

NATRONA COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY CONVENTION

PLATFORM AND RESOLUTIONS May, 2020

Natrona County Democrats support the Constitution of the United States of America and the Constitution of the State of Wyoming as the living documents which establish the basic guidelines and integrity of government and public policy.

The Natrona County Democratic Party adopts the following platform to set forth our philosophy of governance and public policy guidelines and recommendations:

GOOD GOVERNMENT PRACTICES

Government works best when its processes are transparent and conducted with public involvement. We support:

- Enforcement of existing binding ethics and conduct standards for all elected officials, public employees, and government contractors.
- Effective policy to address gun violence.

FAIRNESS & EQUALITY

We are committed to equal opportunity across all areas across our society. We support:

- Legislation against hate crimes.
- Anti-discrimination laws to include Lesbian Gay Bi-sexual Transgender Questioning Intersexed Asexual + people.
- Legislation and policy that reduces and eliminates disparate practices and treatment in all facets of life and living in America.

VOTING AND ELECTIONS

We stand for open elections. We support:

- Corporations are not people and money is not speech.
- Mail in voting for all elections
- Maximum participation in our elections including eligible immigrants, felons, and ex-felons.
- Establishing adequate polling areas per capita.
- Automatic voting registration upon reaching legal voting age and/or obtaining state ID.

We Oppose:

- all voter suppression efforts.

HEALTHCARE

Affordable universal access to quality Health care both physical and mental is a right and not a privilege, from birth to end of life. We support:

- Reproductive care according to personal choice.
- Legalization of marijuana.
- Medicaid expansion.
- Legislation to maintain the affordability of necessary drugs.
- Empowerment of the Federal Food and Drug Administration and Centers for Disease Control
- Improvement of Veterans Administration's provision of health care.

EDUCATION

Wyoming Democrats support investing in public education. We support:

- Up to 4 years of free and appropriate post-secondary education.
- Fully funded public education, from early childhood through up to equivalent of a 4-year post-secondary schooling.
- A safe learning environment.
- Full funding of Special Education.
- The arts and physical education.
- Equitable access to technology used and needed in the public educational process.

ECONOMY, EMPLOYMENT, & TAXES

To achieve prosperity, our state needs tax reform and economic diversification. We support:

- Raising the state minimum wage to a living wage for all workers including service employees earning tips.
- A yearly COLA for all workers.
- Repeal of "Right to Work" law.
- Workers rights to organize, protest, and collectively bargain for wages and benefits.
- Equal pay for equal work.
- Enhanced enforcement and accountability measures to ensure safe work conditions and environments for all workers.
- Accessible, affordable, quality childcare.
- A fair and diversified tax structure.
- The retraining of displaced workers.
- The inclusion of renewable energy development.

We Oppose:

- Privatization of government services.

CONSERVATION & ENVIRONMENT

The conservation of Wyoming's landscapes, animal and plant life should be prioritized by local, state, and federal governments. We support:

- Unobstructed public access to public lands.
- Reduction of greenhouse gas emissions and other negative environmental impacts.
- Environmentally responsible development of renewable energy sources.

We Oppose:

- Transferring ownership of federally managed lands to state or private interests.

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

Diplomacy should be led with peace efforts before armed conflict. We support:

- Trade relations that provide for fair treatment of workers.

IMMIGRATION & HUMAN RIGHTS

The United States should treat other nations and peoples with dignity and respect. We support:

- Comprehensive and effective immigration reform which includes a path to citizenship.
 - The efforts of Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) and Deferred Action for Parents of Americans and Lawful Permanent Residents (DAPA).
 - The right of every child in the US ~~has a right~~ to education, regardless of immigration status, and without fear of deportation.
 - Eliminating the exploitation of any person including human trafficking.
 - The efforts to improve the living standards of all indigenous peoples, including the enforcement of all treaties and provisions.
 - Ensuring that all rights of citizenship are extended to all indigenous peoples.

We Oppose:

- Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) detention and deportation centers in Wyoming.
 - The adoption of local, state, or national statutes depriving immigrants of their health, safety, or well-being.
 - The enforcement immigration laws that serve to separate and/or destroy families.
 - The adoption of local state or national statutes depriving immigrants of their health safety and well-being.

JUDICIAL

Our justice system should be impartial, relying on qualified judges as a requirement of democracy. We support:

- Ending racial profiling.
- Reducing sentences for non-violent offenders.
- Repealing the death penalty.
- Treatment of substance abuse and/or alcoholism in lieu of incarceration.
- The decriminalization of personal and medical use of marijuana.
- Abolishing mandatory minimum imprisonment sentences.
- Enforcement of legal penalties to employers illegal hiring practices in regards to undocumented people.
- Providing access to mental healthcare in lieu of incarceration.
- Training of law enforcement officers to recognize and appropriately interact with people with mental illness.
- Ending of cash bail systems.
- Training of law enforcement personnel in non-lethal apprehension techniques and devices and procurement of such devices.

We Oppose:

- Prisons for profit.

RESOLUTIONS

Be it resolved that we support the recognition of Tribal identification, addresses that do not conform to US postal standards, open and accessible polls on their land, and education on their rights as citizens of the USA.

Be it resolved that we support legislation to allow state and county law enforcement to work with and assist in tribal judicial processes utilizing interagency cooperation upon request from tribal leaders.

Be it resolved that we make sure the amount of polling places are appropriate and sufficient to the amount of people being served.

Be it resolved that we oppose the desperate conditions that undermine and put at risk the health, safety and welfare of people and communities of color.

Be it resolved that we will work to end all systematic and institutional racism that exists.