

**Snohomish County Indivisible  
Statement of Nonpartisanship  
Introduction**

By stating publicly that Snohomish County Indivisible is a nonpartisan activist group that means that our organization operates without aligning itself with any particular political party or ideology. This offers several advantages for us.

First, it allows our group to appeal to a broader and more diverse range of individuals, transcending traditional political divides. Second, it fosters a sense of inclusivity, making it easier to build coalitions and work with people from various backgrounds and beliefs. Additionally, nonpartisan activism can enhance our group's credibility and effectiveness by focusing on issues rather than partisan agendas, making it more likely to influence policy and bring about positive change in society.

While our group is nonpartisan in the sense that we don't officially support any political party, we also understand that our stance on certain issues might align more closely with the values and positions of a particular party. This alignment happens because we prioritize the facts and the merits of each issue, and sometimes those align with one party's views more than others. However, our primary goal is to make informed and fair decisions, regardless of political affiliations.

## **Snohomish County Indivisible Statement of Nonpartisanship**

Embracing our group's nonpartisanship is crucial for fostering a collaborative and inclusive environment. By setting aside political affiliations and focusing on shared goals and values, we can work together more effectively to address important issues. Nonpartisanship allows us to consider a wider range of perspectives, encouraging open dialogue and innovative solutions. It reminds us that our common humanity transcends political divisions, and by working together with respect and empathy, we can create a stronger, more harmonious community that benefits everyone.

Therefore:

- We will educate ourselves in order to ensure we gain a deeper understanding of the policies and issues we choose to stand behind by doing the work to research them from different reputable sources.
- We will seek diverse perspectives by listening to and reading viewpoints from different sides of the political spectrum, at times engaging with people who have differing opinions to challenge and broaden our perspective.
- We will endeavor to avoid bias by being aware of our own biases and working to set them aside when considering the issues we stand behind, recognizing that bias can influence how information is interpreted.
- We will evaluate evidence to assess the facts presented in support of each perspective. We will be critical of anecdotal evidence and seek verifiable data.
- We will consider long-term effects by thinking about the potential long-term consequences of different policy choices rather than just short-term gains or losses.
- We will focus on common ground and identify areas of agreement or compromise between different viewpoints, in order to find common ground which may lead to practical solutions.
- We will seek to identify assumptions and pivot to verifiable information.
- We will continue to stay open-minded by being willing to change our viewpoint if new information or evidence emerges, knowing that an open mind is essential for nonpartisan thinking.
- We will encourage civil discourse by engaging in respectful and constructive conversations with others, even if we disagree, in order to gain better understanding.
- We will participate intentionally and thoughtfully when it comes to voting or advocating for policies, making choices based on our well-considered, nonpartisan viewpoint rather than blindly following a party line.
- We recognize members of any party are individuals with thoughts and ideas independent of stereotypes heard in the media or other sources.
- We will acknowledge that achieving a completely nonpartisan viewpoint can be challenging, as biases are inherent to human thinking. However, by consciously striving to minimize bias and consider a range of perspectives, we can approach issues in a more balanced and objective manner.