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The Democratic Party of Multnomah County is proud to present the final draft of the 2020 Platform prepared by the Platform, Resolutions, and Legislation Committee (PRLC) for your review. The platform is the document that governs the ideas and beliefs that we hold dear as grassroots democrats in Multnomah County.

We believe this Platform provides the foundation upon which the Multnomah County Democrats can work together in the 2020 elections to put more Democrats in office and keep the great ones we have.

The consideration and adoption of the platform occurred at the Platform Convention held at Portland Association of Teachers on November 23, 2019 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Attendees at the Convention considered and adopted the 2020 platform, as well as to compile a comprehensive list of Legislative Action Items (LAI), which are grassroots legislative ideas describing work we hope to do in the upcoming legislative sessions. The LAIs provide elected officials with a list of proposed legislation with support from grassroots activists that can be used to sponsor and support legislation at the local, state, and national level.

The PRLC Article Study Groups spent the past two years reviewing and identifying issues facing the citizens of Multnomah County. The planks and legislative action items from the 2018 platform were researched and revised, which culminated in the 2020 platform drafts. As a result of this work, five new articles were added to the Platform: Tribal Sovereignty, Historical and Ongoing Anti-Blackness in Oregon, Abuse of Power, Media and Infrastructure. First and second drafts were sent to the Multnomah County Democrats for comments and suggestions, many of which were included in the final document.

I would like to thank everyone who spent their time and talents in preparing this very important vision of the future.

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PREAMBLE

We, the members of the Multnomah County Democratic Party, are committed to the promotion of equity, justice, opportunity, and sustainability for all people by electing candidates who share and demonstrate the values documented in this Platform and by holding elected officials accountable. We believe that diversity and an inclusive community are strengths and that it is essential to treat one another with dignity and respect. We are committed to truth, transparency, and accountability.

We affirm that all people have basic rights to education, health care, affordable housing, justice, an economy that works for all, and protection from unjust labor practices and abuse of power by elected officials and corporations.

We recognize Climate Change as an emergency and believe that the future of our society depends on protecting and recovering our natural resources. We believe that infrastructure can and must be designed to strengthen our environment and the communities that have unfairly borne the brunt of pollution through institutional racism. Social justice must be a central part of natural resource recovery and restoration as we move away from extractive industries towards the embrace of a regenerative culture.

We affirm 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 equitably. We believe today that some groups of our society—Immigrants, Native Americans and the American Descendants of Slaves— are being especially targeted, in criminal justice, job opportunities, housing, education, and other areas.

We have identified major inequities in immigration policy, and we demand that immigration reform be enacted to protect the rights of immigrants and asylum seekers in the true tradition of this country as a nation of immigrants.

We also recognize the Sovereignty of the Native Tribes and the impact the immigrants had on the First Peoples. We believe that the treaties and agreements made between Native American Tribes and the United States government should be honored and that failure to enforce the tenets of these documents is an abuse of power.

We acknowledge that Oregon has a history of anti-Black policies. We believe that all policies that continue that tradition must be overturned, the consequences overcome, and reparations made to those who have suffered from them.

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We affirm that all people have basic rights to education, health care, affordable housing, justice, an economy that works for all, and protection from unjust labor practices and abuse of power by elected officials and corporations. We demand the truth from all media sources.

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culture.

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We acknowledge that Oregon has a history of anti-Black policies. We believe that all policies that continue this tradition must be overturned, the consequences overcome, and reparations made to those who have suffered from them. We believe the articles selected for the 2020 Platform will help forge a more equitable future for all.

ARTICLE I. BASIC RIGHTS

PREAMBLE

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

PLANKS

1. We believe in the right to a useful and remunerative living wage job that provides for food, clothing, shelter, and rest.
2. We believe in the right of every person, household, and house of worship to privacy as long as no laws are broken.
3. We believe in the right to freedom to worship in so far as that freedom doesn't infringe on the rights of others.
4. We believe in the right of every person to rest, recreation, hygiene, sanitation, clean air, water, private shelter, and healthy food.
5. We believe in the right to health care for every person.
6. We believe in the right of every person to a quality public education.
7. We believe in the right to live in a world at peace and that it is our nation's responsibility to promote that peace.
8. We believe in the right to access justice.
9. We support reduction of the military budget, in order to be in line with the military threat to the U.S, to reaffirm our commitment to peaceful conflict resolution, and to be better able to address our social and environmental needs.

LEGISLATIVE ACTION ITEMS

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 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 residents.

5. We support a vision of a community owned internet which is a public utility free from private control and financial barriers; as such we call for the adoption of Municipal Broadband.
6. 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 legislation that would defund Planned Parenthood.
7. We support the Older Americans Act and the services it provides.¹
8. We support end-of-life freedom of choice.
9. We support the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and enforcement of ADA compliance at all levels and in all communities.²
10. We call for full support and expanded funding of SNAP; the Veterans Administration; Women, Infants, and Children (WIC); Head start; and housing programs.
11. We call on our state legislators to pursue universal publicly funded health care for the state of Oregon. We call for all members of Oregon's Congressional Delegation to co-sponsor and actively work for the passage of expanded and improved Medicare. We support the continuation and expansion of Medicaid.
12. We call for the adoption of legislation to audit addiction services.
13. We advocate a diplomacy-first policy and believe military action should be limited to the least needed for defense of our nation, never for preemptive aggression.
14. 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 and discourage sanctions with negative humanitarian impact.
15. We support nuclear non-proliferation and a long-term policy to reduce and eliminate weapons of mass destruction throughout the world.
16. We support full funding for Housing Authorities and Section 8 recipients.
17. We support the development of a Renter Services Office in Multnomah County.
18. We support housing standards for all new construction of permanent dwellings: Any permanent dwelling shall house a maximum of two (2) adults per 400 square feet
19. We call for a tax break for individual or family renters based on income requirements.

¹ Older Americans Act of 1965:

<https://legcounsel.house.gov/Comps/Older%20Americans%20Act%20Of%201965.pdf>

² The Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 and Revised ADA Regulations Implementing Title II and Title III.

https://www.ada.gov/2010_regs.htm

ARTICLE II. NATURAL RESOURCES PROTECTION AND RECOVERY

PREAMBLE

Our shared natural resources: the air we breathe, the water we drink, and the land we stand on are the lifeblood of our county and our planet. We and other species and whole ecosystems that are sustained by these precious resources are now under serious threat due to human-induced global warming. Without protection and recovery of our shared natural resources, humanity will experience the destruction of its own habitat. There are no economic or legal standards that prevent an economy from destroying the natural resources needed to sustain itself. Oregon can and must assert vital leadership on the global stage to inspire others to join us in the protection, preservation, and recovery of our planet's natural resources by developing a body of law to protect the Rights of Nature.

PLANKS

1. We support instituting a body of law establishing the Rights of Nature to protect natural resources.
2. Historic racism and systemic environmental injustice have consistently hurt Oregon's and the planet's Tribes, communities of color, and the economically vulnerable first and worst. Future legislation and policy must correct this by creating a just transition to address climate change and protect the most vulnerable.
3. We support creation and application of a binding climate test to all permits and public spending. The test must include financial accounting and reporting rules to disclose known liabilities attributed to risks from climate change impacting natural resources. This must be in the form of a new state environmental policy act.”
4. Legislation to mandate actions guided by best science is the only effective option to preserve, protect and recover critical natural resources.
5. Oregon's forests must be protected, restored and managed for public benefit rather than short-term profit and must employ climate resilient practices.
6. Oregon's living soil resources must be protected and restored to sequester carbon and improve food quality and production, minimizing and ultimately eliminating the use of pesticides, herbicides, and chemical fertilizers to protect our water, soil and health.
7. Oregon's agricultural communities must be incentivized to transition to local organic and regenerative farming and ranching practices.
8. Oregon should establish itself as a global leader in waste reduction and recycling.
9. Oregon must protect remaining wetlands to ensure habitat for migrating birds and other wildlife as well as providing crucial water storage.
10. We oppose privatizing public water resources.

11. We support providing incentives and mandates to speed up the adoption of advanced technology and infrastructure necessary for rapid transitioning to zero Green-House Gases emissions that is consistent with the best science.
12. We support issuing State stop work orders against every carbon fuel infrastructure project regardless of permit status, justified by home rule principle.
13. Oregon must protect public and environmental health from toxins from industry, agriculture and forestry.

LEGISLATIVE ACTION ITEMS

1. Work with legislators to create a Declaration of the Rights of Nature to establish guiding principles for laws to protect our natural resources and require State agencies to modify practices accordingly.
2. We support the implementation of the Portland Clean Energy Fund along with the passage of similar initiatives in other cities.
3. We support passage of state legislation to change our goals for economy-wide reduction of Oregon's Greenhouse Gas emissions to net zero by 2050 and at least 50% reduction by 2035.
4. We support legislation to document and mitigate negative impacts to Oregon's food production, such as removal of land from farming use, support for family farmers and other threats.
5. We support legislation to study the impacts of climate change on Oregon's croplands, rangelands and ranchlands.
6. We support the development and passage of a Forest Protection and Restoration Act that will:
7. Eliminate clear-cut forestry on all publicly held and managed lands and maximize climate resilient management.
8. Eliminate all tax incentives to industrial forests not employing climate resilient management practices that re-establish multi-species and multi-aged forests, including protecting riparian areas that will lower stream temperature for fish habitat, restore intact functioning watershed areas, reduce landslides, protect municipal water supplies, and restore floodplain functioning to Oregon's rivers and streams. Maintain incentives and subsidize independent landholders who engage in these practices.
9. Reduce roads in forests.
10. Develop and implement treatments to restore healthy forest soils.
11. Accelerate programs to reduce and eventually eliminate forest stream passage barriers in Oregon.
12. Re-evaluate the property tax structure for Oregon's commercial forests.
13. We support the development and passage of a Soils Protection Act that will incentivize a transition in Oregon's agricultural sector from practices that compact or erode existing soil resources, mine soil organic matter and kill soil-borne biota, to restorative practices that reduce soil compaction and erosion, contribute organic material to soils, and re-establish and allow native soil biota to flourish.

14. We support legislation to regulate agricultural practices, such as concentrated animal feed operations that are major sources of air, water and ground pollution as well as greenhouse gas emissions as an industrial source of pollution.³
15. We support the development and passage of waste reduction and recycling legislation that will:
16. Ban non-recyclable materials and minimize packaging waste
17. Incentivize technology and infrastructure to increase product reuse and recycling in Oregon, with the target of establishing a zero-waste society.
18. We support the development and passage of legislation to strengthen protections for wetlands and streams and prevent the privatization of public water resources.
19. We support the development and passage of legislation to provide mandates and incentives to:
 20. Expand public transportation systems
 21. Advance an early transition to electric and zero-emission vehicles
 22. Advance weatherization and structural improvements in existing buildings
 23. Support implementation of solar energy production.
 24. Advance new net-zero-energy buildings and methane-free new construction.
 25. Incentivize energy efficiency in Oregon's industries
 26. Improve tree canopy and rooftop plantings where possible in all urban areas to reduce heat island effect.
 27. Require that electricity be produced entirely by renewable sources by 2040 and require net zero carbon building codes by 2030.
 28. We believe that Oregon should identify and clean-up all existing toxic waste sites, and work with our industrial, agricultural and forestry sectors to reduce and eventually eliminate the use of toxic chemicals
 29. We support product stewardship programs for all manufactured products (require companies to manage discarded items) to encourage better life cycle management of consumer goods and packaging, where possible, and to reduce planned obsolescence and toxic items.
 30. We support incentives and programs that encourage local food production through edible landscaping, community gardens and small orchards.
 31. We call for just economic alternatives for carbon dependent communities.
 32. We support a ban for any new fossil fuel infrastructure.

³ A concentrated animal feed operation is an agricultural enterprise where animals are kept and raised in confined situations where more than 1,000 animal units are confined on a site for more than 45 days of the year. Any CAFO that discharges manure or wastewater into a natural or man-made ditch, stream, or other waterway is defined as a CAFO, regardless of size. <https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/national/plantsanimals/livestock/afo/>

ARTICLE III. EDUCATION

PREAMBLE

We believe all public schools should be provided with equitable, stable, and sustainable public funding streams that provides all students with a high-quality education, culturally inclusive 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.

PLANKS

1. We support fully funding the Oregon Quality Education Model (QEM) which would provide robust and varied educational opportunities for all children in Oregon.⁴ While the passage of the Student Success Act will help, full and successful implementation of the QEM remains elusive due to insufficient funding.⁵
2. We oppose high-stakes standardized tests that falsely and unfairly label students of color, students with disabilities and English language learners as failing. In addition, we oppose the use of standardized test scores to fund or close schools, and for evaluating teachers and principals. We strongly encourage the State of Oregon to withdraw from the Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium (SBAC) and the Common Core State Standards (CCSS) at every grade level, and to adopt its own high-quality standards and assessments that keep Pre-K-12 education student-centered.
3. We support the implementation of smaller class sizes based on quality research which will meet the needs of the individual students and take into consideration the impact of disruptive learning to the classroom.
4. We support full funding of a full-day, full-year, universal public preschool program for all three and four year old children that is high quality, play-based, culturally responsive, developmentally appropriate for young children, while ensuring that early learning professionals receive wages similar to kindergarten teachers and elementary school paraprofessionals. It should be a top priority, since research is clear that dollar for dollar, investment in PreK-3 yields huge rewards leading to student success.
5. We oppose efforts to privatize education and weaken public education, such as for-profit schools, vouchers in the form of student savings accounts and student scholarships, social impact bonds, and the use of non-certified teachers in publicly funded classrooms.
6. We believe that all students should be taught to high academic standards. We support investments in high-quality STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, & Math) classes, including computer science education, civics, school libraries and career pathways.⁶ We support increased investments in after-school and summer learning programs to help working families.

⁴Oregon Department of Education, Quality Education Model Final Report, August 2018.

<https://www.oregon.gov/ode/reports-and-data/taskcomm/Documents/QEMReports/2018QEMReport.pdf>

⁵ Student Success Act: <https://www.oregon.gov/ode/StudentSuccess/Pages/default.aspx>

⁶ STEAM Education: <https://educationcloset.com/steam/what-is-steam/>

7. We are concerned about the amount of personal student data being collected and accumulated by the Statewide Longitudinal Database (SLD) system, so we recommend that parameters be set on the types of personal student data collected and stored in the SLD.⁷
8. We believe Multnomah County schools should strengthen their partnerships with business, unions, and industry to better prepare students through career technical classes and trade apprenticeship programs.
9. We recognize that the rising cost of higher education leaves many qualified students without access to higher learning. We believe that it is necessary to provide every qualified student with the opportunity to attend a public career school, college, or university tuition-free.
10. We support safe schools. School districts must ensure that students are provided with safe learning environments that protect them from lead paint, lead in water, Wi-Fi radiation, excessive screen time on computer devices, and other threats that may endanger their physical, mental, and emotional health.
11. We support the hiring of racially, ethnically, linguistically, culturally diverse and professionally licensed teachers in the classroom, the mentoring of all teachers new to the profession, and meaningful professional development for all teachers. In addition, we support fair, rational evaluation of educator effectiveness by other educators, and support assisting educators in meeting performance expectations.
12. We support the right of teachers' unions and staff to collective bargaining.
13. We support policies and procedures requiring school districts in Oregon to support the ability to recognize and productively interrupt statements or actions of their colleagues or students that are discriminatory against marginalized people.
14. We support the forming and strengthening of relationships with indigenous people through the development of a statewide curriculum about the Native American experience in Oregon.
15. We recognize that native language academic instruction for students identified as limited English proficient (LEP) provides equitable access to education as described in the Supreme Court case *Lau v. Nichols*.⁸ We support evidence-based, dual-immersion programs for elementary grade students identified as LEP.

LEGISLATIVE ACTION ITEMS

1. We call for full funding of the Oregon Quality Education Model (QEM) and recommend support for corporate tax revisions and financial services transaction fees that dedicate monies to secure full funding of the QEM.
2. We call for legislation compelling large corporations to pay their fair share of taxes toward full funding to ensure the future of Oregon education.
3. We strongly encourage the State of Oregon to withdraw from the Smarter Balance Assessment Consortium (SBAC), at every grade level, and return to high-quality standards and assessments that keep PreK-12 education student-centered. In addition, we strongly encourage the state of

⁷ Statewide Longitudinal Data System (SLDS): <https://www.oregon.gov/highered/research/Pages/SLDS.aspx>

⁸ In *Lau v. Nichols*, 414 U.S. 563(1974), the Court unanimously held that the lack of supplemental language instruction for limited English proficiency students in public schools violated the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

Oregon to withdraw from the Common Core State Standards (CCSS) and return to standards-based practices that are developmentally and culturally appropriate at all grade levels.

4. We call for legislation to reduce class sizes to numbers based on reliable age-based research studies. In addition, the state funding formula must be adjusted to promote more equitable class sizes across the state.
5. We support public funding of a full-day, full-year, universal public preschool program for children age 3 to 4 in Multnomah County that is high quality, play-based, culturally responsive, and developmentally appropriate for young children.
6. We support universal public preschool that is focused on providing early learning experiences for children of color, children living in poverty, children that speak languages other than English, and children experiencing developmental delays and disabilities. Programs should ensure that early learning professionals receive wages similar to kindergarten teachers and elementary school paraprofessionals.
7. 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, social impact bonds, experimental Ed Tech programs, virtual schools and other schemes that weaken public schools while accelerating the privatization of public education.
8. We support adequate funding of a full range of programs and services for all grade levels, including but not limited to art, music, band, choir, drama, dance, world language, bilingual programs, physical education, library services, civics, counseling, health services, and alternative education opportunities.
9. We recognize that poverty is a systemic problem embedded in society at large and believe 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.
10. 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.
11. We recommend that adequate funding be appropriated for every qualified student to be able to attend a public college, university or other post-secondary training tuition-free.
12. We recommend legislation requiring school districts to protect our children from lead paint, lead in water, excessive screen time on computer devices, exposure of personal information through computer use, and other threats that may endanger their physical, mental, and emotional health.
13. We support the provision of ongoing funding and resources to implement Senate Bill 13 (2017), which calls upon the Oregon Department of Education to develop a statewide

curriculum relating to the Native American experience in Oregon (e.g. tribal history, tribal sovereignty, culture, treaty rights, socioeconomic experience and current events).⁹

14. We recognize the importance of an ethnically, linguistically, and culturally diverse workforce, therefore, we demand ODE be held accountable to implement the Minority Teacher Educator Act of 1991.¹⁰
15. We recommend legislation that guides Teachers Standards and Practices Commission to review current policies and procedures that are potential barriers to increasing bilingual teachers in schools.¹¹ We call on TSPC to analyze the testing and certification requirements as they compare to other states to review cultural and linguistic bias.
16. We call for legislation to require public education instruction specific to racial exclusion and oppression in Oregon.
17. We call for legislative change to eliminate the Essential Skills Requirement which acts as a barrier to graduation and return to credit-based graduation.¹²
18. We call for legislation that funds public colleges and universities to accomplish their essential role to create responsible, informed, thoughtful and engaged citizens.
19. We demand elimination of high stakes testing such as Common Core and Smarter Balanced testing (that take students from the classroom and from learning time) with a return to education and teacher based course-work and evaluation methods that provide for educated students as opposed to tested students.

⁹ SB 13 Relating to Native American curriculum in schools: and declaring an emergency: <https://olis.leg.state.or.us/liz/2017R1/Downloads/MeasureDocument/SB13>

¹⁰ SB 755 Oregon Minority Teacher Act: <https://olis.leg.state.or.us/liz/2013r1/Downloads/CommitteeMeetingDocument/22478>

¹¹ Oregon Teacher Standards and Practices Commission: <https://www.oregon.gov/tspc/Pages/index.aspx>

¹² The Essentials Skills requirements were adopted in 2008 by the State Board of Education. The rules required students to demonstrate proficiency in foundational skills in order to earn a diploma. In the past, graduation was primarily dependent on meeting credit requirements.

https://www.ode.state.or.us/wma/teachlearn/testing/resources/essentialskills_faq_04092013.pdf

ARTICLE IV. EQUITY

PREAMBLE

The right to equitable outcomes is an important precept upon which a free society thrives. Equality, in terms of social issues, has come to mean equal treatment for all. Equity, alternatively, recognizes that treating all groups the same does not create an equal outcome.

PLANKS

1. We believe in human rights should be fully protected regardless of gender, race, national origin, religion, age, ethnicity, disability, sexual orientation, gender identity or immigration status.
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.
5. We believe that pay equity is critically important and that legitimate employment opportunities must be available for all in our society.
6. We believe that all consenting adults should have an equal right to civil marriage.
7. We support Roe v Wade and a woman's right to choose what is right for her own body.
8. We want to dismantle and decolonize systems of oppression (when one group of people benefits from exploiting or abusing another group) such as those related to racism, sexism, classism, ableism, heterosexism to redress disparities.

LEGISLATIVE ACTION ITEMS

1. Black Lives Matter. We call for legislation that provides meaningful protection for African Americans at all levels of the justice system.
2. We call for proactive educational programs for all law enforcement personnel and for all local, city, county, and state government personnel to safeguard black and brown 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 opportunities.
5. We support legislation 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).

7. We demand legislation enacting Democratic Party of Oregon (DPO) Resolution 2016-084: Regarding Transgender Healthcare into law.¹³
8. We support funding for transgender programs and services, and the establishment of a community-led county commission for transgender issues.
9. 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, First Amendment Defense Acts (FADAs), and Religious Freedom Restoration Acts (RFRA).
10. We demand that “panic” as a viable defense for crimes against gay and transgender people be banned across the country.
11. We support non-binary self-identification on ballots with binary equity goals.
12. 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.
13. We support permanent funding for rape kit processing. Currently rape kit processing relies on special grant money, allowing for rape kits to collect evidence only to sit in storage until funding allows for processing.
14. We support legislation that helps to protect those who are sex-trafficked and any legislation that focuses on capturing sex-traffickers and customers.
15. We support legislation that supports paid family leave.
16. We support legislation that eliminates racial disparities in healthcare outcomes for from pregnancy through the first year postpartum, as death rates are higher during birth especially for Black and Indigenous women.
17. We call for legislation that supports the victims of domestic abuse.
18. We call for legislation that supports a change in social security laws that would capture the loss of spousal or ex-spousal social security benefits.
19. We support legislation that addresses sexual assault and sexual harassment.
20. We call for a mandate to all levels of governmental agencies to disaggregate data to identify disparities for protected classes including race, color, religion or creed, national origin or ancestry, sex, age, physical or mental disability, veteran status, genetic information, or citizenship.
21. We call for a mandate to governmental entities to develop and implement strategic plans for equity and close disparities.
22. We call for the use of inclusive pronouns on public documentation.
23. We believe that White Supremacy is a national emergency.
24. We call for a ban on the practice of performing cosmetic surgery on infants with ambiguous genitalia unless medically necessary or until said infant has reached the age of consent.

¹³ Resolution 2016-084: Regarding Transgender Healthcare, Approved Jan. 31, 2017.
<https://dpo.org/party/business/resolutions/2016-084>

ARTICLE V. TRIBAL SOVEREIGNTY

PREAMBLE

Nine sovereign, tribal nations are situated within the borders of Oregon with nearly six hundred within the United States. The Native American Rights Fund states, Tribal sovereignty pre-dates the existence of the United States of America; and the United States recognizes tribal sovereignty in treaties, acts of Congress, Executive Orders, and court case law. Tribal nations are neither a special interest group nor a subset of counties. The Portland Metropolitan area is recognized as the ninth-largest community of indigenous people in the United States representing 380 tribal nations.

PLANKS

1. We believe in the sovereignty, self-determination, and self-governance of all tribal nations in the United States.
2. We believe in the moral imperative of the United States to fulfill its legally enforceable fiduciary obligation with great care and diligence regarding health care and education for American Indians, Alaska Natives, and Native Hawaiians.
3. We believe in the right to housing that conforms with the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.
4. We believe all governmental entities are obligated to determine the extent of racial disparities associated with indigenous veterans and to implement measures to close these disparities in housing, education, healthcare, and mental-health services.
5. We believe environmental justice demands policies that protect tribal members and their subsistence way of life from the detrimental effects of climate change such as those impacting salmon and other First Foods
6. We believe that all students benefit from an introductory course in Native American studies before graduation throughout the state system of higher education and that all city, state, and county employees benefit from a cultural capacity training on American Indian and Alaska Native people.
7. We believe in protecting and promoting tribal languages through the education system.
8. We believe school mascots and team names should not be based on Native American stereotypes, images, or tribes and, while elimination of such names is being pursued, teams should be identified only by their school names.
9. We believe public officials and agencies must reduce the high percentage of Indian families who are broken up by the removal, often unwarranted, of their children by non-tribal, public, and private agencies and the high percentage of such children who are placed in non-Indian foster and adoptive homes and institutions.
10. We believe in the beneficial effects of programs that allow for and promote communication between incarcerated Native Americans and their family members –a practice which reduces recidivism in a system where racial disproportionality must be eliminated.

11. We believe that Oregon has a responsibility to work in consultation with tribal authorities to respond to each murder and disappearance of Native American persons anywhere in Oregon.

LEGISLATIVE ACTION ITEMS

1. We demand compliance with treaties between the United States and Tribal nations and hold the federal government to their trust responsibility.¹⁴
2. We call for Congress to ratify treaties signed in good faith by Indian Tribes.
3. We support the self-determination of Indigenous people and call for compliance with the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act of 1975.¹⁵
4. We support legislation that mandates sufficient funding and other resources for full implementation of the Indian Child Welfare Act.
5. We support legislation requiring State courts to honor orders from tribal courts, to keep Native children with their families and tribal nations - except in the cases where they are endangered and to maintain safe, culturally responsive Native homes where Native children are valued and placed.
6. We support legislation that fully funds teams of investigators to work in consultation with Tribal authorities to respond to each murder and disappearance of Native American persons anywhere in Oregon.
7. We support legislation to mandate that every State and local official work with Tribal nations to close jurisdictional gaps in law enforcement on reservations and to consult relevant treaties to ensure proactive compliance with sacred obligations and trust responsibilities enshrined in said treaties.
8. We call for universal, publicly funded health care to close health disparities exacerbated by Congress chronically under-funding Indian Health Service.

¹⁴ According to the Administration for Native Americans, “This principle - that the government has a duty to keep its word and fulfill its treaty commitments - is known as the doctrine of trust responsibility. See, e.g., Seminole Nation v. U.S. (1942), and U.S. v. Mason (1973), and Morton v Mancari (1974).”

¹⁵ Self Determination of Indian Peoples is defined as the movement by which Native Americans implement control over policies with maximum participation of Indian people over the control of their rights in all efforts.

ARTICLE VI. HISTORICAL AND ONGOING ANTI-BLACKNESS IN OREGON

PREAMBLE

Oregon from its inception was made to be a “White-only” state with a focus on expressed exclusion of Black people via legislation and public policy. If our state truly hopes to heal from systemic racism and Black exclusion, we must confront Oregon’s unique anti-Black history and the legacy of disadvantage that affects Oregon’s Black population today. The required remedies are unique and multifaceted.

PLANKS

1. We support strengthening Oregon’s racial impact statements by expanding their scope from sentencing and child welfare to all proposed legislation including universal policies. Racial impact statements must explain which groups will be disproportionately negatively impacted and which groups stand to gain the most economically from the passage of proposed legislation. Far too much wealth redistribution is being denied to Oregon’s American Descendants of Slavery (ADOS) community, which is an economic bottom caste in the state of Oregon.
2. We urgently call on the Democratic Party of Oregon to genuinely work towards building administrative leadership and a cadre of elected officials that fairly and adequately reflect the changing demographics of Oregon. “Representation” mandates much more than being counted as a seat at the table, but rather a significant decision-making voice in all the affairs of the Democratic Party of Oregon.
3. We support more holistic and robust education about this nation’s and, more specifically, Oregon’s anti-Black exclusionary history in schools across the state.
4. We strongly believe there should be a formal apology from the Oregon General Assembly for its complicity in the state’s Black Exclusion laws and other anti- Black language in the state’s constitution, dating back to 1844 and not formally removed until 2002. We also believe the Oregon State Legislature must publicly acknowledge the multi-generational trauma, chronic poverty, Oregon’s small Black population, and other disparities between Black and White Oregonians are the direct result of racist laws and public policy.
5. We strongly support corrective and restorative justice for past racial harms inflicted by local, city, and state government against ADOS in Oregon.
6. We believe that the Democratic Party at the county and state level must stand in full support of a reparations package for ADOS that includes but is not limited to the following: cash payments, land allocations, protections from predatory schemes, lineage therapy, and homeownership assistance. We further believe a reparations package should include multi-pronged policies and laws, with the end goal of making ADOS families whole thereby closing the lineage wealth gap between ADOS Oregonians and White Oregonians. Paying this debt will be a complex, multi-generational effort, but it is a debt that is owed.

7. Black Americans constitute 6% of Multnomah County's population but make up 29% of its jail population. Only 2% of Oregonians are Black, but they represent 10% of the state's incarcerated population. We believe this atrocity must be corrected through legislation, audits and prison reform.
8. Findings published in the Portland Business Journal concluded that between 2007 and 2015, the number of small business administration (SBA) loans made to Black businesses in Oregon plummeted 91% from 66 to six. Loans to other racial/ethnic groups declined as well, but not as precipitously. We emphatically believe this disparity must be corrected.
9. We deplore the fact that Umpqua Bank, Oregon's largest bank with \$19.6 billion in deposits, made only one SBA loan to a Black-owned business in Oregon in the last decade. Equally disgraceful is that Wells Fargo, the largest SBA loan distributor to Black-owned businesses in Oregon, is only marginally better having granted Black businesses 27 SBA loans in the last 10 years.
10. We believe ADOS Oregonians' college debt should be forgiven in the same way losses were forgiven for Wall Street financial institutions. Those executive financiers oversaw the evaporation of billions in global wealth. ADOS graduates bought into the idea that education was the key to success in life, only to find after graduation they were locked out. ADOS must not bear the burden of a lie.

LEGISLATIVE ACTION ITEMS

1. We call on the Oregon State Legislature to expand the scope of ORS 137.683 (Racial Impact Statement) to all proposed legislation.
2. The Oregon State Legislature must create a law that mandates public schools in the state teach students about America's original sin of slavery and the Jim Crow era that followed, with an emphasis on the state of Oregon. The legislation should also incentivize the training, hiring, and retention of Black American teachers to teach the aforementioned subject matters. This will help address the Black teacher shortage in Oregon.
3. Following the issuance of a formal and public apology from the Oregon State Legislature, we demand restorative justice in the form of financial redress and other supportive measures for eligible residents of Oregon. Given that American Descendants of Slavery (ADOS) vote more staunchly Democratic than any other racial/ethnic group in the country and voting is an exchange, the Democratic Party of Oregon and Democratic elected officials statewide should be more than willing to assist in these endeavors.
4. We call for The Oregon State Legislature to create a taskforce to gather data on the amount of Black wealth lost as a direct result of redlining, urban renewal, eminent domain, and freeway construction in historically Black neighborhoods across this state, and specifically in the Albina neighborhood of Portland. After economists calculate the wealth lost, reparations and additional supportive measures should be allocated to the displaced and their descendants.
5. We call on the Oregon State Legislature to immediately assess the Black correctional populations at the county, city, and state levels. We also demand that there be review of punishments (bail amounts, sentence lengths, amount of time served before parole) being levied at unfairly high levels on Black Oregonians. This is particularly important for disparities based on gender and race for similar crimes to other racial/ethnic groups. We demand there

be significant Criminal Justice reform in the form of investment into counseling, alternative sentencing, job training, and rehabilitation for Oregon's over-incarcerated Black population.

6. Six percent of Portlanders are Black and two percent of Oregonians are Black. Succeeding as an entrepreneur requires capital, so it is our position that the Oregon State Legislature work in tandem with the federal government to ensure that a minimum of six percent of Small Business Administration (SBA) loans are allocated to Black Portlanders and that a minimum of two percent go to Black Oregonians statewide. Still we encourage that these percentages are not used as a ceiling.
7. We call on the Oregon State Legislature to authorize bank audits to expose patterns of racial discrimination in lending and require these banks to extend loans to Black businesses and Black institutions. Wells Fargo and Umpqua received bailout from taxpayers and owe a debt to all taxpayers regardless of race. Additionally, Wells Fargo has a long and storied history of using predatory schemes to extract wealth from Black communities. Increasing SBA loans to Black businesses would be an excellent way for banks to begin to redress the past harms they have inflicted on Black communities.

ARTICLE VII. 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 oppose a criminal justice system that discriminates against people of color and poor people, fails to recognize addiction as a public health issue, promotes mass incarceration and punishment instead of rehabilitation, militarizes the police, fails to meet the needs of individuals returning from incarceration, and fails to adequately fund services that help prevent crime. We call up our government to examine the system's failings and provide laws and funding to prevent its problems.

PLANKS

1. We support Community Policing, meaning that local police officers are assigned to a neighborhood in which they get to know its residents, its community groups, and its problems, listen to the needs of the communities they police, and work to establish trust. This is particularly important where there has been a history of negative police interactions with and profiling of people of color, minority religious groups, and any other residents.
2. We oppose asset forfeiture.
3. We support unarmed public safety support specialists who are unarmed police officers with full training but no weapons, particularly in marginalized communities throughout Multnomah County. We also support non-police first response to low level situations involving mental and emotional health and substance abuse.
4. We oppose secretive and overt surveillance that intrudes on personal privacy being used for crime detection.
5. We believe police should be held accountable if they kill or seriously injure individuals when other options were possible, and that unfounded fear should not be acceptable as a justification for use of deadly force. An independent civilian agency must have explicit jurisdiction in deadly force cases and must have the ability to compel testimony and recommend discipline.
6. We support legislation requiring police policies, procedures and training which promote accountability, require data collection, and specify conducting analyses to show agencies are holding officers accountable for misconduct.
7. All police should be adequately trained to emphasize non-violent methods to resolve conflict, de-escalate situations, and ensure compliance with safety.
8. We support a military gear ban for local police.
9. We believe money bail should be eliminated because it discriminates against poor people, who are disproportionately people of color, and we oppose excessive penalties and fees for inability to pay fines.
10. Public Defenders and their staff should have a manageable caseload and should receive the same pay as Prosecutors and their staff, in order to be able to provide good legal representation for all indigent defendants.

11. We believe police interrogations should be video recorded, in order to prevent intimidation, racial or gender discrimination, coercion, brutality, or any other illegal behavior.
12. 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.
13. We oppose racially targeted policing, prosecutorial over-charging, coercive plea bargains, biased jury selection, and any other sentencing practices that result in a disproportional number of people of color and economically disadvantaged people being trapped in the criminal justice system.
14. We oppose private prisons. We believe no one should profit from the incarceration of others and decisions about prisoner conditions should not depend on the decision makers profit.
15. We oppose exploitive systems for prisoner phone calls, video visits, and money transfers; communication with family, friends, and children should be encouraged and facilitated.
16. We oppose profiting from prison labor. This includes unfairly paying a pittance for prisoners' work while undercutting the work of laborers in the outside community.
17. We oppose inhumane treatment of prisoners, including solitary confinement used for punishment, shackling of women during childbirth, and ignoring medical conditions needing attention. Appropriate accommodations should be made for elderly prisoners and prisoners with disabilities. We oppose inhumane living conditions for people detained for possible deportation.
18. Our criminal justice system should shift from retribution to a restorative and rehabilitative system, including more access to programs for all, fair compensation for prisoner employment, shorter sentences, more access to sentence reduction, parole consideration for all, adequate medical and mental health care, and more family support opportunities. Oregon should consider other more humane models, such as the Norwegian system, which are less punitive, more rehabilitative, has shorter sentences, and has less oppressive living conditions. A program of Restorative Justice Encounters between victim and perpetrator should be initiated.
19. We oppose mandatory minimum sentences. Judges should have discretion to apply sentences based on the unique circumstances of each defendant, crime and victim. All individuals sentenced to prison who demonstrate good behavior or whose behaviors can be safely managed in the community should be eligible for a reduction in sentence. We recognize that mandatory sentencing has disproportionately impacted poor people and people of color in our community.
20. We believe drug addiction should be treated as a public health issue and managed in the community whenever possible, with more robust funding for treatment. All drug use and possession should be decriminalized, and distribution should be regulated.
21. Juries should require unanimous verdicts in all felony cases in Oregon, as is required in every other state.
22. We support funding to end violence against women and transgender individuals and to stop human trafficking. Un-coerced sex work should not be criminalized.
23. We support the strengthening of Oregon guns laws, in part to reduce suicide, homicide, and accidental shootings. We support universal background checks, gun owner licensing,

mandatory classes on gun safety and accuracy, safe storage, liability insurance, and risk assessments.

24. We oppose the death penalty and Life without Parole sentences.
25. We support more funding of programs that facilitate the integration of previously incarcerated people into society. We oppose unnecessary discrimination in housing and in educational and job opportunities which unfairly burdens formerly incarcerated individuals.
26. We support the 2019 Justice Reinvestment legislation, which focuses funding on often-underserved communities such as people of color, rural residents, and Native Americans.

LEGISLATIVE ACTION ITEMS

1. We believe that the voters of Oregon should abolish the Death Penalty and life without parole sentencing.
2. We call for the repeal of all mandatory minimum sentencing in Oregon, substituting Guidelines in its place, and allowing a judge to have discretion in all cases.
3. We call on the State Legislature to pass pay equity legislation for Public Defenders and Prosecutors and their staffs.
4. We call on Legislators to enact a law to allow individuals with a Measure 11 mandatory sentence to earn 10 percent “good time” to match the Federal standard.
5. We call on the State Legislature to establish a “permit-to-purchase” system for firearms.
6. We call on the Legislature to create a law regarding safe storage of firearms.
7. The Oregon Legislature should do away with cash bail, which discriminates against poor people, who are disproportionately people of color.
8. We believe legislation should be passed to require unanimous jury verdicts in all felony cases.
9. We call on the Oregon Legislature to provide funding for assistance to formerly incarcerated individuals, for housing, jobs, job training, education, treatment, and basic needs such as clothing and food.
10. We believe that FOSTA/SESTA, a Federal law intended to address human trafficking with unintended negative consequences on consensual sex work, should be changed to decriminalize sex workers’ ability to bank money, screen clients, and organize.¹⁶
11. We believe a pilot program should be established to arm the Oregon State Police with Smart Guns that are designed to operate only in the hands of an authorized user.
12. We support legislation to ensure that the housing of transgender and non-binary prisoners in both prisons and jails provides for their safety, that gender identity is respected, and that transgender females should not be assigned to a men’s facility. The legislation should also require that all relevant health care needs of transgender individuals are addressed during incarceration or detention.

¹⁶ The Stop Enabling Sex Traffickers Act (SESTA) and the Allow States and Victims to Fight Online Sex Trafficking Act (FOSTA) are known as the FOSTA-SESTA package.
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Stop_Enabling_Sex_Traffickers_Act

13. We advocate for the review and promotion of alternatives to incarceration including: Prisoners in jails and prisons who are diagnosed with mental illness and/or drug addiction; Women in jails because of the lack of affordability of making bail and during incarceration; Increasing and improving contacts of prisoners, especially women, with their minor children.

ARTICLE VIII. ELECTION INTEGRITY AND LEGISLATIVE ALIGNMENT

PREAMBLE

Every citizen deserves full, transparent, meaningful and accountable representation at every level of government along with the fundamental, unencumbered right to vote. We vigorously support convenient, secure, and timely voter registration, 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.

PLANKS

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 passage of the National Popular Vote across the nation and the abolition of the Electoral College.
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 strengthening the Federal Elections Assistance Commission.
5. We oppose gerrymandering, including prison gerrymandering, and believe that district lines should be drawn logically and methodically by an independent, non- partisan Oregon citizen's redistricting commission. We call for gerrymandering to be tracked and measured using Efficiency Gap, with discrepancies over 5% over the subsequent 8 years resulting in a redistricting review of the district or boundary in question.
6. We oppose voter suppression and disenfranchisement in all its forms.
7. We support the full immediate reinstatement of the Voting Rights Act of 1965.
8. We support nationwide minimal standards for the security of all election systems that assure they are resistant to hacking, tampering, and fraud.
9. We support clarification that all U.S. Citizens have the right to elect the office of President and 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 an election.
11. We support rules that encourage legislators to limit their bill submissions.
12. We support regulated limits on political contributions.

13. We believe in the absolute supremacy of democratic control by the governed and condemn mechanisms that undermine that principle. We demand full transparency of all state and local government and Democratic Party actions and officials.
14. We support merit-based selection of judges by a non-partisan commission.
15. We support the implementation of systems to create objective presidential debates managed by a non-partisan, non-profit entity.
16. We demand the DCCC reverse its policies that hinder consultants from working for primary challengers to Democratic incumbents.
17. We believe that no corporate entity may be assigned the rights of natural persons.
18. We support the disclosure of any contributions to candidate campaigns that are large enough to suggest the appearance of conflict of interest if a person in that office were to participate in enacting legislation that could enhance the status of the contributor.
19. While aware of the problem of dictatorship by the majority, we judge that the quorum requirements in the OR House and OR Senate are too high.
20. We support making Election Day a state and national holiday
21. We support the counting of our votes on fully voter-verifiable paper ballots, either by hand or by secure machines running open source certified software.
22. We oppose the calling of a constitutional convention.

LEGISLATIVE ACTION ITEMS

1. We demand campaign finance reform. We demand that the state Attorney General challenge corporate personhood, and that state and federal legislators pass laws and a constitutional amendment clarifying that corporations are not people and money is not speech.¹⁷
2. We encourage voters to pass an Oregon constitutional amendment to allow the state to regulate political contributions and expenditures. 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 support a citizen initiative measure to alter the Oregon Constitution to create a non-partisan commission that is representative of the diversity of our state which would draw Oregon and federal election district boundaries.
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 during and after incarceration.
5. We support Federal legislation to require postage-paid Vote by Mail for all Elections.
6. We call for every state to audit all elections in conformance with federal minimum standards that meet specifications as iterated by including risk limiting audits to a 95% confidence.

¹⁷ H.J. Res. 48 Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the U.S. providing that the rights extended by the Constitution are the rights of natural persons only. <https://www.congress.gov/bill/115th-congress/house-joint-resolution/48>

7. We propose STAR Voting (Score Then Automatic Runoff) for Oregon statewide and local elections to effectively eliminate vote splitting and assure winners are supported by a majority of voters.
8. We call for the creation of public funding of candidate campaigns in the State of Oregon.
9. We support programs to assure all voters a fair and equal voice in elections, especially groups who are currently marginalized by our voting system, such as those deterred due to race, religion, political or cultural group, age, gender, or financial status, third parties, progressives, and non-affiliated voters (NAV). We encourage allowing NAVs to vote in Democratic Party primaries.
10. We support granting full voting rights to citizens of Washington, D.C. and United States territories, and statehood to Puerto Rico upon their request.
11. We demand the DCCC reverse its incumbent-protecting policy and call for the national Platform of the Democratic Party to explicitly support full suffrage for all eligible citizens, not only the right to vote but also the right to run for elected office.
12. We demand our state legislature and Congress reintroduce the Fairness Doctrine.
13. We support prohibiting campaign expenditures prior to one year before an election.
14. We demand that the Oregon legislature pass and refer to voters a constitutional amendment to make the Oregon Senate and House quorum be a simple majority.
15. We support continued promotion of essential elements of democratic elections as done by the Federal Elections Assistance Commission.
16. We call on our legislators to enact legislation that will require disclosure in the voter's pamphlets and all advertisements, and up-to-date disclosure in the online voter's pamphlet, listing the five contributors to that campaign who supplied its five largest donations in excess of \$500. If the donating entity received these funds from another party for the purpose of having them donated to political campaigns, then the originator of the funds must be listed even if the funds passed through multiple entities. There should be penalties for failure to accurately supply funding source information to the State sufficient to strongly discourage violations, including public listings of violators.
17. We support legislation that requires voter-verifiable paper ballots in all elections, and tabulation software that is open source, non-proprietary, and available for public scrutiny and analysis with source code that is verified using a public method by qualified third parties independent of any political party or vendor, and that guarantees secure chains of custody so there can be no modifications after certification.

ARTICLE IX. MEDIA

PREAMBLE

The role of Media in American politics is to provide accurate and relevant information that the public needs to perform its function of governance in a democracy. Where applicable, the following planks would apply to print, broadcast, and social media using public networks.

PLANKS

1. We support legislation to promote independent media, free from corporate or government interference.
2. We support mechanisms to address hate speech and factual inaccuracies.
3. We believe statements in political campaigns and legislative sessions must be factually based.
4. We support an independent federally funded investigative watchdog agency to monitor and report on social media interactions for potential criminality.

LEGISLATIVE ACTION ITEMS

1. We support diversity in media ownership, and the prevention or breakup of media monopolies and dominant conglomerates, whether those span different media markets or span different media within a market.
2. We support the creation of a non-partisan state office charged with responding to requests for fact-checking, including statements made during political campaigns or in legislative session. This office would also call out the use of misleading statements and terminology. Challenges will need to be addressed to assure multi-party oversight, protection from political interference, and the inclusion of dissenting research. University participation and stable nongovernmental financing will be encouraged.
3. We support research and legislation to identify hate speech and procedures for countering it.
4. We support re-adopting the principles outlined in the Fairness Doctrine that requires the holders of broadcast licenses to both present controversial issues of public importance and to do so in a manner that is honest, equitable, and balanced.
5. We support the full funding of Public Broadcasting stations and networks, possibly supplemented by small donations from the public, to eliminate the inhibition of investigative reporting of sponsoring entities. We support the development of ways to assure stable funding well-protected from political interference.
6. We discourage the censorship of investigative reporting by sponsoring entities.
7. We support the Society of Professional Journalists and Radio and Television Digital News Association Codes of Ethics and the Code of Practices for Television Broadcasters. We encourage the development of similar codes of ethics and regulations for all forms of media including social media and other forms of internet media.

8. We support a comprehensive net neutral public utility to provide state of the art internet access to serve all end users.
9. We support corporate responsibility with the management of our personal data. We demand internet media companies pay individuals for use of their personal data, and if there is a data breach to pay for all damages.

ARTICLE X. ECONOMY

PREAMBLE

The U.S. economy is one of contradictions: Unemployment at record lows and inflation under control while wealth is more and more concentrated, and half the population is struggling to achieve a middle-class lifestyle and the American dream.

We believe that we are stronger when we have an economy that works for everyone—an economy that creates good-paying jobs and puts a middle-class life and the American Dream within everyone's reach. We believe we can have more economic fairness, so the rewards are shared broadly, not just with those at the top. We believe that today's extreme level of income and wealth inequality, where the majority of the economic gains go to the top 1% and the richest three people in our country own more wealth than the bottom 150 million, actually makes our economy weaker.

We need an economy that prioritizes long-term investment over short-term profit-seeking, rewards the common interest over self-interest, and promotes innovation and entrepreneurship. But we also need to recognize that productivity is a function of mind endowed with creative facility—improving an economy involves numerous efforts not always directly linked to economic well-being: public education, scientific research and experiment, and advancement in the arts, acting collectively. The economy is a living, ecological creation.

We believe that climate change poses a real and urgent threat to our economy and our children's futures, and that Americans deserve the jobs and security that come from becoming the clean energy superpower of the 21st century. Finally, we believe Social Security and Medicare can and must be saved.

PLANKS

We believe that:

1. Government investment is necessary to advance innovation and provide good-paying jobs.
2. It is necessary to commission, safeguard and publicly manage a banking system and to assure essential projects are funded through public institutions, if necessary.
3. Institutions trading in financial instruments such as stocks, bonds and derivatives – so-called investment banking – needs to be separated from commercial banking and regulated under a different set of criteria outside the protections afforded the commercial-banking sector.
4. We believe that some services are vulnerable to the marketplace's incentives to cut costs and maximize profits, so they ought to be removed from the forces of a market economy. Foremost among these is the prison system, but this could apply to areas such as postal services, firefighting, etc.
5. Social insurance must be publicly provided because the marketplace will not provide the universality that is required for Social Security, Medicare, medical care, etc.
6. Free trade may be desirable but must be subordinate to the common good as partially defined by local, state and federal consumer, labor and environmental regulations.

7. Gross Domestic Product (GDP) is not adequate alone to quantify the value of our economy. We also need a General Welfare Index that measures the extent that the condition of the American people is improving.
8. Given the impact of trade and technology on the working and middle-class, we believe that innovative programs must be considered to assure that all citizens have access to well-paying jobs.
9. The top 1% of Americans may pay 37% of federal taxes, but they earn far more than 37% of discretionary income, defined as income after necessities. We believe that progressive taxation is efficient, fair, and essential. Any taxation scheme or proposal that shifts tax burdens to the poor and/or middle classes will undermine the fabric of communities and yield deficits or scarcity in either public funds or physical resources.
10. Perhaps the most obvious marketplace flaw is its failure to force polluters to clean up after themselves, which is critical when it comes to climate change and the amount of carbon generated by human activities entering the atmosphere. We believe that governments must enact programs that will reduce the amount of carbon to acceptable levels, as the marketplace alone will not remedy this.
11. White household median wealth is 7-10 times greater than African American household wealth, so we believe that steps need to be taken to redress this disparity.
12. We believe in the right of every person to trade in an atmosphere free from unfair competition and domination by monopolies.
13. We believe in the right of all family farmers to propagate, raise, and sell their products at a return which will sustain a decent living.

LEGISLATIVE ACTION ITEMS

State of Oregon

We call for:

1. Creating a public bank in Portland/Oregon.
2. The creation of loan programs that support cooperatives, other non-traditional organizations, and small businesses
3. Continuing with the effort to make the Oregon state “kicker” more progressive.
4. Auditing the State corporate gross receipts tax to determine whether the tax should be graduated for companies with gross sales of more than \$25 million annually.
5. Auditing the state minimum wage to determine whether it is a geographical living wage, tempered by a teenage wage.
6. The need to reduce carbon recognized either through a cap-and-trade proposal or a carbon tax with dividend that eliminates fossil fuel demand by adjusting fossil fuel prices appropriately while returning the revenue to the taxpayers.
7. Expanding fiscal impact statements to include a breakdown of impact on protected classes as defined by the Oregon constitution

Federal

We call for:

1. Reenacting the Banking Act of 1933, currently proposed under Return to Prudent Banking and 21st Century Glass-Steagall bills, “to prohibit 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 real means of production.
2. Increasing the national minimum wage law to \$15.00 and indexing it to inflation.
3. Preserving and dedicating the Estate Tax: the American people accept certain taxes that are dedicated to funding popular programs, like gasoline taxes and Social Security taxes. Dedicate Estate Tax revenue to an important goal (i.e. Universal Trust Funds, providing every American with a share of the stock market).
4. Reforming the Alternative Minimum Tax (AMT) by graduating it and dropping lower- and middle-income earners off the AMT completely.
5. Instituting a Graduated Corporate Alternative Minimum Tax.
6. A Federal Permanent Fund modeled after the Alaska Permanent fund to provide every American with an annual income based on the revenue from the leasing of federal assets: nothing in this Legislative Action Item should be construed as supporting the non-sustainable use of public assets.
7. Enacting only trade agreements which provide for sufficient environmental, labor, and consumer protections for the citizenry of every country involved in the agreement.
8. Removing the Maximum Taxable Earnings Cap for Social Security taxes, taxing all incomes at the same rate to assure financial stability.
9. Adopting a Social Security Cost of Living Adjustment that reflects the actual cost of living for retired and disabled people.
10. Creating and expediting a Commission to determine the impact of Artificial Intelligence and robotics on the labor market and jobs, privacy and surveillance, living conditions, and social outcomes, and to develop remedies and best practice policies.
11. Creating either a cap-and-trade program or a carbon tax with dividend to recognize the need to eliminate fossil fuel use as one means to fight global warming.
12. Since a new minimum wage law should not need to be passed just to get the minimum wage back to what it was in 1968 or to provide small investors the same \$3,000 cap on writing off losses against income that they had in 1986, every economic figure should be indexed for inflation.
13. Breaking up monopolies, starting with barring Internet common carriers (i.e. Google, Facebook) from competing with businesses that use them.
14. Supporting a commission to examine Reparations/The Racial Wealth Gap, with a focus on compensating for the discrimination in housing and mortgages and education that followed World War II.

ARTICLE XI. LABOR AND WORKERS' RIGHTS

PREAMBLE

All people have the right to organize to address common needs and interests in their work environment. The best means of growing the middle class is to invest in its people via the promotion of living wage jobs and businesses that support families and the community. We recognize that the work unions do increases wages and benefits for everyone and helps win concrete improvements in people's lives.

PLANKS

1. We support independent workers, unions, and local small business.
2. We support the creation and funding of safety net programs, including worker retraining programs.
3. We believe in collective bargaining and the right to organize. We defend the rights of workers to representation and self-representation through voluntary association. We support union contracts, union activities, and union organizations.
4. We recognize the contract that state and local entities made with public employees and support the funding and benefits of the Public Employees Retirement System (PERS) at the pre-2003 levels. We condemn any attempts to cut public employee benefits.
5. 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.
6. We understand technology development and transition from a fossil fuel-based economy may cause some jobs to become obsolete. Recognizing that workers will be displaced, business and industry must provide job retraining and job replacement at a comparable or higher wage for those jobs being replaced.
7. We recognize that all workers are entitled to participate in a fully funded pension program, in addition to Social Security.
8. We believe employees must be paid livable wages or higher.
9. We believe accrued paid-time off and vacation for terminated employees must be paid.
10. We recognize the value of uncompensated housework and believe that those workers should be allowed to reap the same benefits, such as Social Security, as other workers.
11. We believe that independent contractors are entitled to the same rights as employees, such as healthcare, a living wage, with dignity and respect; are subject to employee restrictions at company discretion that is in accordance with labor and worker rights.
12. We support applying prevailing wages to all projects with private contracts using public funds

LEGISLATIVE ACTION ITEMS

1. We call for full funding and benefits of PERS at pre-2003 benefits levels.

2. We call on the legislature to investigate the occurrence of wage theft, in all its forms, in the State and to enact legislation to end instances of wage theft.
3. We support legislation requiring retraining of displaced workers. We call for state and federal legislation to provide transition plans as technology and innovation change the workplace.
4. We call for the decriminalization of paid sexual acts between consenting adults and legislation allowing sex workers to organize.
5. We call on Multnomah County and all cities that contract with any private company to require living or prevailing wages, whichever is higher, and benefits to their employees and subcontractors.
6. We demand that Multnomah County, all cities and school districts, including private schools accepting public tax money, within the county contract with local businesses and require living wages or prevailing wages (whichever is higher) and benefits in the contracts for all workers.
7. We call for the repeal Taft-Hartley Act, the “hot cargo” provision of the Landrum-Griffin Act, and all so-called “Right to Work” laws, which greatly restricts the activities and power of labor unions.¹⁸
8. We oppose all legislation that diminishes workers’ rights to organize.
9. We call for legislation to overturn the Janus decision, which eliminated fair-share payments for non-union members to the bargaining unit.¹⁹
10. We call for legislation requiring funding for BOLI to enforce wage requirements for all workers, including those who are undocumented, and to assess the effect of non-compliance on the wages of American workers.
11. We call for the advancement and improved enforcement of protections afforded to workers against retaliation for organizing actions, above and beyond, existing NLRA protections.
12. We call for the creation and continued development of worker and community-owned businesses through training programs and tax incentives for both businesses and individual worker-owners.

¹⁸ A “Hot Cargo” clause typically stipulates that an employer will commit in advance to boycott any other employer involved in a dispute with the union, including not handling or using goods which are not union made or which are manufactured by a company considered to be unfair by the union. <https://www.nlr.gov/about-nlr/who-we-are/our-history/1959-landrum-griffin-act>

¹⁹ Janus v. American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees Council. 535 U.S. ___ (2018). https://www.supremecourt.gov/opinions/17pdf/16-1466_2b3j.pdf

ARTICLE XII. IMMIGRATION

PREAMBLE

We value our nation's diversity and recognize the contributions immigrants make to society. We welcome immigrants and refugees from all nations and economic circumstances, and we recognize the hardships people endure as the result of war, famine and climate change. Migration is not always a matter of choice, as we know from migration forced by our own territorial expansion. We believe immigration policy should reflect our Constitutional values and repel xenophobic scare tactics, religious tests and racist decision making.

PLANKS

1. Children of immigrants arriving at any U.S. border should not be separated from their parents. For those unaccompanied minors seeking asylum, the U.S. should respectfully care for them during their wait for a court hearing, and not imprison them while waiting.
2. We believe corporate and land-owner interests have tacitly encouraged undocumented immigrants by relying on their labor for decades. Those exploited, tax-paying workers, their families and other undocumented workers should have a path to legal residence and eventual citizenship.
3. We believe the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program should be expanded, implemented and made a permanent part of Immigration Policy.
4. We believe the wage exploitation of undocumented workers drives down wages and degrades working conditions for all workers.
5. We believe an immigration process should be humane, racially equitable, predictable, and transparent and provide a path to legal residence and eventual citizenship.
6. We believe that immigration policy, historically adopted to restrict or deport racially identified groups, should be free of racial disparity, xenophobia bias and religious tests. Neither arriving immigrants nor undocumented residents should be incarcerated or summarily deported without a judge-signed warrant or individual judicial order. Deportation of undocumented residents should incorporate adequate due process and not result from petty crimes.
7. We believe that no aspect of immigrant relations or regulation should be privatized or operated for profit. For-profit businesses should not be involved in transfer, care or detention of arriving immigrants or undocumented residents, except as they provide services to any citizens.
8. We adamantly assert constitutional provisions granting citizenship for people born in the United States to immigrant parents should not be repealed.
9. We believe residents of the United States should get access to education, social services, healthcare, and drivers licenses regardless of immigration status. Requiring immigration documentation for these benefits enables exploitation, creating an underclass.
10. We call for ending criminalization of efforts to help immigrants and undocumented residents.

11. We believe border security should be reasonable, humane, and cost-effective. Large walls and fences, para-military law enforcement, and draconian searches do more harm than good, and no one should lose their life seeking a better life.
12. We believe state and local government workers should not enforce Federal immigration laws. People should feel free to approach local government agencies for help regardless of their immigration status. Jurisdictions that protect undocumented immigrants from unjust enforcement of unjust policy should not be deprived of funding based on that protection.
13. We oppose banning travel based on religion or ethnicity.
14. We believe refugees should be welcomed and treated in accordance with International law.
15. We believe that the search and signature of electronic devices and the data of any person entering the US shall not be permitted without the protection of the 4th amendment.

LEGISLATIVE ACTION ITEMS

1. Immigration Policy should define care as providing food, beds, humane and sanitary conditions, medical care, education and recreation. We direct the federal government to investigate and prevent the conditions and policies causing abuse and death of any individuals in custody for immigration detention.
2. We direct the Federal government to review, regulate, and enforce and promote the guest worker program in order to protect worker rights and the health of local economies. The State and Federal governments should regulate industries to prevent exploitation of the undocumented status of workers.
3. We call on our federal government to end privatized detention of any immigrants and refugees. Furthermore, we direct the state government to not engage in the privatized detention of refugees and immigrants in the future.
4. 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 institutions to not participate in the enforcement of Federal immigration laws.
5. We call on our State and Federal government officials to oppose laws and legislation that ban immigrants and refugees based on religion, race, sexual orientation, gender-identity, sex, national origin, culture, ethnicity, economic status, or health needs.
6. We call on every member of the Oregon Congressional delegation to cosponsor and actively work for the passage of the Development, Relief, and Education for Alien Minors (DREAM Act).
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.
8. We call on Congress to fund sufficient and equitable legal judicial structure to handle the immigrant and refugee caseload and to provide judgement in 30 days.
9. We call on every member of the Oregon Congressional delegation to cosponsor and actively work for Senate passage of Humanitarian Standards for Individuals in Customs and Border Protection Custody Act (H.R. 3239).

10. We call on Congress and the Executive Branch to prevent the Department of Homeland Security from engaging in agreements with private transportation corporations to detain and search passengers.
11. We call upon the Oregon Congressional Delegation to lead in the development of substantive reform of Immigration Policy as expressed in this document.
12. We call on the Federal Government to never take immigrant children away from their detained parents and to reunite families that have already been separated.
13. We oppose the detention of immigrants and refugees.

ARTICLE XIII. INFRASTRUCTURE

PREAMBLE

Infrastructure embodies the fundamental facilities and systems that allow the economy to function. As a society, we must continue to construct facilities and systems upon which our communities and people can thrive. Systems must allow for business growth and a strong economy while protecting natural resources; ultimately designed by and for the benefit of local communities.

Locally preferred alternatives chosen by the citizens who live in our communities are imperative. Strong infrastructure and the projects that create and maintain it, are essential to a vibrant economy, peaceful living and environmentally effective communities.

The livability of our communities requires creatively-designed and strong infrastructure that includes schools, parks, trees, views, open spaces, libraries and museums.

PLANKS

1. We believe that all construction and use of infrastructure must be directed through the framework of social justice and environmental responsibilities.
2. We support the National Environmental Policy Act that requires Environmental Impact Statements for all actions.
3. We support comprehensive capital improvements to maintain, preserve, upgrade or replace infrastructure, informed by assessments of the American Society of Civil Engineers and the Army Corps of Engineers and applying environmentally sustainable interdisciplinary design principles.
4. We support projects that use local companies, materials, and disadvantaged businesses and workers, in all phases of the projects when comparing services or products.
5. We support targeted investments in infrastructure to improve opportunities for small enterprises to grow.
6. We support the restoration of public works and infrastructure projects such as the Works Progress Administration and New Deal, including in areas heavily populated by African Americans.
7. We believe that new infrastructure investments must be spent on a multimodal inclusive transportation system focused on safety, efficiency, usage and environmentally-friendly techniques.
8. We support the renovation, reuse, and recycling of building materials.
9. We believe that without creating more plastic, we should reform and reuse existing plastic in building materials.
10. We support the shift to local small agriculture, since industrial conglomerates do not serve the health of the people or the environment.
11. We support the prioritization of clean, renewable energy production and distribution.

12. We support the continuation of extraterrestrial exploration of our universe, to extend the reach of our understanding of Earth and open new modes of infrastructure that may not yet be fathomed.
13. We support joint North-Central-South America infrastructure development as vital to our economy and stability.
14. We support continuing six-day, door-to-door mail delivery for all businesses and residences.
15. We support employing the full powers of federal and state laws and agencies exercising stewardship over forest, land and water resources, recognizing that protection and restoration of forests is a cornerstone of managing the atmospheric interplay of carbon and oxygen upon which plant and animal life depend.

LEGISLATIVE ACTION ITEMS

1. We support the Build America Act of 2019 which provides dedicated funding for the national infrastructure investment program, the capital investment grant program, and for other purposes.²⁰
2. We support the Rebuild America's Schools Act of 2019 which provides for the long-term improvement of public school facilities, and for other purposes.²¹
3. We support legislation to promote and implement joint U.S.-Mexico development of water, farm, transport and other infrastructure resources. Such legislation must allow for inclusion of Central American nations in order to stabilize societies and underwrite peaceful interaction of peoples through mutual development of means of production and livelihood.
4. We support legislation to promote and implement high-speed rail or other high-speed technology, including monorail, within Oregon and along the West Coast.
5. We support public funding for electric vehicle infrastructure throughout Oregon.
6. We support construction of renewable energy facilities or facilities that include carbon sequestration technology.
7. We support programs that include all Oregonians in acquiring an electric vehicle, such as, but not limited to, buying clubs, raffles, lotteries, or giveaways.
8. We support educating our citizens to know that every single-family dwelling with 220 volts electrical service (e.g., stove or dryer) is a half-finished fueling station for electric vehicles and other electric tools.
9. We call upon our legislators to ensure continuation of six-day door-to-door mail delivery for all businesses and residences, and reinstatement of service standards.
10. We direct Multnomah County and the City of Portland to claim the air rights over freeways in the public domain, and to develop parks and low-income and moderate-income housing over

²⁰ H.R. 180 Build America Act of 2019 amends the Internal Revenue Code to establish a National Infrastructure Investment Trust Fund and increases the tax on gasoline other than aviation gasoline and on diesel fuel or kerosene. <https://www.congress.gov/bill/116th-congress/house-bill/180>

²¹ S. 266 Rebuild America's Schools Act of 2019. <https://www.congress.gov/bill/116th-congress/senate-bill/266/text#toc-HB49A2CE696C54259AC98CB8626B307BF>

parts of them as described in the Central City Plan adopted in 1989, retaining the revenue from development in the public domain.

11. We support continuing efforts to improve intra-city transportation to address inequities and ineffectiveness in current system.
12. We support transportation infrastructure into and out of our ports, industrial areas and employment centers that is fast, efficient, multi-modal, and environment friendly.
13. We support port-to-port bridge connections between Oregon and Washington -- at Woodland, WA to St. Helens, OR; and at Camas, WA to Troutdale, OR – in order to strengthen the economy with efficient commercial connections, and the environment with less driving and congestion.
14. We insist that a third freeway-bridge crossing between Oregon and Washington be open and usable before any major changes or closures are made to the I-5 and I-205 freeway bridges for other than maintenance.
15. We call on the Oregon Legislature to require advance announcements of Estimated Time of Arrival (ETA) for all marine commercial vessels needing I-5 freeway bridge lifts.
16. We urge immediate action to extend the only High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) lane in the State of Oregon to miles north into WA.
17. We call for legislation to provide adequate funding to repair infrastructure damage in U.S. possessions and territories.

ARTICLE XIV. ABUSE OF POWER

PREAMBLE

The Oregon Constitution declares “All power is inherent in the people.” We delegate specific powers to our local, State, and Federal governments founded on the people’s authority, to fulfill our purposes. Abuse of that power has been common in our State and National history, at the highest cost to those of us whose equal rights are still not recognized by all. Many have been forced to leave their land, to work without pay, or have been imprisoned or deported without just cause. Our governments have allowed corporate exploitation to threaten our peace, safety, and happiness, an abuse of the power to regulate business in the public interest. We hold government accountable for abusing power and we value our right to change, reform or abolish government when we see fit.

PLANKS

1. We believe that every person deserves equal protection from the abuse of power inherent in the power structures of the military and law enforcement, other government institutions, and through the power inherent in employee/employer relationships including massive income inequality.
2. We support governmental protection of natural systems that we living creatures are evolved to depend on, by adequate regulation of corporations. We oppose regulatory exceptions that prioritize private profit above public good.
3. We oppose the death penalty for any crime, because it makes murderers of us all, because it does not deter crime, because it is cruel and unusual punishment, because our courts have allowed racially disparate death sentencing, and because some executed have been exonerated after execution.
4. We oppose war and genocide.
5. We oppose detaining and deporting civilians, refusing to recognize refugees or asylum seekers is an abuse of power.
6. We oppose the use of military resources and/or economic sanctions to interfere in the internal or external affairs of other nations. Sanctions that carry humanitarian impact are an egregious abuse of power.
7. We oppose the use of military and psychological warfare, especially torture, against people of any nation.
8. We believe that no unarmed person should lose their life because a law enforcement officer mistakenly fears for their life. Irrational fear is not defensible as a rationalization for killing an unarmed person.
9. We support strong, independent and enforceable oversight and transparency to deter disparate treatment and to hold government accountable for its employees’ unjust actions, including when associated with cultural or racial diversity.
10. We expect all school district personnel to treat students equitably, with respect, understanding, and support for their learning. Inequitable treatment harms students, such as long-term effects of suspension and exclusion from school that can push them into the criminal justice system

instead of higher education. Personnel should reduce disparate treatment of students by understanding differences in cultural backgrounds.

11. We oppose exclusion of individuals from public places by law enforcement officers based on racial profiling that disproportionately deprives non-dominant members of our society from exercising their rights and autonomy.
12. We oppose federal monetary incentives for law enforcement actions and private prisons. High rates of conviction for newly created drug crimes, and longer sentencing of African Americans relative to Whites, have resulted from such incentives. This flagrant abuse of power combined with community impacts encouraged racist repression and social damage to African Americans while enforcement of white collar and corporate crime diminished.
13. We oppose financial exploitation of accused and convicted prisoners including through contracts with private vendors. We also oppose financial oppression of ex-offenders.
14. We oppose militarized law enforcement in our communities. It is less effective for peacekeeping goals.
15. We oppose use of digital surveillance of people, such as facial recognition and voice identification for commercial or law-enforcement purposes. Use of similar tools for investigative use must be severely constrained and allowed only when reasonable suspicion of a crime exists.
16. We oppose legislative criminalization of civil protest and investigative reporting.
17. We oppose physical restraints used to harm or humiliate captives and lawful prisoners, such as during childbirth.
18. We believe elected officials should lose their positions immediately upon threatening physically violent actions by militant associates or themselves.
19. We believe that voter suppression is abuse of power.

LEGISLATIVE ACTION ITEMS

1. We support requiring our State and federal elected officials to prevent, halt, and restore damage to environmental systems that biologically support life and that provide other human values we hold in common, by adequate regulation of corporations that exploit people and natural systems.
2. We support ending the interference of U.S. corporations in affairs of other nations, such as exploitation of resources and labor in Central America.
3. We support advocating to enforce the Constitutional provision, limiting the Commander in Chief's engagement in military action, that Congress alone has the power to declare war.
4. We support advocating to end policies that make use of force against people part of government process, whether or not victims are citizens.
5. We support efforts to stipulate that corporations are not people, and money is not speech.
6. We support independence for the position of Oregon Public Records Advocate.
7. We support advocating in local, State, and Federal government to curtail general digital surveillance and severely constrain similar digital tools used in investigations. Support

transparency about pseudo-scientific claims for accuracy and benefits of surveillance technology.

8. We call for responding to drug addiction with treatment not imprisonment.
9. We support the passage of the Congressional Resolution to Repeal of the Authorization of Military Force.²²
10. We support ending law enforcement exemptions at every level from gun control laws.
11. We support legislation holding law enforcement personnel liable for inflicting harm through the use of excessive force.

²² S.J.Res.13 A joint resolution to repeal the authorizations for use of military force against Iraq, and for other purposes.
<https://www.congress.gov/bill/116th-congress/senate-joint-resolution/13/text?format=txt&q=%7B%22search%22%3A%5B%22H.R.78%22%5D%7D>