



**APPROVED -- 19 FOR; 2 AGAINST; 4 ABSTAIN.**

October 14, 2008

**Resolution 0808: Election Day Service**

Whereas, the Georgetown University Law Center Student Bar Association recognizes that democracy requires equal access to participation in the democratic process;

Whereas, sizable numbers have been disenfranchised as a result of problems at polling stations in past national elections;

Whereas, the Georgetown Office of Public Interest and Community Service and several Georgetown student organizations are coordinating student volunteers at polling stations on election day as part of a voter protection program;

Whereas, large numbers of Georgetown Law students have committed to serving as volunteers on Tuesday November 4th in order to protect equal access to the right to vote;

Whereas, one of the proper and essential purposes of the study and practice of law is to ensure that the public's legal rights are not abridged and that members of the public have equal access to the political process;

Noting that, there is no prohibition on the law center accommodating non-partisan student political activity;

Be it hereby resolved that:

The Georgetown University Law Center Student Bar Association respectfully calls on the Faculty of Georgetown University Law Center to, where convenient for students, reschedule classes that meet on November 4, 2008 to alternative meeting times, and, where this is not possible, to allow students who were absent on November 4, 2008 as a result of election day service to access recordings of November 4, 2008 classes.

It is further resolved that the officers of the Student Bar Association shall to the best of their ability lobby the administration and faculty of Georgetown University Law Center to provide support to student election day service in the above manner. We do not expect that the administration will be able to completely eliminate class conflicts, rather we wish to express our desire that election day services be accommodated to the extent reasonable.

Respectfully submitted,

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