possible of any trace of racial discrimination.

WHEREAS The Fairfax County Democratic Committee has frequently expressed concern that the cost of elections has become so great it prevents some good candidates from filing and

WHEREAS, according to the present electoral laws, if a primary candidate is unopposed his or her name does not appear on the ballot and no election is held and

WHEREAS not returning the filing fee for unopposed candidates tends to discriminate against lower-income candidates including blacks, and

WHEREAS Virginia's electoral laws are subject to Justice Department review under the terms of the Voting Rights Act to prevent discrimination and

WHEREAS the provision which prevents refund of unopposed candidates' filing fee especially hurts the Democratic party because Democrats traditionally choose their nominees in a free and open primary;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Fairfax County Democratic Committee urges the Virginia General Assembly to change the electoral laws to provide for the refund of the filing fee in cases where a candidate is unopposed in a primary.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be sent to The Honorable Clive DuVal, The Honorable Andrew Miller, The Honorable Adelard Brault, the Honorable Omer Hirst, The Honorable John Warren Cooke, The Honorable James Thompson, and the Attorney General of the United States, John Mitchell.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Fairfax County Democratic Committee reaffirms its support of the ratification of the 18-year old vote amendment to the Constitution of the United States and urges the special session of the Virginia General Assembly to ratify the amendment.

RESOLVED that when a vacancy next occurs in the Fairfax County Housing Authority, the Committee recommends that the vacancy be filled by a tenant.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Fairfax County Democratic Committee endorses the amendments to the zoning ordinance proposed by Supervisor Harold O. Miller on May 5 which would require 15% low- and moderate-income housing in certain residential categories, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chairman of the Committee, or her designee, testify in the hearings on the proposed amendment before the Planning Commission and the Board of Supervisors.

RESOLVED that the Democratic candidate for Sheriff of Fairfax County be chosen forthwith by a vote of this body, each member of the Fairfax City, Fairfax County and Falls Church City Democratic Committees having one vote.

RESOLVED that eight new service district Democratic committees are hereby established, following the district lines adopted by the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors. Each such district committee shall consist of those members of the Fairfax County Democratic Committee who live in such new district. Upon approval of new precinct lines by the Board of Supervisors, each precinct shall be entitled to a minimum of two members, and each service district shall be entitled to a minimum of five at-large members, of the FCDC. Any district or precinct which shall have more members than it is entitled to, by reason of changes in district or precinct lines, shall retain such members until the County Committee is next reconstituted. Where any district or precinct shall have fewer members than it is entitled to, the vacancies thus created shall be filled as provided by the by-laws. The elected officers of the previously existing district committees who still live in the same districts shall be the officers of the new district committees. In any case where a district committee officer no longer lives in the same committee, his office shall be vacated and filled by the new district committee.