

A Resolution of the Washington County Democratic Central Committee

Resolution # 2025-03

Regarding the Importance of Due Process to American Civil Liberties

- (A) Whereas**, due process is guaranteed by the Constitution in that no person shall be deprived of life, liberty, or property without due process of law;
- (B) Whereas**, due process is a keystone right because without it all persons on American soil can not access their other rights;
- (C) Whereas**, *habeas corpus* is another fundamental right focused on the protection against unjust or illegal detainment;
- (D) Whereas**, the Trump administration is denying due process to people based on their immigration status;
- (E) Whereas**, the State of Oregon and Oregon cities including Hillsboro, Portland, and Beaverton are sanctuary cities;
- (F) Whereas**, Oregon Sanctuary Law prohibits law enforcement personnel from participating in immigration enforcement in the absence of an official court warrant;
- (G) Whereas**, due process protects democracy itself as well as individual rights by shielding government officials from authoritarian retribution or unfair treatment under the law;
- (H) Whereas**, our elected leaders have the responsibility to protect the rights of all Americans and persons within their jurisdiction;

THEREFORE, THE WASHINGTON COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

1. Due process and *habeas corpus* are fundamental rights that apply to all persons as a basic tenet of the rule of law.
2. Due to the illegitimate nature of the administration's attacks on due process, we support the standing policy of non-cooperation with Federal agents, prioritizing individuals' rights and protecting Oregonians from Federal overreach.
3. Further, we support Oregon's civil servants including local, county, regional, and state officials in efforts to actively intervene to oppose these attacks on the rights of people throughout Oregon utilizing all available resources.