



2022 WSDCC Platform



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2 *Injustice is ingrained in the personal, the public, the institutional, and the societal. It is implicit even where*
3 *it is not explicit, and it is pervasive. It is not reasonable or possible to list every form of injustice here,*
4 *especially as we, the writers of this platform, almost certainly have blind spots in our identification of*
5 *injustices, ourselves. These failings in our society fall more heavily on certain groups, and some of these*
6 *are explicitly listed within this platform, but it is certainly not an exhaustive list. We must all commit*
7 *ourselves to learning about and acting against injustice wherever it is found, particularly those of us with*
8 *insulating privileges, and we must do so following the lead of those most directly affected. We must*
9 *tirelessly seek the elimination of the roots of hatred and bigotry so that we may work together to build an*
10 *equitable, free society - in truth, not just in word.*

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12 **PREAMBLE**

13 Democrats put people and nature before corporations and profits.

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15 Washington State Democrats want universal healthcare. We believe a good education is a necessary
16 foundation for life, work and democracy. We fight for livable wages for working people. As
17 Democrats we acknowledge that we are facing a climate emergency and that reducing carbon
18 emissions and other actions that protect our Nation's water, air and soil are essential to the
19 preservation of the natural systems that sustain the ecosystems that make Earth habitable. We know
20 that sustainable forests, fisheries, energy, and transportation make for sustainable jobs. We have
21 reached out to people around the world to advance peace, knowledge, and fair trade. Democrats
22 have fought in all the Nation's wars in pursuit of a stable and peaceful world. We support all those
23 who have served in the U.S. military and we support all efforts to make sure Veterans are properly
24 cared for. Washington State Democrats respect Washington's Native people and guard against
25 attempts to diminish tribal sovereignty, culture, and natural resources. We believe immigrants
26 strengthen the United States of America and are an essential part of the fabric of our nation and our
27 economy. We believe that widespread voter participation and election integrity are key to preserving
28 our democracy. We advocate for the principles that have made the United States a beacon around
29 the world: freedom, justice for all, fairness, and that no one is above the law. The Covid-19 pandemic
30 shows that all too often our country has not placed people first.

31 To ensure a just democracy, Washington State Democrats will hold elected Democrats accountable
32 to actively and publicly use all available legal and parliamentary procedures to bring these principles
33 into fruition.

34 This 2022 Washington State Democratic Platform is dedicated to the memory of Andrew Stewart Barton,
35 who lived with a spirit of love and compassion we could only try to harness in the words of this document.

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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Criminal Justice Reform

Washington State Democrats must be aggressive in our drive to limit and minimize explicit, implicit, and institutional injustices. It is not possible or reasonable to list every form of injustice here, especially as we the writers of this platform acknowledge blind spots in our identification of injustice. Injustice based on race, ethnicity, disability, gender, sexual orientation and gender identity and expression, religion, class, wealth, or country of origin has an immediate effect on those who experience injustice. These injustices have shaped our society and institutions from the earliest settlers. We all struggle daily to learn and act against these injustices. We have made some progress and have worked to address many of these injustices; however, they have been so ingrained and accepted that injustice and bias in our criminal justice system are not recognized by many. The Washington State Democratic Party in this Party Platform realizes that every platform pillar has been written with this understanding whether or not it is explicitly stated.

Education

“It is the paramount duty of the state to make ample provisions for the education of all children.”
-- *The Washington State Constitution*

The backbone of our democracy is a free, universal public education including preschool through post secondary education designed to develop lifelong learners prepared to think critically and participate in our civic society. The growing demands of globalization, technology, and cross-cultural understanding require a well-funded public education system that offers the challenges and opportunities to develop the full potential of all students. We recognize the direct connection between individual educational attainment and the long-term economic sustainability of our society.

Environment, Climate, & Sustainability

We believe all people have a natural right to clean air, water, soil, and food. We have the responsibility to ensure that future generations are provided with a healthy world capable of sustaining and improving their lives. This can only be achieved through international collaboration to effectively address the global climate crisis threatening the health of the planet. The struggle to protect our planet’s climate health must be mutually dependent and interwoven with the struggles for racial, social and economic justice.

We support aggressive action now to reduce greenhouse gas pollution in order to immediately slow, and ultimately halt further global climate change, species extinctions, ocean acidification guided by prompt and effective decision making based on peer-reviewed, best available science and economic evidence. We call for major new investments in rail and transportation infrastructure, manufacturing industries, sustainable agriculture, energy conservation, energy-efficient buildings, and clean tech innovation to create millions of good-paying union jobs benefitting every community, while ensuring a just transition for workers in fossil fuel industries, and other industries heavily dependent on fossil fuels, to ensure ongoing employment.

107 In addition, we call for significantly reducing plastic waste and for the creation of “cradle to grave” plans
108 for all products not recyclable or compostable.

109 We believe that an efficient, well-planned land use and multimodal transportation system
110 promotes a healthy economy. This requires our transportation systems to rapidly transition away from
111 the use of fossil fuels and the burning of carbon-based fuels.

112 We must preserve family farms, strengthen rural communities, ensure the availability of high-quality
113 food, and maintain the viability of land and water. We must promote agriculture and forest
114 management practices that restore healthy soils that can sequester large quantities of CO2. We
115 must preserve the health of our forests and timber communities. In order to strengthen our fishing and
116 tribal communities, we must preserve rivers, tideland, estuaries, and oceans, with special attention to
117 native marine life and at-risk species such as salmon and Southern Resident Orcas.

118 ***Government***

119 The United States should lead by example and work within the world community in a spirit of peace,
120 cooperation, and generosity to support human welfare, freedom, and democracy. Diplomacy and
121 nonviolent conflict resolution must be the primary organizing principles of our foreign policy.

122 We acknowledge the work of the State Department and of our foreign service officers. We pledge support
123 of our troops and honor our veterans who act in the service of our country. The core task of the U.S.
124 military is to provide for the common defense. Our military must be adequate to provide for our nation’s
125 defense and should never be open to abuses of power by any branch of government. The rule of law is a
126 prerequisite for a democratic civil society. A good government provides for the safety, security, and justice
127 for all, with care, fairness, and respect for everyone. Finally, Government derives its legitimacy from the
128 people, to whom it must be answerable; it serves as their instrument to achieve ends that the people
129 could not achieve individually. Our representative democracy requires full participation by an informed
130 citizenry; a voting process that is fair, transparent, and open to all; and public officials who are accountable
131 to society. An informed citizenry and a free press are essential for democracy to flourish.

132 ***Health Care, Human Services & Gun Safety***

133 Healthcare is a basic human right. Our government should guarantee a strong public health system
134 that provides accessible, high-quality, free at the point of use health care as this is essential to the well-
135 being of all people and the health and economic security of this country. As a caring community, we
136 must provide a safety net of social services that meets the basic needs of people, especially those on the
137 margins of society, so everyone can attain their full potential. The rising tide of gun violence in this
138 country demands laws that regulate the possession of firearms, and protect the lives of all people,
139 especially vulnerable populations, such as our school children, from gun violence.

140 ***Labor and Economic Justice***

141 The pandemic has thrown a harsh light on the failures of our past and current economic policies.

142 In the USA, one of the wealthiest nations in the world, no child should go to sleep hungry; no family
143 should have to choose between housing and health care; no worker should have to fear for their health
144 when going to work.

145 We the people have the right to a government that works for all of us, over the long term, as opposed to
146 a government ruled by greed for short-term profit at the expense of our health, our security, and our
147 very lives. The historical exploitation of working class people by the wealthy has gone unchecked by our

148 government for too long; this has harmed underrepresented and disadvantaged people the most.
149 Income inequality is worse than ever before, with many corporate executives making more than 600
150 times the pay of their lowest-paid employees. Wealth inequality is similarly extreme, with the top
151 10% of families holding nearly 80% of America’s wealth and the bottom half only 1%. We recognize
152 just as President Franklin D. Roosevelt recognized nearly 90 years ago, that the natural tendency of
153 economic capital is to concentrate into fewer and fewer hands, to the point where the very
154 structure of society will collapse. It is therefore necessary to have in place governmental policies
155 that will counter this tendency towards collapse by ensuring that all people have the opportunity to
156 share in our nation's abundance.

157 Many laws designed to correct these injustices already exist, but the majority lack oversight or
158 enforcement, or both. Laws and trade deals must contain mechanisms to ensure justice; to make these
159 words on paper a living reality. We believe comprehensive tax reform is required to fix Washington
160 state’s regressive tax codes. Sufficient taxation is required for a functioning government that
161 provides necessary infrastructure and services. Taxation also has a role in driving and realizing
162 societal goals. Complexity in our current tax code creates opportunities for the wealthy and
163 powerful to exploit loopholes to their advantage.

164 We support embracing the Just Transition from an extractive economy based on a worldview of
165 consumerism and colonialism, an economic and political model of perpetual growth of economic
166 and political power to the few based on resource extraction and worker exploitation, and a military
167 model of world domination; to a regenerative economy based on a worldview of sustainability and
168 sacredness of all life and cultures, a local-centric economic model of resource regeneration, a
169 democratic political model of social justice, cooperation and wellbeing.

170 Finally, public investment should have goals beyond GDP (Gross Domestic Product) growth, we
171 should ensure that equal access to basic human necessities such as housing, health care, and
172 healthy food is prioritized over simple economic growth.

173 ***Social Justice***

174 The inherent dignity and equal and inalienable rights of all human beings are foundations of freedom,
175 justice, and peace. Our democracy rests on the rights and responsibilities set forth in the United States
176 Constitution, the International Bill of Human Rights, the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of
177 Indigenous People, and the Washington State Constitution. We are a nation of diverse cultures.
178 Immigrants strengthen the United States of America. All immigrants should be afforded full human
179 rights and a fair, safe, and timely path to legal status or citizenship. We believe that safe, quality, and
180 physically accessible affordable housing is a basic human right, and the foundation for success in life,
181 education, and employment. We affirm the importance of culturally diverse expression through art
182 and recognize the essential power of art in building bridges among human beings. We commit to
183 expanding access for all people to all forms of art in order to preserve cultural diversity, encourage
184 free expression, and promote community building.

185 ***Tribal Relations and Sovereignty***

186 Washington State Democrats recognize the unique and valuable history and cultural relationships of
187 the lands, waterways, usual and accustomed areas regionally and internationally which are highly
188 valued among Tribal Nations.

189 All branches of US government must maintain a lasting and respectful relationship with Tribal
190 Nations and oppose all attempts to diminish tribal sovereignty, tribal culture, natural resources,
191 health care, or the general welfare of tribes. This is essential to open and meaningful government-to-
192 government relations. We recognize the status of Urban Indian populations, and that the Federal Trust
193 responsibility expands beyond Tribal Reservation borders. We recognize the harm our country has
194 done to Native Americans. We recognize Washington State occupies tribal land.

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Implementation of this Platform

197 Without action, the principles adopted and recorded in this Platform will remain only written
198 words, with none of the important effect intended. We look to the Democrats whom we have
199 elected to represent us in Olympia and Washington, D.C. to take the action required. We hold
200 accountable our President and our Governor to take executive actions, and our U.S. Senators and
201 Representatives and State Senators and Representatives to introduce, support, and pass the
202 legislation required to make these ideas reality.

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Criminal Justice Reform

Law and the Justice System

We Believe:

- The criminal legal system is rooted in a history of racism;
- Racial equity must be at the heart of all the reforms of the criminal legal system;
- No person or corporation should profit from the imprisonment of people;
- In ending the school to prison pipeline;
- The justice system is the wrong place to handle substance use disorder and other behavioral/mental health issues;
- In restorative justice;
- All people, regardless of race, sexual orientation and gender identity, ability and class have the right to be secure in their persons, houses, papers, personal data, and effects, against unreasonable searches and seizures;
- A person's wealth, gender, sexual orientation, or race should not determine how the rule of law is applied to them. All victims of crimes have a right to justice. A person's wealth, gender, sexual orientation should not affect the determination of law enforcement to capture, prosecute, and convict the perpetrator of a crime committed against them;
- Employees in the judicial system need to be held to the highest standards of ethical, moral, and legal practices;
- The U.S. cannot and should not claim the moral high ground above other nations in the world given the painful reality of how the U.S. treats its incarcerated individuals;
- The strikingly disproportional negative impact of our civil and criminal justice system on people based on race, sexual orientation and gender identity, ability and class demands our attention and cries out for justice too long denied;
- Housing, nonviolent conflict resolution, education, youth programs, health care, social services, rehabilitation, and living wage jobs will reduce crime and violence;
- Basic human rights must be respected for all people confined in jails, prisons, mental facilities and protective custody, and elder care memory care facilities;
- Supporting survivors and honoring, respecting and assuming credibility of their stories and fully investigating their claims;
- Incarcerated individuals should be given access to phone, email and other digital communication with their families at no cost to them or their families as this encourages family unity and furthers the incarcerated persons rehabilitation. Access to fully funded educational programs for long term prisoners will reduce violence in prison and recidivism.
- Investing in alternative emergency response programs will create safe means for people to get help when they need it;
- In prioritizing treatment of addiction over incarceration;
- Community-police relations will be improved with civilian oversight and review and civilian participation in developing ethical law enforcement practices;
- The purpose of court sentences is to right wrongs and injustices. The goal is to address the problems that lead to breaking the law and to minimize recidivism;
- Ending mass incarceration will strengthen communities and begin to deconstruct the prison industrial complex.
- Justice Reform needs to apply equally to the military and that it be applied equally to all members of

- 251 the military regardless of rank;
- 252 ● People should not lose their voting rights because of a criminal conviction.
- 253 ● The civilian justice system is the appropriate venue for prosecution of acts of both international and
- 254 domestic terrorism;
- 255 ● Military members who declare themselves conscientious objectors to be given due process without
- 256 fear of reprisal;
- 257 ● Increased funding for investigative units under the Uniform Code of Military Justice (UCMJ) for full
- 258 prosecution of all sexual assaults, and of harassment based on gender, religion, ethnicity, or sexual
- 259 orientation, by military personnel;
- 260 ● Justice Reform needs to apply equally to the military and that it be applied equally to all members of
- 261 the military regardless of rank.
- 262 ● Educational programs, in many forms, should be fully funded and readily available to incarcerated
- 263 individuals who desire it, whether to improve opportunities post-incarceration or to gain an
- 264 understanding of particular issues. Incarcerated individuals are generally less violent when they are
- 265 scholars, and recidivism is reduced after prison.
- 266 ● Increasing public safety by reducing the root causes of crime such as poverty, lack of affordable
- 267 housing, under employment, mental illness, drug addiction and supporting the restorative and
- 268 corrective services to return people to living productive lives should replace the punishment and
- 269 incarceration focus within the criminal justice system.
- 270 ● WA State to fully fund and support therapeutic and mental health courts, at all court levels to
- 271 reduce the overrepresentation of people with mental illnesses, drug addiction, and "crimes" of
- 272 poverty and homelessness in the criminal justice system, to assist defendants in obtaining services
- 273 that will reduce recidivism, thereby enhancing community health and safety.

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275 **We Call For:**

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- 277 ● Providing adequate funding for legal representation for indigent parties in criminal, relevant civil,
- 278 juvenile, and family court cases;
- 279 ● Increased efforts during the voir dire process to address and ensure equitable representation of
- 280 minorities on juries;
- 281 ● Ongoing anti- racism, anti- bias, and diversity training for all employees in the criminal legal system;
- 282 ● the prohibition of using someone's debt as a reason to revoke their rights;
- 283 ● Prohibition of the sale of court fines and fees to private debt collectors;
- 284 ● Enforcement of habeas corpus for everyone in the United States jurisdiction- citizens and non-
- 285 citizens;
- 286 ● Immediate and comprehensive action to end racial profiling and the disproportionately high
- 287 imprisonment of people of color, and to reduce the U.S.'s overall incarceration rate, which is the
- 288 highest in the world;
- 289 ● Abolition of solitary confinement as punishment;
- 290 ● Providing all formerly incarcerated with the opportunity to re-enter and be productive members of
- 291 society with an assistance plan for transitional food, clothing, housing, transportation and
- 292 employment for each person released from a local, state or federal institution;
- 293 ● Adequate funding of probation services to provide and encourage transition into the general
- 294 population without the added stigma of being labeled;
- 295 ● De-escalation training for law enforcement and corrections officers to identify mental and
- 296 behavioral health issues and then safely, humanely and respectfully address those situations.;
- 297 ● Police forces to be held accountable for abusive practices and exercise restraint in their dealing with
- 298 peaceful assemblies and protests;

- 299 ● Addressing the domestic violence crisis among law enforcement officers including the explicit
- 300 prohibition and disqualification for service or employment within law enforcement of those with a
- 301 history of domestic violence or violent bigotry.;
- 302 ● Creating a national database of decertified police officers;
- 303 ● Police to be demilitarized and ban the use of tanks, assault vehicles, military assault arms An end to
- 304 all No-Knock Raids;
- 305 ● Ending the practice of charging youth as adults;
- 306 ● Review all sentences of youths that were charged and sentenced as adults;
- 307 ● Eliminating law enforcement immunity from fatal encounters;
- 308 ● Reallocation of funds used to purchase military grade hardware to social programs;
- 309 ● Undoing the non-compete clauses state agencies have with Washington Correctional Industries;
- 310 ● The decriminalization of consensual sex work;
- 311 ● A new livable wage standard for jurors to enable participation from a broader economic spectrum;
- 312 ● A reclassification of "intent to distribute" to a reasonable amount relative to modern data;
- 313 ● Decriminalization of personal possession and use of most drugs in a manner similar to Oregon
- 314 Initiative 110 passed by voters in 2020;
- 315 ● Establishing a national police use of force standard that deadly force should only be used in the
- 316 most extreme circumstances;
- 317 ● All deaths at the hands of police should be investigated by citizen review committees;
- 318 ● Counties shall establish Mobile Crisis Teams (MCTs) to work with people with mental illness and to
- 319 respond to mental health emergencies. They shall be comprised of mental health professionals and
- 320 emergency medical technicians specially trained in crisis response. Such teams shall be housed with
- 321 departments of mental health or similar, not with police, though they will be dispatched by 911 call
- 322 centers, which may dispatch both the MCT and police as warranted;
- 323 ● Providing defendants a supervised release or mandatory detention, with the conditions determined
- 324 with a risk assessment in lieu of cash bail;
- 325 ● Convictions for possession of marijuana [and any relating paraphernalia charges] to be expunged
- 326 nationwide and such prisoners immediately released;
- 327 ● Timely DNA testing to protect the innocent against misidentification;
- 328 ● Financing for health care and health insurance fraud investigation and prosecution;
- 329 ● Equitable punishments for white collar crime, including appropriate fines and jail time
- 330 commensurate with the damage done to society;
- 331 ● Reform of criminal asset forfeiture laws so that proceeds are used to benefit community action
- 332 projects;
- 333 ● Asset forfeiture laws to be based only on convictions;
- 334 ● Either party in a civil case to have a re-hearing of an expedited "emergency" case using the normal
- 335 civil rules, laws, and procedures;
- 336 ● All formerly incarcerated people to have the ability for their conviction to be reviewed periodically
- 337 and expunged;
- 338 ● A ban on facial recognition technology and other Artificial Intelligence programs used for profiling
- 339 suspects within law enforcement practices;
- 340 ● Any prison programs that use labor by prisoners inside or outside of the prison should offer the
- 341 same labor rights and protections as not-prison labor including minimum wage and the right to
- 342 organize;
- 343 ● Abolition of the death penalty;
- 344 ● Abolishment of the Three Strike laws;
- 345 ● Full funding of the Violence Against Women Act, services to crime victims, expeditious testing of
- 346 rape kits, and programs to prevent sexual violence;

- 347 ● State and local governments to direct and train law enforcement to recognize that sex workers
- 348 against whom a crime has been committed have the same right to police protection as any other
- 349 constituent and should be treated with the same respect for their dignity;
- 350 ● Efforts to improve community-police relations providing civilian oversight or review of situations
- 351 where human and civil rights concerns arise regarding police practices;
- 352 ● Building and funding of community based behavioral healthcare facilities across the state;
- 353 ● Development of services based on a needs assessment by an organization that understands
- 354 community based prevention, recovery, and re-entry programs. By intervening this way a significant
- 355 number of people can be diverted away from incarceration and reduce recidivism;
- 356 ● Fund and execute a re-entry program to begin prior to release, continuing after release with access
- 357 to housing, healthcare, mental health, mentoring and other services;
- 358 ● A ban on deceptive interrogation tactics;
- 359 ● Enacting legislation that requires all police officers to have a minimum of an Associates degree with
- 360 at least 9 credits in Sociology: 3 credits of Introductory Sociology, 3 credits in the Sociology of Social
- 361 Problems, and 3 credits in the Sociology of Race and Ethnic Relations;
- 362 ● The elimination of qualified immunity for law enforcement officials;
- 363 ● Funding of unarmed responders with mental health and social work backgrounds who can respond
- 364 to people in crisis, sometimes alongside paramedics, law enforcement officers and other first
- 365 responders;
- 366 ● Addressing the law enforcement workforce shortage by funding more training slots at the Criminal
- 367 Justice Training Center and other efforts to build a pipeline for a qualified workforce;
- 368 ● Providing law enforcement the resources necessary to help keep our communities safe including
- 369 behavioral health services for law enforcement personnel;
- 370 ● The Department of Corrections grievance process to take seriously the complaints of incarcerated
- 371 persons;
- 372 ● Sex workers to be granted immunity from being charged or prosecuted for sex crimes when they
- 373 report crimes;
- 374 ● Adequate, accessible medical care for incarcerated persons;

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We Oppose:

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- 378 ● Mandatory sentencing;
- 379 ● Coerced labor for detainees and inmates;
- 380 ● Prisoners outsourced out-of-state;
- 381 ● Government spying on persons including the use of drone technology and collection of personal
- 382 meta-data without a legal warrant;
- 383 ● The offering of religious programming in our prisons without offering a secular alternative;
- 384 ● Asset seizures based on arrest or presumption of guilt;
- 385 ● “Warehousing” of prisoners;
- 386 ● Using prisons or jails to house persons with mental health or addiction issues;
- 387 ● The use of cash bail;
- 388 ● The criminalization of homelessness;
- 389 ● Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) having access to our local court and prison systems;
- 390 ● Hiring jail building contractors to assess the needs of the community. Needs assessments must be
- 391 done by organizations with knowledge of the services needed to intervene and divert people from
- 392 jails;
- 393 ● One-size-fits-all flat fines and fees for criminal activity, which disproportionately punish the working
- 394 class and do not disincentivize the wealthy; fines should be proportionate to wealth and income.

- 395 ● The use of private, for-profit prisons, jails and juvenile detention facilities and the use of forced
396 and/or undercompensated prison labor to generate corporate profits;
397 ● “Stand Your Ground” laws that legalize shooting-first.
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Education

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Education

We Believe:

- In protecting the great work that has been accomplished in our state towards advancing a free and public education for all learners that is equitable and comprehensive;
- All people have the right to attend schools where their physical, emotional, and cultural safety is assured; Education means investing in all people and preparing them to live, work, and thrive in a multicultural, multilingual, and highly connected world;
- In peaceful coexistence and a humane society comprised of well-educated engaged citizens;
- Fully fund tuition-free and debt-free public college, universities, historic black colleges/universities (HBCUs), minority serving institutions and trade-schools;
- No one should be denied an education because of membership in any socioeconomic, linguistic, or ethnic group, or because of a disability;
- Education includes academic, social-emotional, behavioral, and cultural supports for all learners;
- Societal inequality impacts educational equity and must be addressed holistically;
- It is the public duty to provide an excellent public school with sufficient resources and a rich, curriculum in every neighborhood of our state;
- Every school must have the staff and resources it needs to provide a full education, extracurricular and enrichment , after school activities, and appropriate services for all students;
- All student loan debt should be canceled, and an affordable cap placed on student loan interest rates.
- The backbone of our democracy is a free, universal public-school system, designed to develop lifelong learners prepared to think critically and participate in our civic society;
- In the importance of supporting early education from birth to pre-K as a peak time of childhood development and learning;
- The compulsory school age for children should be lowered from 8 to 5. Washington is the only state with an age requirement that doesn't start until age 8;
- That higher education, comprised of all technical, vocational, 2 and 4 year colleges serve equally important components of society and workforce needs and is just as valuable as K-12 education;
- Special needs students should have equal or better accessibility to hand washing and toileting facilities as their typically developing peers;
- Outdoor environmental education as mandated by Washington State Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction should be supported and expanded;
- Curricula and school libraries should include age-appropriate books reflecting a wide variety of beliefs and experiences. Books should not be banned for challenging some families' beliefs.

We Call For:

- Recognition of stress disorders in both staff and students;
- High quality continuing education and career training, including school-to-work partnerships and apprenticeship programs, in addition to traditional higher education for adult workers;
- Full funding and equal access to:

- 444 ○ Public education, including all basic, gifted, vocational, technical, alternative, special
- 445 education, and other state/federal programs and mandates;
- 446 ○ Early learning, including home visiting services, Head Start and Early Childhood Education
- 447 and Assistance Programs;
- 448 ○ Training for all faculty and staff in de-escalation techniques, how to prevent, identify, and
- 449 report suspected child abuse, and culturally-responsive positive behavioral supports;
- 450 ○ Free school food programs available for all students, including breakfast and lunch, that
- 451 meet or exceed state nutritional standards and support healthy habits and classroom
- 452 learning, so that all students have an equal, stigma-free opportunity to succeed;
- 453 ○ High-quality, out-of-school-time programs, including before school, after school, and
- 454 summer, to support working families and maintain school-year learning achievement;
- 455 ○ Ability to attend public colleges and universities in Washington State without being charged
- 456 tuition, and funding from the state to those colleges and universities to replace those tuition
- 457 dollars;
- 458 ● Increase STEAM awareness and engagement for female and non-binary learners.
- 459 ● The Washington State Legislature to fulfill its constitutional duty to “make ample provisions for the
- 460 education of all children” as reaffirmed by the Washington State Supreme Court in the *McCleary*
- 461 decision;
- 462 ● Elected school boards to solicit input and openly work to include the input of the entire community
- 463 they serve and actively represent their interests;
- 464 ● Educator and parent led reforms for better outcomes in the classroom;
- 465 ● Racial and economic integration of students within schools and school districts;
- 466 ● Increased options within the public education system such as State-Tribal Education Compacts and
- 467 innovative non-charter public schools;
- 468 ● Effective oversight of pre-K through grade 12 schools to increase accountability regarding recently
- 469 passed laws, such as school district violations of student protections, closing opportunity gaps,
- 470 attaining equity regarding school discipline, implementing play-based learning, and offering tiered
- 471 interventions to meet student academic and behavioral needs;
- 472 ● Increased funding and support for students with disabilities mainstreamed with 504 Plans, with
- 473 Individual Education Plans, and in special education;
- 474 ● Removing all state and local funding from charter schools and transitioning them to fully private
- 475 funding; and providing stronger, comprehensive oversight of charter schools and the elimination of
- 476 exceptions afforded to them in current law until that removal of funding is completed; Support for
- 477 systems to enable more equitable funding of our public schools, such as:
- 478 ○ Simple majority elections for school bonds and protection of the simple majority for school
- 479 levies;
- 480 ○ Education funding equity regardless of district tax base, with a new funding formula for
- 481 public schools and capital projects;
- 482 ○ Uncoupling school bonds from the state non-education capital budget and passing them
- 483 with a simple majority;
- 484 ○ Restructuring school districts to increase alignment with county or municipal boundaries for
- 485 equity of funding, reduction of segregation, and more effective partnerships with local social
- 486 services;
- 487 ● Provide a Safe physical environment where rooms, equipment and supplies are in good condition,
- 488 cleaned and repaired as necessary;
- 489 ● Full funding of developmentally aligned education and equal access to:

- 490 ○ Smaller and appropriate class sizes informed by teacher input, and research on effective
- 491 learning environments;
- 492 ○ School academic and behavioral health counselors, psychologists, librarians,
- 493 paraprofessionals, social workers, custodians, and nurses to serve the needs of every
- 494 student;
- 495 ○ School construction to accommodate increased student populations, full-day pre-k and
- 496 kindergarten, and maintenance including replacement of all portables for the health and
- 497 safety of our students;
- 498 ○ Safe, reliable transportation to and from school;
- 499 ○ Open educational resources offered free and openly for educators, students, and self-
- 500 learners to use and reuse for teaching, learning and resources;
- 501 ○ The acquisition and maintenance of a technological infrastructure (broadband and end-user
- 502 equipment) throughout the state that will make robust connectivity and accessibility a
- 503 reality for every educator and learner, whether in the classroom or located remotely;
- 504 ○ Implementation of the Washington State Board of Health’s revised rules for health and
- 505 safety of school environments;
- 506 ● Pre-K through grade 12 multi-tiered system of supports (MTSS);
- 507 ● Curricula that include:
 - 508 ○ Critical thinking instruction to promote recognition of cognitive biases and logical fallacies;
 - 509 ○ Rigorous, comprehensive, and historically, as well as scientifically, accurate content at all
 - 510 levels that recognizes the cultural perspectives of students from diverse and indigenous
 - 511 communities;
 - 512 ○ Reject racism and cultural/linguistic oppression;
 - 513 ○ Social-emotional learning, music, fine arts, environmental education, world language
 - 514 instruction, civics, personal finance, and physical education in the Washington Basic
 - 515 Education Act, beginning in pre-K;
 - 516 ○ Implementation of a non-heteronormative, medically accurate and comprehensive sex
 - 517 education in schools, including education on healthy relationships and models of consent;
 - 518 ○ STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics) education through diverse
 - 519 learning opportunities in pre-K through grade 12 as a matter of national security and global
 - 520 economic competitiveness;
 - 521 ○ Quality vocational education and apprenticeship programs in middle school, high school,
 - 522 and community and technical colleges;
 - 523 ○ Emphasize education about climate change, its sources and solutions;
 - 524 ○ Civics education to provide the essential bedrock for our democracy and to fully fund said
 - 525 civics curricula. Social studies to develop a well-informed citizen electorate with historical
 - 526 perspective;
 - 527 ○ Implementing late-start for high schools;
- 528 ● An educational workforce that:
 - 529 ○ Recognizes employee rights to organize, engage in collective bargaining, and strike without
 - 530 fear of reprisal or replacement;
 - 531 ○ Is fairly compensated (salary and benefits) for ALL college instructors based on levels for full-
 - 532 time professional staff and faculty, according to percentage of full-time equivalency;
 - 533 ○ Compensates certificated and classified employees equal to that of other professionals of
 - 534 similar experience and education, in order to attract and retain quality public school
 - 535 employees;
 - 536 ○ Is able to exercise academic freedom without reprisal;
- 537 ● Safe schools, colleges, and universities that:

- 538 ○ Are free from guns, weapons, violence, bullying, harassment, retribution (by staff and
- 539 students), drugs, and alcohol;
- 540 ○ Include developmentally appropriate recess and meal times;
- 541 ○ Fortify cybersecurity systems and establish best practices so that they can protect personal
- 542 information, prevent malicious hacks, data breaches, and phishing attempts;
- 543 ○ Provide students access to school locker rooms and bathrooms that correspond to their
- 544 gender identities or single-occupancy facilities; and
- 545 ○ hold accountable students, faculty, and staff that engage in sexual harassment or assault;
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- 547 ○ Provide safe, lead-free water supplies, clean air and good ventilation
- 548 ● Legislation that addresses:
 - 549 ○ High interest rates and predatory practices on student loans;
 - 550 ○ Financial stress of currently enrolled (part and full-time) college students;
 - 551 ○ Student loan forgiveness;
 - 552 ○ Public service loan forgiveness;
 - 553 ○ The need for tuition free two- and four-year public universities and vocational training
 - 554 programs;
 - 555 ○ Tuition aid to college students convicted of drug possession who are now barred assistance
 - 556 by the federal government;
- 557 ● Adoption of a non-profit General Education Development (GED) as an alternative to the for-profit
- 558 GED;
- 559 ● Ending diversion of public funds to charter schools;
- 560 ● Fully funding K-12 schools at the state level rather than requiring school districts to propose
- 561 regressive property tax funded bonds and levies;
- 562 ● Quality childcare, including age-appropriate daycares, nanny shares, learning & development
- 563 specialist and therapists;
- 564 ● Recruitment and retention of educators, especially those in underrepresented groups like people of
- 565 color;
- 566 ● Mandatory mentoring program for the first 3 years of new educators that includes release time for
- 567 observations and feedback;
- 568 ● Equitable funding of technical, vocational, 2 and 4 year colleges, especially with regards to pay at all
- 569 levels (administration, faculty, classified staff), scope of work and employment contracts;
- 570 ● Legislation to lower the voting age for school board elections to age 16;
- 571 ● A foundation of civics and social studies, financial literacy and economics must be woven
- 572 throughout our educational system in order to develop a well-informed citizen electorate with
- 573 multi-ethnic historical perspective;
- 574 ● Changing the school bond passage from super majority to simple majority. Prioritize school
- 575 infrastructure and ensure the WA Constitution to “fully fund education” is applied to school
- 576 infrastructure (buildings, technology, capital projects-like new roofs, heat systems), and update
- 577 school buildings to green building practices;
- 578 ● All new school infrastructure must be built at least 35% green (energy efficiency, solar panels)-state
- 579 will help fund all green projects;
- 580 ● All school meals/food must have at least 20% from local farms, including produce and meat;
- 581 ● Prioritizing and funding civics/social studies education in K-6;
- 582 ● Reducing the requirement to pass a school bond from 60% to a simple majority and removing any
- 583 requirements comparing the turnout to previous elections.
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585 **We Oppose:**

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- 587 • Profit-driven "education reform" characterized by corporatized curriculum, excessive testing, and
- 588 charter schools;
- 589 • Unfunded mandates;
- 590 • Linking military recruitment to educational funding;
- 591 • High-stakes standardized testing tied to teacher compensation, school funding, grade promotion, or
- 592 high school graduation;
- 593 • Over-testing of students, the use of biased assessments, testing for the sake of testing, and
- 594 mandated tests from the federal government;
- 595 • Isolation and corporal punishment;
- 596 • Student loans that cannot be refinanced or discharged in bankruptcy;
- 597 • Cuts to state funding for public education, whether or not the item funded is included in the state's
- 598 definition of basic education.
- 599 • The commercialization of school environments including corporate funding of programs and pre-K
- 600 through grade 12 food sales;
- 601 • Organized prayer in public schools;
- 602 • Regular police presence in schools via school resource officer (SRO) programs, which criminalize
- 603 typical student behavior and contribute to the school-to-prison pipeline, disproportionately
- 604 impacting students of color;
- 605 • The escalation of tuition at institutions of higher education in response to declining state support;
- 606 • The gathering and sharing of personal student and employee information for military recruitment or
- 607 for commercial, personal, or political gain.
- 608 • Any and all, including state based, censorship of books and teachers in public and school libraries
- 609 and classrooms based on race, gender identity or political agendas.

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Environment, Climate, and Sustainability

Agriculture, Aquaculture, Fisheries, and Forestry

We believe:

- Public lands must be preserved, protected and managed as a public trust for the health of current and future generations of people and wildlife;
- State and National policies must protect and restore biodiversity, ecosystems and watersheds with specific protections for wild salmon protections;
- Sustainable farming, ranching, fishing, logging, and land management are critical to the health of the climate and environment;
- Strong growth management policy and law reduces sprawl while protecting agriculture, critical areas, forest, and water;

We call for:

- Increased assistance to urban areas for development of urban forest management plans and urban forest ordinances that increase protection for trees and support increasing urban tree canopy;
- Support and encouragement of vibrant and sustainable small farms and family farms;
- Creating and supporting localized marketing, community supported agriculture, and cooperative marketing;
- Requiring developers to pay impact fees to mitigate increased capital needs for schools, safe pedestrian infrastructure, roads, parks, sewers, fire safety, and other effects of development;
- Protecting our critical environmental areas including wilderness areas, old growth forests, wildlife habitat areas and corridors, wetlands, lakes, rivers, streams, riparian areas, Washington waters, coastlines, continental shelf, oceans, and other bodies of water through vigilant monitoring and planned growth management;
- Implementing a restorative soils program to incentivize healthy agriculture and forestry management practices which would concurrently enhance soil productivity, reduce local waterways pollution, and improve soil CO2 sequestration;
- Expanding funding and restoration efforts to improve fisheries including: replacement of culverts to better facilitate fish passage, habitat restoration, pollution-reduction goals, with detection of pollution sources and enforcement of violations; riparian areas; cold water connections; alternative fishing gear; support wild fish runs and hatchery “wild stock” production and daylighting streams and creeks where possible;
- Incentivizing and providing grants to assist property owners in transitioning their landscaping to native, diverse, drought-tolerant plants;
- Preempting rules from private organizations, such as HOAs, that prevent the use of native, diverse, and drought-tolerant landscaping;
- Requiring the use of native, diverse, drought-tolerant plants on public lands, except where park uses require a different form of groundcover;
- Investing in stewardship of our forest and our forest communities affected by climate change and resulting in hotter and drier seasons causing massive and catastrophic wildfires, and increased susceptibility to pest infestation that threaten this state's forests and streams and timber-related jobs;

- 656 • Investing in transition of existing timber-related jobs to living wage jobs, including retraining for new
657 jobs both within and outside forestry;
- 658 • Increasing jobs in our rural timber communities to strengthen our forests for wildfire, to use
659 sustainable forest biomass from forestry thinning to make renewable products, through the
660 manufacture and use of advanced engineered wood products, and in the best forest management
661 practices to realize the full potential of carbon capture.
- 662 • Rapid after fire response to address potential sediment runoff and soil erosion;
- 663 • A management requirement to minimize the development of antibiotic resistant pathogens in
664 aquaculture, poultry, and livestock production;
- 665 • Reviewing and updating all farm programs; rapidly phase-out federal farm subsidies for large-scale
666 and publicly traded corporate farms; and vigorously enforce antitrust laws that apply to
667 agribusiness;
- 668 • Fixing and updating critical infrastructure, in particular, fully fund the Drinking Water State Revolving
669 Fund and Clean Water State Revolving Fund to ensure all have access to safe, clean water;
- 670 • Prioritizing funding of research and extension for climate mitigation and adaptation methods for
671 agriculture, aquaculture, fishery and forestry at Washington state universities;
- 672 • Enhanced protection of riverine and marine ecosystems from tanker and cargo-vessel collisions and
673 derelict vessels' unlawful discharges and spills of petroleum-based products, and bilge water
674 pumping operations containing invasive aquatic species, requiring that all fossil-fuel tankers be
675 required to be double-hulled, and enforcing penalties for violations;
- 676 • Balancing the environmental, social, and economic benefits and costs of proposed dam removal
677 using guidance from the Environmental Impact Statement being developed by the Columbia River
678 System Operations (CSRO) Project, using best available science, and including input from everyone
679 who relies upon the river;
- 680 • Protecting wild salmon and all other native marine life, and mitigating both flood damage and low
681 water fish impacts by restoring instream and riparian habitats in accordance with the NW Treaty
682 Tribes Tribal Habitat Strategy;
- 683 • Enacting new laws and enforcing current regulations to eliminate pollution, and protect the health
684 of Washington state waters at the source, including point source and nonpoint source discharges;
- 685 • Clearly labeling food in support of consumer choice, including date packaged, full and complete
686 disclosure of nation of origin, genetically modified organism status, irradiation, and organic
687 certification;
- 688 • Substantial reduction of methane emissions from the raising of livestock;
- 689 • Third party independent environmental reviews of study findings, reports, and policy
690 recommendations produced in universities within Washington state forestry programs funded by
691 the timber industry and its assigns;
- 692 • Banning agricultural practices that are inhumane such as use of gestation crates, equine scoring and
693 feedlots.
- 694 • Developing and implementing a comprehensive plan for recovery of endangered Columbia-
695 Snake salmon and steelhead and Southern Resident orcas, whose twin cornerstones are:
696 breaching four federal dams on the lower Snake River; and replacing the services the dams now
697 provide with investments in clean energy, and in agricultural irrigation and transportation
698 infrastructure.

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700 **We oppose:**

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- 702 • Weakening or eliminating environmental laws such as the Clean Water Act and the Clean Air Act
703 and weakening or eliminating the Environmental Protection Agency;

- 704 ● Privatization of any and all public water holdings or diversion of agricultural water for private
- 705 commercial use;
- 706 ● "Ag-gag" bills which restrict whistleblowers in the agricultural industry;
- 707 ● Tariffs that negatively impact local agriculture;
- 708 ● Monopolistic practices in agriculture, such as extreme consolidation of farms and food
- 709 processing because it jeopardizes food security and results in a loss of family farm income;
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Energy, Environment, and the Climate Crisis

714 **We believe:**

- 715 • Climate change is an existential threat to all life on earth and, as such, demands immediate, massive
716 and effective action on local, state, national, and international levels, and treatment as the highest
717 priority by the Democratic Party;;
- 718 • Our economy -- and the health of our environment -- depend on sound policy, based on the best
719 available science;
- 720 • Sustainable energy production and strong environmental protections strengthen our economy and
721 our country;
- 722 • The climate crisis and environmental harms cannot be addressed without also addressing racial and
723 economic justice;
- 724 • Washington State should be the leader of national and international efforts to eliminate ecosystem
725 destruction, reduce greenhouse gasses and mitigate climate change;
- 726 • The cost of aggressive action to mitigate the climate crisis will ultimately be less than the cost of
727 taking no action;
- 728 • In putting people, and the future of the land on which they live, and the sea that gives them
729 livelihood, first. The land and the sea are filled with plastic that is ground small but does not
730 decompose and people and animals are shown to contain a dangerous amount of microscopic
731 plastic waste;
- 732 • Washington state attracts creative minds and skills from all over the world and this talent should be
733 fostered and rewarded so that we can produce a viable solution to limit the effects of plastic on the
734 environment;
- 735 • Nature has rights; because Nature cannot speak for itself, we must speak up, defend, and work to
736 protect and preserve the Natural world;
- 737 • No governmental entity at any level shall be allowed to use any funding mechanism or continuing
738 finance plan that includes fossil fuel or petroleum entities either foreign or domestic in any
739 investment portfolio held by such governmental entity;

740 **We call for:**

- 741 • Committed action and accountability for meeting Washington state's climate goals for 45%
742 reduction of carbon pollution below 1990 levels by 2030 and a net-zero carbon-emission economy
743 by 2050;
- 744 • Fully funding all the planning steps necessary to support state and local environmental protection
745 mandates;
- 746 • Increasing state appropriations, local funding authority, and loan and grant programs to fund
747 infrastructure needed for electrification and energy efficiency;
- 748 • Limiting contamination of the environment by harmful waste materials, such as plastics, heavy
749 metals, toxic chemicals, and radioactive materials, via reduction in use, reclamation and recycling, or
750 proper disposal or storage;
- 751 • Developing and funding a statewide infrastructure to support use of electric vehicles;
- 752 • Adopting policies and laws to minimize public safety dangers to our state caused by transportation
753 of fossil fuels, radioactive material, and other hazardous materials;
- 754 • Addressing the future reduced revenue as we decrease fossil fuel use, supplement the gasoline fuel
755 tax as the method of funding road projects with less regressive and more equitable alternatives,
756 making adjustments to keep it equitable across demographic boundaries;

- 757 • Implementing a “Buy Clean” initiative to ensure that lifecycle greenhouse gas pollution is considered
758 in state procurement contracts. Preference in contracting should be given to “Buy American” and
759 those holding high labor standards;
- 760 • Encouraging weatherization and electrification of new and existing residential, commercial and
761 institutional buildings. Allow municipalities to establish their own local requirements that are more
762 stringent than the State Building Code;
- 763 • Phasing out new natural gas connections;
- 764 • Reducing plastic waste by encouraging replacement of single-use items with reusable and
765 compostable materials, requiring plastic waste generated in this state to be recycled in this state,
766 and seeking a legislative fund for in-state, publicly owned plastic recycling infrastructure.
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- 768 • Reinstating the Superfund Tax requiring polluters to pay cleanup costs;
- 769 • A thorough (extensive, exhaustive, complete) review of all environmental regulations that have
770 been repealed or added by the Trump administration;
- 771 • Issuance of an immediate executive order to end crude oil exports and ban fracking on public lands;
- 772 • Divesting from carbon risks in State and Federal pension funds and instead invest in positive impact
773 investments which include climate solutions and a just transition to a low-carbon economy;
- 774 • Increasing support for development of renewable and sustainable energy programs to supply
775 electricity to the power grid to meet or exceed statutory climate goals for Washington State and the
776 Paris Climate Accord globally;
- 777 • Establishing a near term, intermediate term and long-term national energy policy that achieves or
778 exceeds greenhouse gas reductions that will limit global temperature rise as agreed upon under the
779 Paris Climate Accord;
- 780 • Establishing and implementing a national price on carbon-based pollution to account for the costs of
781 increased air pollution and climate change from fossil fuels, by adopting a carbon fee and dividend
782 program that distributes the fees collected to every citizen in the form of monthly dividend checks;
- 783 • Meeting climate goals by phasing out of oil and gas exploration, transportation, extraction and
784 investment in future new fossil fuel infrastructure in Washington State and nationally and offshore
785 of the Washington Coast and of all coastlines nationally to the Coastal Zone Management Act (200
786 miles offshore);
- 787 • Supporting energy research including development of utility scale energy storage, distributed
788 generation, localized commercial geothermal (heat pumps), and smart-grid technology to support
789 baseload;
- 790 • Taking aggressive action now to reduce the emission of greenhouse gasses in order to immediately
791 slow, and ultimately prevent, further global climate change and ocean rise and acidification;
- 792 • Making investments and developing industrial policies that can rapidly scale domestic
793 manufacturing to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, cut waste and inefficiency, and catalyze
794 deployment and innovation in industrial technologies and processes that will sustain globally
795 competitive American manufacturing jobs, with the focus on replacing fossil fuel industry jobs with
796 living wage jobs in a revitalized non-carbon economy;
- 797 • Investing in energy efficient, low-income housing, and sustainable local community infrastructure, to
798 put people to work eliminating pollution, protecting clean water, and building healthier
799 communities;
- 800 • Incorporation Traditional Environmental Knowledge (TEK) from local Tribal organizations in the
801 planning and execution of land and water restoration activities;
- 802 • Fully funding cleanup of the Hanford Nuclear Reservation pursuant to Hanford Cleanup Agreement
803 milestones;

- 804 • Holding manufacturers responsible for the true costs of pollution through waste-stream
805 management in production including the collection, cleanup and disposition of their products and
806 packaging at the end of their useful lives, such as batteries and prescription medications;
- 807 • Correcting the disproportionate effects on health and well-being of environmental degradation
808 pollution on low-income and minority communities;
- 809 • Using innovative practices and extend resources to engage hard to reach and underrepresented
810 communities, to receive their input into major transportation projects and programs;
- 811 • Holding meaningful consultation with Tribal Governments on environment, climate and
812 sustainability policies and prioritize their needs;
- 813 • Aggressively regulating toxics in commerce, using a precautionary approach to minimize harm,
814 under laws such as Toxic Substances Control Act;
- 815 • Placing a moratorium on new or expanded nuclear power, including small nuclear reactors that
816 produce high level nuclear waste;
- 817 • Requiring analyses of whether reliance on decades old nuclear reactors cost consumers far more
818 than available carbon free electricity that does not add to Washington’s waste and contamination
819 burdens or pose catastrophic risks as they age well beyond original licensing;
- 820 • Requiring local authorities to include climate change in their comprehensive planning;
- 821 • Providing sufficient state funding for clean air agencies to conduct necessary permitting and
822 enforcement actions in a timely manner;
- 823 • Expanding environmental remediation programs such as the Model Toxics Control Act and the
824 Brownfield Revolving Loan Fund to allow more contaminated sites throughout the state to be
825 eligible for remediation funding;
- 826 • Uniform access to the electrical grid for sustainable energy sources, implementing strong net
827 metering standards, equitable rate structures and establishment of standard interconnection
828 rules, uniform procedures and technical requirements for connecting renewable energy systems
829 to the electric utility's grid;
- 830 • Limiting the use of plastic and investing in research for a method of breaking down or
831 decomposing plastic waste so that is harmless;
- 832 • inclusion of the harmful effects of the climate crisis on racial and economic justice;
- 833 • The incorporation of the principles of Rights of Nature into governance policies at all levels of
834 government.
- 835 • Engaging with hard to reach and underrepresented communities to receive their input into
836 major transportation projects and programs.
- 837 • The Growth Management Act to include climate mitigation, adaptation and racial equity by
838 ensuring priority is placed on reducing carbon emissions and co-pollutants that
839 disproportionately harm lower income communities and communities of color.
- 840 • Full funding of the Growth Management planning process statewide;
- 841 • Swift implementation of critical science needed to quantify greenhouse gas emissions
842 associated with all types of electricity generation that haven’t been evaluated, to ensure
843 planning results in power that is actually clean;
- 844 • Amending the Growth Management Act to add climate change and salmon recovery as goals,
845 and require net gain of ecological function as the standard for all planning and permitting
846 processes.
- 847 • Policies to incentivize Emission Intensive and Trade Exposed entities under the Climate
848 Commitment Act to incorporate the best-available technology to continually reduce greenhouse
849 gas emissions and retain jobs within Washington state.

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- 851 ● Production of fossil fuels and natural minerals through destructive techniques such as, but not
852 limited to, suction dredge mining, hydraulic fracturing, mountaintop removal, gravel mining, open
853 pit mining and offshore drilling;
- 854 ● Transport and storage of fossil fuels and hazardous materials without meaningful environmental
855 safeguards;
- 856 ● The continuation of massive subsidies to the fossil fuel and nuclear energy industries;
- 857 ● New fossil-fuel terminals at any Washington State ports;
- 858 ● On-going or future construction of tar sands oil pipelines anywhere in North America;
- 859 ● Coal-fired generating plants everywhere, and transportation of coal anywhere;
- 860 ● Shortsighted irresponsible policies and market incentives that result in environmental damage
861 without remediation and without accounting for economic, social, and environmental costs;
- 862 ● Privately owned utilities;
- 863 ● All attempts to diminish Tribal treaties, Tribal Natural Resources, or the general welfare of the
864 tribes;
- 865 ● Exporting waste to be disposed of in countries with less stringent environmental standards;
- 866 ● the premature shutdown of carbon free electricity producing nuclear power plants currently in
867 operation, unless required for safety reasons.

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We believe

- Efficient, well-planned, public transportation choices promote healthy communities, economy, and environment.

We call for

- Determining the carbon pollution and social costs of carbon associated with all transportation projects;
- Joining the regional partnership with California, Oregon, and British Columbia in adopting a clean fuel standard to reduce pollution from cars and trucks to meet our greenhouse gas emission goals, to improve the quality of the air we breathe, and to improve the health of people, often people of color and those with lower incomes, who live near major roadways;
- Requiring public transit agencies to join a common statewide payment-card system, expansion of the Regional Reduced Fare Permit to all transit agencies throughout the State and implementation of a sliding scale reduced fare program, to facilitate transfers between such agencies;
- Investing in continued local access to needed transportation infrastructure, including rural road and highway maintenance and improvement, to ensure consideration of cities and counties outside the I-5 and I-90 corridors, while shifting transportation resources away from highway expansion which has been proven to not reduce congestion but instead increases greenhouse gas emissions and particulate matter;
- Requiring cities, counties, and regional authorities to implement equitable Transit Oriented Development and Smart Growth practices in their land use planning to decrease the need to drive;
- Regularly increasing Corporate Average Fuel Economy (CAFE) standards to levels that challenge automakers to improve fuel efficiency.
- Building an integrated American rail system, electrifying passenger and freight rail throughout the country, expanding existing rail lines, and requesting federal investments to further develop an efficient high-speed rail service where appropriate;
- Massively increased annual federal investment in public transit systems, include new funding and rebalancing between federal highways and transit spending, to incentivize expansion of transit networks throughout America to give Americans cleaner transportation choices, and reduce vehicle miles traveled. These investments themselves will support millions of construction and operations jobs;
- Implementing a gradual phase out of most new internal combustion vehicles for personal transportation, beginning in 2030 and when technology makes it economically and practically possible for the majority of Washingtonians, realizing that exceptions will be needed for jobs and distance;
- Re-starting the I-5 Portland to Vancouver Bridge project, to benefit each of those communities and encourage efficient transit between them by road, public transit, and bicycle;
- Enacting policies and expand government support for making travel as safe and efficient as possible for all modes of transportation, whether motorized or non-motorized;
- Expanding and enhancing accessible, safe, affordable and efficient public transportation, including bus, rapid transit, light rail, commuter rail, conventional rail, regional and long distance rail, and on-demand “last mile”;
- Requiring transportation and transit agencies to use sustainability rating tools, such as INVEST, Envision, Greenroads, or LEED, to evaluate all of their programs, policies, and projects, to aid them

- 917 in improving their practices to reduce their environmental footprint, social impacts, and financial
918 costs;
- 919 • Setting and implement aviation CO2 emissions standards at a national level that surpass the
920 International Civil Aviation Organization’s (ICAO) standards;
 - 921 • municipalities and other communities to prioritize the inclusion of safe sidewalks in their planning
922 processes;
 - 923 • Public investment, new building standards, and financial incentives to make ownership and use of
924 electric vehicles attainable for all, regardless of income level or where they happen to live;
 - 925 • Providing incentives for local authorities to improve pedestrian and bicycle access, especially near
926 amenities such as schools, senior facilities, medical facilities, and libraries;
 - 927 • Implementation of aggressive purchasing of non-fossil-fuel transportation vehicles for all federal
928 agencies including the USPS and prohibit purchase of fossil fuel based transportation vehicles when
929 sustainable fuel based vehicles are viable based on life-cycle costs;
 - 930 • Reducing urban sprawl and increasing complete streets where people can walk or roll to everything
931 they need within 15 minutes, helping to create a community that is safer and sustainable while
932 lowering greenhouse gas emissions;
 - 933 • The Environmental Protection Agency to make an Endangerment Finding that leaded aviation fuel
934 emissions from piston aircraft contribute to pollution which endangers the public’s health and
935 welfare, and call for Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) to regulate and enforce a phase-out of
936 leaded aviation fuel and to facilitate the licensing and distribution of lead-free fuel;

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- 940 • Privatization of transportation infrastructure;
- 941 • Regressive funding of transit, such as flat-rate car tabs and fares;
- 942 • prioritizing highways for low-occupancy vehicles at the expense of high-occupancy public
943 transportation.

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We believe:

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951 ● The United States must provide assistance and work cooperatively with other nations to build a
952 more peaceful, sustainable, and stable world by addressing root causes of conflict, including
953 poverty, inequitable access to natural resources, economic injustice, and environmental
954 degradation;

955 ● We must protect our nation from external threats without suppressing human rights at home and
956 abroad;

957 ● The United States must work closely and persistently with other countries to prevent or stop
958 genocide wherever it occurs;

959 ● Diplomatic re-engagement throughout the world will lead to the peaceful resolution of ongoing
960 conflicts;

961 ● Serious, full, constructive, and persistent United States engagement to promote negotiations and
962 other actions that will lead to a peaceful, sustainable resolution of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict,
963 based on mutual recognition and ensuring security, economic growth, and quality of life for the
964 peoples of the sovereign state of Palestine and the sovereign state of Israel;

965 ● We believe: Global Security must include greater access to education, both basic and continuing
966 education.

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969 ● Full support and funding of our State Department as the primary foreign policy arm of the U.S.
970 Government;

971 ● Upholding the rights, welfare, and healthy environment of all indigenous peoples;

972 ● Freezing the assets of leaders of repressive regimes and banning military exports to such countries;

973 ● Participation in and funding of multilateral peacekeeping missions;

974 ● Cooperative and fully funded participation in international organizations including the United
975 Nations, the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, and the World Health Organization provided that
976 the national security interests of the United States are protected;

977 ● The United States to honor and ratify international treaties that protect civilian populations,
978 refugees, and human rights, address climate change and prevent genocide;

979 ● Working with other nations to pursue law enforcement action against terrorist networks, rather
980 than acting through military intervention;

981 ● Passage of a law prohibiting any US first use of nuclear weapons;

982 ● Effective foreign aid to reduce poverty and disparities in healthcare; and to improve access to clean
983 air, clean water and adequate food and shelter;

984 ● Supporting programs for voluntary forms of evidence-based, safe, and effective family planning
985 worldwide;

986 ● International fair trade agreements that strengthen human rights, respect the rights of indigenous
987 peoples, raise global standards for labor rights, and promote environmental strategies, as part of a
988 sustainable global economy and contain meaningful enforcement mechanisms to protect people
989 and the planet;

990 ● Rebuilding the civilian infrastructure and economy in countries impacted by U.S. military conflicts,
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- 992 using international agencies and local labor;
- 993 ● Detailed and public accounting of all reconstruction funds spent in “Operation Iraqi Freedom” and
- 994 “Operation Enduring Freedom”;
- 995 ● Political and economic self-determination for the Cuban people and normalization of our relations
- 996 with Cuba, including an end to the United States-imposed embargo and travel ban;
- 997 ● International cooperation to reduce nuclear arsenals, both at home and abroad, strengthen
- 998 international control of fissile material including “depleted” uranium, and limit the use of fissile
- 999 material to peaceful purposes;
- 1000 ● Using foreign aid to offset or forgive the onerous debt of countries forced to choose between debt
- 1001 repayment and essential services;
- 1002 ● Encouraging struggling economies worldwide to engage in regenerative economic policies without
- 1003 compelling privatization of government services or natural resources as a way to refinance their
- 1004 nations’ debts;
- 1005 ● Restoration of our historic full adherence to the Geneva and Vienna Conventions;
- 1006 ● Allowing developing nations more influence in the running of the International Monetary Fund (IMF)
- 1007 and the World Bank;
- 1008 ● International agreements that expand opportunity and employment for Washington workers and
- 1009 businesses;
- 1010 ● The United States to honor the United Nations Declaration of Human Rights;
- 1011 ● The United States to ratify the United Nations Conventions on the Elimination of All Forms of
- 1012 Discrimination Against Women and on the Rights of the Child;
- 1013 ● The United States to ratify the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities;
- 1014 ● The United States to sign and ratify the United Nations agreement creating the International
- 1015 Criminal Courts;
- 1016 ● High levels of transparency and accountability in military budgeting and procurement processes to
- 1017 eliminate excessive, wasteful and corrupt military expenditures and procurement and to better align
- 1018 spending with national security strategy and the threat environment;
- 1019 ● Reinstating nuclear disarmament treaties and goal.

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- 1023 ● Preemptive war;
- 1024 ● Exportation of offensive weapons systems, such as “depleted” uranium, chemical, nuclear, or
- 1025 biological weapons, and the use of militarized or weaponized drones that contribute to
- 1026 destabilization in international relations and the international arms race;
- 1027 ● Torture and extraordinary rendition, the abduction of persons of any nationality and their detention
- 1028 in secret prisons;
- 1029 ● Trade agreements negotiated in secret without public-interest representation;
- 1030 ● Foreign policies that put the interests of corporations above the rights, laws, and interests of
- 1031 governments and workers;
- 1032 ● Forced austerity measures, including privatization of government services, as a condition of U.S. aid
- 1033 and U.S. support for loans through the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and the World Bank;
- 1034 ● The United States’ involvement in violent extremism, radicalization, and regime change;
- 1035 ● The use of United States tax money to fund, train or sponsor military or police forces that suppress
- 1036 human and civil rights in foreign countries;
- 1037 ● Any efforts to destabilize other nations’ governments;
- 1038 ● The use of artificial intelligence (AI) in weapons of war whereupon AI can act without the
- 1039 intervention of a human;

- 1040 ● Further offensive militarization of space;
- 1041 ● Rape as a tool of war, and the lack of action to stop rapes occurring;
- 1042 ● The sale or provision of weapons to countries that violate human rights;
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Media Reform

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We believe:

- Democracy relies upon citizenry informed by a free press.
- The public airwaves, broadband and the Internet must serve everyone within the United States.
- Access to all forms of media transmission should be provided for everyone as a public utility;
- Journalists who report on news and events should be legally protected from public and governmental abuse, retaliation, and from being compelled to reveal their sources;
- Whistleblowers must be protected from retaliation;
- High-quality, affordable high speed Internet access should be provided to all people as a utility, for all especially into rural and underserved areas;

We call for:

- Reinstating station ownership caps to limit the number of news outlets that any media conglomerate may own and operate;
- Aggressively applying antitrust laws to prevent the formation of monopolies in all media forums include the wireless and broadband service industries;
- Promoting community-level, non-profit and non-commercial radio and TV;
- Ample funding, free of political pressure, for public broadcasting to promote independence and discourage reliance on corporate sponsorships;
- Protecting Net Neutrality through federal legislation;
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- Protection, Privacy, and Personal Ownership of data created through a person's online presence and activity;
- Aggressive oversight and protection of social media platforms against foreign nations and other entities that financially influence platforms in order to undermine public trust in democratic values and government institutions;
- Reinstating the Federal Communications Commission's Fairness Doctrine and enshrining it in federal law;
- The United States Congress to pass the Local Journalism Sustainability Act;
- Support for local newspapers as an independent and necessary information source.

We oppose:

Military and Veterans Affairs

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We believe:

- It is the task of the military to execute orders issued by the civilian Commander in Chief except when such orders are unlawful;
- Under the Constitution, it is the duty of Congress to declare war, appropriate funds, provide oversight, and act to prevent the misuse of the military;
- Our military service members are entitled to serve with a clear mission and adequate resources;
- Military personnel and all others who rely on Tricare and military medical facilities have the right to make their own reproductive decisions, with the same rights accorded to civilians regardless of gender;
- Government contracts should be awarded based on fair and competitive bidding, with preference given to U.S. companies and veteran-, minority-, women-owned small businesses.

We call for:

- Military members who declare themselves conscientious objectors to be given due process without fear of reprisal;
- Increased funding for investigative units under the Uniform Code of Military Justice (UCMJ) for full prosecution of all sexual assaults, and of harassment based on gender, religion, ethnicity, or sexual orientation, by military personnel;
- Removing jurisdiction, in cases of alleged sexual assault between members of the US military, from the direct chain of command over either the complainant or the accused;
- Revise the military basic training program to include respect the common dignity and civil rights of human beings;
- Troops to be accorded mandatory breaks between combat-related tours;
- Providing financial assistance, childcare assistance, and no-cost life insurance for dependents of all military personnel deployed to hostile or combat areas;
- Ensuring that military personnel retain full enlistment bonuses if they are discharged for service-related and/or combat-related disabilities;
- Enforcement of the Geneva Conventions, through all levels of command, in the treatment of all prisoners of war, enemy combatants, and detainees, regardless of the location of their incarceration;
- A public accountability process for military leaders and senior civilian leaders for the orders they give and the consequences of those orders;
- Protection of military personnel from reprisals for refusing to follow illegal orders;
- The cessation of “enhanced interrogation” techniques;
- Providing all veterans with full, timely, and no-cost treatment at local military or VA medical facilities, regardless of the nature/character of their discharge, and providing retraining for those who are disabled;
- Fully funding VA services;
- Modernizing the VA hiring process in particular, and USA Jobs in general, to match private-sector practices for applicant processing and hiring completion while maintaining equal employment opportunity, nondiscrimination, and veteran’s preferences currently in place;
- Adequate funding for physical and mental rehabilitation and long-term care and treatment of veterans, including treatment for Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder and Traumatic Brain Injury;
- Active outreach to provide access to housing and services for homeless veterans, and to enable

- 1136 homeless veteran communities to be established through alternative shelter opportunities;
1137 ● Dedicated education, job training and apprenticeship programs for veterans and family members,
1138 that will partner with labor and industry to provide an immediate transition into guaranteed
1139 employment;
1140 ● Veterans preference in hiring, and requiring employers with government contracts to have a
1141 veteran's set-aside in hiring to fulfill those contracts;
1142 ● Federally-funded environmental and impact cleanup from landmines, cluster munitions, and the
1143 development, deployment, and use of nuclear, biological, chemical, or "depleted" uranium (dU)
1144 weapon systems;
1145 ● The use of gender-neutral language in the Washington state constitution;
1146 ● The United States to sign and ratify the United Nations Convention on Cluster Munitions, and to sign
1147 the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty.
1148 ● Fast tracking pending VA and Veterans support programs including:
1149 ● Expanding Agent Orange presumptive condition list;
1150 ● Pass mental health and suicide prevention legislation;
1151 ● Expand Veteran Homeless definition;
1152 ● Expand Veteran Caregive program;
1153 ● Fully fund DPPA (POW recovery teams).

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- 1157 ● Further production and stockpiling of nuclear, biological, chemical, or "depleted" uranium (dU)
- 1158 weapon systems;
- 1159 ● The use of active sonar in inland and U.S. coastal waters at levels that endanger wildlife;
- 1160 ● Unregulated use of civilian areas for military training;
- 1161 ● Discrimination within the United States Armed Forces based on gender, gender identity, or sexual
- 1162 orientation;
- 1163 ● Religious indoctrination of service members;
- 1164 ● Privatization of the Department of Veterans Affairs, except where essential to provide care in rural
- 1165 clinics and other situations covered under the Veterans Choice Act;
- 1166 ● Increasing military spending beyond current levels;
- 1167 ● Military contractors being used for combat duty;
- 1168 ● Exportation of weapons systems that contribute to the destabilization of international relations and
- 1169 contribute to the international arms race;

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Government and Political Reform

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We believe

- All Americans must have equitable access to the political process, regardless of health, place of residence, economic status, race, religion, disability, criminal status, Legal Financial Obligation repayment status or gender;
- All candidates for federal office must reveal all their financial obligations and vested interests,
- Government officials must be held to the highest standards of ethical conduct and there must be consequences for misconduct;
- Elected officials are employees of the people and are responsible to society as a whole;
- Government actions should support the common good, and taxes should be levied fairly and spent responsibly;
- Government should be protected from corporate and foreign influence;
- Government should enact policies that promote union wage job creation in the U.S.;
- The U.S. Postal Service is part of the essential infrastructure of the United States and must be adequately funded and the onerous pension funding requirement must be rescinded;
- All candidates must reveal all of their financial obligations and vested interests, including their tax returns;
- Government officials must be held to the highest standards of ethical conduct, required to pass ethics classes early in their first term, and held accountable for any ethical misconduct;
- Rural communities have unique funding and scale challenges, and must not be left behind by one-size-fits-all approaches to legislation. Rural communities must be full partners in the state-wide political process;

We call for:

- The repeal of Citizens United v. FEC through specific legislation;
- A constitutional amendment that corporations are not people, money is not speech, and all elections be publicly funded;
- The repeal of the Patriot Act in order to protect the privacy of all Americans;
- Stronger Whistleblower protection and mandatory stiff penalties for those who “out” the whistleblower;
- Taxpayer-funded scientific research that becomes part of the public domain and informs policy and regulatory decisions affecting our health, safety, and environment;
- Timely responses to Freedom of Information Act requests to ensure transparent, open, and honest government;
- Transparency in sessions that discuss and make public policy through strict enforcement of the Public Records Act and the Open Public Meetings Act;
- Requiring paid voter signature gatherers for ballot initiatives to prominently display who they work for and who is paying them;
- Automatic voter registration for all eligible voters by the first election in which they are eligible to vote;
- Strict Limits on direct and indirect private and corporate financial and in-kind contributions to political activities;
- Elections in which all votes are cast on carefully monitored, secured human-readable paper ballots;
- Mandatory auditing by qualified auditors of the election process and results that is open to the public to witness;

- 1220 ● Legislative clarity and vigorous enforcement of the Emoluments Clause of the US Constitution
- 1221 making clear it covers the President, federal elected and appointees, , judges, and federal or state
- 1222 employees may receive current, or promises of, financial, business, or media favors that could
- 1223 introduce a conflict of interest in the execution of their duties, nor use the power or perks of their
- 1224 office to favor any private person or entity for personal, business, or political gain;
- 1225 ● Federal leadership, funding, guidance, and support for vote-by-mail in all national elections with
- 1226 same-day registration and optional in-person voting;
- 1227 ● Legislative district boundaries that do not violate tribal boundaries by splitting or "cracking"
- 1228 reservations in separate districts;
- 1229 ● Public financing of campaigns;
- 1230 ● State funding of inclusive public debates for statewide offices and ballot measures;
- 1231 ● Federal leadership, funding, guidance, and support for redistricting states through a data-driven
- 1232 process to create districts that are fair and representative of the people they serve;
- 1233 ● Guaranteeing the Washington State redistricting process is effective, transparent accountable, and
- 1234 is responsive to public input;
- 1235 ● Moving conservation district elections onto regularly scheduled ballots, administered by county
- 1236 election offices at a reduced cost that is affordable to the conservation district;
- 1237 ● The direct election of the United States President and Vice President;
- 1238 ● Restricting former state and federal elected officials from paid lobbying for at least five years after
- 1239 leaving office;
- 1240 ● Prosecution of government employees (elected or non-elected) including judges who violate laws
- 1241 during the performance of their duties ;
- 1242 ● To legislatively address the unworkable doctrine of Qualified Immunity to permit citizens to sue to
- 1243 hold public officials, including law enforcement accountable and increase public trust in our
- 1244 government institutions, law enforcement.
- 1245 ● Adequate funding and staffing for all regulatory agencies;
- 1246 ● Adequate and equitable funding of public service options including AmeriCorps, Peace Corps, Job
- 1247 Corps, and other avenues of service;
- 1248 ● Enactment of revenue measures by simple-majority votes in the Washington State Legislature, as
- 1249 specified in the State Constitution;
- 1250 ● Automatic legislative review of state tax exemptions on a five-year rolling interval;
- 1251 ● Inclusion of all military and intelligence funding in open Congressional budgets;
- 1252 ● Establishment of a state bank to handle and profit from state revenues;
- 1253 ● Disclosure-in-advertising of the top 5 donors to Federal PACs and Non-Candidate Committees;
- 1254 ● Full Congressional representation and statehood for the District of Columbia and any U.S. Territory
- 1255 that votes for it;
- 1256 ● Publicly owned and operated utilities for the provision of potable water, sewage disposal, drainage
- 1257 management, transportation infrastructure, energy, and telecommunications including broadband;
- 1258 ● Adequate time to be given to legislators to review bills before they are voted on;
- 1259 ● Counting the incarcerated, for census purposes, as residents of their last home address, rather than
- 1260 their place of imprisonment;
- 1261 ● Adequately funding the census to accurately count all people living in the U.S. and U.S. government
- 1262 employees and their dependents living outside the country;
- 1263 ● Adequately counting Queer, LGBTQ+, and those who otherwise identify, by households and
- 1264 individuals in the US Census;
- 1265 ● Massive investment in modernizing our infrastructure nationwide in partnership with our unions;
- 1266 ● Investing in job training and retraining programs that build partnerships between unions, career and
- 1267 technical institutions, and business;

- 1268 ● Adequately funding the US Postal Service to deliver to every address in the US by eliminating the
- 1269 pension mandate set by the US Government;
- 1270 ● Making Election Day a Federal Holiday;
- 1271 ● Legislation allowing the IRS to automatically prepare tax returns for review and acceptance by the
- 1272 taxpayer;
- 1273 ● A Constitutional Amendment and interim legislation guaranteeing all citizens age 18 and over the
- 1274 right to vote in US elections;
- 1275 ● The right to vote for all legal residents of the state of Washington;
- 1276 ● Adoption of Democracy Vouchers in all jurisdictions of Washington State;
- 1277 ● Moving special elections where feasible onto the primary or general election ballots;
- 1278 ● The Legislature to create a work environment where women, minorities and BIPOC legislators,
- 1279 constituents and staff are able to function without experiencing harm because of their status, or
- 1280 because they took action to hold elected leaders accountable for unacceptable behavior;
- 1281 ● "Dig Once" policy to expedite creation of an optical fiber internet network as part of other
- 1282 infrastructure projects and save taxpayer dollars;
- 1283 ● Ranked choice primary voting to be implemented to determine the two candidates who advance to
- 1284 the general election for federal, statewide, legislative, and local offices;
- 1285 ● Full time, well-paid Washington State Legislature and legislative support staff.

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- 1289 ● Criminalize and vigorously enforce any attempt to intimidate voters or interfere with voting,
- 1290 recording, storing, and tallying votes;
- 1291 ● Laws that criminalize free speech and peaceful assembly, regardless of the economic impact of
- 1292 those protected actions;
- 1293 ● The use of Dark Money in any campaigns for elected office.

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Human Welfare

Health Care

We believe:

- Health care is a basic human right;
- Health care and human services enable a productive society, reduce crime and promote the common welfare;
- Government should create social, physical and cultural environments that promote good health for all; An affordable universal single-payer system is essential to provide the most equitable and effective health care, serving both individual and public health needs;
- Health care systems, public health and emergency response plans must not deny or restrict access to health care or triage lifesaving care on the basis of disability;
- Health care options should not be hindered by religious principles or economic ideology;
- Health care coverage should be comprehensive;
- A strong public health system promotes conditions leading to better health for the entire population;
- Public health is a governmental responsibility and should ensure access to clean air, water, and food;
- Access to health care and human services must not be denied on the basis of immigration or residency status;
- all individuals have the right to access healthcare services that are gender and sexuality affirming;
- That no one should be pushed into bankruptcy and financial ruin due to health care costs;
- Environmental justice and healthcare are inextricably linked - climate change disproportionately impacts vulnerable communities resulting in exacerbated health disparities.

We call for:

- Washington State to establish a universal single payer healthcare system for Washington residents, regardless of immigration status, until such time as a single-payer system is enacted nationally;
- Washington State to provide sustained, non-Medicaid funding to protect the vulnerable populations not covered by Federal Medicaid;
- Washington State to support a patient's right to decision-making in death;
- Institutionalize practices that identify, analyze and address racial disparities in healthcare access, provision and outcomes;
- Easy access to all Washington Residents to mental health screening, resources and treatment including in-patient care, and opiate dependence maintenance therapy.
- The Federal Government to establish a universal single payer healthcare system for United States residents regardless of immigration status;
- Passage of a comprehensive "Patients' Bill of Rights" law that:
 - Ensures medical decisions are patient-centric and made primarily by patients, their families and providers;
 - Affirms freedom of choice in health care without hindering patient access to care due to religious ideology or belief;

- 1340 ● Empowering the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services or an equivalent future agency to
1341 negotiate prices for medical devices and drugs;
- 1342 ● Allowing the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and National Institutes of Health (NIH) to operate
1343 autonomously within their mandate, without politically motivated limitations;
- 1344 ● Providing expanded funding of basic science and clinical research under the NIH, based on scientific
1345 merit;
- 1346 ● Overturning the Hyde Amendment which prevents government funding for abortion and abortion
1347 related services;
- 1348 ● Creating Federal statutory rights that parallel the constitutional rights established in Roe v. Wade to
1349 prohibit states from interfering with the ability of:
 - 1350 ○ A health care provider to provide medical services;
 - 1351 ○ A patient to access medical care, including abortion services, from a provider that offers
1352 them;
- 1353 ● Continue funding to support HIV/AIDS research and to expand awareness, prevention and treatment
1354 services in all communities across the nation;
- 1355 ● Prohibiting child welfare service providers from discriminating against children, families and
1356 individuals based on their religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, disability, immigration
1357 status and marital status and ensure that children and youth in foster care receive the identity-
1358 affirming, culturally competent care they deserve;
- 1359 ● Ensuring the infrastructure, materials and supplies necessary to address a pandemic be produced in
1360 the USA, with minimal outsourcing to other countries;
- 1361 ● Providing comprehensive health care coverage to all resident populations, including asylum seekers,
1362 tribal communities, and incarcerated individuals. This shall include, but not be limited to:
 - 1363 ○ Outpatient and inpatient services;
 - 1364 ○ Acute and long-term care;
 - 1365 ○ Home care, palliative care, end-of-life counseling & hospice;
 - 1366 ○ Behavioral and mental health care and substance-use programs, including successful treatment
1367 for drug & alcohol addiction;
 - 1368 ○ Dental, vision & hearing services;
 - 1369 ○ Preventative services;
 - 1370 ○ Develop a comprehensive plan to recruit, train, and adequately compensate in-home caregivers;
 - 1371 ○ Prescription drugs, medical supplies, durable medical equipment & medical technology;
 - 1372 ○ Full coverage of transgender medical costs;
 - 1373 ○ Rehabilitation;
 - 1374 ○ Full coverage for alternative health care including osteopathic, structural integration,
1375 acupuncture;
- 1376 ● Providing adequate funding for the recruitment, education and training of healthcare and human
1377 service professionals including those working in underserved areas, and full funding of education for
1378 all medical, nursing, mental health and other professionals who pursue a career in state or federal
1379 Public Health agencies;
- 1380 ● Funding transition assistance for any employee who loses their job as a result of the establishment
1381 of a single-payer system;
- 1382 ● Elimination of limits to scope of practice of licensed Naturopathic Physicians so they can practice the
1383 comprehensive primary care they are trained and licensed to provide;
- 1384 ● Providing a safety net for rural hospitals and community health centers;
- 1385 ● Requiring health insurance programs, both private and public, to cover all forms of legal
1386 reproductive services and methods in accord with the principles of reproductive parity;

- 1387 ● Providing adequate and continued funding for providers of reproductive and family planning
- 1388 services such as Planned Parenthood;
- 1389 ● Improved access to medical marijuana and replacing Schedule I status with a classification reflecting
- 1390 marijuana’s relative risks and medicinal benefits;
- 1391 ● Aggressively pursuing antitrust and patent law violations by pharmaceutical companies that lead to
- 1392 artificially high drug prices;
- 1393 ● Decriminalizing the importation of non-opioid prescription drugs from Canada that are for personal
- 1394 use;
- 1395 ● Provide adequate funding of social services programs including but not limited to:
- 1396 ○ Establish and support school-based healthcare and clinics;
- 1397 ○ Early childhood education;
- 1398 ○ Health education and training;
- 1399 ○ Nutrition;
- 1400 ○ Medical, behavioral & rehabilitative care;
- 1401 ○ Protection and oversight for underserved groups;
- 1402 ○ Preventative health services, including vaccinations;
- 1403 ● Washington State to provide funding for a full-time registered nurse in every public school in the
- 1404 state;
- 1405 ● Enhance efforts to train, recruit and retain credentialed and non-credentialed behavioral health
- 1406 workers;
- 1407 ● Leverage existing infrastructure through Behavioral Health-Administrative Service Organizations
- 1408 (BH-ASOs) to efficiently and effectively implement the 988 behavioral health crisis line;
- 1409 ● Washington State legislation that gives the Attorney General oversight, compliance, and
- 1410 enforcement power to regulate and ensure that health care mergers, acquisitions, and
- 1411 consolidations do not negatively impact access to: quality and affordable health care, particularly for
- 1412 women, BIPOC, LGBTQ+, or low-income persons; all legal health care services; and that such
- 1413 consolidations and mergers address the needs of marginalized communities;
- 1414 ● Universal Family Care, a public family care insurance fund to make care affordable and accessible,
- 1415 covering costs associated with providing care for family members at every stage of life;

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- 1419 ● Privatizing, rationing or increasing eligibility requirements for Medicare and other vital safety net
- 1420 programs;
- 1421 ● For-profit medical insurance;
- 1422 ● Lack of transparency in prescription drug pricing and medical services;
- 1423 ● Direct-to-consumer advertising of prescription drugs and devices;
- 1424 ● Denial of legal medical treatment or prescription purchase based on the policies of institutions or
- 1425 personal philosophy or religious beliefs of medical and/or pharmacy personnel;
- 1426 ● “Conversion Therapy,” which seeks to change sexual orientation;
- 1427 ● Agencies that provide false or misleading medical information, or deliberately omit information to
- 1428 prevent abortions;
- 1429 ● All modes and methods of denying in practice a person’s right to autonomy over their own body,
- 1430 including restricting:
- 1431 ○ Abortions;
- 1432 ○ Contraceptive sterilizations;
- 1433 ○ In vitro fertilization;

- 1434 ○ Prescribing or dispensing contraceptives and contraceptive devices such as IUDs,
- 1435 diaphragms, emergency contraception, and condoms;
- 1436 ○ End-of-life decision making;
- 1437 ○ Gender affirming care
- 1438 ● The operation of, and any participation of Washington’s minors in programs known colloquially
- 1439 as the ‘troubled teen industry’, which intend to modify the behavior of unconsenting minors
- 1440 through abduction and confinement in highly unregulated and secluded camps with no means
- 1441 of defense or outside contact, often professionally known as “boot camps, behavior
- 1442 modification facilities, wilderness therapy, and gay conversion;
- 1443 ● Excessive profits and prices for vaccines and pharmaceuticals, imposed by for-profit companies
- 1444 that benefit from taxpayer funding for research and development;
- 1445 ● Privatizing Medicare in any form, such as Medicare Advantage, "Direct Contracting" or ACO
- 1446 REACH;
- 1447 ● Taking away teens’ autonomy and agency over the decision to have an abortion through
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Human Services

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We believe:

- Our government must act to protect us against pandemics, providing adequate support, funding and judicial defense of our public health institutions, and safety net of medical supplies when a quick reaction is necessary;
- Social services must be integrated, culturally competent, linguistically, financially & physically accessible, lacking faith-based requirements, and based on the needs of the individual;
- Measures to ensure the long-term sustainability of our earned benefit safety-net programs – Social Security and Medicare – are urgently needed now;
- Our elders are valued members of our society, who have a basic right to health, comfort, dignity, respect, and a vibrant life;
- Our children are valued members of our society, who have a basic right to health, safety, comfort, dignity, respect, and adequate opportunities for education and play;

We call for:

- Providing medically accurate and comprehensive sex education in schools, including education on healthy relationships and models of consent;
- Fund the Washington State Health Professionals Loan Repayment Program (HPLRP) to support underserved communities in recruiting and retaining primary care providers;
- Development and expansion of safe consumption sites, funding for social workers on-site, and training and equipping first responders for overdose response;
- Ensuring prompt Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approval of new treatments based on solid data from reputable clinical trials that demonstrate both safety and effectiveness;
- Closing regulatory loopholes for “generally recognized as safe” food additives and dietary supplements, bringing them back under full FDA regulation to ensure the safety, legitimacy, and consistency of products;
- Providing adequate assistance to meet the needs of children of low-income families, including but not limited to:
 - The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP);
 - The Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP);
 - Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC);
 - Earned income tax credit;
 - Child tax credit;
 - Housing, including funding emergency assistance for low-income renters facing temporary financial difficulties; limiting move-in fees, rental application costs and late fees; and increasing the notice period for rent increases from 30 days to 45 days;
 - Childcare;
- Improving Social Security benefits by:
 - Expanding these earned benefits to immigrant populations;
 - Providing Social Security benefits that address inequities for low-income families, women, people with disabilities, public sector workers, and people of color;
 - Crediting individuals serving as caregivers of dependent relatives with deemed wages;
 - Ensuring that the annual cost of living adjustments keep pace with the actual costs that seniors face – especially those related to health care and basic needs;
 - Removing the cap on Social Security payroll taxes;

- 1500 ○ Increase SSI and SSDI to meet or exceed the federal poverty level-to address the poverty our
1501 disabled citizens face in society;
1502 ○ Allow the disabled on SSI to work part time to supplement the low-income they are forced
1503 to live on without deductions for work that results in income below the federal poverty
1504 level;
1505 ○ Remove the marriage penalty for the disabled on SSI—allowing them to retain their financial
1506 supplements and medical insurance.
- 1507 ● Developing a comprehensive plan to recruit, train, and adequately compensate in-home caregivers
1508 with a pay differential to reward caregivers willing to care for individuals with more complex or
1509 extensive needs and those willing to work evenings, nights, and weekends;
 - 1510 ● Providing education grants and student-debt forgiveness for primary care providers, in exchange for
1511 service to underserved populations;
 - 1512 ● Providing early intervention and preventative services for behavioral and mental health including
1513 medically appropriate crisis care and community reintegration services;
 - 1514 ● Expanding Medicaid benefits to adequately cover home and community-based and facility-based
1515 care services;
 - 1516 ● Public and/or employer financing of child care so that parents do not have to choose between their
1517 jobs and childcare;
 - 1518 ● Funding for mental health care crisis teams to respond to suicidal assertions, instead of police
1519 officers. These teams could be based in fire department Emergency Medical Teams (EMT), instead
1520 of police departments;
 - 1521 ● Establishing a clear and efficient method for disabled peoples to qualify for resources, health care,
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Gun Safety and Reform

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We believe:

- Gun violence is a public health crisis causing trauma, injury, and death;

We call for:

- Authorizing and funding the CDC to investigate and compile data on gun violence;
- Implementing common sense gun safety measures including but not limited to:
 - Comprehensive gun-sale background checks, addressing criminal, mental health, and domestic violence history;
 - Reasonable waiting periods for *all* gun sales whether private or for profit;
 - Mandatory registration and licensing;
 - Raise the age requirement to 21 years of age for the purchase of firearms and ammunition;
 - Requiring approved safe gun storage;
 - Mandatory, affordable, safety training for all gun owners;
 - A limit on volume buys of firearms and ammunition by an individual with a minimum 2 week or more waiting period between buys of firearms and ammunition, and a state excise tax of 40% on firearms and ammunition;
 - A total ban on private ownership, sales and distribution of assault style weapons and high capacity ammunition magazines larger than 10 rounds as well as accessories such as bump stocks, which convert non-automatic guns to automatic capacity;
 - Enforcement of criminal negligence laws that hold adults responsible for safeguarding guns around children;
 - Mandatory liability insurance for gun owners;
 - Criminalize ghost guns and 3-D printing of firearms and bump stocks;
 - Concealed carry permits to be valid only in the state of issuance or other states with equal or higher standards.
 - Consistent, equitable prosecution of those who brandish firearms, act as members of citizen militia, and/or “parade in public with firearms”..
- When a domestic violence protection order is granted, firearm relinquishment is mandatory for the duration of the order;
- Government facilitated gun buy-back program and tax incentives for purchasing gun safes;

We Oppose:

- Arming teachers, administration, and faculty members or other attempts to introduce or increase the presence of firearms in the classroom;
- Resale of guns seized by law enforcement.

Labor and Economic Justice

Corporate Power

We believe:

- The state has a duty to protect people, their data, and public interests and assets from exploitation by corporations, assessing and collecting restitution for damages to individuals and public assets from corporate actions;
- Public institutions are created primarily to serve, protect and promote the interests of the public and future generations, not corporations, through sustainable management of infrastructure, natural resources, habitat, opportunity and health;
- We have the right to an economy that works for all of us over the long term, rather than for a few measured on quarterly profits;
- The exploitation of all working people by the wealthy has gone unchecked for far too long;
- Organizing millions of workers into unions is the most effective way to reduce poverty and restore balance to an economic and political system dominated by giant corporations and billionaires.

We call for:

- Legislation establishing that money is not speech and corporations are not persons;
 - Human beings, not corporations, are persons entitled to constitutional rights;
- Overturn *Citizens United* and *Buckley v. Buckley v. Valeo* as driving forces behind income inequality;
- Government regulations that put our society's well-being first, over corporate profit;
 - Regulation and taxation as a normal price of doing business;
 - Reinstate Glass-Steagall to separate commercial from investment banking;
 - Enforcing Dodd-Frank to control abusive financial and banking practices;
 - Restore the enforcement power of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB);
 - Continue funding of the Workforce Investment Opportunity Act to increase the self-sufficiency of young adults and adults with disabilities by providing career counseling, job training, information, and referral services;
 - Strengthen antitrust laws like the Clayton Act;
- Transparent, readily accessible accounting in governments and corporations;
- Public and cooperative ownership of all utilities;
 - Privately-owned utilities work for shareholders. Publicly owned utilities work for the people;
 - Internet service is a utility like electricity; therefore, it too should be publicly owned;
- Import taxes and tariffs to be based on the country of origin's environmental regulations, wage and labor laws, and their enforcement;
- Stronger antitrust laws that regulators and private parties can use to meaningfully prevent anticompetitive mergers, end abusive contracting practices, and constrain monopoly power; Expansion of corporate fiduciary duties to require consideration for the environmental and social justice impacts of business operations;
- Reform of Forced Arbitration Laws that allow corporations, banks and even employers to insert forced arbitration clauses in their contracts with consumers, employers and investors as a way to inculcate themselves against lawsuits. These clauses deny Americans their day in court, instead forcing them into secretive arbitration proceedings and deny consumer rights;

- 1611 ● Reparations and a Truth and Reconciliation Commission to be established in order to address the
- 1612 injustices and lasting generational economic effects to African Americans in the US directly related
- 1613 to our countries history of Chattel Slavery and other discriminatory practices, many of which still
- 1614 continue in our current times;
- 1615 ● Reparations and a Truth and Reconciliation Commission to be established in order to address the
- 1616 multi-generational economic effects and cultural oppression of Native Tribes and communities set
- 1617 forth by the colonization of their lands and upheld by the US government through the genocide and
- 1618 stolen land of the Indigenous Peoples of this country;
- 1619 ● An end sub-minimum wages for employed people with disabilities;
- 1620 ● End sub-minimum wages for incarcerated people;
- 1621 ● Full funding of the National Labor Relations Board to ensure that it has the necessary resources to
- 1622 defend workers' right to organize in the face of union-busting by multi-billion dollar corporations
- 1623 like Amazon, Walmart, and Starbucks;
- 1624 ● Strengthening workers' right to organize by passing the Protecting the Right to Organize (PRO) Act
- 1625 and repealing the Taft-Hartley Act.

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- 1628 ● Federal contracts to companies that pay poverty wages, outsource jobs overseas, engage in union-
- 1629 busting, deny good benefits, and pay CEOs outrageous compensation packages;
- 1630 ● Subsidies to oil, gas, chemical, agricultural and pharmaceutical companies;
- 1631 ● “Carried Interest” loopholes in Capital Gains Taxes for financial partnerships and similar firms;
- 1632 ● Mega-Mergers and wealth consolidation;
- 1633 ● Bailouts of corporations, religious organizations, lobbyists, big banks, health care executives, and
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Economic & Housing Justice, Jobs and Tax Fairness

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We believe:

- Housing is a human right; That exclusionary zoning policies and the private housing market have failed to adequately provide for those at low to middle income ranges and those requiring physically accessible housing; It is the right and proper role of the government to provide permanent stable housing to people experiencing housing insecurity or are under-housed, to expand the stock of supportive, low income, and affordable housing, and to use all tools available to control the astronomic explosion of the cost of housing;
- Every community should include a variety of housing types in order to preserve important societal connections while also accommodating people’s changing needs and household sizes throughout their lifetime;
- That access to affordable and accessible housing should not be denied on the basis of race, country of origin, religious or non-religious status, gender or gender identity, disability, sexual orientation, veteran status, immigration status, source of income, age, political beliefs, parental, or relationship status, or previous incarceration;
- In respecting the rights of all adults, including seniors and persons with disabilities, to direct their own lives in housing, education, medical, financial, and all other life choices;
- We must make room for refugees, including climate refugees, within our communities;
- That the severe shortage of permanently affordable rental housing in many areas of our state constitutes a public emergency.

We call for:

- End income inequality;
 - An end to student debt that crushes opportunity;
 - Legislate pay ratios of CEOs to lowest-paid employee equal to 1965 levels: 20 to one, not over 600 to one as now;
 - Extreme wealth harms our society’s health; current levels of income inequality are toxic to our democracy;
- Equality of opportunity;
 - Legislation to end the digital divide;
 - Protect public investments by opposing and reversing the privatization of public assets;
 - Universal Family Care, a public fund to support affordable child and elder care, parental and sick leave, early childhood education and other family care needs;
 - Steady funding for all public schools;
- A fair and just tax system for all;
 - Create a progressive wealth tax; tax the highest incomes and unearned income from stocks, capital gains, etc.;
 - Workers must have a say in safety practices, decisions, PPE equipment supply, usage and policies during emergencies, disasters, and pandemics;
 - Tax financial transactions to restrict financial speculation;
 - Renters’ tax credit;
 - Revising our state's regressive tax structure to correct income inequality, and to fully fund our state's education obligation and social support programs.
- Investing in credit unions and co-ops over banks and large corporations;
 - Including the establishment of a state bank of Washington;

- 1685 ○ Public banking options for local, state, and federal government;
- 1686 ○ Provide financial services to all who lack bank accounts, such as postal banking;
- 1687 ○ Break up big banking systems;
- 1688 ○ Preserve and strengthen the U.S. Postal Service to include banking services;
- 1689 ● Fund expansion of broadband internet to all Americans, especially in rural areas;
- 1690 ● Guaranteed income for all, i.e, guaranteed basic income;
 - 1691 ○ Every person in the US should receive enough income to support life;
 - 1692 ○ a federal jobs guarantee;
- 1693 ● Affirmative action: a workforce should reflect local demographic with quantifiable goals;
 - 1694 ○ Latest census data used to define local population's make-up;
 - 1695 ○ Quantifiable goals to fill government positions and contractor hiring to produce a workforce typical of local area;
- 1697 ● Disincentivize outsourcing or offshoring in all trade deals and government contracts, at every level – fair and/or direct trade, not free trade;
 - 1699 ○ Labor, environmental, emissions, and human rights standards of the US or better are required and binding in all such agreements;
- 1701 ● Legislate respect for workers;
 - 1702 ○ Government protection for workers in the gig economy as employees, not contractors;
 - 1703 ○ Healthy & harassment-free workplaces;
 - 1704 ○ Predictable scheduling;
 - 1705 ○ Employers required to pay federal holidays and a minimum of 30 days of leave per year.
- 1706 ● Assistance, education, and training for all workers displaced by societal change, e.g., automation, age, plant closures, climate crisis, and other changes we cannot now foresee;
- 1708 ● Increase inheritance taxes and wealth transfer taxes on the very rich to reduce the concentration of wealth in families across multiple generations; An economy that prioritizes real goods and services over a wall street gambling economy featuring high risk financial derivatives trading;
- 1711 ● Reducing the full-time work week before overtime applies to a 32-hour work week, as a 40-hour full-time work week does not promote a balanced life and is less efficient.
- 1713 ● All levels of government to use creative solutions and progressive revenue sources to ensure all people have permanent, sanitary, stable, secure, safe, and livable housing and to assist homeowners at risk of foreclosure;
- 1716 ● The Washington State Legislature to enact a major increase in funding for assistance and construction of affordable and accessible low-income housing.
- 1718 ● Improving and implementing Washington State and local property tax breaks on primary residences of low-income homeowners, small, and micro-businesses;
- 1720 ● Repeal of Washington State's prohibition on rent control;
- 1721 ● Just-cause eviction protections;
- 1722 ● Reducing the maximum allowable interest and penalties assessed for delinquent real estate taxes on a homeowner's primary residence;
- 1724 ● Changes to county and city zoning laws to end exclusionary zoning practices statewide, and re-legalize and incorporate and incentivize traditional forms of housing such as mother-in-law cottages, over-garage apartments, tiny homes, duplexes, triplexes and other missing middle types of housing and other low-cost and accessible housing in low-density residential neighborhoods;
- 1728 ● Development of public properties – especially surplus properties – under public administration to create long term, sustainably-built, union-constructed, low-income housing;
- 1729 ● Services for residents experiencing homelessness who need help to prepare for a stable lifestyle in-line with Housing First principles;
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- 1731 ● Services for residents experiencing homelessness who need help to prepare for a stable lifestyle in-line with Housing First principles;
- 1732 ● Funding for supportive services within shelters and permanent supportive housing to support

- 1733 individuals to achieve lifelong stability;
- 1734 ● Funding for new construction of permanent supportive housing for individuals exiting homelessness,
- 1735 farmworker housing, and workforce housing;
- 1736 ● Relocation assistance for households living in areas at high risk of flooding, wildfire, and other
- 1737 natural disaster risks heightened by climate change;
- 1738 ● Greater, equitable investments in public green spaces, community gardens, and street trees,
- 1739 especially in under-treed and under-parked neighborhoods;
- 1740 ● Legislation that addresses the practices that resulted in residential re-segregation, including
- 1741 redlining by financial institutions and the 1949 Housing Act;
- 1742 ● All levels of government to end de facto housing segregation and discrimination on the basis of race,
- 1743 income, and other identities;
- 1744 ● Robust grant programs to remediate lead paint, lead plumbing, asbestos, and other hazards in
- 1745 existing homes and buildings;
- 1746 ● Renewed federal investment in development of public housing and in provision of section 8
- 1747 vouchers;
- 1748 ● The federal government to pass legislation creating a National Infrastructure Bank to facilitate the
- 1749 long-term financing of infrastructure projects that would: build all of our crumbling infrastructure,
- 1750 including mass transit, high-speed rail, water systems, transmission grids, urban and rural
- 1751 broadband, schools, affordable housing, and more; create 25 million new jobs, paying Davis-Bacon
- 1752 wages, promote Project Labor Agreements, and Buy American, while promoting apprentice
- 1753 programs for youth to acquire long-term skills; reduce income inequality, by increasing wages,
- 1754 building the middle class, and investing in disadvantaged communities and low income areas; and be
- 1755 capitalized by existing Treasury debt as was done historically, thus not requiring new federal
- 1756 spending or taxes;
- 1757 ● Addressing the shortage of available housing;
- 1758 ● Funding for public housing across the State;
- 1759 ● Upzoning of communities near mass transit to increase density;
- 1760 ● Removing automatic disqualification for housing based on prior conviction history;
- 1761 ● Humane encampment outreach while providing alternative housing options;
- 1762 ● an immediate and energetic enforcement of current anti-monopoly and anti-corruption laws and
- 1763 passage of new laws to fully protect the public's interest, health and economic well-being into the
- 1764 future;
- 1765 ● Mandating and/or providing renter relocation assistance for economic evictions resulting from
- 1766 excessive rent increases;
- 1767 ● Capping move-in fees, rental application costs and late fees, increasing the notice period for rent
- 1768 increases, allowing move-in costs to be paid in installments with no interest;
- 1769 ● Further increasing the time a tenant has to pay rent before eviction proceedings commence;
- 1770 ● A mandatory 180-day notice for rent increases;
- 1771 ● The formation of public housing developers dedicated to the creation of publicly owned and
- 1772 permanently affordable social housing for those earning up to 120% of Area Median Income.

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- 1776 ● undue harm to family farmers;
- 1777 ● Free trade agreements and trade agreements of any kind that do not protect American
- 1778 manufacturing jobs and do not enforce and international human, economic, and environmental
- 1779 rights;
- 1780 ● Using deficit fear-mongering to drive budgetary decisions;

- 1781 ● Reducing SNAP benefits and forcing families into a one-size-fits-all option that removes consumer
1782 choice;
- 1783 ● Importing commodities below their true production and transportation costs, i.e. dumping.
- 1784 ● Conversion of public property into private ownership without oversight;
- 1785 ● Predatory practices such as discounting foreclosures, deceptive, coercive or exploitative loan terms,
1786 as well as balloon loans;
- 1787 ● Restrictions on locating supportive housing, such as shelters and transitional housing, in residential
1788 zones;
- 1789 ● Policies and practices that dehumanize and criminalize neighbors experiencing homelessness,
1790 including sweeps, hostile urban architecture, and anti-nuisance ordinances;
- 1791 ● Environmental racism and classism that limits low-cost housing to areas along highways, arterials,
1792 industrial zones, and other locations that expose residents to high pollution levels and other
1793 hazards;
- 1794 ● A regressive tax system;
- 1795 ● The use of terms such as “sweeps, clean ups, or cleans” to refer to the forced removal of unhoused
1796 people from public lands because this language is harmful, as it denies the essential humanity of
1797 those impacted;
- 1798 ● The forcible removal of unhoused people from public lands when they do not have access to stable,
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Labor

We believe:

- A strong economy and a strong nation depend on jobs that provide a fair and living wage, fair benefits, and safe working conditions for all workers;
- All people, especially those from underrepresented communities, deserve a living wage and equal pay for equal work;
- Organized labor has played a historic role in our country to give workers a voice in their workplace and a measure of security with living wage jobs and safer working conditions;
- Labor has a vital role to play in improving people’s lives and dismantling institutional barriers that have restricted equal access to job opportunities and equal pay for equal work;
- The gig economy, uneven recovery from the pandemic, and continued pandemic-related disruptions within the labor market present new challenges for working people and families.
- Increasingly, workers are seeking a voice in the workplace through collective action, to shape their and their families’ future;
- The rights of workers to organize and bargain collectively to determine their pay, benefits and working conditions must be strengthened, protected and enforced;
- Labor should be given higher priority than capital in the conduct of commerce;
- The institutions of government should endeavor to protect the interests and safety of laborers above the interests of capital.
- In dedicated programs for green industrial and construction job creation, training, and placement linked to public investments in clean energy infrastructure;
- The right of working people to unionize without harassment is a fundamental civil right.

We call for:

- Create a modern Works Progress Administration to renew public investment in education, technology, essential health care infrastructure; and transportation infrastructure and sustainability;
 - Invest in reopening hospitals and clinics in rural and underserved areas;
 - Modernize public buildings such as schools, post offices, and libraries, especially in underserved areas, and co-locate affordable housing on these public lands;
 - Prioritize funding for public research institutions;
 - Create a federal jobs guarantee to ensure living wage jobs for all who want to work.
- Equal pay for equal work for all;
 - Especially for underrepresented, misrepresented, and disadvantaged people;
 - All people deserve a living wage;
 - End minimum wage exemptions or subminimum wages for disabled people;
 - Set a livable minimum wage tied to the median market housing rate;
- Buying local, regional, US, union-made, required in all government contracts;
 - Legislate incentives to buy local goods and services;
 - Labor, environmental, and human rights standards of the US are required and binding in all such agreements;
 - Increase opportunities for small family- operated farms, US manufacturing, and small businesses in government contracting over large corporations by capping firm size in bidding through the use of anti-trust to break up large monopolies and create an agricultural sector that serves the nations health and security;
 - Remove the exemption of agricultural workers from overtime pay requirements
- Guarantee the right to unionize and other collective bargaining rights for ALL workers, especially

- 1850 those historically excluded from labor protections, e.g., migrant and domestic workers, formerly
1851 incarcerated people, and any other underrepresented, misrepresented, or disadvantaged people;
1852 ● Pass federal legislation to eliminate “right to work” laws;
1853 ● Government requirements for, and protection of, union hiring, organizing, and affirmative action in
1854 apprenticeships and subsequent hiring processes;
1855 ● Enforce protections for whistle-blowers & workplace organizers: no intimidation, no retribution;
1856 ○ Enforce protections against discrimination in hiring where reasonable accommodation can
1857 be made;
1858 ● Enact protections for workers and union members participating in wildcat strikes;
1859 ● Repeal of the Taft-Hartley act of 1947 and replaced with legislation affirming worker’s rights;
1860 ● Safe staffing legislation that protects essential workers, such as nurses who are working without
1861 breaks in order to provide the legal standards of care;
1862 ● A just transition for workers in industries impacted by efforts to reverse climate change, including
1863 access to guaranteed income, union public sector jobs, and dignified retirement with robust
1864 pensions;
1865 ● Support for injured workers Firefighters are exposed to carcinogenic substances in numerous facets
1866 of their work; with published and emerging science showing links between firefighting and many
1867 cancers. Since cancer can be difficult to pinpoint in origin, all Firefighter cancers should be
1868 considered presumptive occupational disease, refutable by evidentiary standards;
1869 ● A significant expansion of worker training and apprenticeship programs in partnership with labor
1870 unions, technical and community colleges, and K-12 schools to develop the next generation of
1871 American workers to build a new economy based on clean energy;

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1875 ● **Actions to suppress, prevent or otherwise interfere with union organizing efforts; and actions to**
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Human Rights and Civil Rights

We Believe:

- Human rights apply to all humans regardless of immigration status and include access to safe food, air, water, and shelter, as well as freedom of speech, freedom of religion, economic opportunity, personal safety, health care, education, employment, legal aid, and equitable due process;
- In honoring the rich diversity of society and efforts to reflect that diversity in our Party, including special consideration to be paid to the rights of currently and historically marginalized communities, including individuals with disabilities, immigrants, peoples of color, indigenous people, the very poor, and religious minorities and atheists; those who face discrimination should be afforded the legal means and economic opportunities to overcome such injustices;
- The reinstatement of the Civil Rights Division of the US Department of Justice and enforcement of civil rights laws with appropriate funding for civil rights investigations which shall be provided as required by the legal mandate of the government agency;
- In the study of reparations to address the systemic racism that persists across our institutions today;
- Congress to pass the LGBTQ Essential Data Act to help collect a wide variety of critical data about anti-trans violence and the factors that drive it;
- As Democrats, we are, and will remain, at the forefront of the struggle to extend and ensure social, political, economic, legal, and cultural rights to all persons;
- It is our responsibility to protect the rights and welfare of all people within our borders;
- In a transparent, impartial application and equitable enforcement of law;
- Black lives matter;
- The disproportionate surveillance of and enforcement against people of color has led to unnecessary death, loss of respect and public trust and damage to the community;
- The high number of missing and murdered indigenous women is a human health and welfare crisis that requires immediate and aggressive action to eliminate further harm to Native families and communities;
- Free and open voting is a civil right and expresses the will and consent of the people;
- Privacy is a fundamental right; our private lives and personal information must be protected from intrusion by government, corporations, or others;
- Each person has the right to sovereignty over their own body;
- Disabled people have the right to full access to all facets of society and to live with dignity and independence;
- Marriage, as a legal union of consenting adults, with all rights and obligations that entails, must continue to be recognized by the government without regard to sexual orientation or gender-identity of the spouses;
- The right of an individual to practice their religion does not extend to the denial of the constitutional rights of others;
- In the separation of church and state, and that no entity has the right to impose its religious doctrine on others;
- Those who benefit from unearned privilege must actively listen to marginalized communities and step back to provide space for members of such communities to be heard by society at large;
- The right to peacefully protest and demonstrate are constitutionally protected rights;

- 1923 • In people’s right to be free of government, corporate, or religious interference in their reproductive
- 1924 decisions, including contraception and abortion, and to have safe, legal, protected, affordable and
- 1925 accessible universal health care that enables them to make informed choices;
- 1926 • In equal pay for equal work.

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- 1930 • The United States Congress to certify ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment;
- 1931 • The Federal Government to ratify the Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Discrimination
- 1932 Against Women;

- 1933 • Policies at all levels of government that will strengthen our country by affirming the value of all
- 1934 individuals, and by eliminating the systemic conditions that perpetuate inequality, oppression, and
- 1935 lack of equitable access to opportunities;

- 1936 • All levels of government to enforce and monitor the Americans with Disabilities Act, the Students
- 1937 with Disabilities Act, and the Rehabilitation Act;

- 1938 • The United States Congress to pass the Disability Integration Act;

- 1939 • The Federal Government to ratify the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with
- 1940 Disabilities;

- 1941 • The Washington State Legislature to pass a state version of the Disability Integration Act;

- 1942 • All levels of government to fully enforce the Matthew Shepard and James Byrd Jr. Hate Crimes
- 1943 Prevention Act;

- 1944 • The United States Congress to pass the Equality Act for all members of the LGBTQ+ community;

- 1945 • Legislation at all levels of government that will end human trafficking for the sex trade, labor trade,
- 1946 and all other forms of involuntary servitude but while respecting the rights of sex workers;

- 1947 • Ending child and slave labor worldwide;

- 1948 • Strong legislation, treatment programs and education designed to reduce harassment, intimidation,
- 1949 domestic or sexual violence, gun violence, and bullying;

- 1950 • A commitment to Free Speech which carries an obligation to speak out in defense of values of
- 1951 democracy and inclusivity against the evil forces of racism and other hate speech;

- 1952 • Policies and practices to be adopted by the State in consultation with tribal leaders, families, and
- 1953 experts to properly address the human rights crisis of missing and murdered American Indian and
- 1954 Alaska Native womxn and move beyond recognition to action;

- 1955 • US ratification of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR) and International Covenant on
- 1956 Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (ICESCR);

- 1957 • The use all available tools to help local municipalities to invest in housing, schools and
- 1958 infrastructure. In this pursuit the Federal Reserve Chair should be directed to use quantitative easing
- 1959 to back state, county, city and school bonds to bring relief to municipal governments across the
- 1960 country;

- 1961 • Support of U.S. affiliated and at-risk Afghans welcomed into the United States via Humanitarian
- 1962 Parole after the U.S. withdrawal of military forces from Afghanistan. Rather than punishing Afghan
- 1963 arrivals for being evacuated, Congress has an urgent obligation to ensure they become lawful
- 1964 permanent residents;

- 1965 • An Abolishment of the Johnson v. M'Intosh (1823) Doctrine of Discovery;

- 1966 • Developing a series of specific actions that will encourage Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals
- 1967 (DACA) immigrants, as well as non-citizen farmworkers, to participate in local party politics
- 1968 (committees, e-boards, etc.), enabling them to have a voice in developing policies that affect them;

- 1969 • Support for injured workers. Firefighters are exposed to carcinogenic substances in numerous facets
- 1970 of their work, with published and emerging science showing links between firefighting and many

1971 cancers. Since cancer can be difficult to pinpoint in origin, all Firefighter cancers will be presumed
 1972 workplace illness rebuttable by evidentiary standards;
 1973 • The United States Congress to pass the Afghan Adjustment Act (patterned after similar Cuban,
 1974 Vietnamese, and Iraqi adjustment legislation) to correct the status of all Afghan evacuees to the
 1975 same permanent legal status they would have received had they been admitted as refugees.
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- 1979 • Organized prayer in taxpayer-funded institutions and the use of government funds for religious
 1980 purposes;
- 1981 • **Any discrimination against LGBTQ+ people, including but not limited to issues regarding parental
 1982 rights;;**
- 1983 • The use of the term “illegal” to refer to any human being;
- 1984 • The use of for-profit prisons or detention centers by Immigration, Customs and Enforcements (ICE)
 1985 used for the detention of immigrants;
- 1986 • Forcing immigrants seeking asylum back across our southern border into unsafe and inhumane living
 1987 conditions while they indefinitely await the processing of their asylum claims;
- 1988 • All modes and methods of denying in practice a person’s right to reproductive choice over their own
 1989 body, including:
 - 1990 ○ Defunding Planned Parenthood;
 - 1991 ○ Requiring complete hospital surgical facilities for abortion;
 - 1992 ○ The legal doctrine of “fetal personhood”;
 - 1993 ○ Hyde Amendment restrictions on federal funding of abortions;
 - 1994 ○ Construing religious freedom of a church-owned hospital or religiously affiliated employer-
 1995 or school-provided insurance to deny access to an abortion or personal choice to have
 1996 sterilization;
- 1997 • Demands for immediate presentation of documents regarding one’s status in the United States;
- 1998 • Involuntary sterilization of all human beings, including persons with disabilities;
- 1999 • Refusing access to gender-affirming health care, services, and surgery;
- 2000 • Discrimination toward individuals by continued misgendering and refusal to use their pronouns after
 2001 being informed;
- 2002 • The practice of “conversion therapy,” which seeks to change sexual orientation;
- 2003 • Any level of government barring access to public restrooms that correspond with an individual’s
 2004 gender identity.
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We Believe:

- It is our responsibility to protect the rights and welfare of all people within our borders regardless of citizenship or immigration status;
- All people, regardless of their country of origin or their immigration status, deserve to be treated fairly, respectfully, and with dignity, and that all people have a right to equitable treatment under the law;
- All people, regardless of their immigration status, are entitled to K-12 and post-secondary education to provide them the knowledge and skills to be productive members of society;;
- In access to healthcare and human services without regard to immigration status; withholding those services is discriminatory and inhumane;
- Immigration is not a matter of homeland security;
- No child should be caged;
- All detainees should have the right of habeas corpus, to humane treatment, safe facilities, adequate medical care, nutrition, clothing, shelter, freedom of religious practices, disability access, family unity, legal defense, a living wage for their work, and access to basic education services, interpretive services, and an accounting of their location;
- In sanctuary jurisdictions adopting sanctuary policies;
- In legal residents having the same rights as American citizens concerning waiting time for their legal spouses to join them in the U.S.;
- In the proper issuance of identification documents and driver's licenses to immigrants regardless of status.

We Call For:

- Abolishing Immigration and Customs Enforcement;
- The United States Congress to pass comprehensive reform of United States immigration policy;
- All levels of government to recognize the basic human rights of immigrants and protect them with transparent due process in all proceedings and a clear and equitable pathway to documented status and citizenship if desired;
- The Federal Government to increase family unification, including families of domestic partners and bi-national couples, by granting legal status with the same standards as spouses of citizens;
- The Federal Government to allow undocumented immigrants brought to the United States as children who have attained the age of majority to apply for U.S. citizenship without first being required to return to their country of origin;
- The Federal Government to sign and ratify the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of their families;
- Federal and State government to extend temporary residency to children of undocumented immigrants to allow them to pursue higher education or national service and to be given an opportunity to earn permanent residency;
- A more comprehensive Washington state “Dream Act” for young adults to enter a path of achievement that can lead to United States citizenship;
- The United States Congress to pass a more comprehensive “Dream Act” for young adults to enter a path of achievement that can lead to United States citizenship;
- All levels of government to enforce all existing laws which penalize employers who knowingly employ undocumented immigrants;

- 2053 • The Federal Government to provide legal access for employers to an immigrant workforce, such as a
- 2054 guest worker program;
- 2055 • A law that allows undocumented workers the same rights as other citizens to unionize and assert
- 2056 grievances about labor conditions.
- 2057 • All levels of government to enact policies that fully integrate and support immigrants as equal
- 2058 members of our communities, including programs offering instruction in English, interpretative and
- 2059 translation services of governmental documents and services, and preparation for citizenship;
- 2060 • The Federal Government to enact policies that allow foreign students to remain in the United States
- 2061 and give them opportunity to earn permanent residency;
- 2062 • The Federal Government to dramatically increase the number of qualified immigration judges to
- 2063 clear the immigration backlog and avoid lengthy detentions for adults and children;
- 2064 • An end to deportation or detention of family members of natural-born and naturalized U.S. citizens;
- 2065 • An end to deportation or detention without due process of law; Streamlining and expediting
- 2066 procedures for granting asylum to persons fleeing from areas of war, genocide, and political
- 2067 oppression, drug and human trafficking, fleeing religious and ethnic oppression, civil strife and
- 2068 violence;
- 2069 • An end to internationally destabilizing American foreign policies, such as the drug war, which force
- 2070 so many immigrants to flee their homelands;
- 2071 • All levels of government to enact policies that prevent discrimination in wages and working
- 2072 conditions for immigrant workers, including access to safe and adequate housing, medical care and
- 2073 educational opportunities;
- 2074 • Using diplomacy and sustainable development to improve the social, economic and environmental
- 2075 conditions that contribute to undocumented immigration into the United States;
- 2076 • Qualified foster care services for undocumented, unaccompanied minors;
- 2077 • A right to counsel in all immigration related legal proceedings, regardless of immigration status;
- 2078 • The federal government to reinstate domestic violence as an accepted reason for asylum status.

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- 2082 • Separating families of undocumented immigrants and people seeking asylum;
- 2083 • State or local agencies' involvement in the enforcement of federal immigration laws, including
- 2084 providing information, access, and/or assistance to ICE;
- 2085 • Border Patrol checkpoints away from the border and the engagement of Border Patrol agents in
- 2086 ordinary law enforcement activities, including providing routine translation services for other
- 2087 agencies;
- 2088 • Forced labor of detainees;
- 2089 • Automatic detention and/or deportation of asylum-seekers;
- 2090 • Attempts to establish English as the sole official language of the United States;
- 2091 • Unjust and arbitrary quotas, limits, and other immigration rules that have the primary purpose of
- 2092 preventing new immigration;
- 2093 • The creation or enforcement of any "public charge" rules that disproportionately limit or prohibit
- 2094 immigration of people with disabilities;
- 2095 • The use of work visas, such as H(1)(b) and H(2)(a) visas, as a substitute for hiring U.S. residents;
- 2096 • Policies that exclude or demean immigrants based on religion or country of origin;
- 2097 • Judging the merits of asylum seekers based on U.S. geopolitical and/or economic interests;
- 2098 • Border patrol activities disrupting other civic duties like attending court hearings;
- 2099 • The "Remain in Mexico" policy, which has led to thousands of kidnappings of asylum seekers;
- 2100 • Private prison companies.

Culture and The Arts

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We Believe:

- Freedom of expression is a fundamental human right which is expressed through culture and the arts;
- Culture, the arts & humanities are core expressions of the values that make our country great;
- Government should sponsor programs that celebrate and promote the cultural diversity of our country;
- Programs dedicated to Culture and the Arts should encourage improved public knowledge through honest portrayal of our diverse cultures and histories;
- Multi-media public broadcasting, including community-based public radio and public access television are vital to the development of a healthy society;
- Public art enhances the livability of public spaces, from parks to schools to libraries, and should be available in every community;
- Artists should be paid for the use of their intellectual property including on the internet;
- Artists and cultural organization workers should be involved in the planning and implementation processes of artistic endeavors;
- Investment in the arts, which provide both cultural and economic benefits to the nation by supporting job opportunities for creative professionals in every state and access for all Americans to enriching programs that lift up local economies and generate billions in economic activity;
- Funding set aside to subsidize artists' housing and live-work spaces such as lofts, especially as part of building preservation.

We Call For:

- Federal, State, and Local governments to include a substantial commitment to public funding for the arts and arts education in their budgets;
- Federal, State, and Local libraries, performing arts centers and museums to be well-funded, accessible, and diverse in their offerings;
- Federal and State Government to make cultural and arts education available and accessible to all as a core subject in our K-12 public schools;
- Federal, State, and Local governments to provide easy, equitable access to public art events, performances, exhibits, and installations for all communities, featuring diverse artists.

We Oppose:

- Efforts to cut public funding of the arts by Federal, State, and Local Government;
- Any use of public funding of the arts to promote a religious agenda;
- Federal, State, and Local governments asking artists to work for free.

Animal Welfare

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- it important to protect both domestic and agricultural animal welfare

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- Prohibiting practices such as ear cropping and declawing, which are done for the benefit or convenience of the owner rather than the benefit of the animal;
- Restricting or prohibiting the unwarranted use of animals in experimentation;
- Providing adequate funding for programs benefiting animals and enforcement of laws that provide for animal welfare and protection;

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Tribal Relations and Sovereignty

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We Believe:

- In recognizing that all Treaties signed under the authority of the United States with the Tribal Nations, are the Supreme Law of the land;
- In upholding the Treaties, Executive Orders and Agreements made between Tribal Nations and the Federal Government, secured specific rights and privileges to sustain the future of Tribal Nations;
- In recognizing that not all treaties were signed in good faith or upheld by the United States;
- In improving the social, economic, and health status of all Native American people by local, state, and federal governments;
- In continuing consultation with state, local and federal government agencies and Tribal Nations;
- In acknowledging that Tribal Nations’ languages, histories and cultures are an integral part of our national identity, wellness and heritage;
- In sovereign Tribal Nations and their Reservations lands are geographically contiguous and should not be gerrymandered under redistricting practices aimed to weaken the power of Tribes.
- Engaging tribes in meaningful discussions and actions regarding climate change, water appropriation, land management plans, fisheries, mining, air quality, and culvert maintenance and repairs;
- Fulfilling the implementation of meaningful tribal consultation of all issues at all levels.
- Respecting the natural law and human dignity of all Native citizens;
- Fulfilling the implementation of meaningful tribal consultation of all issues at all levels.
- Advancing the health, safety and well-being of tribal communities by funding primary health, behavioral health, and culturally responsive care;
- Fulfilling the implementation of meaningful tribal consultation of all issues at all levels.
- Upholding the vision and goals of Indian Education and Self-Determination in preschool through higher education and lifelong learning;
- Continuing Indian Education consultation with state, local, tribal and federal governments;
- Recognizing the rights of Tribal members living in non-rural areas;
- Acknowledging Urban Indians who are enrolled in Federally Recognized Tribes across the United States;
- Recognizing tribal self-governance and economic sovereignty by supporting and investing in Tribal communities as they achieve the goals of self-sufficiency and sustainability;
- The existence of non-federally recognized tribes should be acknowledged and included in our local, state, and national history.

We Call For:

- Upholding the principles of Indian Self-Determination and Education throughout state government;
- Removing policies and practices that create barriers in upholding Native voting rights at all levels of government;
- Elevating the Governor’s Office of Indian Affairs to a Cabinet level agency with adequate funding in respect of the inherent sovereignty of Tribal Nations;
- Amending the federal regulations to streamline the recognition process of Tribal Nations, and providing regulations for recognition of a Native Hawaiian Nation;
- Establishing and maintaining tribal consultation prior to proposing or supporting legislation or

- 2202 policies that impact Tribal Nations;
- 2203 ● Increasing efforts to appoint tribal citizens to Tribal liaison positions, boards and commissions at all
- 2204 levels of government to provide equitable and distinct representation in policies and decisions
- 2205 impacting Tribal Nations;
- 2206 ● Eliminating the harmful legacy of “Indian Mascots” in sports;
- 2207 ● Declaring the second Monday in October as “Indigenous Peoples Day”;
- 2208 ● Recognizing the principles in the United Nations Declaration of the Rights of Indigenous People;
- 2209 ● Tribal consent to be a prerequisite before granting permits for construction projects on tribal treaty
- 2210 lands, waterways, and usual and accustomed areas;
- 2211 ● Providing access for tribal members to state employment sites and training opportunities.
- 2212 ● Recognizing legislation that reaffirms the Congressional intent of the Indian Reorganization Act,
- 2213 which authorizes the Secretary of the Interior to take land into trust for all federally recognized
- 2214 Tribal Nations;
- 2215 ● Supporting the rights of tribes to regulate and manage their own environment and natural
- 2216 resources, including the right to hunt, fish and gather in their traditional usual and accustomed
- 2217 places;
- 2218 ● Continuing efforts to maintain and restore salmon runs and protect shellfish resources critical to
- 2219 Tribal Nations’ cultures and economies;
- 2220 ● Having access to natural resources requires those resources to exist and there is an obligation to
- 2221 protect and improve the environment to ensure usual and accustomed access.
- 2222 ● Expanding the rights of Tribal Nations to exercise criminal jurisdiction over non-tribal and non-
- 2223 Native citizens committing a domestic violence or dating violence and protection order violations on
- 2224 Tribal lands consistent with the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) and other congressional
- 2225 legislation;
- 2226 ● Maintaining and authorizing the VAWA to fund and expand the specific Tribal Nations’ provisions,
- 2227 such as judicial training;
- 2228 ● Recognizing and reversing the distorted representation of Native women in the mainstream media,
- 2229 stereotypes, and bias which is a contributing factor in the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women
- 2230 in the United States;
- 2231 ● Affirming that the murdered and missing Indigenous Peoples’ and their families’ rights have been
- 2232 violated due to their Native identity and race;
- 2233 ● Acknowledging the harmful impact of all levels of law enforcements’ disregard of missing and
- 2234 murdered Indigenous Peoples.
- 2235 ● Improving state-federal-tribal relations to avoid bias and discriminatory community policing through
- 2236 law enforcement training and cross-cultural education with Tribal Nations;
- 2237 ● Providing judicial training on the Indian Child Welfare Act of 1978 and the Washington Indian Child
- 2238 Welfare Act of 2013 to eliminate the loss of Native children’s ties and identities to their families,
- 2239 cultures and homelands;
- 2240 ● Funding the American Indian Health Commission for Washington State and its work with state
- 2241 agencies and the Health Benefit Exchange;
- 2242 ● Implementing the state law licensing mid-level dental professionals, such as dental health aide
- 2243 therapists, to address the lack of access to dental care;
- 2244 ● Supporting the construction of one or more tribal specialty care facilities to address the lack of
- 2245 access to medical specialists and shifting the costs from the state to the federal government in
- 2246 fulfillment of its trust responsibility;
- 2247 ● Continuing funding of programs that combat social, economic and behavioral health problems such
- 2248 as homelessness, food insecurities and substance abuse;

- 2249 ● Increasing and expanding community health centers and behavioral and mental health services for
- 2250 Native youth within Tribal communities and school systems.
- 2251 ● Supporting Native elders with resources to train and educate Native youth in their Tribal identity,
- 2252 history and cultural resiliency;
- 2253 ● Implementing the essential role of Native families and parent committees in the decision-making
- 2254 process of their children’s education, health and well-being as defined by the Indian education
- 2255 legislation;
- 2256 ● Continuing the implementation and increased funding for the state mandated “Since Time
- 2257 Immemorial” Tribal Sovereignty curriculum, that is expanded upon in Washington State, U.S. and
- 2258 World history courses;
- 2259 ● Improving and aligning government policies and efforts, including data collection, to appropriately
- 2260 identify and classify American Indian/Alaska Native and multi-racial students to adequately support
- 2261 the distinct education criteria, funding and programs;
- 2262 ● Continuing the development and improvement of Tribal Compact Schools;
- 2263 ● Supporting and funding housing for Native youth attending schools, youth groups, and living within
- 2264 Tribal communities;
- 2265 ● Improving the disproportionate rate of drop-out, expulsion and suspension rates of Native students
- 2266 at the K-12 level;
- 2267 ● Expanding access to Tribal Colleges and Universities, as well as Indian Studies programs within
- 2268 mainstream Colleges and Universities, in their recruitment and retention of Native students towards
- 2269 earning undergraduate and graduate degrees in a learning environment in which culture, traditions
- 2270 and Native experience is emphasized;
- 2271 ● Providing access for tribal members to continuing education in state schools and universities.
- 2272 ● Maintaining funding of Urban Indian health organizations to enable them to address the health
- 2273 needs of Native Americans in urban areas who may not have access to Tribal health facilities;
- 2274 ● Developing an Urban Indian Liaison as part of the Governor’s Office of Indian Affairs to improve
- 2275 community relations with Urban Indians;
- 2276 ● Funding Indian Health Service’s (IHS) trust responsibility for Urban Indians; whereby, IHS funds
- 2277 should never be taken from the Federally Recognized Tribal allotment to fund Urban Indian Health
- 2278 Care;
- 2279 ● Urging Congress for 100% matching funds with the Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP)
- 2280 for the Urban Indian Health Program’s payments for encounters with Urban Natives as part of the
- 2281 trust responsibility; FMAP funding would save on State Medicaid spending that could be reinvested
- 2282 into the Indian Health Service, Tribal 638 Contracts, or the Urban Indian Health system;
- 2283 ● Acknowledging Indians, children lost to adoption under the Indian Relocation Act of 1952, Tribal
- 2284 members who are dis-enrolled and the United States policy to terminate Indian Tribes from mid-
- 2285 1940 thru mid-1960, prior to the enactment of the Indian Child Welfare Act of 1978 and require
- 2286 reunification with their tribes and families;
- 2287 ● Acknowledging that some Urban Indians have been systematically disenfranchised from the Federal
- 2288 trust responsibility and support, and must not remain invisible to local, state and federal
- 2289 governments;
- 2290 ● Recognizing that Urban Indians make up a disproportionate percentage of the homeless population;.
- 2291 ● Increasing funds and programs that support tribes with the flexibility to develop and sustain their
- 2292 own economic sovereignty and self-sufficiency;
- 2293 ● Working with tribes to remove economic barriers, such as state taxation, to increase capital
- 2294 development funds for Tribal Nations;
- 2295 ● Property tax revenues from tribal (reservation) lands shall be shared with the tribes;
- 2296 ● Reversing any efforts or actions by U.S. government which reduced Tribal lands or resource rights;

- 2297 ● Dismantling the colonialist structure of the Bureau of Indian Affairs, and a process of truth,
2298 reconciliation, and reparations for the history of genocide, theft, and impoverishment leveraged
2299 against our indigenous people.
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2301 **We Oppose:**
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- 2303 ● Abrogating of any tribal treaty or tribal agreement by any party;
2304 ● Forcing assimilation and the distortion of state, U.S. and world history;
2305 ● Attempting to diminish Tribal sovereignty or Tribal treaty rights of the 29 Federally recognized tribes
2306 in the state and erasure of non-federally recognized tribes
2307 ● Fossil fuel infrastructure built on Indigenous lands;
2308 ● Implementing Public Law 280, which *“establishes a method by which states can assume jurisdiction*
2309 *over reservation Indians”*;
2310 ● Continuing to treat Urban Natives as invisible due to forced assimilation by government through
2311 prior discriminatory Acts of Congress and racist policies throughout U.S. history;
2312 ● Using the harmful legacies of “Indian mascots” in all sports;
2313 ● We oppose gentrification in Tribal and poor communities which leads to people being priced out of
2314 their communities;

Implementation of This Platform

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We Believe

- This Platform, once adopted by our Party, cannot be laid upon a shelf somewhere to gather dust. It must be implemented through the efforts of those Democrats we have elected to represent us;
- Those Democrats must take the initiative to familiarize themselves with this Platform and formulate strategies to implement its provisions.

We Call For

- Our executive representatives to devise and take the appropriate executive actions to implement the pillars and planks found in this Platform;
- Our legislative representatives to create, introduce, support, and pass the appropriate legislation to implement the pillars and planks found in this Platform.