WORKSHEET – 2010 Whatcom County Democratic Party Platform

2008 Platform – Tribal Relationships and Sovereignty	Tribal Relationships and Sovereignty VALUES **These should be enduring value statements, which taken together cover the range of issues in this section. State in positive terms.**	2010 Tribal Relationships and Sovereignty 2-Year Policy Priorities **From each values statement, think of one short-term goal that is fairly tangible and concrete, with a preference for local needs.**
We affirm that local, state, and federal governments should respect the decisions of the Native American Nations and tribal governments, affirm their treaty rights, and oppose attempts to diminish their sovereignty and cultures. We Call For: • Local, state, and federal government recognition of the inherent sovereignty and treaty rights of American Indian tribal governments as self-determining and self-governing; • Interactions between tribal and non-tribal governments to be held in an environment of mutual respect as government-to-government relationships; • Local, state, and federal governments to help elevate the social, economic, and health status of American Indian people and tribes to a level at par with the status of other US and State of Washington citizens; • Timely Congressional passage and signing by the President of the re-authorization of the Indian Health Care Improvement Act of 2007, along with full appropriations; • National recognition of tribal lands that extend over the U.S./Mexico and US/Canadian border and the freedom of members of such sovereign nations to move within their lands without obstruction;		
		Plan to attend the 2010 Democratic Grassroots Strategy Sessions, Saturday, March 6, 10 am – noon. Locations to be announced at whatcomdemocrats.com . **Bring this worksheet with your ideas to the Strategy Sessions so you can discuss them with other Democrats.**