

PROPOSED RESOLUTION 6

MEMBERSHIP RECRUITMENT STRATEGY

Whereas, the Retired Public Employees Council of Washington (RPEC) is a state-chartered 501(c)5 corporation as well as a Retiree Council of the American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees (AFSCME); and

Whereas, RPEC is a bona fide service organization which, per the Preamble and Article III of RPEC's Constitution, exists exclusively ~~"to unite Washington's public service retirees for their mutual benefit"~~ "to unite retired public employees in an organization devoted to protection of retirees' rights, improve their welfare and happiness and to give the retirees a strong voice in making their views and concerns clearly known"; and

Whereas, per Article IV of RPEC's Constitution, RPEC's field of membership is limited to persons ~~"eligible to receive benefits from the Washington Public Employees Retirement System (DRS)"~~ open to persons "eligible to receive pension benefits from the Washington Public Employees Retirement System" and persons in three other categories; and

Whereas, RPEC no longer has the ability to utilize DRS provided lists for membership recruitment purposes; and

Whereas, this withholding of eligible retirees contact information has harmed RPEC's ability to effectively and timely recruit retired public employees and thereby, fully execute its mission.

Therefore be it resolved, that AFSCME Retiree Chapter 10 work with AFSCME Council 2 and 28 to develop their negotiated agency employment contracts to ensure that RPEC membership information is provided to all Washington's public employees during their agencies' retiree separation process.

Submitted by Chapter 18 on August 10, 2022

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Committee Assignment: Resolutions Committee

Committee Recommendation: **Concur as Amended**

Convention Action: **Passed**