

1 POLK COUNTY PLATFORM
2 ADOPTED AT THE COUNTY CONVENTION
3 MARCH 24, 2018
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5 STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES
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7 We are justly proud of our Democratic Party, its heritage, and its accomplishments. Polk
8 County Democrats strive for a county, state and nation acting consistently with our
9 strong belief in the rights and worth of each individual, and with our firm commitment to
10 promoting and safeguarding a quality of life that recognizes and benefits human dignity.
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12 Our success as a nation rests largely on the strength, inventiveness, and perseverance
13 of the American people. But too often we have denied an equal opportunity for some
14 Americans to share in that success. Our history as a party and as a nation compels us
15 to oppose discrimination based on race, religion, age, disability, gender, economic
16 status, sexual orientation, gender identity, nation of origin, immigration status, or any
17 other bias-based categorization.
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19 We Democrats value and will continue to work for a truly representative government
20 that places individual rights above special interests; one that is compassionate,
21 progressive, responsible, and fair; steadfastly seeking to promote liberty, justice,
22 security, equality, and individual freedom for every citizen; and dedicated to achieving
23 peace and prosperity through confidence and hope. We believe that everyone living in
24 America deserves the opportunity for ownership of the American dream.
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26 The Constitution and Bill of Rights are precious gifts handed down by the Founders.
27 Defending our country is inseparable from defending the Constitution. But we will not
28 give up our rights in the name of defending our country, for doing so means giving up
29 that which makes us Americans. Our liberties are eternal, not just when convenient. The
30 right to dissent must be protected. We oppose any efforts to limit or erode our civil and
31 Constitutional rights.
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33 As temporary stewards of our natural resources we demand the enactment and
34 enforcement of laws to protect our environment from wasteful and indiscriminate uses.
35 Clean air and water and diverse ecosystems, including our national parks, oceans and
36 forests, are essential to our children's future and must be protected.
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38 We want young Iowans to become Democrats and we encourage all levels of the Iowa
39 Democratic Party to develop programs to increase participation in and accessibility to
40 Democratic Party Caucuses.
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42 We take pride in our Democratic elected officials. They work diligently for Iowans and
43 our nation. They deserve our appreciation and we thank them for their hard work.

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We urge the election of Democrats to all congressional seats. We must recruit candidates for and re-elect our outstanding members of the Iowa General Assembly to regain the majority in both houses. We also recognize the importance of electing a Democrat as Governor of Iowa and to other state-wide offices.

In the light of our ideals, traditions, and history, we present our Democratic candidates for local, state, and national offices. We are confident that they will continue to work for liberty and justice for all. We warmly and openly invite all Iowans to join our efforts to achieve these goals, because a victory for the Democratic Party in 2018 means hope for a just and secure future for our state and nation.

[SPECIAL RESOLUTION TO AMEND IDP BYLAWS]

The Bylaws of the Iowa Democratic Party (IDP), Article I, Section 1, Paragraph B, says, "The Statement of Principles shall be a statement of abiding Democratic values and principles. This document is to be reviewed by the Platform committee for the purpose of making recommendations for additions and changes to reflect changes in the law, or to remove a statement achieved as Party goals."

The Polk County Convention make the following recommendation to the Iowa Democratic Party State Central Committee.

- A. give the platform committee authority to submit whatever changes it wishes to make to the statement of principles in the platform report to the convention every two years; or
- B. remove the statement of principles from the platform report; or
- C. our preferred option would be to: have the State Central Committee prepare the statement of principles for the States Convention, rather than having 99 county versions, and 4 district versions.

Under each of these three options, convention delegates would still have the ability to make any changes they wish to make to the statement of principles.

This would not be effective in 2018 but would apply in 2020.

[SPECIAL RESOLUTION REGARDING ADA]

Polk County Democrats will take proactive efforts to make all events and meetings ADA compliant.

AGRICULTURE, ENERGY & ENVIRONMENT

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89 Agriculture for Productive Living and a Healthy Food Supply

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91 We support:

- 92 1. clean, safe drinking and recreational waters for all Iowans
- 93 2. independent family farms
- 94 3. sustainable farming practices
- 95 4. crop/livestock diversification, including industrial hemp/cannabis
- 96 5. expanding markets for Iowa farmers

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98 Agricultural Policy

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100 We support:

- 101 6. increasing SNAP benefits
- 102 7. restoring funding to the Leopold Center
- 103 8. CRP/CSP
- 104 9. caps on crop insurance premium subsidies
- 105 10. market-indexing USDA loan rates
- 106 11. conservation compliance for any federal subsidies
- 107 12. anti-trust regulation of seed supply/food production/processing
- 108 13. right to save seeds for personal use
- 109 14. GMO seed labeling
- 110 15. defining CAFO as an industry
- 111 16. moratorium on CAFO construction/expansion
- 112 17. local control of CAFO siting
- 113 18. legal protection/conservation of healthy soil as a resource
- 114 19. farmer-owned grain reserves
- 115 20. domestic ownership of farmland
- 116 21. commercial taxation of non-homestead livestock production
- 117 22. legal protection from pesticide/herbicide/GMO seed drift/contamination
- 118 23. public's right to know permit compliance/TRI
- 119 24. replacing Master Matrix with environmental assessment to ensure public safety,
120 and air/water quality
- 121 25. farmer owned marketing and processing facilities
- 122 26. strong odor nuisance regulation/enforcement
- 123 27. mandatory and enforced nitrate and phosphorous reduction strategy

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125 We oppose:

- 126 28. vertical-integration of large-scale livestock production/corporate agriculture
- 127 29. "Ag-Gag" laws

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129 Livestock Management

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131 We support:

132 30. eliminating CAFOs pollution-control property tax exemptions

133 31. reducing antibiotic use

134 32. humane animal treatment

135 33. fair livestock market access

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137 We oppose:

138 34. hormone use

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140 Food Supply & Safety

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142 We support:

143 35. strong safety and labeling requirements for foods to ensure public safety and

144 understanding of product, including origin and process location

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146 Energy: Combating Climate Change with Responsible Production & Use

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148 We support:

149 36. fossil fuel/nuclear power conversion to clean/renewable energy, including

150 reclaimed methane

151 37. electric vehicle infrastructure

152 38. higher CAFE standards

153 39. the 50% renewable energy by 2030 ("50-by-30") initiative

154 40. energy conservation

155 41. smart-grid improvement

156 42. net-metering without discriminatory fees/taxes

157 43. CPP

158 44. safe transport/storage of nuclear/fracking waste

159 45. regulating energy commodity speculation

160 46. extending geothermal/biomass/wind/solar-energy subsidies

161 47. carbon fees and dividends

162 48. banning fracking and fracking waste disposal in Iowa

163 49. the Clean Line

164 50. IRPS and FIT

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166 We oppose:

167 51. fossil-fuel/nuclear power subsidies

168 52. tar-sands oil, pet-coke, crude oil pipelines

169 53. new coal power plant construction

170 54. nuclear power plants re-licensing/construction

171 55. deep-water/arctic oil drilling

172 56. oil drilling/lumbering/mining in national parks

173 57. reclassifying national monuments as private property

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175 Environment, Stewardship and Livability

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177 We support:

178 58. amending Iowa's Constitution to provide environmental protection

179 59. environmental protection/public-health over corporate profits

180 60. reduction/reuse/recycling

181 61. municipally supported composting/recycling

182 62. enforcing EPA-IDNR-ESA-CAA-CWA regulations

183 63. fully funding REAP

184 64. enacting IEQA

185 65. banning neonicotinoid pesticides to protect pollinators

186 66. expanding the bottle-bill

187 67. sequestering carbon

188 68. reclaiming mercury and lead

189 69. local control of sand-mining siting

190 70. funding IWILL

191 71. permanent protection of ANWR

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193 We oppose:

194 72. lead/plastic shot

195 73. lead wheel-weights

196 74. corporate polluters' "grandfather" clauses

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198 Watershed Management

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200 We support:

201 75. publicly owned/affordable clean water

202 76. incentives for farmers using sustainable technologies and integrated watershed
203 management

204 77. amending CWA for "Point Source" to include intermittent
205 streams/aquifers/wetlands

206 78. accessible IDNR well data/testing

207 79. returning waterways to healthy swimmable/fishable conditions

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209 Planning and Zoning

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211 We support:

212 80. "Smart Growth" planning

213 81. sustainable development

214 82. livable/walkable neighborhoods

215 83. preserving farmland/sensitive/unique natural areas

- 216 84. LEED requirements for public buildings
217 85. preserving and replacing top-soil for new development
218 86. notification by county auditors to all landowners/residents within 1 mile
219 BEFORE permitting CAFO construction/expansion
220 87. local citizens' approval for fossil fuel pipelines
221 88. community gardens
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223 We oppose:
224 89. subsidies for urban growth on farm and park lands
225 90. eminent domain abuse
226 91. annexation without a binding vote of the targeted residents/property owners
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228 ACRONYMS USED IN THIS SECTION

- 229 50 by 30 – 50% clean energy by 2030
230 ADA – Americans with Disabilities Act
231 AFO – Animal Feed Operations
232 ANWR – Arctic National Wildlife Refuge
233 CAA – Clean Air Act
234 CAFE – Corporate Automotive Fuel Economy
235 CAFO – Confined/Concentrated Animal Feeding Operation
236 Clean Line – electrical transmission lines to transport wind-generated electrical
237 energy from NW Iowa to Illinois
238 CPP – Clean Power Plan
239 CRP – Conservation Reserve Program
240 CSP – Conservation Services Program
241 CWA – Clean Water Act
242 EPA – Environmental Protection Act
243 ESA – Endangered Species Act
244 FIT – Feed-In Tariffs
245 GMO – Genetically Modified Organism
246 IDNR – Iowa Department of Natural Resources
247 IEQA – Iowa Environmental Quality Act
248 IRPS – Iowa Renewable Portfolio Standards
249 IWILL – Iowa's Water & Land Legacy
250 LEED – Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design
251 NRCS – Natural Resources Conservation Service
252 REAP – Resource Enhancement and Protection
253 SNAP – Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program
254 TRI – Toxic Release Inventory Program/chemical use reports
255 USDA – United States Department of Agriculture
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257 EDUCATION

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- 259 We support:
- 260 92. the importance of community involvement, parents, and public educational
- 261 professionals in matters of education problem solving and decision-making
- 262 93. school administrators' request for at least 6% State Supplemental Aid (SSA) for
- 263 K-12 education
- 264 94. restoring independent allowable growth formula to determine public school
- 265 funding
- 266 95. providing educational tools and resources for students who need additional
- 267 assistance
- 268 96. the anti-bullying law stated in Iowa Code 280.28
- 269 97. at a minimum, free tuition for Iowa residents, 2 academic years:
- 270 a. Iowa vocational programs (offered through community colleges and
- 271 previously funded worker displacement training programs)
- 272 b. Iowa community colleges
- 273 c. Regent state universities
- 274 98. tuition free public colleges and universities across the nation
- 275 99. the right of students with disabilities to have access to public education through
- 276 age 25
- 277 100. dyslexia screening for all children in public schools, grades K-2 and all children
- 278 entering the Iowa Juvenile Justice system
- 279 101. state mandated, thorough, medically accurate, fact-based, age appropriate,
- 280 relevant reproductive physical and mental health and sex education in all public
- 281 schools
- 282 102. thorough and fact-based approach to the teaching of American and world
- 283 history and science
- 284 103. teacher training in all four literacy skills: listening, speaking, reading and writing
- 285 104. funding expansion of full-day, universal preschool programs
- 286 105. full funding for the research, development and implementation of
- 287 a. fine and applied arts
- 288 b. ELL/ESL programs
- 289 c. high school career and vocational education
- 290 d. literacy education
- 291 e. math, science, technology
- 292 f. civic education
- 293 g. personal financial literacy
- 294 106. sufficiently funding Iowa school districts and requiring them to provide Iowa
- 295 teachers living wage salaries, pensions and benefits at or above the national
- 296 average
- 297 107. restoring chapter 20 permissive bargaining topics for public school employees
- 298 108. preservation and full funding of Teacher Leadership Compensation program
- 299 109. increased state funding of Regent universities
- 300 110. the eligibility of para-educators and teacher mentors for unemployment benefits

- 301 111. district voluntary diversity plans to address de facto segregation of Iowa's
- 302 schools
- 303 112. efforts to reduce the high school dropout rate
- 304 113. all students having the same academic requirements, regardless of ethnicity,
- 305 heritage, gender, or citizenship and for students to receive additional academic
- 306 support necessary to reach the educational standard
- 307 114. expanding loan forgiveness programs based on community service
- 308 115. increased funding for area education agencies to provide mental health
- 309 services in public schools

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311 We oppose:

- 312 116. high interest rates on student loans
- 313 117. tying teacher pay and evaluations to the results of student standardized tests
- 314 118. any voucher system, tuition tax credit, educational savings accounts, or charter
- 315 school plan using tax dollars to fund preK-12 private schools
- 316 119. religious bias in all publicly funded education
- 317 120. lowering standards for teacher licensure

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319 We support:

- 320 121. full protection of our students by keeping all weapons off school grounds or any
- 321 child care facilities with the exception of law enforcement officers
- 322 122. reducing class sizes

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324 We oppose:

- 325 123. the Independent Private Instruction (IPI) option

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327 We support:

- 328 124. Competent Private Instruction (CPI)

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330 ACRONYMS USED IN THIS SECTION

- 331 SSA – State Supplemental Aid
- 332 ESL – English as a Second Language
- 333 ELL – English Language Learner
- 334 AEA – Area Education Agency

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GOVERNMENT

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338 Taxes and social security

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340 We support:

- 341 125. an equitable tax system that provides all Americans access to middle class
- 342 economic opportunity
- 343 126. increasing the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC)

- 344 127. periodic review of all corporate tax credits and abatements
- 345 128. replace the present local property tax and valuation system with a balanced
- 346 system and provide additional optional local taxes other than sales taxes to end
- 347 local property tax dependence

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349 Elections and Voting

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351 We support:

- 352 129. overturning Citizens United
- 353 130. a national election day holiday
- 354 131. state and federal constitutional amendments defining that money is not speech
- 355 132. ranked choice voting and instant runoff elections in primaries
- 356 133. straight party voting
- 357 134. voter marked paper ballots
- 358 135. automatic voter registration
- 359 136. absentee and early voting
- 360 137. open source voting machine software
- 361 138. the incorporation of a vote-by-mail system into the current election process
- 362 139. the ability to reschedule a caucus due to weather or another emergency
- 363 140. exclusively publicly funded elections
- 364 141. a cap on total private and individual donations of \$25,000
- 365 142. abolishing Super PACS and other dark money campaign contribution sources
- 366 143. abolishing the Electoral College
- 367 144. open and transparent lobbying activity
- 368 145. enshrining Section 2 of the Voter Rights Act of 1965 through amendment to the
- 369 state and national constitution
- 370 146. timely and fair confirmation proceedings of judicial appointees

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372 We oppose:

- 373 147. the intentional stalling of seating judicial nominees

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375 State and federal policy

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377 We support:

- 378 148. the protections of Medicaid, Social Security, IPERS
- 379 149. DC and Puerto Rico statehood
- 380 150. the separation of church and state
- 381 151. insuring all employees of the state in the same program
- 382 152. Iowa maintaining its judicial merit-selection/retention-election
- 383 153. adequately fund the Iowa judiciary
- 384 154. legalizing/decriminalizing cannabis
- 385 155. the Office of Congressional Ethics
- 386 156. repeal of English only

387 157. a constitutional amendment guaranteeing an individual right to privacy

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389 We oppose:

390 158. a constitutional convention

391 159. the use of English as an exclusive official language

392 160. any form of exclusionary racial or partisan gerrymandering

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394 Gun Control

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396 We support:

397 161. expansion of the NICS, universal background checks, on firearms sales

398 162. passage of the Fix NICS Act of 2017

399 163. passage of the Gun Violence Restraining Order Act of 2017

400 164. establishment and funding of a government gun buyback program

401 165. civil liability for and additional taxation of gun manufacturers/retailers to address
402 the effects of gun violence

403 166. mandatory reporting of lost/stolen firearms

404 167. reinstatement of Assault Weapons Ban of 1994

405 168. re-classification of 'bump stocks' as restricted items under Title II of the National
406 Firearms Act (26 U.S.C. 5801 et seq.)

407 169. a ban on the sale and use of high capacity clips and magazines for guns

408 170. mandatory three day waiting period on all new firearms purchases

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410 ACRONYMS USED IN THIS SECTION

411 NICS – National Instant Criminal Background Check System

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413 HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

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415 General

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417 We support:

418 171. universally accessible single payer health care, including mental, dental, and
419 vision care

420 172. the Expanded and improved Medicare for All Act, as proposed in H.R. 676 and
421 S. 1804

422 173. a Medicare buy-in option or increasing ACA support as an alternative

423 174. medical end of life options

424 175. expanding access to medical marijuana

425 176. reclassifying marijuana as a substance with accepted medical uses

426 177. clean water and food security as basic human rights

427 178. increasing scrutiny of abuse/neglect cases, especially from mandatory reporters

428 179. maintaining existing state licensing of medical professionals

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- 430 We oppose:
- 431 180. denying medical services or providing substandard care due to personal and/or
 - 432 religious bias by medical or pharmaceutical professionals
 - 433 181. non-medical exemptions to vaccinations
 - 434 182. casino exemptions to the Smokefree Air Act

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436 Mental Health, Addiction, and Disability Support Systems

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438 We support:

- 439 183. mental health parity
- 440 184. high quality, community-based and other delivery systems for disability, mental
- 441 health, and addiction services.
- 442 185. restoring and expanding mental health facilities
- 443 186. increasing respite services

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445 Children and Families

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447 We support:

- 448 187. implementing a children's mental health system
- 449 188. low income and accessible housing available for individuals needing such
- 450 housing
- 451 189. sufficient funding/services for:
 - 452 a. child welfare systems
 - 453 b. child and maternal health programs
 - 454 c. programs that prevent child abuse and neglect
 - 455 d. Iowa Medical Examiner's services to the annual Child Death Review Team
 - 456 e. high quality child care and youth programs and financial support for
 - 457 families
- 458 195. adequate supervision and timely inspection of child-care centers
- 459 196. stronger and fair enforcement of the federal Child Support Recovery Act and
- 460 Deadbeat Parents Punishment Act

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462 We oppose:

- 463 197. conversion therapy for LGBTQIA+ persons

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465 Adults

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467 We support:

- 468 198. rigorous, timely state inspection of short and long-term care facilities and paid
- 469 in-home care
- 470 199. increasing staff-to-resident ratios in nursing facilities
- 471 200. tax credits for caregivers including the costs for caring for elderly and disabled
- 472 family members

- 473 201. restoring funds for long-term care ombudsmen
- 474 202. adequate funding and oversight of long-term care facilities

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476 Reproductive Rights

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478 We support:

- 479 203. the right of women to make their own reproductive choices
- 480 204. Planned Parenthood funding
- 481 205. student access to free barrier-based contraceptives in public schools

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483 We oppose:

- 484 206. reducing funding & decreasing access to women's healthcare, birth control, and
485 abortion
- 486 207. parental notification requirements for minors seeking contraceptives or
487 abortions

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489 Reimbursement and Coverage

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491 We support:

- 492 208. continuity of Medicaid coverage for autistic individuals regardless of age
- 493 209. long-term funding for Medicare, Medicaid, Iowa DHS, & VA benefits
- 494 210. regulating healthcare and drug costs
- 495 211. expanding Medicare and Medicaid to include assisted living
- 496 212. increasing Medicare and Medicaid reimbursement to providers
- 497 213. insurance coverage for contraceptives and abortions
- 498 214. coverage for transgender-related healthcare
- 499 215. establishing a state-run health record information exchange with patient opt out
- 500 216. repealing Iowa Non-Covered Services Law
- 501 217. restoring the state-run Medicaid system
- 502 218. allowing Medicare/Medicaid (CMS) and other government programs to
503 negotiate with pharmaceutical companies on drug prices and health care
504 services
- 505 219. setting price caps on pharmaceutical drugs

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507 We oppose:

- 508 220. profit-based healthcare reimbursement
- 509 221. privatizing Medicare and Medicaid
- 510 222. discrimination against patients by providers based on coverage source
- 511 223. the fetal heartbeat bill
- 512 224. reduced funding for Medicare and Medicaid

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514 ACRONYMS USED IN THIS SECTION

515 ACA – The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PL 111-148) of 2010,
516 colloquially known as "Obamacare"
517 LGBTQIA+ – Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Questioning/Queer, Intersex,
518 Asexual, and Allies
519 VA – Veterans Administrations
520 DHS – Department of Human Services

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HUMAN RIGHTS

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524 We support:

- 525 225. "Ban the Box" legislation removing criminal record question from initial
526 applications for employment & housing
527 226. universal voting rights to include those currently incarcerated
528 227. expanding domestic violence laws to include dating relationship
529 228. legislative initiatives that promote the safety of crime victims
530 229. adequately funding agencies that address & resolve complaints of
531 discrimination
532 230. the collection of data concerning discriminatory policing/profiling with the goal of
533 increasing transparency and ending racial profiling
534 231. a thorough review of the legal process which perpetuates the disproportionate
535 incarceration of persons of color
536 232. the human rights of immigrants, including due process, family preservation and
537 a pathway to citizenship
538 233. sanctuary cities
539 234. healthcare as a fundamental human right of every individual
540 235. the equal rights of LGBTQIA+ residents, including adoption placement, family
541 leave, public accommodations, government forms, and other areas
542 236. education about implicit racial bias, including training for those working in the
543 justice system
544 237. laws & policies that affirm the dignity & rights of individuals of all ages & abilities
545 238. laws & policies to provide safe, respectful & harassment-free public & private
546 workplaces
547 239. all gender restrooms

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549 We oppose:

- 550 240. efforts to create religious exemptions to LGBTQIA+ anti-discrimination laws
551 241. weakening or withdrawing policies that assist persons with disabilities in
552 accessibility (ADA), education and employment
553 242. requiring local law enforcement to perform duties delegated to ICE
554 243. the criminalization of addiction & drug use
555 244. the disenfranchisement of voters through voter suppression efforts including
556 Voter ID laws
557 245. Stand Your Ground laws

- 558 246. the death penalty
- 559 247. the weakening of the separation of church & state
- 560 248. insurance companies denying or limiting health coverage based on sexual
- 561 orientation or gender identity

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

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565 We support:

- 566 249. peaceful conflict resolution, normalized US diplomatic relations with all
- 567 countries, and multilateral solutions to international problems
- 568 250. the closing of Guantanamo Bay and other extrajudicial detention facilities
- 569 251. human rights and habeas corpus protections
- 570 252. federal court jurisdiction over non-citizen detainees
- 571 253. promoting human dignity, resolving global poverty, protecting clean air and
- 572 water, improving education, and reducing hunger and disease
- 573 254. territorial integrity of all nations cultural/educational exchange programs
- 574 255. taking an equitable, active role with US conflict partners in MENA conflict
- 575 256. maintaining present NATO security alliances
- 576 257. taking military action only with clear national defense goals or in cases of
- 577 genocide, informed Congressional consent and funding, and whenever
- 578 possible, international cooperation
- 579 258. ending violence against women, including genital mutilation/honor
- 580 killings/forced marriage/rape
- 581 259. prosecuting human traffickers and the protection and rehabilitation of its victims
- 582 260. fair elections, free from voter restrictions and foreign government interference
- 583 261. continued strengthening of Cyber-Security
- 584 262. stricter enforcement of Foreign Agents Registration Act
- 585 263. repealing 2001/2002 US Authorization for Use of Military Force
- 586 264. reforming the immigration laws of the US to allow persons wishing to move to
- 587 the US to migrate to this country legally and facilitating the process of
- 588 application for admission without long delays
- 589 265. a pathway to legal status and citizenship for immigrants who have been residing
- 590 in this country without legal documentation
- 591 266. US participation in negotiations/treaties including the UN Treaty on the
- 592 Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons
- 593 267. verifiably limiting the use/spending of any/all weapons of mass destruction
- 594 including but not limited to biological, chemical, nuclear, radiological, and
- 595 explosives for all parties
- 596 268. respecting and supporting decisions of the UN international courts

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598 We oppose:

- 599 269. injustice, economic exploitation, human rights denial
- 600 270. persecution based on race/religion/sexual orientation/gender identity

- 601 271. US-sponsored regime changes, coups, juntas, unelected governments
- 602 272. use of weaponized drones without declaration of war
- 603 273. genocide, terrorism, imperialism
- 604 274. any and all Muslim bans, barring refugees, and limiting visas and immigration
- 605 based on nation of origin and/or religion
- 606 275. any wall at the Mexican border, mass deportations, arresting undocumented
- 607 immigrants indiscriminately, deporting DREAMERS, expedited removal without
- 608 hearings, private prisons to hold immigrants
- 609 276. penalizing sanctuary cities

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611 We support:

- 612 277. the human rights and dignity of both Israelis and Palestinians

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614 ACRONYMS USED IN THIS SECTION

615 MENA – Middle Eastern and North Africa

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617 LABOR & ECONOMY

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619 We support:

- 620 278. restoring and strengthening public-sector bargaining rights and protections
- 621 279. project labor agreements
- 622 280. equal pay for equal work
- 623 281. union apprenticeships and membership
- 624 282. fair share work environments
- 625 283. workers' rights to select their own doctor for workplace injuries
- 626 284. use of trade unions for infrastructure jobs
- 627 285. preserving and protecting unemployment insurance benefits
- 628 286. maintaining IPERS as a defined benefit plan
- 629 287. Family Medical Leave Act
- 630 288. Fair Labor Standards Act
- 631 289. establishing a state-sponsored defined benefit retirement system for lowans
- 632 290. expanding Federal Davis-Bacon Act to include all publicly funded projects
- 633 291. a comprehensive worker training system using the community college structure
- 634 to address retraining displaced workers and readying lowans for changing
- 635 employment opportunities
- 636 292. repeal of the 2017 legislative changes to the Iowa Worker's Compensation Law
- 637 293. workers' ability to collectively organize, safe from employer retaliation and
- 638 punishment
- 639 294. prosecuting unfair labor practices
- 640 295. \$15/hour by 2020

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642 We oppose:

- 643 296. recertification requirements for public unions under current Iowa Code Chapter
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- 645 297. privatizing public-sector jobs
- 646 298. wage theft, employee misclassification, unfair overtime requirements, and other
- 647 employer abuses
- 648 299. unfair workers' compensation practices related to loss of earning capacity,
- 649 industrial disability rating, preexisting disability disputes, notice of injury, and
- 650 statute of limitations
- 651 300. restricting local government's ability to establish a wage rate higher than the
- 652 state minimum wage
- 653 301. social networking identification/password as condition of employment
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655 ECONOMY

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657 We support:

- 658 302. reinstating net neutrality to allow for free, fair access to information and to
- 659 support economic platforms for small businesses and communities
- 660 303. digital equality and inclusion which allows everyone access to broadband
- 661 technologies and the skills to use them to participate in the economic,
- 662 educational, social, political, and institutional processes that technology
- 663 facilitates
- 664 304. consumer protections for E-commerce, cashless transactions, and security on
- 665 the Internet
- 666 305. current laws regulating Iowa Credit Unions
- 667 306. applying social security taxes to all forms of income
- 668 307. more progressive tax structure, taxing all income as earned income
- 669 308. eliminating social security taxable wage cap
- 670 309. taxing high-frequency trading
- 671 310. recovery of expenses from large employers whose employees are eligible for
- 672 public assistance
- 673 311. combined corporate reporting for tax purposes
- 674 312. equitable trade agreements assuring full transparency, protecting workers'
- 675 rights and the environment
- 676 313. government entities purchasing US union-made products
- 677 314. US manufacturing military components
- 678 315. stronger anti-trust legislation and enforcement, especially on media
- 679 consolidation
- 680 316. regulating financial speculation
- 681 317. "too-big-to-fail" laws
- 682 318. 21st Century Glass-Steagall Act
- 683 319. incentives creating/retaining/returning jobs to US
- 684 320. increasing public transportation including rail
- 685 321. small businesses

- 686 322. accountability for all public funds provided to/disbursed by corporations
- 687 323. repayment, with interest, of monies from the Social Security Trust Fund that
- 688 were moved to the General Fund
- 689 324. a universal basic income
- 690 325. expanding antitrust merger and conduct enforcement analyses to consider, in
- 691 addition to price and efficiencies, market structures and concentration, impact
- 692 on labor and innovation, coordinated effects, and the impact on our democratic
- 693 institutions

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695 We oppose:

- 696 326. corporate welfare
- 697 327. tax breaks for companies outsourcing US jobs
- 698 328. off-shore tax shelters by US individuals, corporations, and foreign subsidiaries
- 699 329. Governor Reynolds' proposed tax cuts
- 700 330. renaming social security earned benefits as federal benefits
- 701 331. regulatory capture