

# Washington County Democrats Platform

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I. We believe the purpose of government is to act on behalf of the public good; to create and execute policies and laws that promote the general welfare; to protect the human rights of all; to protect our environment; to promote justice in all its forms; to ensure safety and security; and to oversee the fair distribution of resources, thereby affording all citizens equal opportunity to attain their highest level of social, cultural, economic, mental, and physical well-being. We support the United States' role as a leader in the ongoing quest for a just peace and tranquility in the world. We are committed to the full inclusion of all populations in our diverse society and encourage their participation in the Washington County Democratic Party and in the democratic processes of government without regard to status within any protected class, whether it be based on age, race, gender, religious belief, sexual orientation, gender identity, physical characteristics, associational preference, ethnicity, disability, illness, or language.

II. We maintain the belief that education is the foundation of our freedom and is essential to Iowa's future. We are committed to the restoration and advancement of Iowa's legacy of academic excellence and educational leadership, setting the standard to which all others aspire. We are resolute in our commitment to the provision of quality and affordable public education at all levels, equally accessible to all Iowans throughout their lives, and we believe a free public education is the best means to that end.

III. As stewards of our planet's finite resources, we must restore the clean air, clean water, and clean soil that are essential to the survival of all species. In addition to those imperatives, we should maintain our heritage of diverse ecosystems and their many wondrous features, as is our children's birthright, as well as that of future generations. Therefore, these systems and the life that depends on them must be protected from indiscriminate use and abuse. Accordingly, we advocate the development of long-term, future-oriented public policies that promote responsible resource conservation and management; support renewable, green energy; and offer permanent protections to sustain our environment. Finally, we demand that all members of governing bodies at all levels acknowledge the consensus scientific evidence of climate change and human impacts on the environment and also recognize the implications for bold public policy in all spheres.

Therefore, we expect that candidates seeking the endorsement and support of the Washington County Democrats should express positions largely consistent with the ideals and principles of the Washington County Democrats and should strive to advocate the creation and passage of public policies that serve the interests and advance the general welfare of all citizens in a just and equitable manner.

## **CATEGORIES & SUBCATEGORIES, CODES & PLANKS**

## **AE AGRICULTURE, ENERGY & ENVIRONMENT**

### **PZ PLANNING & ZONING**

PZ-1 Be it resolved that planning and zoning shall be a local prerogative.

PZ-2 Be it resolved that concentrated animal feeding operations (CAFO) siting shall be under local control. PZ-3 Be it resolved that we support a moratorium on new or expanding CAFOs.

### **WM WATERSHED MANAGEMENT**

WM-1 Be it resolved we support the restoration of our watersheds by encouraging ecological farming practices and prohibiting runoff from agricultural and commercial development.

WM-2 Be it resolved we support the Waters of the United States (WOTUS) Clean Water Act and mandatory controls on pollution for the protection of our water resources.

### **LM LIVESTOCK MANAGEMENT**

LM-1 Be it resolved we support livestock management practices that minimize the necessity of manure lagoons.

LM-2 Be it resolved we support livestock management practices that prohibit the routine use of antibiotics except for the treatment of sick animals.

### **ES ENVIRONMENTAL ENHANCEMENT & REGULATION**

ES-1 Be it resolved we support cabinet-level department status for the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ES-2 Be it resolved that legislation be enacted to mandate, with appropriate funding, energy-efficient vehicles and alternative energy sources.

ES-3 Be it resolved that the State government and the EPA unite to fully implement and enforce the Clean Water, Clean Air, and WOTUS Acts against corporate animal farms and factories.

ES-3a Be it resolved that clean water standards are mandatory rather than voluntary, that paperwork and bureaucracy should be minimal, and that incentives and financial aid be included in the mandate.

ES-4 Be it resolved we affirm the factual basis and legitimacy of climate science, and we recognize the validity of research demonstrating the correlation between human activity and climate change.

ES-5 Be it resolved we support robust public funding for research relative to the causes, scope, and impacts of global climate change.

ES-6 Be it resolved that the Iowa Legislature fully fund the Natural Resources and Outdoor Resources Trust Fund.

## **EN ENERGY**

EN-1 Be it resolved that we invest in energy efficiency and renewable energy as the key to sustainability.

EN-2 Be it resolved we support significant increases in government investment for clean, renewable, and efficient fuel technologies.

EN-3 Be it resolved we support public funding for alternative energy research and programs.

EN-4 Be it resolved we believe it is essential in the long term that alternative energy systems be put in place to produce goods that are durable, repairable, reusable, recyclable, and energy efficient, using both non-toxic and non polluting production methods.

EN-5 Be it resolved we support clean, alternative energy sources and mass transportation.

EN-6 Be it resolved we support implementation of a carbon tax to encourage alternative sources of energy.

EN-7 Be it resolved that the Iowa legislature reject nuclear power plants as a means of new energy. EN-8

Be it resolved we support funding research for the safe and effective disposal of nuclear waste.

EN-9 Be it resolved all utilities doing business in Iowa shall continue to augment renewable energy production sources, including solar and wind, to supplant fossil-fuel generated energy in the state.

EN-10 Be it resolved we support credits for alternative and sustainable energy use such as solar, wind, hydrogen, and

biomass.

EN-11 Be it resolved we support net billing, which requires utilities to purchase surplus energy produced from renewable resources at retail rate.

EN-12 Be it resolved we oppose extracting oil and natural gas by fracking and the use of tar sands.

EN-13 Be it resolved we oppose the Keystone and Bakken pipelines, and future related projects.

EN-14 Be it resolved we support public policy initiatives to manage impacts of climate change as we transition to a sustainable energy system.

EN-15 Be it resolved we support subsidies for research and development of alternative battery “peaker” plants.

#### **ES ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP & LIVABILITY**

ES-1 Be it resolved we encourage the establishment of municipal and county centers for the collection of, reclamation, and recycling of toxic and other hazardous wastes.

ES-2 Be it resolved we support extending the state can and bottle deposit to include all single-use beverage containers.

#### **US US AGRICULTURAL POLICY**

US-1 Be it resolved we support agricultural policy advocating organic and sustainable agricultural practices and the creation of locally produced, value-added products.

US-2 Be it resolved we support major reform of the US agricultural policy away from a focus on corporate agribusiness and toward family-scale enterprises.

US-3 Be it resolved we support full funding of the Resource Enhancement and Protection Program (REAP) from the Environment First Fund.

US-4 Be it resolved we oppose farm payments to non-farmers.

**FS FOOD SUPPLY & SAFETY**

FS-1 Be it resolved we support non-GMO food production.

FS-2 Be it resolved we support consumer safety labeling for foods, drugs, vitamins, and supplements, to include nutritional value, country of origin, potential side effects, and interactions with commonly used medications, as applicable.

**EC ECONOMY, COMMERCE, & LABOR****LA LABOR**

LA-1 Be it resolved that e-verification for hiring purposes should be fully funded and mandated.

LA-2 Be it resolved we support reinstatement of the Civilian Conservation Corps both to help restore our country's park systems and to give young people jobs and useful skills.

LA-3 Be it resolved we support a guest labor system with guarantee of worker rights and legal protections.

**PI PENSIONS & INSURANCE**

PI-1 Be it resolved we support the Iowa Public Employee Retirement System (IPERS), and the Favorable Experience Dividend (FED).

**JS JOB SECURITY, WORKERS RIGHTS, SAFETY**

JS-1 Be it resolved that we support the unrestricted right of public employees to engage in collective bargaining.

JS-2 Be it resolved we support the current ratio of employee/employer contributions for the Iowa Public Employees' Retirement System (IPERS) and support a level of funding based on actuarial assumptions.

JS-3 Be it resolved we support the enactment of laws ensuring that family leave benefits are applied equally to all, including LGBTQ citizens.

JS-4 Be it resolved we advocate that Educational Support Professionals (ESPs) employed by public school districts be eligible for seasonal unemployment benefits.

**ED ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

ED-1 Be it resolved we support the creation of millions of jobs by moving quickly to rebuild America's infrastructure.

ED-2 Be it resolved that Iowa place more emphasis on the economic development of small business. ED-3 Be it resolved we recognize the exercise of eminent domain for the public good but not for private profit.

**WA WAGES**

WA-1 Be it resolved that the minimum wage should be a living wage and continue to be increased relative to the local cost of living.

WA-2 Be it resolved that we support equal pay for men and women.

**CT COMMERCE & TRADE**

CT-1 Be it resolved we support measures to move our economy quickly away from carbon-based fuels through conservation, greatly improved mass transit, and alternative energy sources.

CT-2 Be it resolved we support fair trade agreements that ensure protection of workers' rights, human rights, and environmental quality.

CT-3 Be it resolved we support tax penalties for corporations "outsourcing" jobs to other countries.

CT-4 Be it resolved that "too big to fail" financial institutions should be broken up.

CT-5 Be it resolved that no foreign country or foreign company be allowed to manage US ports.

CT-6 Be it resolved we support regulations of financial institutions to separate savings and loan functions from investment banking.

CT-7 Be it resolved we oppose trade agreements that permit corporations to sue governments in unaccountable trade tribunals.

## **BT BUDGET & TAXATION**

BT-1 Be it resolved that the state and federal governments be required to account for the expenditure of all state and federal funds via public record.

BT-2 Be it resolved we oppose tax laws that allow new companies tax-free operations.

BT-3 Be it resolved we advocate that Congress increase funding for the National Endowment for the Arts.

## **ED EDUCATION**

### **EL ENHANCE LEARNING & EDUCATION**

EL-1 Be it resolved we affirm the federal government's responsibility to guarantee equal educational opportunity for all students and help school districts improve educational outcomes.

EL-2 Be it resolved that a system be created that accurately identifies schools and students in need of assistance and targets resources where they are most needed.

EL-3 Be it resolved that we ensure every student has competent teachers by supporting professional development and mentoring.

EL-4 Be it resolved we reduce reliance on standardized testing, instead measuring how schools and students fare in other ways.

EL-5 Be it resolved that we support the retention of and fully funding the original twelve Area Education Agencies (AEAs).

EL-6 Be it resolved we support publicly funded access to reproductive health education and age-appropriate, medically accurate sex education.

EL-7 Be it resolved we support educational efforts to reduce underage substance abuse by building awareness of the consequences of alcohol and drug abuse.

EL-8 Be it resolved that all students have equal access to free driver education courses.

EL-9 Be it resolved that the Iowa Department of Education fund full-time staffing for arts instruction.

EL-10 Be it resolved we advocate that state and federal governments affirm the place of the arts in the K-12 academic core.

EL-11 Be it resolved we support state appropriations enabling free community college education.

EL-12 Be it resolved that the Iowa Department of Education should be headed by an individual with a public education background and experience.

#### **FF FUNDING OUR FUTURE**

FF-1 Be it resolved we support providing adequate funding for public schools at every level, from preschool through college.

FF-2 Be it resolved that the Legislature and the Governor must provide allowable growth at least at the inflation rate.

FF-3 Be it resolved we oppose diverting public monies from public schools to fund vouchers, tuition tax credits, or private, for-profit education businesses.

FF-4 Be it resolved that appropriations be increased on a per student basis for community colleges. FF-5 Be it resolved that the State of Iowa shall increase post-secondary grants and loans for students. FF-6 Be it resolved we support Federal and State funding for qualified students at public and State universities.

FF-7 Be it resolved we support forgivable loans for medical students who agree to go into family practice, obstetrics, gynecology, psychiatry, or dentistry in underserved communities for a minimum of five years.

FF-8 Be it resolved we support student loan forgiveness through terms of national service.

## GL GOVERNMENT & LAW

### VE VETERANS & MILITARY

VE-1 Be it resolved that the US offer military aid only to countries that strive to conform to the Universal Declaration of Human Rights<sup>1</sup>.

VE-2 Be it resolved we support expressed, legal standards of conduct for all military contractors.

VE-3 Be it resolved we support using the Army Field Manual for interrogations as the minimum standard of treatment for all detainees.

VE-4 Be it resolved we support the ending of rendition of detainees.

VE-5 Be it resolved we support the closing of Guantanamo prison.

VE-6 Be it resolved we support reducing the Pentagon budget without impacting national security. VE-7 Be it resolved we support increasing humanitarian brigades in the military and alternative military service options. VE-8 Be it resolved we support including a title in the GI Bill to support veteran business startups. VE-9 Be it resolved we advocate for a financial audit of the Department of Defense.

VE-10 Be it resolved we support the political independence of US intelligence and security services.

VE-11 Be it resolved we support the appointment of experienced, professional intelligence personnel to lead US intelligence and security services.

VE-12 Be it resolved we oppose privatizing the Veterans Administration (VA).

VE-13 Be it resolved we support the state and federal government increasing funding for all Veterans Hospitals.

<sup>1</sup> The Universal Declaration of Human Rights sets out fundamental human rights to be universally protected. Source and more information: <https://www.un.org/en/about-us/universal-declaration-of-human-rights>.

VE- 14 Be it resolved we support county veteran's service officer enhancements and state education benefits for veterans.

**CE CAMPAIGNS, ELECTIONS, INSTITUTIONS**

CE-1 Be it resolved we will act to broaden voter participation and turnout.

CE-2 Be it resolved we support publicly financing elections and capping contributions.

CE-3 Be it resolved we support voter-owned elections, public financing of campaigns, universal voter registration, and an end to corporate "personhood."

CE-4 Be it resolved we support free and open elections unencumbered by voter ID restrictions of impediments to civic participation and restoring voting rights to ex-felons.

CE-5 Be it resolved that Congress enact and adopt a strict code of electoral ethics with an independent commission to investigate possible violations.

CE-6 Be it resolved that every vote cast shall have a paper copy.

CE-7 Be it resolved we support the establishment of a recall mechanism for elected officials.

CE-8 Be it resolved we support instant run-off voting, where a second choice is voted and counts if the first choice proves not to be viable.

CE-9 Be it resolved that lobbyists be banned from giving gifts or junkets to members of Congress or their staffs. CE-10

Be it resolved that members of Congress be restricted from working as lobbyists for ten years after leaving office.

CE-11 Be it resolved we support the posting of lobbying contracts on the Internet so the public can assess the impact of lobbying on public policy making.

CE-12 Be it resolved we support free and equal media time be given to all candidates.

CE-13 Be it resolved we believe in a fair and independent judiciary accountable to the Constitution and the law.

CE-14 Be it resolved that Congress act upon bills that relate to only one issue and what is germane. CE-15 Be it resolved we support the cleanup and enforcement of campaign finance laws.

CE-16 Be it resolved we support an executive order that all government contractors make public their political contributions to candidates.

CE-17 Be it resolved we advocate for the protection of the voting rights of all Iowa residents.

CE-18 Be it resolved we support security checks for all national office seekers, specifically the State Department's SF 86 form.

CE-20 Be it resolved we support the publishing of all national office seekers' tax returns for the previous five years.

### **CR CIVIL RIGHTS & LIBERTIES**

CR-1 Be it resolved we oppose all forms of prejudice and bigotry, including anti-Semitism and Islamophobia.

CR-2 Be it resolved we advocate maintaining and enhancing federal civil rights guarantees and protections.

CR-3 Be it resolved we support the Iowa Supreme Court's decision to end discrimination.

CR-4 Be it resolved we support marriage equality.

CR-5 Be it resolved we support the repeal of the Patriot Act.

CR-6 Be it resolved the Department of Homeland Security and the National Security Agency (NSA) respect and preserve the rights and freedoms of all persons.

CR-7 Be it resolved we oppose discrimination based on sexual orientation or gender identity by child placement agencies receiving state funding.

CR-8 Be it resolved we oppose "religious freedom protection" legislation that enables private businesses to discriminate based on sexual orientation or gender identity.

CR-9 Be it resolved we oppose "conversion therapy."<sup>2</sup>

### **CP CONSUMER PROTECTION**

CP-1 Be it resolved we support the enforcement of antitrust laws and urge the breakup of corporations that are restraining free and fair trade.

CP-2 Be it resolved we support the application of federal antitrust laws to insurance companies.

CP-3 Be it resolved we support the reinstatement and expansion of the Glass-Steagall Act and other financial regulations.

CP-4 Be it resolved we support a robust and effective FDA dedicated to protecting the public's health.

CP-5 Be it resolved we support the prohibition of payday loans.

CP-6 Be it resolved we advocate legislation prohibiting private health insurance providers from denying or limiting coverage based on gender or sexual orientation.

### **CJ CRIMINAL JUSTICE**

CJ-1 Be it resolved we oppose capital punishment in Iowa and nationally.

CJ-2 Be it resolved we support an end to minimum mandatory sentencing and the setting of excessively high bail bonds.

CJ-3 Be it resolved we support the reform of policies dealing with illegal drugs to reduce mass incarceration and combat institutional racism.

CJ-4 Be it resolved we support the legal designation of "hate crimes" as a distinct class of crime subject to federal penalties specific to its nature.

<sup>2</sup>Conversion therapy is the pseudoscientific practice of attempting to change an individual's sexual orientation, gender identity, and/or gender expression to align

CJ-5 Be it resolved we support programs to rehabilitate rather than punish and imprison minor drug offenders.

CJ-6 Be it resolved we oppose illegal cross-border trade in drugs, arms, and human trafficking. CJ-7 Be it resolved that employers who knowingly hire undocumented workers should be fully prosecuted. CJ-8 Be it resolved we support prosecuting drug and insurance companies that interfere in patient health care. CJ-9 Be it resolved we advocate nondiscriminatory policing.

CJ-10 Be it resolved we support the legalization of marijuana for personal use.

CJ-11 Be it resolved we advocate sentencing reform at all levels that reduces or eliminates long terms of incarceration for drug offenses.

## **GV GOVERNMENT SERVICES**

GV-1 Be it resolved we support providing adequate state and federal funding for public safety, human services programs, and basic county and municipal services.

GV-2 Be it resolved we support legislation to put Ameri-Corps volunteers to work as journalists in web or print media covering under-served communities nationwide.

GV-3 Be it resolved we support full and adequate public funding for Public Broadcasting.

GV-4 Be it resolved that persons serving on the Iowa Supreme Court, District Court, and Appellate Court must be recommended by a nonpartisan committee of their peers who have law degrees and legal experience.

GV-5 Be it resolved we support a Cabinet-level position for the Arts.

## **IM IMMIGRATION**

IM-1 Be it resolved we support comprehensive, humane, and rational immigration reform.

IM-2 Be it resolved we support eliminating favoritism in immigration and naturalization on the basis of race, color, creed, or corporate need.

IM-3 Be it resolved we support the elimination of the US immigrant detention quota.

IM-4 Be it resolved we support community-based alternatives to immigrant detentions to reduce costs and uphold due process.

IM-5 Be it resolved we support legislation extending driver's licenses to all tested and qualified Iowa residents regardless of immigration status.

IM-6 Be it resolved we support ending unconstitutional immigrant detention and advocate local and state policies of detention as a last resort.

IM-7 Be it resolved we support Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA)<sup>3</sup> and the passage of the Dream Act<sup>4</sup>.

## **IN INTERNET & TELECOMMUNICATIONS**

IN-1 Be it resolved we oppose media consolidation and support antitrust action against media monopolies.

## **GR GUN SAFETY & REGULATIONS**

GR-1 Be it resolved we support implementation of mandatory background checks for individuals seeking to purchase firearms.

GR-2 Be it resolved we support the prohibition of online purchase of firearms, ammunition, gun-assembly components, and other lethal devices.

GR-3 Be it resolved we support regulation of assault weapons and high capacity ammunition magazines.

<sup>3</sup> DACA temporarily delays the deportation of people without documentation who came to the U.S. as children. Source: <https://www.usa.gov/daca>.<sup>4</sup> The Dream Act directs the Department of Homeland Security to cancel removal and grant lawful permanent resident status on a conditional basis to certain non-U.S. nationals (aliens under federal law) who initially entered the United States as minors (younger than 18 years of age). Source:

GR-4 Be it resolved we support restoration of public funding for the Center for Disease Control (CDC) research on causes and effects of and interventions for gun violence.

**TR TRANSPORTATION**

TR-1 Be it resolved we support public funding for a national high-speed rail system and light rail feeder lines.

**TX TAXES & SOCIAL SECURITY**

TX-1 Be it resolved we believe payment of taxes is essential to provide necessary government services.

TX-2 Be it resolved we support fair and progressive tax reform.

TX-3 Be it resolved we support the formation of a nonpartisan commission to create a just and simple federal tax code.

TX-4 Be it resolved we oppose any diversion of Social Security funds.

TX-5 Be it resolved we support eliminating the cap on contributions to Social Security.

TX-6 Be it resolved we support reform of tax laws to prevent people from selling real estate and then reinvesting proceeds in farmland to avoid paying taxes.

TX-7 Be it resolved Iowa continues to fund the Homestead Exemption and Veteran's Exemption for property taxes.

TX-8 Be it resolved we support the separation of church and state, and the repeal of tax-exempt status for religious organizations which openly endorse and actively campaign to achieve political ends.

TX-9 Be it resolved we support the reform and equalization of payment schedules for taxes.

TX-10 Be it resolved we support the preservation of federal tax deductions for giving to nonprofit arts and culture charities.

TX-11 Be it resolved we oppose the privatization of Social Security, Medicare, and Medicaid.

## HH HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

### HC HEALTH CARE

HC-1 Be it resolved we support universal access to health care and freedom of health care choice.

HC-2 Be it resolved we support Medicare for all with full funding, including coverage for hearing aids, vision care, and dental care.

HC-3 Be it resolved we support federal funding for reproductive health services.

HC-4 Be it resolved we support Medicare reimbursement to qualified healthcare providers and facilities in Iowa.

HC-5 Be it resolved we support equitable Medicare reimbursement for primary care providers caring for patients with complex comorbidities.

HC-6 Be it resolved we support a health care system that covers alternative treatments.

HC-6a Be it resolved legislation dealing with health issues must include consultation with and approval by relevant medical professionals.

HC-7 Be it resolved that the medical use of marijuana, as prescribed by physicians, be expanded. HC-8

Be it resolved we support the licensure of certified professional midwives to practice birthing in Iowa.

HC-9 Be it resolved that any Health Insurance Companies or HMOs doing business in Iowa shall spend a minimum of 90% of their premiums on patient care.

HC-10 Be it resolved we support the state and federal agencies negotiating with pharmaceutical companies to lower the price of prescription drugs.

HC-11 Be it resolved we promote prevention, healthy lifestyles, and access to accurate health information.

HC-12 Be it resolved we support a federal ban on drug advertisements except in medical periodicals.

HC-13 Be it resolved that we endorse federal funding of stem cell research.

HC-14 Be it resolved we support the closure of the Medicare "doughnut hole" for prescription drugs.

HC-15 Be it resolved we support continued state funding of clinics providing family planning and reproductive health services.

HC-16 Be it resolved we support ensured and unencumbered access by Iowans, whether insured or uninsured, to all reproductive health care.

HC-17 Be it resolved we support mandating that all medical professionals, regardless of religious or moral objections, will provide standard medical services or procedures.

HC-18 Be it resolved we support caps on prescription drug costs.

HC-19 Be it resolved we support the legalization of end-of-life choice as a personal health decision.

#### **MH MENTAL HEALTH**

MH-1 Be it resolved we support government and private parity for mental and physical mental health care reimbursements.

#### **AD AGING & DISABILITIES**

AD-1 Be it resolved that seniors be given the option of receiving health care services where they live rather than in hospitals or clinics.

AD-2 Be it resolved Medicare health benefits eligibility remains at age 65.

#### **CH CHILDREN**

CH-1 Be it resolved we support increased funding for the protection of all children.

CH-2 Be it resolved we support a minor's right to seek an abortion with the consultation of a physician and an adult advocate of their choice.

**ES ECONOMIC SECURITY**

ES-1 Be it resolved we restore and strengthen programs that mitigate poverty and that improve access to education, training, health care, and jobs.

**WO WOMEN**

WO-1 Be it resolved we support reinstating and codifying *Roe v. Wade*.

WO-2 Be it resolved we support transparency in regulations for "crisis pregnancy centers" regarding services provided or not provided, including whether physicians licensed in obstetrics, gynecology, or qualified family practice are available onsite.

WO-3 Be it resolved we support unobstructed access to legal abortion without prerequisite mandates such as ultrasound.

WO-4 Be it resolved we support repeal of the Hyde Amendment<sup>5</sup>.

**IA INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS****PS PEACE & SECURITY**

PS-1 Be it resolved we increase US government capacity for peaceful prevention and resolution of deadly conflict.

PS-2 Be it resolved we support strengthening international institutions and cooperative diplomacy. PS-3 Be it resolved we promote nuclear disarmament and nonproliferation.

PS-4 Be it resolved the US support a ban on development and testing of nuclear weapons and renounce their first use.

PS-5 Be it resolved that the US work with other nations to eliminate terrorist networks and resolve international conflicts.

<sup>5</sup> The Hyde Amendment Codification Act prohibits the expenditure for any abortion of funds authorized or appropriated by federal law or funds in any trust fund

to which funds are authorized or appropriated by federal law. It prohibits the use of federal funds for any health benefits coverage that includes abortion. Source: <https://www.congress.gov/bill/113th-congress/senate-bill/142>.

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PS-6 Be it resolved we support efforts by US, nongovernmental organizations, and regional and international powers to establish public institutions to achieve peace and stability where needed.

PS-7 Be it resolved we recognize and accept the authority of the World Court.

PS-8 Be it resolved we support the establishment of a Cabinet-level Department of Peace.

PS-9 Be it resolved we support securing our borders from illegal activities.

PS-10 Be it resolved we advocate adherence to the War Powers Resolution of 1973 & the ending of the Authorization for the Use of Military Force (AUMF) of 2001 and 2002.

PS-11 Be it resolved we support US leadership in assembling peace conferences to address international crises.

PS-12 Be it resolved we support the strategic use of drones for surveillance and limited attacks. PS-13 Be it resolved we oppose US action to force or pressure regime change in other countries. PS-14 Be it resolved we oppose the militarization of space.

PS-15 Be it resolved we support US and international law prohibiting torture, detention without charges, extra-judicial executions, and assassinations of foreign officials.

## **ME MIDDLE EAST**

ME-1 Be it resolved the US shall endorse and adhere to Middle East policy consistent with international law.

ME-2 Be it resolved we support making the resolution of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict a top priority.

ME-3 Be it resolved that we promote regional and international diplomacy, particularly in Afghanistan and Pakistan and in the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

ME-4 Be it resolved that we continue to avoid war with Iran.

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ME-5 Be it resolved we advocate an increased US diplomatic presence in the Middle East.

ME-6 Be it resolved we oppose US support of the Saudi and Iranian coalitions' military actions in Yemen. ME-7 Be it resolved we support Palestinian statehood and full UN membership for Palestine. ME-8 Be it resolved we support the immediate and substantial reduction of US forces in the Middle East. ME-9 Be it resolved we support putting in escrow all US aid to Israel until Israel recognizes Palestine at its 1966 borders.

ME-10 Be it resolved we support the immediate cessation of active warfare in the Gaza strip, and we support an international commitment to humanitarian efforts to provide medical supplies, food, clothing, evacuation, and other necessities of life for noncombatants.

ME-11 Be it resolved that we move to end our military involvement in Afghanistan.

#### **UK UKRAINE**

UK-1 Be it resolved the US support Ukraine regaining sovereignty over areas annexed by Russia or occupied by its militias. (adopted 2020)

#### **LC LATIN AMERICA & CARIBBEAN**

LC-1 Be it resolved we support normalization of relations with Cuba and Venezuela.

#### **DA DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE**

DA-1 Be it resolved that the US should substantially increase the amount of humanitarian international aid.

DA-2 Be it resolved we support federal funding for voluntary international family planning.

#### **UN UNITED NATIONS**

UN-1 Be it resolved we support full and timely payment of US dues to the UN.

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## **TC TREATIES AND CONVENTIONS**

TC-1 Be it resolved that the US comply with the International Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty<sup>6</sup>. TC-2 Be

it resolved that prisoners and detainees be treated in accordance with the Geneva Convention.

TC-3 Be it resolved that the US participate in the following treaties and conventions: Rome Statute creating an International Criminal Court, UN Convention on Elimination of all Forms of Discrimination against Women, UN Convention on the Rights of the Child, Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty, Ottawa Treaty to Ban Landmines, Paris Agreement on Climate Change.

## **OT OTHER**

OT-1 Be it resolved that full constitutional privileges and statehood be given to residents of the District of Columbia.

OT-2 Be it resolved dependent territories shall be granted statehood or permitted independence (Puerto Rico, US Virgin Islands, American Samoa, Guam, and Northern Mariana Islands) by vote of the citizens of the territories.

OT-3 Be it resolved we support both financially and politically the Millennium Development Goals 2020<sup>7</sup>.

<sup>6</sup>The International Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty has the objective to prevent the spread of nuclear weapons and weapons technology, to promote cooperation in the peaceful uses of nuclear energy, and to further the goal of achieving nuclear disarmament and general and complete disarmament. Source: <https://disarmament.unoda.org/wmd/nuclear/npt/>.

<sup>7</sup>The Millennium Development Goals were developed out of the eight chapters of the UN Millennium declaration, signed in September 2000. The eight goals include:

1. Eradicate extreme poverty and hunger: Halve, between 1990 and 2015, the proportion of people whose income is less than one dollar a day. Achieve full and productive employment and decent work for all, including women and young people. Halve, between 1990 and 2015, the proportion of people who suffer from hunger.
2. Achieve universal primary education.
3. Promote gender equality and empower women.
4. Reduce child mortality.
5. Improve maternal health.
6. Combat HIV/AIDS, malaria, and other diseases.

7. Ensure environmental sustainability.
8. Develop a global partnership for development.

More at [https://www.who.int/news-room/fact-sheets/detail/millennium-development-goals-\(mdgs\)](https://www.who.int/news-room/fact-sheets/detail/millennium-development-goals-(mdgs)).

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OT-4 Be it resolved we support congressional and private initiatives to end hunger at home and abroad by 2030. OT-5 Be it resolved we support equal protection of the rights of lowans of all faiths and no faith. OT-6 Be it resolved we support legislation based on science and evidence while maintaining religious neutrality.