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Dear Democrats of Multnomah County,

The Platform, Resolution and Legislation Committee is proud to present the **2018 Multnomah County Democratic Platform** for your consideration and adoption at the Platform Convention held at David Douglas High School on November 4th, 2017.

The committee has worked for several months on what we saw as important to Multnomah County Democrats and possible actions to secure the community described. We upgraded the 2016 Platform into the 2018 version and have sent a first and second drafts to County Democrats for comments and suggestions, many of which were included in the final document.

The committee guided by the Platform also drafted Legislative Action Items describing work to be done in the up-coming legislative sessions. Convention attendees will discuss and review these items at the convention correcting, adding or deleting to come up with a comprehensive list of actions from which legislators can draw upon to make lives better for the people in Multnomah County, the State of Oregon and the United States.

We believe this Platform will provide a positive foundation upon which the Multnomah County Democrats can work together in the 2018 elections to put more Democrats in office and keep the great ones we have.

Yours truly,

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**MULTNOMAH COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY
2018 PLATFORM**

Preamble

We, the members of the Multnomah County Democratic Party, stand for equality, justice and opportunity for all. We believe in the strength of diversity and that it is important to treat each other with dignity and respect. We believe in a community of inclusiveness that demonstrates tolerance.

We believe that the future of our society depends on amplifying actions to protect our environment. We are committed to truth, transparency and accountability.

We believe in the right of all persons to live in peace, free from oppression in all its forms. We recognize that not all people enjoy the benefits of these rights equally and that empowerment, fortified by hope and reinforced by ethical leadership, can lead to change.

The Articles focused on in this Platform were selected because we believe action in the areas of Basic Needs and Human Rights, Education, Economy, Social Security/Health, Environment/Energy/Transportation, Election Integrity, Equality, Justice, Immigration, and Labor and Workers' Rights will help to forge a more equitable future for all.

PLATFORM ARTICLES AND PLANKS

Article I– Basic Needs and Human Rights

Preamble

We believe all people have the inalienable right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. Barriers to achieving these political rights have prevented their achievement, especially by people who carry the burden of our Nation's and our State's racist history and our past failure to mitigate that history. We realize that true individual freedom cannot exist without economic security and independence.

As Roosevelt said in his 1944 State of the Union Address, we know from history that people who are hungry and out of a job are the stuff of which dictatorships are made and in our day these economic truths have become accepted as self-evident, we commit ourselves to a second Bill of Rights under which a new basis of security and prosperity can be established for all—regardless of station, race, or creed.

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1. We believe in the right to a useful and remunerative job.
2. We believe in the right to earn enough to provide adequate food and clothing and recreation.
3. We believe in the right of all family farmers to raise and sell their products at a return which will give them a decent living.

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4. We believe in the right of every business person, large and small, to trade in an atmosphere of freedom from unfair competition and domination by monopolies at home or abroad.
5. We believe in the right of every person and family to private shelter.
6. We believe in the right to adequate medical care.
7. We believe in the right to a good education.
8. We believe in the right to live in a world at Peace with itself.

Article II. Education

Preamble

We believe all Multnomah County schools should provide equitable, stable and sustainable public funding that will provide all students with a high-quality education and curriculum from pre-kindergarten through high school and career training. We acknowledge that quality public education for all students not only enriches personal lives, but strengthens our economy and is critical to a well-functioning democracy.

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1. We support fully funding of the Oregon Quality Education Model (QEM – Robust and varied educational opportunities that should be available to all children in Oregon), developed in 1997 and placed in statute by the Quality Education Commission in 2001, refined and updated regularly since that time. It is yet to be implemented because of lack of funding.
2. We strongly encourage the State of Oregon to adopt its own high-quality standards that keep PreK-12 education student-centered.
3. We strongly encourage support for public school assessment systems based on multiple authentic measures that more accurately reflect the broad range of student learning, and are used to support students and improve schools.
4. We support defining and implementing smaller class sizes based on quality research which will meet the needs of the individual students.
5. We believe that developmentally appropriate, play-based, culturally sensitive opportunities for young children should be a top priority, since research is clear that, dollar for dollar, investment in PreK-3 yields huge rewards leading to student success.
6. We support a whole-child approach to education that encourages students to acquire general knowledge and to become accomplished at respecting others, working collaboratively and creatively, and acting in ways that are fair and just.

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7. We believe the goal of Oregon schools is to provide for the development of critical thinking life-long learners who are prepared for the opportunities and challenges of living productively in our democratic society today and into the future.
8. We urge the restoration of a full range of programs and services for all ages including: art, music, physical education, library services, civics, counseling, health services and alternative educational opportunities.
9. We support culturally relevant pedagogy, critical race theory, culturally responsive curriculum and restorative practices.
10. We recognize that edtech (instruction delivered by computer), also referred to as ‘personalized learning’ or the practice of sitting students in front of computers to learn, often without a licensed teacher, is becoming more prevalent in the state. The program is promoted as Future Ready Schools by the federal government. We recommend that parents be notified of the edtech process and how excessive screen time can negatively affect students mentally, emotionally, and physically.
11. The proliferation of edtech or ‘personalized learning’ means the opportunity for more student personal data collection to be accumulated in the costly Statewide Longitudinal Database (SLD – collects student personal data). We recommend that parameters be set on the types of personal student data collected and stored in the SLD.
12. We believe Multnomah County schools should strengthen their partnerships with business, unions, and industry to better prepare students as entrepreneurs and productive employees through career technical classes and trades apprenticeship programs.
13. We recognize that poverty is a systemic problem embedded in society at large and that the schools can be responsive in addressing some of its effects. We recommend that funds be invested in PreK-12 wrap around services, mentoring, after school programs, and other programs that have been proven effective in assuring student success.
14. We recognize that with the rising cost of higher education, which leaves many qualified students without access to higher learning, it is necessary to provide every student the opportunity to attend a public college or university tuition free.
15. We support having professionally licensed teachers in the classroom, mentoring of all teachers new to the profession, and meaningful professional development for all teachers.
16. We support fair, rational evaluation of educator effectiveness by educators. We support assisting educators in meeting performance expectations.
17. We support teacher unions and staff rights to collective bargaining.

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18. We are against for-profit schools, vouchers in the form of Student Savings Accounts and Student Scholarships, non-certified teachers in publicly funded classrooms, and other schemes that weaken public schools and accelerate the privatization of public education.

Article III. Economy

Preamble

We believe an economy works best when people are educated and organized for productive work, undertaken within a mix of private enterprise and government investment; with a wide circulation of wealth; with strategic improvements in the means of production. Furthermore, when too much wealth is concentrated in too few hands, the economy will under-perform. As wealth, money needs to circulate in the hands of those who will spend it to stimulate private-sector investment. And overall, public investment is urgently required in productive economic infrastructure, scientific research and cultural development. We believe that the proven theory of trickle up is truly what creates a tide that lifts all boats and that Keynesian demand-side economics is the true and tried economic practice that helped America prosper for 45 years.

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1. We believe government spending is in itself an economic good because it creates jobs and moves wealth into the economy.
2. We support targeted investments in infrastructure to improve opportunities for small enterprises to grow.
3. We support a comprehensive capital improvement platform to upgrade or replace infrastructure, much of which is 100 years old, in compliance with the American Society of Civil Engineers and the Army Corps of Engineers assessments
4. We believe critical to such infrastructure spending will be new investments in efficient, safe, environmentally preferred, and inclusive transportation systems.
5. We think Gross Domestic Product is critical, but the government should also calculate a General Welfare Index that reflects the extent that the science, culture, and health of our people and society is actually improving.
6. We believe that some goods and services are so essential to society that they ought to be removed from the forces of a market economy. Among these are education, criminal/civil justice system, postal services, fire, police, social security, universal health care, and other forms of social insurance.
7. We believe free trade should not come at the expense of consumer, labor, and environmental laws of the United States and affirm our commitment to high standards in trade agreements of promoting the common good.
8. We support progressive taxation and we oppose any taxation scheme or proposal that shifts taxation burdens toward the poor and/or middle classes.

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9. We embrace our shared responsibilities as individuals, businesses, and organizations, and affirm the social contract that binds us to other communities throughout the state.
10. We believe it is important for the roles of banking and investment to be separated, safeguarded and managed so each can be optimally effective.
11. We support Universal Basic Income to provide financial support for all citizens.
12. We support funding for trained, experienced, and deployable cadres of government employees as an alternative to private contracting, while opposing the out-sourcing of military warfighting to government contractors.

Article IV. Social Security and Health

Preamble

We believe in a strong social safety net for those in need and we support the value of providing housing, healthcare, and financial support for vulnerable populations, such as the poor, children, elders, people with disabilities, immigrants and refugees.

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1. We believe Social Security and Medicare benefits provide economic security and a foundation for a stable and growing economy for all Americans regardless of social status.
2. We support actions that keep Social Security and Medicare solvent without cutting benefits.
3. We believe a Social Security COLA should be based on a separate index that considers what seniors are facing in terms of their cost of living (CPI-E).
4. We support the adoption of a publicly funded, equitable, high quality, comprehensive Single Payer Health Care system that includes hearing, vision, dental and mental health services.
5. We support the continuation of the Affordable Care Act and revisions to improve healthcare delivery and outcomes until Universal Health Care is adopted.
6. We support legislation aimed at reducing the costs of drugs. In addition, we support legislation to allow Medicare and Medicaid to negotiate drug prices and to import quality drugs.
7. We support publicly funded Mental Health Crises Services and call on our elected officials to reestablish a comprehensive mental health and behavioral care system.

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8. We support full and equal healthcare access, coverage and treatment for transgender persons of all ages.
9. We strongly support women's rights to reproductive freedom of choice including unfettered access to reproductive health care services regardless of their ability to pay. We oppose any federal or state legislation or rules that restrict funding or payment for services based on an organization's provision of family planning or reproductive services.
10. We support the Older Americans Act and the services it provides.
11. We support end-of-life freedom of choice.
12. We support the Aging and Disabilities Act (ADA) and enforcement of ADA compliance at all levels and in all communities.

Article V. Environment, Energy and Transportation

Preamble

We believe the life blood of the County is the air we breathe, the water we drink, and the land we stand on. These are deserving of our protection and conservation for current and future generations.

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1. We support renewable fuels, preservation of our pristine lands for future generations, and reduction of pollutants.
2. We support science-based national, state and local strategies to implement sustainable practices and technologies to reduce the degradation of the atmosphere and the effect of climate change.
3. We are committed to the proposition that public water resources should not be privatized.
4. We support a vigorous cleanup of the Lower Willamette River (Portland Harbor) to ensure that pollutants are removed. We feel that those enterprises most responsible for creating this problem should pay all reasonable sums for this clean-up.
5. We believe in sustainably managing Oregon's natural resources.
6. We believe social prosperity is compatible with protection of the environment.
7. We support making it easier and more financially rewarding for business to invest in creating clean energy jobs.
8. We believe that corporate profits should never preclude protection of the environment.

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9. We know human activity contributes to climate change and support efforts to reduce carbon emissions.
10. We believe there are multiple benefits to enhancing renewable energy development, reducing reflective surfaces, removing coal and fossil fuel from use and increasing vegetation and reforestation.
11. We support large scale investment in diverse, safe and efficient transportation funded sufficiently to maintain the current infrastructure and build infrastructure that supports future needs while balancing concerns for environment and economic justice.
12. We support the exploration of programs that require polluters to return the environment to an uncontaminated state.

Article VI. Election Integrity and Legislative Accountability

Preamble

Every citizen deserves full, meaningful and accountable representation at every level of government along with the fundamental, unencumbered right to vote. We vigorously support convenient, secure, and timely casting, counting, and reporting of ballots. We support accountability for elected representatives through timely reporting of positions, and legislative rules that encourage bringing bills to legislative votes.

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1. We support national motor voter registration, automatic voter registration at age 18, and Federal policies that establish Vote-by-Mail using the United States Postal Service for all elections.
2. We stand for the principle of one person, one vote and believe every vote in every state should be counted equally in every election. We support the passage of the National Popular Vote in Oregon and across the nation.
3. We believe that incarcerated citizens and those convicted of criminal or civil offenses should not lose their right to participate in elections and inform the civil discourse.
4. We believe in federal support to improve election supervision and oversight of voting machine integrity. We support the reinstatement of the Elections Assistance Commission.
5. We oppose gerrymandering and believe that district lines should be drawn logically and methodically using a standard that maximizes the number of competitive seats by an independent, non-partisan Oregon citizen's redistricting commission.
6. We oppose voter suppression and disenfranchisement in all its forms.

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7. We support full reinstatement of the Voting Rights Act of 1965.
8. We support a nationwide security audit of all election systems, in order to make them resistant to hacking, tampering, and fraud.
9. We support a Constitutional amendment that would grant U.S. Citizens the affirmative right to vote for every citizen running for office at every level of government. (Reversing the majority Supreme Court decision in Bush v Gore that declared Americans do not have the constitutional right to vote for President or Vice President).
10. We believe that any voter roll purges must be carefully considered and controlled by an independent, nonpartisan citizen oversight commission and they must never be conducted right before a national election.
11. We support the modification of rules for Motions to Withdraw/Discharge Petitions that currently require a majority of the legislative body so that a minority of legislators can force a vote and reveal the intent of individual legislators.
12. We support rules that encourage legislators to limit their bill submissions.
13. We believe the effect of large individual contributions to our election campaigns is an undesirable influence and should be curtailed by legislation.

Article VII. Equality

Preamble

The right to be treated equally is an important precept upon which a free society thrives. This encourages positive interactions within a community and reduces conflict between segments of the population based on unequal treatment.

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1. We believe in human rights for all people and that they should be fully protected regardless of gender, race, national origin, creed, ethnicity, disability, sexual orientation or gender identity.
2. We believe in an unabridged Bill of Rights, Equal Pay Act, Civil Rights Act, Voting Rights Act and Affirmative Action.
3. We believe that the rights adopted in the Civil Rights Amendments, (13th, 14th and 15th) should be protected.
4. We believe in an Equal Rights Amendment (ERA) supporting equal opportunity, equal pay, and equal protection under the law for all women.

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5. We believe that pay equity is critically important and that legitimate employment opportunities must be available for all in our society, regardless of gender, race, national origin, religion, age, marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity or disability.
6. We believe that all consenting adults should have an equal right to civil marriage.
7. We believe in collective bargaining and the right to organize.
8. We believe in net neutrality, the principle that internet service providers and governments should treat all data on the internet equally.
9. We believe in universally available free or low cost high speed internet access for all.
10. We believe in non-privatized mail delivery service for all.

Article VIII. Justice

Preamble

The criminal justice system should be reformed so that it operates fairly and equitably, while respecting the dignity and humanity of those interacting with the system. We support reformation of a criminal justice system burdened by a history of a “war on drugs”, perverse incentives to mass incarceration, punishment instead of rehabilitation and restoration, militarization of police, discrimination based on income, race and nationality, and by lack of government funding and the will to correct the system’s failings and prevent its problems.

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1. We support Community Policing, meaning that local police officers are assigned to a neighborhood in which they get to know its residents and its problems, get to know the local leaders, and work to establish trust.
2. We oppose mandatory minimum sentences. Judges should have discretion to apply sentences based on the unique circumstances of each defendant, crime and victim. Individuals sentenced to prison who demonstrate good behavior and participate in programs should be allowed a reduction in sentence.
3. We support allowing states to enact and enforce marijuana laws without federal interference.
4. We believe addiction is a health issue that should be managed like other health issues, which includes allowing the use of prescription medications and marijuana to manage addiction during treatment.
5. We believe no one should profit from the incarceration of others; therefore, we oppose private prisons. We oppose exploitive systems for prisoner phone calls, video visits, and

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money transfers. Communication with family, friends, and children should be encouraged and facilitated when appropriate.

6. We believe legal representation for indigent people accused of crimes is an integral part of the American criminal justice system, which is based on the presumption of innocence. The indigent deserves adequate legal representation. Public Defenders should have a manageable caseload and receive the same pay as District Attorneys.
7. We support the work of the Portland Police Behavioral Health Unit. We urge the Portland Police to emphasize non-violent methods to resolve conflict, de-escalate situations, and ensure compliance and safety.
8. We believe police interrogations should be video recorded.
9. We support the latest scientifically validated methods used for non-suggestive eyewitness identification of suspects, including viewing photos sequentially and using an administrator who does not know who the suspect is.
10. Juries should no longer be allowed to render non-unanimous verdicts in felony cases in Oregon.
11. We believe felony and misdemeanor charges and convictions solely related to marijuana possession and sales should be reconsidered given current law and, if appropriate, sentences reduced to time served and convictions made eligible for expunction.
12. We support responsible gun ownership, including safe storage, training, and insurance. We urge the repeal of the Dickey Amendment, which ordered the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to cease gun control research.
13. We support a military gear ban for local police.
14. We oppose racially-targeted policing, prosecutorial over-charging, coercive plea bargains, biased jury selection, and sentencing practices that result in a disproportional number of African American, Latino, Native American and other people of color and economically disadvantaged people to land in the criminal justice system.
15. We support the integration of the previously incarcerated into society, including federal legislation to restore the voting rights of those who are no longer incarcerated, as is the case in Oregon.
16. We oppose the detention of people awaiting trial simply because they are too poor to post bond that is unreasonably high for them. We oppose excessive penalties and fees for inability to pay fines, which particularly impacts people of color and poor people.

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17. We oppose asset forfeiture for anyone who has not been convicted or anyone whose crime has nothing to do with financial assets. We oppose the use of asset forfeiture to enrich police departments.
18. We support Justice Reinvestment in Oregon, which seeks to reduce prison use by expanding alternatives to incarceration. Probation and post-prison supervision departments should be fully funded and able to provide transitional housing, training, employment assistance, mental health and addiction services to anyone as needed.
19. We oppose the death penalty and believe that Oregon should go beyond a moratorium by abolishing capital punishment and commuting the sentences of those still on Oregon's death row. The death penalty does not deter crime, is not applied equitably, and runs the risk of executing an innocent person. Life in prison is more cost effective and protects the community from dangerous individuals.
20. We support funding to address addiction, end violence against women and transgendered individuals, stop human trafficking, and prevent gun violence.
21. We oppose inhumane treatment of prisoners, including solitary confinement beyond a very brief period, shackling of women during childbirth, and ignoring medical conditions needing attention. Appropriate accommodations should be made for elderly and people with disabilities who are incarcerated. We oppose inhumane living conditions for people detained for possible deportation.

Article IX. Immigration

Preamble

We believe Immigration Policy should be debated thoughtfully, with a view of our history as a nation of immigrants without employing xenophobic scare tactics, religious tests and racist rhetoric. We value our nation's diversity and recognize the contributions immigrants make to society.

1. We believe industry and moneyed interests have tacitly encouraged illegal immigration by relying on undocumented workers for decades. Those exploited tax paying workers, their families, and other undocumented immigrants should have a path to legal residence, and eventually citizenship.
2. We believe the exploitation of undocumented workers must stop. It drives down wages and degrades working conditions for all workers. Industries that rely on undocumented workers, such as agriculture, should be reformed.

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3. We believe deportation policies should be humane and flexible and allow for adequate due process. Immigrants with family legally present in the United States, immigrants brought to the U.S. as children, and immigrants with longstanding ties to U.S. communities should not be deported mercilessly. No aspect of immigrant relations should be privatized or operated for profit.
4. We adamantly assert constitutional provisions granting citizenship for people born in the U.S. to immigrant parents should not be repealed.
5. We believe Immigrants convicted of crimes should face reasonable consequences, but legal immigrants convicted of petty crimes should not face automatic deportation.
6. We believe people in the United States should get access to education, social services, healthcare, and drivers licenses regardless of immigration status. Requiring immigration documentation for these benefits creates a disenfranchised underclass that degrades our community.
7. We believe Border Security should be reasonable, humane, and cost-effective. Large, expensive walls and fences, para-military law enforcement, and draconian searches do more harm than good and often fail to detect credible threats.
8. We believe state and local government workers should not enforce immigration laws. People should feel free to approach local government agencies for help regardless of their immigration status.
9. We believed the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program as originally envisioned should be implemented. In addition efficient and easy access to citizenship should be provided.
10. We support sanctuary States and Cities and believe that such entities should not be deprived of funding based on that status.
11. We oppose any travel ban based on religion or ethnicity
12. We believe immigrants with family legally present in the United States or brought to the U.S. as children or with longstanding ties to their community or who have served in the U.S. military should not be deported unless they committed a serious crime.

Article X. Labor and Workers' Rights

Preamble

We believe that all Americans have the right to be paid a livable wage for their work. We believe the best way to grow the middle class and eliminate poverty is by an economy that promotes living wage local jobs and businesses that support families. We stand united for a more

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fair and democratic society and economy. We support the struggles of workers to win concrete improvements in their everyday lives. We recognize the work unions do to raise the bar on wages and benefits for everyone giving a voice for all people.

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1. We support local small business, independent workers, and unions.
2. We support creation and full funding of safety net programs.
3. We support union contracts, union actions, and union organization.
4. We recognize the contract the state and local entities made with the public employees and support the full funding of PERS.
5. We oppose all right-to-work and anti-union efforts and support the repeal of the Taft-Hartley Act.
6. We support the transition from a fossil-fuel based economy. Recognizing that workers will be displaced, support must be provided for job re-training and replacement at a comparable wage for those jobs being replaced.
7. We defend all of the rights of workers to representation and self-representation through voluntary association.
8. We support the United States Postal Service workers and efforts to remove unfair and unequitable pension funding requirements.
9. We support the expansion of the Family Leave Act to include part-time workers.
10. We believe employers must pay at least a living wage.
11. We believe accrued paid-time-off and vacation for terminated employees must be paid.

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LEGISLATIVE ACTION ITEMS

Article I. Basic Needs and Human Rights

1. We recognize that there is a housing crisis in our local communities and across the state. We direct Multnomah County and the City of Portland to develop affordable housing for individuals and families with zero to moderate incomes.
2. We direct Multnomah County and the City of Portland to claim the air rights over the freeways in the public domain and develop parks and low and moderate-income housing over parts of them as described in the Central City Plan adopted in 1989, retaining the revenue from development in the public domain.
3. We support a ban on no-cause evictions.
4. We support protecting pension from corporate defunding.
5. We support efficient, single-payer health care managed by our government
6. We advocate a diplomacy first policy and believe military action should be limited to the least needed for defense of our nation, never for preventive aggression. Thus, we support a firmer stance against war, promoting a less hawkish foreign policy and less military industrial complex spending.
7. We direct our federal government to oppose unilateral US interference in the affairs of other nation states in a manner contrary to Americans' democratic values or the basic needs of the residents of those respective states. Subsequently, we oppose regime change and foreign policy actions serving to destabilize other sovereign states.
8. We direct Multnomah County and its constituent municipalities and Metro government to collaboratively and actively pursue the conversion of all utilities, including but not limited to water, sewer, waste, electric, gas, and internet access from private to public ownership and direction and ensure the full access and provision of these utilities to all people in Multnomah County.

Article II. Education

1. We support corporate tax revisions and financial services transaction fees that dedicate monies to secure full funding of the Oregon Quality Education Model.
2. We recommend reducing class sizes to numbers based on reliable age-based research studies. In addition, the state funding formula needs to be adjusted to promote more equitable class sizes across the state.
3. We strongly encourage the State of Oregon to withdraw from the Smarter Balance Assessment Consortium (SBAC), at every grade level, and adopt its own high-quality

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standards and assessments that keep PreK-12 education student-centered. “In addition, we strongly encourage the state of Oregon to withdraw from the Common Core State Standards (CCSS) and establish developmentally and culturally appropriate educational standards at all grade levels.”

4. We strongly support funding of culturally responsive curriculum and instruction, critical race theory, and restorative practices.
5. We support the requirement that all publicly funded education institutions be accredited and adhere to education specific federal and state laws.
6. We recommend that Oregon direct education funding to strengthen our public schools and deny public funding for the expansion of private charter and for-profit schools, vouchers of all types, experimental Edtech programs, and other schemes that weaken public schools while accelerating the privatization of public education.
7. We recommend that parents be notified and involved in the decision to adopt Edtech programs in their districts and we urge the state to adopt the screen time recommendations of the American Academy of Pediatrics to inform Edtech decisions.
8. We recommend that parameters be set on the types of personal student data collected and stored in the Statewide Longitudinal Database (SLD), that data be adequately protected, and that an audit be performed to establish a baseline and monitor the rising cost of maintaining the SLD in future years.
9. We recommend that adequate funding be appropriated for every Oregon student to be able to attend public college, university or other post-secondary training tuition-free.
10. We recognize that poverty is a systemic problem embedded in society at large and that schools can be responsive in addressing poverty-related traumas, including the effects on highly mobile students. Therefore, we recommend that funding be invested in PreK-12 wrap-around services including: mentoring, after-school programs, counselors, culturally relevant curriculum and instruction, and critical race theory initiatives, and other programs that have been proven effective in assuring student success.
11. We support adequate funding of a full range of programs and services for all grade levels, including: art, music, physical education, library services, civics, counseling, health services, and alternative education opportunities.

Article III. Economy

1. Enact the 21st Century Glass-Steagall Act (S. 881) and Return to Prudent Banking Act (H.R. 790) “to prohibit commercial banks insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) from acting as or affiliating with investment banks” and redirect the commercial banking system to advancing productivity.

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2. We support the restoration of public works and infrastructure projects like the WPA and such New Deal projects as a means to provide every American with employment as necessary, including the Columbia River Crossing.
3. We support a minimum wage that is a geographical living wage, tempered by a teenage wage. We call on our Legislature and congressional representatives to repeal all preemption laws that restrict the self-determination of local voters with regard to wages.
4. We urge our members of Congress to oppose any trade agreement unless it has sufficient environmental, labor, legal, and financial protection.
5. We call for the preservation and dedication of the Estate Tax. There are taxes that the American people accept: gasoline taxes, Social Security taxes. These taxes are dedicated to funding popular programs.
6. We urge reform of the Alternative Minimum Tax by graduating it and dropping lower and middle-class income earners off the AMT completely.
7. If the top corporate tax rate is reduced, we call for elimination of Loopholes and the institution of a Graduated Corporate Alternative Minimum Tax.
8. We support increasing the State corporate minimum tax for companies with gross sales more than \$25 million annually. Companies that benefit from doing business in Oregon should contribute their fair share to support this great place to live, work, play, study, and do business.
9. Legislation should be enacted at the State and/or Federal level to provide every American a government or non-profit job, if necessary. This job should include child care and transportation subsidies when needed.
10. A Federal Permanent Fund should be created to provide every American with an annual check based on the income from the lease of federal assets. Nothing in this LAI should be construed as supporting the non-sustainable use of public assets
11. We support the use of antitrust and racketeering laws to break up monopolies and break up anti-competitive business advantages.
12. We support the restoration of the public airwaves as a public good and insist that every market has access to nonprofit news and public political speech. We oppose the elimination of the Studio Rule.

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13. We support the creation of worker owned businesses through corporate and individual tax incentives.
14. The governor and state legislature should annually explain how tax revenues are being spent to support the delivery of services including education, postal services, justice system, Social Security, and other forms of social insurance.
15. We call on our congressional delegation to enact legislation that halts US policies that undermine the economies and quality of life in Central and South America, as well as in other regions of the world.

Article IV. Social Security and Health

1. We call for the Removal of the Maximum Taxable Earnings Cap for Social Security taxes, taxing all incomes at the same rate; use the increase in Revenues to lower the FICA rate to provide 110 per cent of the expenditures, adjusted annually. Determine benefits using the current regulations or new proposals increasing and extending benefits.
2. After the maximum taxable earnings cap is removed, we call for the Federal Government to set a FICA minimum rate goal of 3.1 per cent; use some of the Trust Fund increase in revenue from removing the Cap to keep the rate low, while maintaining a minimum Trust Fund Asset to Expenditures Ratio of 2.0.
3. We call for the adoption of a Social Security Cost of Living Adjustment (CPI-E) that reflects the actual cost of living for retired and disabled people.
4. We call for the adoption of a single payer universal health care system in Oregon, by 2020, that includes and covers all necessary mental and behavioral health, dental and vision care, and necessary medications and call for the institution of a pilot inter-state single-payer system to include at least Washington and California.
5. We call for expansion of Medicaid; the Veterans Administration; Women, Infants, and Children (WIC); Head start; and housing programs.
6. We oppose any legislation which would defund funding of Planned Parenthood.
7. We call for enforcement of Americans with Disability Act accommodations compliance.
8. We call for all members of Oregon's Congressional Delegation to co-sponsor and actively work for the passage of expanded and improved Medicare for All at the national level.

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9. We call for the adoption of legislation to fully fund community based addiction services. In particular, we call for full funding to provide community based medical detox services throughout Oregon.
10. We call for legislation to increase Social Security benefits and funding.

Article V. Environment, Energy, and Transportation

1. We call for Multnomah County and all cities within Multnomah County to fully adopt and take action to carry out the newly revised joint Climate Action Plan.
2. We support additional Multnomah County sustainability initiatives and encourage other county and municipal governments to take strong, positive action to reduce or slow climate change and adopt economically viable, environmentally sound policies that protect the health, air, water and ground resources for current and future generations.
3. We will actively work to prioritize the construction of renewable energy facilities or facilities that include carbon sequestration technology.
4. Recognizing that we live in proximity to the Cascadia Subduction Zone, we support an active program of creating seismic resistance infrastructure and increased support for emergency preparedness, with particular emphasis on the critical energy hub in Northwest Portland.
5. We support the restoration of brownfield sites to provide for recreation, new business, and job creation.
6. We support the adoption of SB 1070 (2017 creating a cap-and-investment program for greenhouse gas emissions, with carbon offsets to reduce GHG in the environment and gets stricter over time.
7. We support the funding of Cleaner Air Oregon, a statewide initiative to reform the regulations that control industrial air emissions.
8. We support legislation to promote and implement high speed rail or other high speed technology within Oregon and along the west coast to incorporate improved safe bike infrastructure and inter-city bus and rail systems.
9. We oppose the construction of generative infrastructure that produces net positive carbon, end to end, life cycle emissions, including export of fossil fuels.

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10. We support the adoption of a comprehensive science-based forest health plan that requires accurate measures of carbon emissions from the timber industry and creates jobs in forest restoration, trail building, road removal, and replanting.
11. We actively support the funding for electric vehicle infrastructure throughout Oregon, including credits at purchase.
12. We will work with our law makers to fully utilize Oregon environmental, land use, and safety laws to prevent construction of terminals and pipelines, such as the proposed Jordan Cove Terminal and Pacific Connector Pipeline.
13. We call for full and effective implementation of the Portland Harbor Superfund Record of Decision.
14. We support the ODEQ making retailer and upstream firms pay for the cost of recycling package material.
15. We urge the members of our Congressional Delegation to oppose FERC preemption of state and local authority in siting of energy generation, transmission, or export facilities.
16. We support the enactment of the clean energy jobs bill.

Article VI. Election Integrity

1. We demand campaign finance reform. We support adoption of a Constitutional Amendment providing that money is not to be construed as free speech. We call on all of our elected representatives to pursue this goal.
2. We call for Oregon state legislation to set limits on contributions by individuals, PACS, corporations, and unions to candidates, candidate committees, political party committees and any other political committee.
3. We call for legislation to add Oregon to the National Popular Vote Interstate Compact (NPVIC).
4. We call on the State of Oregon to allow all incarcerated citizens to vote and call for federal legislation to automatically restore voting rights of citizens no longer incarcerated.
5. We support legislation to establish Vote by Mail for all Federal Elections.

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6. We call for a state-by-state audit of election systems to safeguard our election systems against hacking, tampering and fraud. We call for nationwide minimum standards for paper records and audit processes.
7. We propose enactment of legislation to establish ranked-choice (instant runoff) voting for Oregon's statewide elections. We encourage ranked-choice (instant-runoff) voting for local elections.
8. We call on our legislators to enact legislation that declares: No corporate entity may claim for itself the rights of natural persons.
9. We call for the creation of public funding of candidate campaigns in the State of Oregon.
10. We strongly urge Democratic candidates and those who have been elected to legislative office to submit to the appropriate central committee a written report citing their own priorities among the legislative actions of the party platform. We strongly urge all county and state central committees to solicit such reports from the legislators.

Article VII. Equality

1. Black Lives Matter and we call on legislators to enact legislation that provides meaningful protection for African American at all levels of the justice system as these citizens are bearing the brunt of the racism in America today.
2. Black lives matter and we call for proactive educational programs for all law enforcement personnel and for all local, city, county, and state government personnel to safeguard black lives and protect them from race-based law enforcement actions that far too often end in death.
3. We demand equal pay for equal work for women from all employers in Multnomah County.
4. We support proactive investigation into possible or potential discrimination in hiring, wage, or advancement opportunity.
5. We support legislation repealing "Pink Taxes" and prohibiting companies from charging women more than men for similar products and services.
6. We demand the reintroduction and ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment (ERA).

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7. We demand legislation repealing all right to work laws while protecting collective bargaining and the right to organize without fear of reprisal, intimidation, termination or discrimination for any reason.
8. We support continuation of 6-day door to door mail delivery for all businesses and residences, and reinstatement of service standards and overnight delivery for market-dominant products.
9. We support DPO Resolution 2016-083: Regarding Bullying and demand passage of its subsequent HB2649 that improves the safety of all students.
10. We support DPO Resolution 2016-084: Regarding Transgender Healthcare that calls for “comprehensive transgender healthcare coverage for all necessary and prescribed medical, surgical, counseling, and mental healthcare procedures and treatments for transgender persons, per the World Professional Association of Transgender Health Standards of Care.”
11. We demand legislation enacting DPO Resolution 2016-084: Regarding Transgender Healthcare into law.
12. We support funding for transgender programs and services, as well as the establishment of a county commission for transgender issues.
13. We call for inclusion of sexual orientation and gender identity as federally protected classes that protect against discrimination, persecution, prosecution, and discrimination-enabling bathroom laws, religious freedom restoration acts, and First Amendment Defense Acts (FADAs) or Religion Freedom Restoration Acts (RFRAs).
14. We demand the banning of gay and trans “panic” as viable defenses across the country.
15. We support non-binary self-identification on ballots with binary equity goals.
16. We call for a plan within the Democratic Party of Multnomah County and within the Democratic Party of Oregon for active recruitment of people of color in membership and leadership.
17. We support legislation repealing all right to work laws while protecting collective bargaining and the right to organize without fear of reprisal, intimidation, termination, or discrimination based on gender, race, national origin, creed, ethnicity, disability, sexual orientation or gender identity.

Article VIII. Justice

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1. We urge our state legislators to go beyond a moratorium and abolish the Death Penalty in Oregon.
2. We call on the State to repeal mandatory minimum sentencing in Oregon, allowing judge's- discretion on individual cases
3. We ask the State of Oregon to pay Public Defenders the same as equally qualified District Attorneys.
4. We support strict funding and enforcement of House Bill 2355, which is designed to tackle racial profiling by law enforcement and keep drug addicts out of jail.
5. We call on state, counties and cities to significantly increase appropriations to programs that diverts people from incarceration, such as addiction and mental health treatment, domestic violence services, alternative to incarceration programs, and re-entry services.
6. We call on Legislators to enact a law to allow eligible individuals with a Measure 11 mandatory sentence to earn 10 percent "good time" to match Federal standard.
7. We encourage law makers to enact legislation to reduce or eliminate past convictions regarding marijuana, in alignment with current Oregon law.
8. We encourage requiring District Attorneys to make data publicly available, free of charge, regarding the demographics of persons charged and convicted, plea bargains, and the results of accusations about police abuse and the use of force.
9. We call for legislation to forbid police agencies from receiving the fruits of civil forfeiture and to deposit those revenues in the general fund of the government whose legal action results in the forfeiture.
10. We call upon all law enforcement agencies to recognize recovery from addiction and mental illness as an effective, inexpensive, and humane form of crime prevention. We call upon those agencies to develop the guidelines, protocols, and training necessary to enable every law enforcement officer to respond to those in crisis with understanding, compassion, and a primary regard for the safety and rights of those people.
11. We call on legislators to establish a "permit-to-purchase" system, such that purchasers must obtain a background check from a county or local law enforcement office before purchasing a firearm.
12. We call on Legislators to develop and fund alternatives to youth incarceration and to develop a spectrum of small, community-based programs to address Juvenile confinement.

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Article IX. Immigration

1. We direct the federal government to review, regulate, and enforce the guest worker program in order to protect worker rights and the health of local economies.
2. We direct our federal government to end privatized holding of immigrants.
3. We call on the state and local governments of Oregon to adopt policies that protect immigrants from unlawful enforcement of immigration laws. In addition, we call on the aforementioned institutions to not participate in the enforcement of federal immigration laws.
4. We call on the Oregon Legislature to provide access to legal driver's cards/licenses regardless of immigration status.
5. We call on our State and Federal government officials to oppose laws and legislation that bans immigrants and refugees based on religion, race, sexual orientation, gender-identity, or national origin.
6. We call on every member of the Oregon legislative delegation to co-sponsor and actively work for the passage of the Dream Act of 2017.
7. We call on the Oregon Congressional delegation to pass legislation that would create a pathway to citizenship for undocumented immigrants in the United States.

Article X. Labor and Workers' Rights

1. We support legislation to require a percentage of benefits per hours worked to be paid to the employee.
2. We call on our legislators to fully fund all levels of PERS, including individual annuity program (IAP).
3. We call on Multnomah County and all cities that contract any private company to require living wages and benefits to their employees and sub-contractors.
4. We demand that Multnomah County, all cities and school districts, including private schools accepting public tax money, within the county should contract with local businesses and require prevailing wages and benefits in the contracts for all workers.
5. We support legislation that charges the Bureau of Oregon Labor and Industries to set and enforce policy requiring universal standards for contract development and management including prevailing wages and benefits for all workers.

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6. We call on the Oregon Legislature to resist right-to-work legislation in any form while protecting collective bargaining and the right to organize without fear of reprisal, intimidation, or termination.
7. We support legislation requiring retraining for displaced workers. We call for state and federal legislation to provide transition plans as technology and innovation changes the work place.
8. We support authorizing Bureau of Labor and Industries to bar any contractors and/or employer entities with a history of wage and hour violations to bid on government contracts.

Convention Attendees

The 2018 Legislative Action Items were adopted at the 2018 Platform Convention held at David Douglas High School on November 4, 2017 by the following Democrats in attendance.

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Craig Davis
Cynthia Yolland
Dave Riley
David O'Bryant
Debbie Gordon
Diana Davis
Faith Ruffing
George Yolland
Greg Burrill

Greg Gray
Henry Exerjian
James Woods
Janet Tackett
Jil Heimensen
Jim Robison
John Harris Knight
John Vandermosten
Kathy Ruberg
Kim Upham
Kole Kracaw
Kyle Huth
Laury Girt
Layla Assem
Leslie Davis
Lisa Morrison
Lurelle Robbins
Marcia Schneider
Margi Brown
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