WORKSHEET – 2010 Whatcom County Democratic Party Platform

2008 Platform – Human, Civil and Constitutional Rights	Human, Civil and Constitutional Rights VALUES **These should be enduring value statements, which taken together cover the range of issues in this section. State in positive terms.**	2010 Human, Civil and Constitutional Rights 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 respect the equality and dignity of all people and support and affirm all human rights as guaranteed by the US Constitution and written in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. We honor and encourage the rich diversity of society and our party. We support full and complete equality and seek to end all discrimination based upon age, color, creed, disability, ethnicity, gender, gender expression, gender identity, marital status, national origin, race, religion, and sexual orientation. We support the right to observe any or no religion and honor all forms of religious and spiritual diversity. We adamantly support our American tradition of separation of church and state at all levels of government. We Call For: • Repeal sections of the USA PATRIOT Act that limit or infringe upon the Constitutional rights, civil rights & liberties of U.S. citizens and others subject to the Act; • Oppose all laws permitting warrant-less domestic surveillance by agencies of the Federal government; • The right of people of all sexual orientations and gender identities to marry and to obtain the full legal benefits provided by marriage; • Opposition to government definition of marriage; • Development of legally viable definition of "disability" in Washington State based on the Federal Americans with Disability Act (ADA) to protect the rights of people with disabilities; • Full accommodation and accessibility for all people; • Support returning veterans who need government services, accommodation, and accessibility; • Involve people of color in the democratic process; • Protect the right of women to make reproductive and medical choices without criminal repercussions to women and medical professionals; • The right of people to be provided with contraception and accurate information about contraception and reproduction; • Fund reproductive, family planning and AIDS HIV health services and education; • Repeal of the Don't-Ask-Don't-Tell law		
		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.** **More information at 647-7661.**