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Washington State

Democratic

Convention

After Action Report

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2026 Convention Credentials Report:

Number of Qualified Delegates: 1337

Number of Seated Delegates: 922

Number of Virtually Seated Delegates: 341

Number of In-Person Seated Delegates: 581

Credentials Challenges: 0

Record of Votes:

Election of Permanent Convention Chair: Voice Vote for Andy Billig

Adoption of the Convention Rules: 743 to Adopt, 7 to Reject

Convention Platform Report:

1. Minority Report 1: Passed 469 to 301
2. Minority Report 2: Passed 629 to 140
3. Motion to Suspend the Rules to delete an amendment: 172 to suspend, 582 to reject.
4. Adoption of the Platform: Adopted 662 to 95

Convention Resolutions Report:

1. Resolution 26-16: Rejected, 557 to 202
2. Resolution 26-68: Returned to Maker, 578 to 183
3. Resolution 26-82: Rejected 383-377
4. Resolution 26-77: Rejected, 397 to 359
5. Resolution 26-7: Adopted, 580 to 178
6. Resolution 26-50: Rejected, 472 to 286
7. Resolution 26-43: Adopted, 641 to 101
8. Resolution 26-64: Rejected, 403 to 347
9. Resolution 26-23: Ruled Out of Order by the Chair
10. Resolution 26-29: Withdrawn by Author
11. Urgent Resolution 26-1: Adopted, 629 to 104
12. Urgent Resolution 26-2: Adopted, 548 to 183

Minority Report Number	Pillar	Section Number	Submitter LD	Current Platform Language (Majority Language)	Proposed Change to the Platform (Minority Report)	Rationale	Committee Decision (on Majority Language)	Minority Report Motion	Convention Action	Convention Action Vote
Minority Report 1	13 Law and Justice	13.9.21	LD 5	Change to read: "Eliminate laws that automatically charge youth as adults for specific crimes. Strictly limit pathways for youth to enter the adult criminal legal system, ensure that any decision to send a youth to adult court is reviewed by a juvenile court judge, and prohibit the practice of charging youth as adults." (YES)	End the incarceration of youth in adult prisons or jails." (NO)	<i>Revisions reflect the harm caused by prosecuting youth as adults while preserving some prosecutorial and judicial discretion for extreme cases.</i>	DO PASS	DO NOT PASS	DO NOT PASS	Passed; (Do Not Pass, No vote) 469 to (Do Pass, Yes vote) 301
Minority Report 2	14 Governance	14.1.1.33	LD 20	Technical and professional education shall be made generally available, and higher education shall be equally accessible to all on the basis of merit. (NO)	Technical and professional education shall be made generally available, and higher education shall be equally accessible to all. (YES)	<i>There should not be an arbitrary barrier to higher education, it should be equally accessible regardless of such a subjective principle as "merit"</i>	DO NOT PASS	DO PASS	DO PASS	Passed; (Do Pass, Yes vote) 629 to (Do Not Pass, No vote) 140



2026

**Washington State
Democratic Party
Platform (6/21/2026)**

0.9 Preamble

In 2026, The Washington State Democrats Stand for:

- 0.9.1. Affordability: Every person should be able to afford the essentials of a dignified life.
- 0.9.2. Full Employment and Fair Wages: meaningful work for all at a living wage.
- 0.9.3. Equal Justice Under the Law: The rule of law applies equally to everyone.
- 0.9.4. Defend Democracy: voting rights, and our constitution. Our government should defend our rights and freedom.
- 0.9.5. Universal Healthcare: Health care is a human right.
- 0.9.6. End Citizens United: Get big money out of politics.
- 0.9.7. Fair, Progressive Taxation: The wealthiest among us must pay their fair share.
- 0.9.8. Prioritize People over Profits and Corporations: Build an economy that works for all of us, from the bottom up and the middle out.
- 0.9.9. Clean Environment: We will protect our air, water, land, and climate, and invest in a sustainable, clean-energy future.
- 0.9.10. Excellence in Education: Defend and support our public schools. Make college and vocational post-secondary education affordable for all.
- 0.9.11. Peace and Responsible Foreign Policy: We support diplomacy and the responsible use of military force, and call for an end to unauthorized and unlawful conflicts.
- 0.9.12. Judicial Accountability and Reform: Including a code of ethics and term limits for Supreme Court Justices.
- 0.9.13. Election Reform: End unethical gerrymandering, protect vote-by-mail, and replace the electoral college with direct election of the president.
- 0.9.14. Rebuild America's Infrastructure: especially green and clean-energy infrastructure.
- 0.9.15. End discrimination: by race, gender, faith, and sexual orientation.
- 0.9.16. Common-sense Gun Law Reforms: that reduce gun violence.
- 0.9.17. Criminal justice reform: fairer and equitable justice system and ban private for-profit prisons.
- 0.9.18. Universal, Affordable Broadband: Affordable, accessible and reliable internet is essential infrastructure.
- 0.9.19. Strong Unions and Workers' Rights: Defend the right of all workers to organize, bargain and when necessary, strike.
- 0.9.20. Fact-driven Public Health and Environmental Policy: based on science.
- 0.9.21. Respect Tribal Sovereignty: treaties, and inherent rights.

1. Our Platform

What We Believe:

Progress in America has never come easy. It has been fought for and won by ordinary people who believed in justice, equality, opportunity, and the most sacred of American ideas: the right of the people to

govern themselves. Each generation has been called upon to take the next step toward a more perfect union. Each generation answers in its own way.

We know that meaningful change takes time, hard work, and steady persuasion. But the lessons of the 20th century are clear: progress is possible, and the work of change is far from finished.

More and more voters feel let down. They don't see enough of a difference between the two major parties, and many have begun to believe their votes no longer matter. They see new graduates unable to find decent jobs. They see paychecks that don't stretch far enough to cover the basics. They see neighbors skipping health care because they can't afford it, families living one missed paycheck away from disaster, and a housing market that seems built only for the wealthy. At the same time, they watch our democracy grow weaker and more unstable. People are not asking for miracles; they are asking who is fighting for them. And they want to know what the Democratic Party has done to answer that call.

We accept responsibility for our part in creating the current situation. We acknowledge that the Democratic Party must become the party of the people, the party of reform.

To do this, we must elect leaders of unquestioned integrity who serve the people rather than wealthy interests or corporations. They should be public servants, not career politicians. These candidates must also commit to electoral reform, a fairer tax system, a safety net sufficient to assure that people's basic needs are met, and spending priorities that reflect voters' needs and priorities.

Our candidates must be ready for the defining fight of our time, because money lies at the heart of these problems. In America, wealth is concentrated at the top, and the wealthiest 1% use their power to expand that wealth at everyone else's expense.

Over the past four decades, more than \$50 trillion in income has shifted from the bottom 90% of Americans to the top 10%. Extreme inequality costs the median full-time worker about \$42,000 a year. This outcome was not accidental; it resulted from laws, regulations, and corporate policies designed to suppress labor costs.

Candidates spend an average of 30% to 70% of their time fundraising. In the last election cycle, congressional races cost \$9.5 billion, and the presidential race cost \$5.3 billion. Studies show that elected officials respond more to wealthy donors than to the voters who chose them. If our party wants real change, it must lead the fight against corruption and remove money from politics.

Our candidates must also strengthen elections in other ways. When district lines are drawn to guarantee one party's victory, the primary effectively becomes the only meaningful election. Primary turnout is lower, and those who vote are often the most ideologically extreme. As a result, 95% of House seats are considered "safe." In 2024, just 7% of voters in those safe districts decided the winners of 87% of House races. This gives elected officials less reason to be responsive to the broader electorate. This must change. Electoral districts must be designed to ensure that every vote matters.

This platform is our direction to Democratic elected officials, candidates, and voters. We expect those who claim membership in the Democratic Party to adhere to its directives.

We also recognize that human progress does not exist apart from the natural world—it depends upon it. People, fish, and wildlife, and the environment are bound together in an unbroken circle of life. Clean air and water, healthy forests and rivers, thriving wildlife and diverse ecosystems are not merely backdrops to our communities; they are the very foundation upon which all life—human and non-human alike—rests. When one pillar of this living system is weakened, the rest are put at risk. Pollution that harms our waterways harms the salmon, the orca, and the communities that have depended on them for generations. The destruction of habitat diminishes biodiversity and destabilizes the webs of life that sustain us all. We are not stewards standing outside of nature, managing it from a distance, we are participants within it, shaped by it, and responsible to it. A just and thriving Washington must be one where the wellbeing of people, animals, and the land are understood as inseparable. Progress that comes at the expense of our natural world is not progress at all.

We recognize that building a just and equitable future requires a comprehensive approach that includes rural renewal—strengthening farm, forest, and food economies; investing in infrastructure, healthcare, housing, and education; supporting local businesses; and ensuring that working people earn livable wages. Resilient, self-reliant rural communities are not only essential to the stability, sustainability, and prosperity of our state, they are foundational to our prosperity. Rural communities provide food, energy, natural resources, and clean water to sustain people in cities, suburbs, and small towns across our country.

We must also acknowledge that we have fallen short in some areas and renew our commitment to accountability and growth as a party.

The Washington State Democratic Party commits to bringing sustainable progress and community well-being to the people of Washington State. Our future, like our past, will be written by people bold enough to demand positive changes, and brave enough to make those changes together.

2. Implementation of this Platform:

We Believe:

The Democratic Party, as an organization, is committed to supporting candidates for elected office who declare their support for the party, particularly those who are the only declared Democrats in a contested race.

This platform contains details and guidance for effective governance in the best interest of “The People.” Additionally, considering our current political situation we direct all our democratic party leaders and elected officials to openly, and unequivocally, reject authoritarian government. Our leaders should be bold and vocal, and fight fiercely to safeguard due process and counteract the current administration’s fascist policies.

All Democrats have the right and responsibility to advocate for implementation of the planks and pillars in this Platform by contacting any officials elected to represent them.

All elected Democrats and Democratic Party officials should familiarize themselves with this Platform and formulate strategies to turn these beliefs into action;

All elected Democrats should create, introduce, support, and pass legislation, laws, ordinances, policies, and plans to support and promote the pillars and planks in this platform.

2.1. Implement Measures to Reduce the Debt

The federal debt is now larger than the annual GDP. The debt is growing due to tax cuts for the wealthy and huge increases in spending on the Defense Department and Homeland Security. If debt continues to grow, the U.S. faces a fiscal crisis that could lead to economic collapse, increasing wealth disparity as the wealthy invest in higher-interest bonds while the average person suffers as inflation raises the cost of living. We should reduce the federal debt to a reasonable level by taking the following actions:

- 2.1.1. Reduce the budget of the Department of Defense
- 2.1.2. Reduce the budget of Homeland Security

2.2. Enforcement and Accountability

- 2.2.1. Elected officials who actively pursue legislation counter to this platform will be held accountable.
- 2.2.2. Submission of the plan for annual oversight and reporting of results to the legislative district chair is required for auditing to ensure continuous platform alignment.
- 2.2.3. Democratic institutions function best when elected officials and public bodies maintain transparent, responsive, and accessible communication with the communities they serve.
- 2.2.4. Public participation processes should meaningfully incorporate constituent input, lived experience, and accessible opportunities for engagement.
- 2.2.5. Elected officials and party representatives serving in a governmental capacity must communicate regularly with constituents or risk losing support from the Organization.

2.3. Plain Language & Accessible Government Communication

- 2.3.1. Public-facing government systems should be designed to reduce unnecessary bureaucratic barriers and improve transparency, accessibility, and public trust.
- 2.3.2. Government agencies and publicly funded programs should communicate policies, rights, benefits, and civic participation opportunities in clear, accessible, culturally and linguistically competent language understandable to the general public.

3. Social Justice

We affirm the inherent dignity and equal rights of all people. Government must protect democracy, civil and human rights, bodily autonomy, and equal justice, while dismantling systemic inequality and advancing an inclusive, equitable society for all. Black lives matter, and systemic racism must be addressed. Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Queer and Questioning, Intersex, Asexual, Two Spirit, and Additional Identity individuals are entitled to full legal equality, safety, and inclusion. Immigrants must be treated humanely, afforded due process, and provided fair pathways to participation and legal residency.

3.1. Human Rights

- 3.1.1. All humans have rights, regardless of immigration status, including: access to safe food, clean air, clean water, shelter, health care, freedom of speech, freedom from political persecution, freedom of religion, economic opportunity, personal safety, education, employment, legal aid, and equitable due process;
- 3.1.2. All levels of government must enact policies that strengthen our country by affirming the value of all individuals, and by eliminating the systemic conditions that perpetuate inequality, oppression, and inequitable access to opportunities;
- 3.1.3. All levels of government must enact legislation and policies that will end human trafficking;
- 3.1.4. Disabled people have the right to fully access all facets of society and to live with dignity and independence;
- 3.1.5. All humans have a right to bodily autonomy which includes the right of all people, including transgender and nonbinary individuals, to access healthcare and to live openly according to their gender identity without interference or discrimination.
- 3.1.6. Gender-based violence—including domestic violence, sexual violence, trafficking, coercive control, online abuse, and mass violence disproportionately perpetrated by men and boys—is a public health and safety crisis requiring comprehensive prevention, early intervention, education, accountability, and community-based response systems.
- 3.1.7. There has been a dramatic resurgence in antisemitism in recent years on all sides of the political spectrum, due in part to actions taken by the Israeli government. History shows us the dangerous repercussions suffered when collective action to combat antisemitism and promote understanding is not taken. We must ensure that the Jewish community is protected from misinformation, harassment and violence.
- 3.1.8. Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) are under attack at the federal level. We must protect and support best practices for DEI within Washington State and its institutions and continue to fight for social and economic justice for all who live here.

3.2. Women's Rights

- 3.2.1. Women's rights are human rights.
- 3.2.2. We must actively dismantle the systemic barriers women face — especially Black, Indigenous, and women of color, immigrant women, disabled women, LGBTQIA2S+ women, and low-income women — to safety, economic security, and full participation in society.
- 3.2.3. Achieving equity requires addressing gender-based discrimination, violence, and economic inequality. Women are entitled to the same access to educational and employment opportunities and shall always have the same rights to voting, marriage, property ownership and other rights and abilities afforded to non-women. We shall preemptively work to pass equality and equity protections for women in Washington State.

3.3. Black Rights

- 3.3.1. Black lives matter and the disparate impact of centuries of systemic abuse, neglect, and murder by the state and state-emboldened actors has caused generations of harm that persists to this day.
- 3.3.2. We support both the study and implementation of reparative action, remedies and reconciliation for the descendants of victims of United States chattel slavery, whose slave labor and patriotic military sacrifices helped build our country and give birth to this great nation.

3.3.3. Black Maternal Health

- 3.3.3.1. We support eliminating racial disparities in maternal and infant health outcomes by investing in culturally competent and community-based Black maternal healthcare, expanding access to doulas and midwives, strengthening implicit bias training for healthcare providers, and ensuring equitable prenatal, postpartum, and mental health care for Black mothers and birthing people.
- 3.3.3.2. We support increased funding for programs and organizations addressing the disproportionate rates of maternal mortality, infant mortality, and birth complications experienced by Black women and Black families in Washington State.

3.3.4. Black Mental Health

- 3.3.4.1. We support expanding access to culturally responsive and trauma-informed mental health services for Black communities, including increasing the number of Black mental health professionals, reducing barriers to care, and investing in community-based healing, youth support, and crisis response programs.
- 3.3.4.2. We support addressing the long-term mental health impacts of systemic racism, racial violence, economic inequity, intergenerational trauma, and discrimination within healthcare, education, housing, and employment systems.

3.3.5. Reparations and Restorative Justice

- 3.3.5.1. We support the continued funding, expansion, and implementation of Washington State’s reparations study and related restorative justice efforts, including meaningful participation from diverse Black voices and communities across Washington State.
- 3.3.5.2. We support ensuring that reparations and restorative justice processes include representation from impacted communities throughout urban, suburban, rural, immigrant, multigenerational, and historically marginalized Black populations within Washington State.
- 3.3.5.3. We support the implementation of recommendations developed through Washington State’s reparations study process and believe the state has a responsibility to pursue meaningful restorative policies that address the ongoing harms caused by slavery, segregation, redlining, racial violence, discrimination, and systemic exclusion.

3.3.6. Housing and Redlining

- 3.3.6.1. We support policies and programs that address the generational harms of redlining, housing discrimination, displacement, and exclusionary housing practices that disproportionately harmed Black communities.
- 3.3.6.2. We support the continuation, expansion, and funding of programs that increase pathways to homeownership and housing stability for individuals and families impacted by historical redlining and discriminatory housing policies.
- 3.3.6.3. We support equitable housing investments, anti-displacement protections, and community development strategies that allow Black families and historically marginalized communities to remain and thrive in the neighborhoods they helped build.

3.3.7. Economic Justice and Workforce Equity

- 3.3.7.1. We support equitable hiring, retention, promotion, and workplace protections for Black workers across both public and private sectors.
- 3.3.7.2. We support policies that combat racial discrimination, wage inequities, workplace harassment, and barriers to advancement that disproportionately impact Black workers, particularly Black women.
- 3.3.7.3. We support strengthening pathways into union labor, apprenticeships, public sector employment, entrepreneurship, and leadership opportunities for Black workers and Black-owned businesses.
- 3.3.7.4. We support protecting Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion initiatives, workplace equity programs, and anti-discrimination protections that help address historic and ongoing inequities faced by Black workers.

3.3.8. Community Reinvestment

- 3.3.8.1. We support sustained and expanded investment in the Community Reinvestment Project and other community-driven programs that address

the harms caused by the War on Drugs, mass incarceration, economic disinvestment, and systemic racism.

- 3.3.8.2. We support directing resources toward community-based organizations focused on violence prevention, youth development, housing stability, education, economic opportunity, public health, and culturally responsive services in historically underinvested communities.
- 3.3.8.3. We support environmental justice policies that address the disproportionate impact of pollution, climate change, environmental hazards, and public health inequities on Black communities and other historically marginalized populations.
- 3.3.8.4. We support equitable access to quality education, culturally responsive curriculum, inclusive learning environments, and increased recruitment and retention of Black educators and administrators.
- 3.3.8.5. We support protecting honest education about Black history, civil rights, systemic racism, and the contributions of Black Americans.
- 3.3.8.6. We support reducing racial disparities within policing, sentencing, incarceration, and the criminal legal system and investing in restorative justice, diversion programs, violence prevention, and reentry support.

3.4. LGBTQIA2S+ Rights

- 3.4.1. Marriage, as a legal union of consenting adults, with all rights and obligations that entails, must continue to be recognized by the government without regard to the sexual orientation or gender-identity of the spouses;
- 3.4.2. Protect the rights of people in non-traditional relationships;
- 3.4.3. Government should recognize parental rights without regard to the sexual orientation or gender-identity of the parents;
- 3.4.4. Transgender and nonbinary people must be explicitly protected from discrimination in employment, housing, healthcare, education, insurance coverage, public accommodations, credit access, and government services.
- 3.4.5. Individuals must have the right to update legal documents, including birth certificates and identification, through accessible administrative processes that do not require surgery, court orders, or unnecessary medical certification.
- 3.4.6. Schools and public institutions must respect gender identity, including recognition of chosen names and pronouns, access to facilities aligned with gender identity, and protection from bullying, harassment, or forced disclosure.
- 3.4.7. The state must refuse cooperation with out-of-state investigations or penalties targeting lawful gender-affirming and reproductive healthcare provided within the state.
- 3.4.8. Individuals in correctional or detention settings must be housed and treated in accordance with their gender identity and provided medically necessary gender-affirming healthcare and protections from harassment and violence.
- 3.4.9. The state should act to remove barriers to gender affirming care, such as letter requirements and mandatory wait times.

3.5. Education Rights

- 3.5.1. Schools should be a safe space free of bullying and intimidation. Policies should be in place and enforced to protect all students, faculty and staff.
- 3.5.2. Educational institutions must adopt and enforce inclusive nondiscrimination policies protecting transgender and nonbinary students and ensure safe participation in academic programs, extracurricular activities, and athletics consistent with gender identity.
- 3.5.3. The government should provide equitable funding and educational access to all communities, regardless of the tax revenue of each community.
- 3.5.4. The training of teachers must emphasize that learning is connected to culture. Teachers should employ more than just the norms of the dominant culture.
- 3.5.5. A clear, accessible, and timely pathway to both permanent legal residency and full citizenship should be expanded and enhanced for those currently navigating our legal immigration system.

3.6. Immigrant Rights

- 3.6.1. It is dehumanizing to use the term “illegal” or “alien” in reference to any human being.
- 3.6.2. Demand for immediate presentation of documents regarding one’s status in the United States must never be required;
- 3.6.3. For-profit prisons or detention centers used by Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) for the detention of immigrants must be shut down;
- 3.6.4. State and local agencies shall not cooperate with, contract with, or provide resources to Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE). Washington State shall take all legally available steps to prevent ICE operations that violate civil and human rights.
- 3.6.5. Asylum seekers should be allowed to remain in the US while awaiting the processing of their cases;
- 3.6.6. Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) immigrants, as well as non-citizen farmworkers, should be encouraged to participate in local party politics (committees, e-boards, etc.), as a means of having a voice in developing policies that affect them;
- 3.6.7. A clear pathway to residency must be implemented for those who are getting their documents.
- 3.6.8. All immigration detention centers within Washington State must be permanently closed. The detention of individuals for civil immigration purposes is inhumane, unnecessary, and incompatible with due process and human rights.
- 3.6.9. Individuals who are working through the process of obtaining residency or citizenship, should not be subject to arrest when attending hearings or meetings in pursuit of that goal.
- 3.6.10. Congress should adequately fund immigration courts, lawyers and citizenship classes for Immigrants from money already appropriated.
- 3.6.11. Ensure that all individuals within the US regardless of status are entitled to fair legal procedures under the 5th and 14th amendments before being detained or

deported. This includes notices of charges, a hearing before a judge and the right to counsel at their own expense.

- 3.6.12. Any private immigration or customs enforcement facilities, services, or operations should be investigated and prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law where violations occur, including the repayment of any federal, state, or local public funds received.
- 3.6.13. The Washington state congressional delegation shall advocate for the dismantling of US Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) as it stands and advocate for a new, restructured approach to immigration enforcement that relies on equity, compassion, and dignity of all human beings.

3.7. Rural communities

- 3.7.1. Rural communities are essential to the stability, sustainability, and prosperity of our state. People in more densely populated areas rely on rural communities for food, energy, recreation areas, natural resources, and clean water. Rural communities vary, and so do their needs. Solutions that work for more populated areas may not work for them. Their voices must be included during consideration of decisions that affect them.

3.8. Voting Rights

- 3.8.1. Voting is a fundamental civil right essential to a just democracy.
- 3.8.2. All eligible voters must have equal, free, and fair access to voter registration and the ballot.
- 3.8.3. Voter suppression and discrimination in any form must be eliminated.
- 3.8.4. Voting systems must be accessible, inclusive, and secure.
- 3.8.5. Civic participation should be protected and expanded to reflect the will of the people.
- 3.8.6. Mail ballots, as long as they are post-marked by election day, must be counted.
- 3.8.7. The secret ballot is sacred to a true democracy. No voter should ever feel intimidation regarding their vote, whether this is from the presence of military or law enforcement at their voting place or the pressure of non-governmental entities regarding their vote.
- 3.8.8. We support preserving the effective existing vote by mail system in Washington State.
- 3.8.9. No voter shall be removed from voter rolls without ninety days' notice, via their email, US mail, and telephone number contained in their voter registration information, and opportunity to contest such removal.

3.9. Privacy

- 3.9.1. Privacy is a fundamental human and civil right essential to dignity, autonomy, and freedom.
- 3.9.2. Individuals have the right to the protection of their personal data, including their identity, communications, financial, and health data. Such personal data can be collected, processed, and shared only with the express consent of the person

concerned, who will retain an inalienable right to access, rectify, erase, and port their personal data. The Washington State Legislature should enact legislation that will protect these fundamental privacy rights.

- 3.9.3. Gender identity, transgender status, and gender-affirming medical history constitute sensitive personal information and must not be disclosed without informed consent or used to enable discrimination, surveillance, or interstate targeting.
- 3.9.4. Surveillance and data collection must not disproportionately target or harm marginalized communities.
- 3.9.5. Government and corporate use of personal data must be secure, transparent, limited, and accountable to the people, as well as opted-in by the owner of personal identifiable information.
- 3.9.6. Personal information must be protected from misuse, discrimination, exploitation, and coercion.
- 3.9.7. Strong privacy protections are necessary to safeguard free expression, political participation, and personal safety.
- 3.9.8. Surveillance pricing must be prohibited in all its forms, as it violates privacy. Companies that are found to have used surveillance pricing should be fined an amount greater than the profits made from such sales.

3.10. Economic Rights

- 3.10.1. Economic security is a fundamental human right and essential to dignity and opportunity.
- 3.10.2. All people have the right to a living wage, safe working conditions, secure scheduling, and equal pay for equal work.
- 3.10.3. Workers must have the right to organize, bargain collectively, and be protected from exploitation.
- 3.10.4. Access to housing, food, health care, education, and transportation is essential to economic justice.
- 3.10.5. All insurance plans must cover reproductive and gender-affirming healthcare on the same terms as other medically necessary care, without exclusions, discriminatory cost-sharing, or arbitrary limitations.
- 3.10.6. Economic policies must address systemic inequality and close racial, gender, and wealth gaps.
- 3.10.7. Use of public resources and the structure of tax systems must promote equity and shared prosperity.

3.11. Disability Justice

- 3.11.1. Protect civil rights by enforcing strong anti-discrimination laws in housing, employment, education, healthcare, and public services.
- 3.11.2. Ensure accessible government through barrier-free digital services, public meetings, and voting options for all disabled Washingtonians.

- 3.11.3. Expand healthcare and long-term supports so disabled people can access mental health care, reproductive care, gender-affirming care, and home- and community-based services without waitlists or financial barriers.
- 3.11.4. Advance economic justice by eliminating subminimum wages, strengthening workplace protections, and supporting inclusive hiring and accommodations.
- 3.11.5. Increase accessible, affordable housing and support community-based living that prioritizes independence and dignity.
- 3.11.6. Fully fund inclusive education, including teacher and staff training, with equitable special education services, assistive technology, and pathways to higher education and workforce training.
- 3.11.7. Improve transportation access through investments in accessible transit, paratransit, and universal design across the state.
- 3.11.8. Promote safety and crisis response by expanding non-police crisis teams and ensuring emergency planning includes disabled people.
- 3.11.9. Center intersectionality by addressing the unique needs of disabled LGBTQIA2S+ people, disabled immigrants and refugees, and disabled people of color.
- 3.11.10. Elevate disabled leadership by supporting representation in policymaking and establishing a statewide Office of Disability Justice.
- 3.11.11. Neurodivergence, including autism and ADHD, must be explicitly recognized within disability protections, with requirements for sensory accommodations and executive functioning support.

4. Tribal Relations and Sovereignty

Native communities carry forward rich cultures, knowledge systems, traditions, and ways of life. Throughout our nation's history, Native peoples have been subjected to violence, dispossession, forced assimilation, family separation, and the destruction of Tribal governments and institutions. Despite centuries of oppression and attempted erasure, Native peoples remain resilient, rooted, and proud. Today, Native Americans are essential to the social, cultural, political, and economic fabric of Washington State.

Washington State's relationship with inherently sovereign Federally Recognized Tribal Nations (Tribes) must be grounded in respect for Tribal sovereignty and self-governance, honoring the government-to-government relationship, upholding treaty obligations, protecting Tribal homelands and traditional territories, and engaging in regular, meaningful, and robust consultation as envisioned in Governor Ferguson's Executive Order 25-10.

Tribal governments and enterprises are major employers and economic drivers, providing family-wage jobs with benefits, strengthening local and regional economies, and investing in the well-being of communities far beyond Tribal lands.

4.1. Sovereignty, Political Status & Treaty Rights

We respect the inherent sovereignty of Tribes. The State must support the general welfare of Tribes, and honor Treaties, protective Executive Orders, and Agreements between Tribes and the State of Washington establish a binding government-to-government relationship. Honoring these agreements is essential to equity, justice, and healing and reconciliation for Native American peoples.

Federally recognized Tribes and their citizens hold a distinct political status, not a racial or ethnic classification. This status exists outside traditional civil rights frameworks and is well established in federal law and U.S. Supreme Court precedent.

We believe and support:

- 4.1.1. Tribal Nations and their citizens in utilizing Indian preference in their hiring practices.
- 4.1.2. Eliminating the requirement for Tribes and Tribal citizen owned businesses to submit narratives of disadvantage.
- 4.1.3. The right of Tribes to representation and decision-making authority consistent with their sovereign status.
- 4.1.4. Increasing the representation of First Nations people in state leadership, elected office, boards, commissions, and advisory bodies including an automatic delegation seat(s) per tribe to state Democratic conventions.
- 4.1.5. Policies that strengthen Tribal economies by removing barriers, improving access to capital, and respecting Tribal authority over economic development in Indian Country.
- 4.1.6. Protecting Tribal citizens voting rights. Reservations, as geographically contiguous political entities, must be safeguarded from redistricting practices that dilute Tribes political power. Policies and practices that suppress Native voting rights must be eliminated.
- 4.1.7. Tax revenues collected from Tribal Reservation Lands should be spent in consultation with the Tribes.
- 4.1.8. We support the restoration of federal recognition to the Duwamish Tribe, which was repealed by the administration of George W. Bush in 2001.

4.2. Environmental Stewardship & Natural Resources

We believe in environmental stewardship grounded in Tribal culture, value and sovereignty. Environmental and sustainability policies must require meaningful consultation and negotiations with Tribes and secure free, prior, and informed consent during the development of studies, execution of project proposals and contracts, permitting, construction, extraction, excavation; utility installations including, but not limited to, pumped hydro storage, or renewable energy systems, and fossil fuel or nuclear development on or near Tribal lands and affecting Tribal citizens.

- 4.2.1. We strongly oppose actions and projects that threaten Tribal rights to land or resources.
- 4.2.2. We support and affirm Tribal authority to manage natural and cultural resources, including co-management with the State; of natural resources, protection of salmon, fish, and shellfish.
- 4.2.3. We support upholding treaty-protected rights to hunt, fish, and gather.
- 4.2.4. We affirm that no large-scale energy or industrial project shall proceed without meaningful consultation and the free, prior, and informed consent of affected Tribal Nations, particularly regarding impacts on treaty-protected water rights and salmon recovery.

4.3. Public Safety & Justice

We believe in truth, reconciliation, and reparations. The state participated and benefited from the removal of Native children from their families, the destruction of Native families and the incarceration of Native people. Some Urban Indians have been systematically disenfranchised from the Federal trust responsibility and support, and must not remain invisible to local, state and federal governments.

We support:

- 4.3.1. Creating a Truth and Reconciliation Commission and reparative policies to address the multigenerational economic, cultural, and social harm caused by colonization, genocide, forced assimilation, boarding schools, and the theft of Indigenous lands—harms perpetuated and upheld by the United States and supported by state systems. Native people experience disproportionate rates of violence and are often denied justice due to jurisdictional barriers. We believe Native people have the right to safety and justice.
- 4.3.2. Full Tribal criminal jurisdiction over non-Native perpetrators of violence against Native victims, including a complete legislative fix to the *Oliphant decision*.
- 4.3.3. Cross-jurisdictional collaboration between Tribal and state law enforcement grounded in mutual respect, cross jurisdictional agreements, and training for all law enforcement agencies on Indian law and policy, and Tribal history.
- 4.3.4. Full faith and credit for Tribal court orders (civil and criminal), warrants, and protection orders.
- 4.3.5. Funding and support of the MMIW/P task force and other efforts established by the State Attorney General. The crisis of Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and People (MMIW/P) is a human health and safety emergency requiring immediate and sustained action. Washington State must fully fund the MMIW/P Task Force, ensure accountability for law enforcement failures, and dismantle stereotypes and systemic biases that fuel violence against Indigenous peoples.
- 4.3.6. Tribal eligibility for public safety and justice funding without exclusion or barriers.

- 4.3.7. The recognition and respect of tribal sovereignty by affirming that tribal nations have primary authority to govern and administer justice in their own territories, subject only to limits imposed by federal law.

4.4. Youth, Family & Culture

We believe Native children belong with their families, cultures, and Tribes. Washington State has a direct responsibility stemming from its role in boarding schools and child removal systems that led to the Indian Child Welfare Act. The State must ensure full implementation and judicial training on ICWA and the Washington ICWA, protecting Native children's identities, families, and homelands.

We Support:

- 4.4.1. The State's work to make programs and benefits accessible in Indian Country and protect the health, education, safety, and welfare of Native women, children, and families, including 2S/LGBTQIA+ Native people.
- 4.4.2. Protecting sacred, cultural, and burial sites.
- 4.4.3. Healing for boarding school survivors and their descendants, acknowledging that the State benefited from forced Native child labor and the intentional destruction of Native families.
- 4.4.4. The funding of Tribal language and culture programs to promote the wellness of Native people.

4.5. Education & Cultural Continuity

We believe in Tribal education and self-determination at all levels. Native families, elders, and communities must be central to their educational decision-making.

We support:

- 4.5.1. Tuition-free college access for Tribal citizens.
- 4.5.2. Funding for Tribal Colleges and Universities in Washington
- 4.5.3. Funding for the continued Tribal education of school boards and administration.
- 4.5.4. Funding for the continued integration of the Since Time Immemorial curriculum into public schools
- 4.5.5. Accurate teaching of Washington State history inclusive of all State and federally recognized Tribes
- 4.5.6. Reduced dropout rates, workforce training, and housing for Native students
- 4.5.7. Support Indian Education programs where federal funding is insufficient.
- 4.5.8. Uphold culturally-grounded curricula and community-driven education models.
- 4.5.9. Funding and education to support Tribal-led technical and digital literacy initiatives, including access to technology, broadband, digital skills training, and culturally grounded instruction designed to meet the needs of Tribal youth, adults, and elders.

- 4.5.10. Funding to provide resources for Native Elders to train and educate Native youth, including urban native youth, in their Tribal identity, history, language, and cultural resiliency.

We Oppose:

- 4.5.10.1. Continuing to treat Urban Natives as invisible due to forced assimilation by the government through prior discriminatory Acts of Congress and racist policies throughout U.S. history.

4.6. Health, Healing & Wellness

We believe health must be addressed holistically—mental, physical, spiritual, and cultural.

We support:

- 4.6.1. Strengthening partnerships with Tribal and Urban Indian health centers and organizations
- 4.6.2. Expanded behavioral and mental health services for all Tribal Citizens
- 4.6.3. Healing for Native communities as survivors of intergenerational trauma through culturally grounded and community-led efforts.
- 4.6.4. Recognizing and supporting traditional Native healing practices, including providing financial support and Medicaid reimbursement for services delivered by traditional healers.
- 4.6.5. Expanding trauma treatment models that are culturally appropriate and evidence-based, drawing from successful international and Indigenous frameworks (including wraparound service models).
- 4.6.6. Integrated, community-based health systems that address housing, substance use, mental and behavior health, and family stability together for Native people.
- 4.6.7. Outreach and education for Tribal citizens who are veterans so they can better understand available VA health care benefits, eligibility, and how those services may coordinate with Tribal health systems and other local providers.
- 4.6.8. Increased funding and access to culturally-responsive substance use prevention, treatment, harm reduction, and recovery services for Native people, including mental and behavior health care, crisis response and community-based care and long-term recovery support.
- 4.6.9. Sustained, accessible funding and education for suicide prevention in Tribal communities, directed in partnership with Tribal governments and Tribal health organizations. This support should honor Tribal sovereignty and prioritize culturally responsive, community-based prevention, early intervention, youth outreach, crisis services, and public education that reflects the needs, traditions, and strengths of each Tribal nation.

5. **Housing**

Housing is a fundamental human right. In a state and nation as wealthy as ours, allowing people to live unsheltered is unconscionable. Washington must guarantee safe, stable, permanent affordable housing for all people in our state. No one should be forced to live without shelter. Housing is dignity, stability, and the foundation of a just society.

- 5.1. Enact policies that support women—especially single mothers, survivors of domestic violence, women of color, and transgender women—are disproportionately impacted by housing instability, homelessness, and rising housing costs.
- 5.2. Ensure housing policy is coordinated with human services systems to ensure survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault have access to safe shelter, legal protections, and clear pathways to permanent housing and economic independence.
- 5.3. Support policies that expand access to safe, affordable housing, strengthen tenant protections, and provide targeted support for survivors and families to achieve long-term housing stability.
- 5.4. Policies must also address the unique challenges facing rural and less densely populated communities. The focus should be on expanding financing, investing in infrastructure expansion and targeting workforce housing incentives. Including reducing regulatory barriers, streamlining permitting, and minimizing or eliminating fees that disproportionately limit working-class housing opportunities.

We call for the following:

5.5. **Housing**

- 5.5.1. We need to build energy efficient, low-income and affordable housing, with sustainable local community infrastructure. Doing so can put our people to work eliminating pollution, protecting clean water, and building healthier communities.
- 5.5.2. We commit to ending the housing crisis by dramatically expanding, and investing in, social, public, nonprofit, and permanently affordable housing.
- 5.5.3. All jurisdictions should be encouraged to develop public properties to create long term, sustainably-built, union-constructed, low-income housing. Ensure new housing developments contain X% of moderate-income housing, and support the development of community land trusts for moderate income housing.
- 5.5.4. Enact strong rent stabilization and tenant protections for landlords with 5 or more units, particularly including private equity and foreign investors.
- 5.5.5. End housing speculation by private equity, corporate landlords, and foreign investors on residential real estate.
- 5.5.6. Ban and prosecute predatory lending and appraisal practices.
- 5.5.7. Eliminate exclusionary zoning and discriminatory land-use policies, while cutting arbitrary regulatory barriers that delay affordable housing development.
- 5.5.8. Streamline permitting for all forms of housing.
- 5.5.9. Streamline funding for nonprofits with proven records of delivering truly affordable, permanent homes.

- 5.5.10. Fund innovative, sustainable construction research and designs, including timber framing and passive homes.
- 5.5.11. Promote dense, mixed-use, transit-oriented communities.
- 5.5.12. Promote high labor standards and incentivize union labor; for example, by requiring projects to pay a prevailing wage, especially on publicly funded projects and partially subsidized projects such as Multifamily Tax Exemption (MFTE) Programs.
- 5.5.13. Support for Owner Builders and self-help housing as a strategy to help address the need for affordably priced middle-market and in-fill housing.
- 5.5.14. Promote energy efficient, climate-resilient building materials and technologies, including recycled natural building materials (i.e. cobb, straw bale, etc.) heat pumps, LED lighting, home backup batteries, and solar panels.
- 5.5.15. Promote upzoning and increased density to build more housing without increasing sprawl.
- 5.5.16. Promote legislation that prevents and reduces evictions through a variety of approaches as a strategy to reduce homelessness
 - 5.5.16.1. Guarantee a statewide right to counsel for tenants facing eviction.
 - 5.5.16.2. Strengthen enforcement of fair housing laws, including protections against discrimination based on race, gender, family status, disability, or source of income.
 - 5.5.16.3. Create a statewide eviction diversion program that requires mediation and rental assistance before an eviction can proceed.
- 5.5.17. Promote first time home buyer programs and opportunities as well as expand the Covenant Homeownership Program.
- 5.5.18. Reform condominium liability laws and stabilize the insurance market to lower development costs, creating a clear path to homeownership for first-time buyers and affordable options for seniors downsizing.
 - 5.5.18.1. Expand aging-in-place programs, including home modifications, property tax relief, and caregiver support.
 - 5.5.18.2. Increase rental assistance and housing stabilization services for low-income seniors.
- 5.5.19. Promote legislation providing people sharing their homes with lodgers with an expedited court process for ending the arrangement.

5.6. Homelessness

Homelessness is a collective failure of society and a governmental policy choice.

We will:

- 5.6.1. Prohibit and overturn laws that punish people for being poor or unhoused.
- 5.6.2. Fully embrace Housing First, paired with behavioral health, substance-use, and disability services.
- 5.6.3. Rapidly expand permanent supportive housing statewide, with strong incentives for local participation.

- 5.6.4. Invest in rapid rehousing programs to disrupt cycles of trauma than contribute to substance use and chronic homelessness.
- 5.6.5. Rapidly construct and expand transitional housing, which is a vital step towards long term solutions.
- 5.6.6. Rapidly expand construction of shelters in all communities, especially near support services and employment opportunities.
- 5.6.7. Prioritize youth and teen homelessness prevention, recognizing the unique risks faced by LGBTQIA2S+ youth, foster youth, and undocumented youth, and including them as lived-experience contributors to the creation of policy and implementation of solutions.
- 5.6.8. Reduce barriers that prohibit access to shelter for people with pets.
- 5.6.9. Treat the people in our communities who do not have access to shelter as our friends and neighbors, not as a problem to be solved. They need to be included as lived-experience contributors to the creation of policy and implementation of solutions.
- 5.6.10. Behavioral Health & Supportive Housing
 - 5.6.10.1. Expand permanent supportive housing with wraparound services for individuals with behavioral health needs.
 - 5.6.10.2. Increase funding for mental health and substance use treatment, including low-barrier, community-based care.
 - 5.6.10.3. Integrate housing with healthcare, ensuring Medicaid and state programs fund supportive services that keep people stably housed.

6. Healthcare

Healthcare is a fundamental human right and should be accessible, affordable, and comprehensive. Ensuring healthcare, including mental health care, as a basic right promotes health equity, social justice, and human dignity. Health care should be made more affordable and accessible for everyone by creating more competition, transparency, and accountability across sectors.

Healthcare decisions between a patient and medical provider should protect patient autonomy and be free of restrictions imposed by religiously-based mandates.

6.1. Public Healthcare and Access

- 6.1.1. All patients will have access to End of Life choices that are legally available without prejudice or denial of care based on religious directives.
- 6.1.2. An affordable universal, single-payer system is essential for delivering equitable and effective health care that meets both individual and public health needs.
- 6.1.3. All Washington residents must have easy access to comprehensive health care that is culturally and linguistically competent, financially and physically accessible, and not subject to faith-based restrictions.

- 6.1.4. Sustainable public health infrastructures are crucial and should include health promotion, community education, and disease prevention. This should include medical recommendations, including vaccine guidelines, based on researched-based and peer-reviewed science and not on personal or religious beliefs.
- 6.1.5. Health care systems and treatments should not deny or restrict access to comprehensive care or prioritize care based on racial or ethnic identity, marital status, age, intellectual, mental or physical disability, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, religious beliefs, socioeconomic status, immigration/residency status, or ability to pay.
- 6.1.6. Healthcare services should be publicly owned and operated, including preventing Veteran's Affairs Hospitals from being privatized.
- 6.1.7. Public investment in healthcare facilities in rural and underserved areas should be a priority, especially when facilities are in danger of closing or suitable for re-opening.
- 6.1.8. The state should get right of first refusal when distressed hospitals sell their assets.
- 6.1.9. Washington state residents are best served by healthcare and behavioral health professionals who either come from or build strong connections with the communities they serve. Adequate funding, education grants, student-loan forgiveness programs should be provided for the recruitment, education, training and retention of qualified professionals, particularly those working with the underserved populations and areas. Slots for additional students should be added at our in-state medical schools in support of this goal.
- 6.1.10. Investment in healthcare facilities by private equity should be restricted, and leveraged buyouts should be prohibited.
- 6.1.11. To bring more qualified medical professionals to Washington State, funding must be directed toward expanding residency programs and alleviating the administrative burden for the hospitals and clinics that host them.
- 6.1.12. Women's health must be treated as comprehensive and essential across their lifespan. This includes access to reproductive healthcare, prenatal and postpartum care, mental health services, gender affirming care, and care addressing conditions that disproportionately or uniquely impact women. We must also prioritize research funding that investigates how general health conditions manifest differently across biological sex, ensuring that medical standards of care are based on female-specific data rather than extrapolated from male-centric studies. We must address the maternal mortality crisis—particularly among Black and Indigenous women—by expanding culturally competent care, community-based providers, and full postpartum coverage.
- 6.1.13. There should be no interference from any governmental, ideological or religious entity in pursuing reproductive rights and healthcare, including a right to have an abortion and/or assist in obtaining an abortion (including access to medication abortions), sexual health, and gender-affirming care and treatment. All should be protected by state and federal legislation.

- 6.1.14. Teens have autonomy and agency over the decision to have an abortion, therefore, parental notification or consent laws for minors seeking an abortion should be opposed. This autonomy and right to privacy also applies to birth control.
- 6.1.15. Healthcare and behavioral health should be fully funded and made available and inspected in carceral settings, juvenile rehabilitation settings, private detention centers.
- 6.1.16. To reduce chronic disease in marginalized communities, we must enact legislation to eliminate food insecurity by ensuring access to affordable, nutritious food.
- 6.1.17. All Washingtonians should have access to culturally competent and affirming services for transgender, nonbinary, and gender-diverse children, youth, adults, and their families.

6.2. Health Insurance and Corporations

- 6.2.1. Decisions about treatments and medications should be determined between the medical provider and patient.
- 6.2.2. Healthcare insurance systems should be predominantly non-profit.
- 6.2.3. Drug and medical services pricing should be transparent and readily available. The state should maintain a marketplace for people to see this information before making their decisions
- 6.2.4. All healthcare mergers, acquisitions, and consolidations should be highly regulated to ensure continued access to comprehensive health care, including reproductive, LGBTQIA2S+ and end of life care, and prevent any negative impact on marginalized or rural communities. Access to Healthcare should be fair and equitable.
- 6.2.5. Medical malpractice insurance should not be allowed to use gender affirming care as a reason to deny coverage or charge higher rates.
- 6.2.6. We support continued, adequate funding for the department of Veteran's Affairs, including mental health and suicide prevention treatment, as it pertains to Veteran's Hospitals in Washington State.
- 6.2.7. Healthcare should not be managed by insurance companies or benefit providers. The verticalization of corporations in healthcare where the insurance company owns the pharmacy manager, some clinic practices, drug contracts, etc., should be forbidden.
 - 6.2.7.1. Insurance companies must be held liable for practicing medicine without a license whenever "benefit determinations" override the clinical judgment of the treating physician regarding either treatment plans or prescription needs. Under this standard, doctors employed by insurers should be legally classified as corporate administrators, as their role is fiscal rather than clinical. Their remote oversight is no substitute for the enduring therapeutic partnership of a primary physician, whose longitudinal understanding of a patient's history and real-time health

status provides a level of diagnostic nuance that an administrative review simply cannot replicate.

- 6.2.8. Hospitals and clinics should be publicly owned and operated.

6.3. Healthcare Workers and Providers

- 6.3.1. Advanced practice providers should be able to practice and prescribe to the full scope of their training. This will increase access to care for our communities.
- 6.3.2. Health care and decisions for a person shall be managed by that individual and chosen healthcare provider. Individuals shall have autonomy over their body and treatment decisions.
- 6.3.3. Workers that are exposed to chemicals or other substances that increase the risk of cancer, cardiac, or other workplace diseases (such as firefighters exposed to carcinogenic substances) should have any diagnoses considered presumptive occupational diseases.
- 6.3.4. The home health and long-term care workforce should be stabilized by investing in targeted training, credentialing, and career pathways for home health aides and direct care workers.
 - 6.3.4.1. Family members serving as home healthcare providers should be fully compensated as a professional home healthcare provider for their services and provided regular respite services.
 - 6.3.4.2. As in Europe and Canada, medical students and nursing students should be offered subsidized medical and nursing school opportunities. In order to have robust health care offerings, we need enough doctors and nurses to provide those services.
- 6.3.5. We call for evidence based practices that are supported by peer reviewed science.

6.4. Regulations

- 6.4.1. The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services must have expanded powers by law to negotiate prices for medical devices and drugs.
- 6.4.2. We expect our lawmakers to protect the Medicaid expansion and Medicare funding to ensure access to care.
- 6.4.3. The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and National Institutes of Health (NIH) should operate autonomously with expanded funding, free from politically motivated limitations.
- 6.4.4. The State of Washington should draft and implement a provider-based framework for the administration and use of psychedelic compounds for improving one's physical or psychological well-being.
- 6.4.5. Generative AI should be banned from providing care to, or diagnosing, patients.
- 6.4.6. In the absence of adequate federal guidance, Washington State should devise and implement supplementary systems to bodies such as the NIH and CDC.

7. Human Services

Human services are an essential component of meeting basic human needs and improving quality of life. Social services must be integrated in ways that are culturally, linguistically, financially, and physically accessible. These services should be free of faith-based requirements and tailored to the needs of each individual, ensuring that every community member can access support without barriers or discrimination.

7.1. Family and Child Services

- 7.1.1. Support for families should include affirming mental health resources and education. Adequate funding is needed to provide preventive services, early intervention and crisis care for behavioral and mental health issues including ongoing counseling, residential programs and community reintegration services.
- 7.1.2. The state must provide robust care for all foster children. Adequate resources and assistance must be available for foster parents and caregivers in order to recruit and retain high quality individuals to serve in that capacity. Furthermore, we must ensure that these services are extended to individuals in the foster care system until they reach the age of 26. Housing assistance should be provided for youth enrolled in extended foster care.
- 7.1.3. Children of low-income families need adequate public assistance including but not limited to:
 - 7.1.3.1. The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP); that includes annual cost of living adjustments and eliminates punitive requirements that result in the reduction of benefits and perpetuates food insecurity.
 - 7.1.3.2. The Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP);
 - 7.1.3.3. Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC);
 - 7.1.3.4. Free and reduced-fee breakfast and lunch in K-12 schools, including meal services during the summer and other school breaks, to address food insecurity among our youth;
 - 7.1.3.5. The creation of a families with children basic income pilot;
 - 7.1.3.6. Expanded access to early childhood education and assistance programs for military families;
- 7.1.4. Subsidized, licensed daycare must be provided to working families, especially in rural areas where the lack of daycare limits workforce participation, economic growth, and family stability.
- 7.1.5. We support expanding access to high-quality, nonstandard-hours child care to meet the needs of workers whose schedules fall outside traditional business hours, including construction workers, firefighters, medical providers, and other essential workforce populations.
- 7.1.6. Protecting the child/parent bond is important. Every reasonable effort to keep families united should be made. However, there are cases where separation is necessary for the safety of child or parent.

- 7.1.7. A second removal from an unsafe and or abusive parent or caregiver should result in greater consideration for parental rights termination and permanent placement in a safe and permanent living situation.

7.2. Benefits Access

- 7.2.1. Washington should ensure that young adults aging out of foster care can access meaningful housing assistance without having to leave the foster care system. Housing costs should be capped at rate there by helping provide the stability and support necessary for a successful transition into adulthood.
- 7.2.2. Measures to ensure the long-term sustainability of our earned benefit safety-net programs – Social Security and Medicare – are crucial. Our elders have a basic right to health, comfort, dignity, respect, and a vibrant life.
- 7.2.3. 7.2.2. All people should have equal access to healthy, affordable, and culturally-appropriate foods and nobody should suffer from starvation, malnutrition, or hunger without relief or recourse.
- 7.2.4. Expand support for elder care so that families can afford to work and age with dignity and peace of mind. This would include better regulation of the senior care industry such as preventing consolidation and ownership by wealth management firms that artificially inflate prices for profit.
- 7.2.5. Registered apprentices, earning partial wages from on the job training, should not be penalized for earnings in training programs by losing support from essential programs like TANF and SNAP, for the first two years of their apprenticeship. Such support is necessary as apprentices receive no wages for classroom instruction. Other post secondary students are permitted to receive public assistance.
- 7.2.6. Medicaid benefits should adequately cover home, private adult family homes, and community-based as well as facility-based care services without impoverishing working families.
- 7.2.7. Additionally, Medicaid services must be accessible across state lines, especially for those who live near state borders, requiring specialized care only available out of state or while traveling domestically.

7.3. Domestic Safety and Economic Security

- 7.3.1. Domestic Violence is a major cause of our social problems. People must be able to live free from violence and economic instability. We support strengthening protections against domestic violence, sexual assault, and harassment; expanding access to survivor-centered services including housing, legal aid, and healthcare; and investing in prevention and community-based safety strategies.
- 7.3.2. We support investments in the care economy, including affordable childcare, paid family and medical leave, and support for family caregivers, ensuring people are not forced to choose between economic security and caregiving responsibilities.

7.4. Disability Access

- 7.4.1. All schools should provide proper counseling support, testing accommodations, and equal access to extracurricular opportunities for students with all disabilities, including but not limited to mental and developmental disabilities.
- 7.4.2. All people should have access to wheelchair modifications, including ramps, elevators, and accommodated housing options.
- 7.4.3. All employees should receive tailored accommodations in the workplace, including flexible scheduling, quiet work environments, and adaptable leave options for therapy or health-related needs.

8. Education & Pathways to Opportunity

The backbone of our democracy is a free, universal public-school system designed to develop lifelong learners who are critical thinkers, innovative problem solvers, and engaged citizens, prepared to participate in our civic society. Our responsibility to every child is to provide a high-quality public school system that prepares graduates to meet new challenges in society and in a changing workforce. Washington's founders enshrined public education as the cornerstone of civic life. Upholding that vision means ensuring every learner, from early childhood through higher education, professional development, and senior engagement, has the opportunity to succeed. Our commitment to education defines who we are as Washingtonians: innovative, compassionate, and united in purpose. A great public education system is not only how we prepare children for their future, but how we secure the future of our democracy.

We call for the following:

- 8.1. Public education is the great equalizer and the foundation of our democracy and our future. Fully funded public education for every student is the paramount duty of the State of Washington as declared in Article IX of our Constitution. The State of Washington must uphold its constitutional obligation to adequately, equitably and sustainably fund public education across all districts, ensuring equitable opportunities for every learner in every community.
- 8.2. We advocate for affordable, high-quality childcare and early learning education to prepare children to succeed and strengthen our communities.
- 8.3. Education should prepare students to think critically, engage civically, and adapt in a diverse, connected, and rapidly changing world.
 - 8.3.1. Democracy is strengthened when young people are actively engaged in civic life and leadership development. Washington must expand opportunities for civic education, youth participation in public decision-making, leadership development, and pathways into public service. Barriers to participation in civic and public processes, including advisory boards, commissions, and community leadership opportunities, should be reduced to ensure young people from all backgrounds are able to meaningfully engage in civic life.

- 8.4.** Every student deserves safe, inclusive, and affirming schools that celebrate individuality, foster belonging, and nurture each child's potential. We promote the recruitment and retention of a workforce that reflects the diversity of our students.
- 8.5.** We will ensure all public schools be fully and equitably funded by the state ensuring all students have access to highly trained educators and support staff as well as innovative and inclusive learning environments.
- 8.6.** We uphold that public funds support public schools. Efforts to privatize or divert resources from our shared system undermine equality and democracy.
 - 8.6.1.** Public education funding should prioritize transparent, accountable, and democratically governed public schools that are accessible to all students.
 - 8.6.2.** Public dollars allocated for education must be used to strengthen neighborhood public schools and should not be diverted to unaccountable privatization efforts that reduce educational equity, transparency, labor protections, or public oversight.
- 8.7.** We promote educators from childcare through higher education - including all teachers, counselors, school nurses, and all support staff - deserve respect, fair pay, and the resources to help every student thrive. We support their collective bargaining rights so that these employees may negotiate for fair compensation and work conditions.
 - 8.7.1.** Washington State must address ongoing educator and school staff shortages by supporting competitive compensation, sustainable workloads, protected planning and collaboration time, mentorship opportunities, and professional respect for all public education employees.
 - 8.7.2.** Strong public schools depend on the recruitment and retention of qualified educators and support staff. The State should invest in workforce development pathways, educator preparation programs, and retention strategies that help schools maintain stable, experienced, and diverse staff reflective of the communities they serve.
- 8.8.** We assert Washington State funded grants and scholarships for colleges, universities, or trade schools should be applied equitably to all students and institutions, regardless of which accredited college, university, or trade school the student attends.
- 8.9.** We champion equitable and sustainable funding solutions to increase students' access to higher education and reduce reliance on high-interest loans that place an undue financial burden on students and families.
- 8.10.** Reverse the deleterious effects of the Pell memo on our higher education system.
- 8.11.** Higher education and workforce development are essential pathways to shared prosperity and innovation. Every person should have access to affordable, high-quality college, trade, and technical education without the burden of crushing debt.
 - 8.11.1.** Workforce development programs should prioritize partnerships between labor, employers, and public institutions to ensure real job placement and long-term career growth.
 - 8.11.2.** We support expanding proven models that lift families out of poverty with dignity by combining education, career coaching, and wraparound support to help every worker achieve a living-wage career.

- 8.11.3. We support the transition to tuition-free career and technical colleges (CTCs) within Washington state.
- 8.12.** We support state-registered apprenticeships, school-to-work partnerships, and lifelong learning programs that empower people to gain skills, advance careers, and strengthen local economies.
 - 8.12.1. We affirm that state-registered apprenticeship is a high-quality postsecondary education pathway that provides rigorous classroom instruction, hands-on training, and a debt-free route to family-wage careers. Apprentices should be recognized, supported, and funded alongside other postsecondary students.
 - 8.12.2. We support a significant expansion of worker training and apprenticeship programs in partnership with labor unions, technical and community colleges, and K-12 schools, with dedicated programs for green industrial and construction job creation, training, and placement linked to public investments in clean energy infrastructure to build a new economy based on clean energy.
 - 8.12.3. We support maintaining Washington's strong apprenticeship, labor, and safety standards and oppose the adoption of lower federal standards that undermine training quality, worker protections, or program accountability. Public investments must reinforce—not weaken—Washington's nationally recognized apprenticeship system.
- 8.13.** We affirm the rights of students with disabilities to receive the individualized support, inclusion, and resources they need to learn and thrive in every classroom.
 - 8.13.1. Washington State must fully fund special education services and meet its obligations under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), ensuring that students with disabilities receive timely evaluations, individualized services, inclusive learning opportunities, and access to appropriately trained staff and resources regardless of ZIP code or local levy capacity.
 - 8.13.2. Public schools must be adequately staffed and supported to meet the academic, behavioral, social, emotional, communication, and accessibility needs of students receiving special education services, while reducing excessive administrative burdens that interfere with direct student support."
- 8.14.** School psychologists are critical to supporting school safety. Students should have adequate access to school psychologists and other school-employed mental health providers.
- 8.15.** Without diminishing the importance of police as first responders to emergency situations and in safety roles that include school crisis and preparedness planning, we do not believe police should be involved in school discipline.
- 8.16.** Schools must implement trauma-informed and neurodivergent-affirming practices, including adequate behavioral support, and prioritize those practices over punitive discipline.
- 8.17.** We promote balanced and equitable approaches based on established best practices to statewide student assessment that minimize disruption to learning and better support the emotional and mental well-being of both students and educators, rather than relying on traditional standardized state testing. K-12 instruction should be focused on standards-based instruction, grading and assessment.

- 8.18.** To remain a global leader in education, we advocate for evidence-based, research-informed teaching practices that are inspired by innovation, flexibility, and alignment with high-quality educational approaches in every level of schooling.
- 8.19.** Schools should teach the history of marginalized communities, emphasizing teaching how to live in a pluralistic society and the harms of bigotry and hate.
- 8.20.** K-12 education should include age-appropriate instruction on the causes, mechanisms, and warning signs of genocide, such as propaganda, dehumanization, and attacks on democratic institutions, through the study of genocides such as those committed against Indigenous peoples of the Americas, the Holocaust, and other genocides, including ongoing genocides under investigation by the international criminal court; and ensure that all genocides are taught equally. Selective genocide education undermines the purpose of prevention by prioritizing some victims while marginalizing others.
- 8.21.** We oppose censorship, and strongly support libraries, and a fully funded library staff. Students should be given access to libraries and staff that provide guidance on using the tools libraries provide.
- 8.22.** K-12, public education curriculum should be comprehensive and robust--include language arts, foreign languages, science, mathematics, the arts (music, art, performance), financial literacy, civics, history based on facts that honestly explain events, including Indigenous peoples, immigration, slavery, LGBTQ+ persecution, and the Japanese Internment.
- 8.23.** Course work should also include age-appropriate health and sex education, and conflict resolution/social skills that prepare students to live in a pluralistic society. Conflict is a part of everyday life, and learning how to constructively deal with conflict is a learned skill—necessary for reducing violence in our society.
- 8.24.** Schools should implement comprehensive, developmentally appropriate violence-prevention strategies that address misogyny, gender-based harassment, sexual violence, online radicalization, bullying, and coercive control before behaviors escalate. Prevention efforts should include staff training, school climate assessment, restorative and accountability-based interventions, and partnerships with families and community organizations.
- 8.25.** Technology is a part of everyday life. It is imperative that students be taught how to constructively use current modes, as well as the pitfalls of misusing technology. This is imperative in supporting critical thinking skills in technologically filled society.
 - 8.25.1.** Students should be equipped with digital literacy, media literacy, and critical thinking skills necessary to responsibly evaluate online information, participate in civic life, and navigate an increasingly digital society.
 - 8.25.2.** Schools should support age-appropriate instruction on the ethical and responsible use of artificial intelligence and emerging technologies, including privacy, bias, academic integrity, and the societal impacts of automated systems.
- 8.26.** Teaching styles should be diverse to reflect various learning abilities.
- 8.27.** Public education should be secular, and evidence based.
- 8.28.** Equitable pay for adjunct community college professors.
- 8.29.** We support state funding for public libraries.

- 8.30. We will uphold students' right to their healthcare data being protected from disclosure, including counseling and other medical records, by school staff or educators.
- 8.31. We will uphold students' right to play sports without having any examinations of their genitals to determine their gender as a requirement for participation.
- 8.32. Public schools should ensure military recruitment is voluntary and free from undue pressure.
- 8.33. The use of generative AI in the creation of curriculums or lessons should be banned
- 8.34. Schools should provide diverse and inclusive education on the topic of gender identity and expression.
- 8.35. Free school food programs including breakfast and lunch should be available for all students.

9. Labor

We believe that all workers deserve the freedom to organize, collectively bargain, and advocate for fair treatment without fear of retaliation. Washington's prosperity depends on workers who have access to living wages, job security, safe and healthy workplaces, retirement security, affordable and high-quality child care, equal access to job opportunities, and equal pay for equal work.

We support strong workplace standards, enforcement of protections for whistle-blowers and workplace organizers, and efforts to advance workforce diversity and inclusion. We affirm the importance of union hiring, organizing rights, and maintaining state apprenticeship standards, and we support reasonable accommodations that ensure all workers can fully participate in the workforce. We further support non-represented workers, workers navigating technological and economic change, opportunities for workforce development and life-long learning, and policies that meet workers' basic needs. We honor the service of military members, veterans, and military families and support policies that strengthen their economic security and workplace protections.

As technology transforms our economy, our commitment to the dignity of work remains a cornerstone of our identity. Just as Washington led the nation in securing the eight-hour workday and collective bargaining rights, we must now ensure that artificial intelligence is a tool for shared prosperity rather than a mechanism for intensified surveillance, wage suppression, or an erosion of worker autonomy. We believe that workers must have a voice in the deployment of systems that affect their livelihoods and that no automated system should replace human judgment in critical workplace decisions.

9.1. Workers' Right to Organize and Collectively Bargain

- 9.1.1. We affirm the fundamental right of workers to form, join, and participate in unions free from intimidation or retaliation.
- 9.1.2. We oppose any right-to-work legislation or efforts to erode worker protections and rights in Washington.

- 9.1.3. We will fight to uphold and expand protections for striking workers.
- 9.1.4. We will fight for workforce populations that are underrepresented in organized labor to have equal access to union representation, especially where systemic barriers prevent their ability to organize.
- 9.1.5. We support Washington's prevailing wage laws, which establish the minimum wage for construction workers on public projects and include both hourly pay and the full benefits package. Prevailing wages ensure fair compensation, uphold industry standards, and prevent the undercutting of workers and responsible contractors. We believe that farmworkers should have the right to collectively bargain and support legal protections that would allow them to do so.
- 9.1.6. We affirm the right of all workers, including public employees, to strike.

9.2. Workplace Standards

- 9.2.1. All workers have the right to respect in the workplace and employees should be provided with safe, healthy and respectful, harassment-free workplaces.
- 9.2.2. We support the eight-hour workday and the forty-hour work week as foundational labor standards. These protections ensure predictable schedules, safeguard employee well-being, and promote a healthy balance between work and life. We believe fair overtime practices are essential—overtime should be voluntary whenever possible, compensated appropriately, and managed in a way that prevents burnout and protects workers' long-term health. Stable, reasonable work hours combined with fair overtime strengthen organizations, improve performance, and create environments where people can contribute sustainably and thrive.
- 9.2.3. We oppose part-time work when it is an employer strategy to avoid paying worker benefits.
- 9.2.4. Support for workplace violence prevention legislation, and adherence by employers, will be instituted to protect all workers.
- 9.2.5. Ensure all projects receiving public funds-whether through grants, loans, tax incentives, or blended financing-be governed by a Project Labor Agreement (PLA) to ensure consistent, enforceable labor standards across the entire project.
- 9.2.6. Paid time off of at least 4 weeks per calendar year should be required.
- 9.2.7. Worker co-operatives, being better for the workers and stability of the company, should be encouraged and promoted.
- 9.2.8. We support a shorter work week with no cut to compensation.
- 9.2.9. Workers who show up for a scheduled shift should be compensated if the shift is cancelled or shortened.

9.3. Supporting Non-Represented Workers

- 9.3.1. We advocate for the elimination of "at-will employment" as the default standard for a worker's job. We affirm that Workers' rights include access to due process, good-faith notices, and constructive employer-employee engagement that provides meaningful job security. We support requirements for good-faith notice and constructive engagement between employers and employees regarding

disciplinary actions. We further recognize that disciplinary measures should only be imposed when supported by just cause.

9.3.2. We should remove the exemption of hand-harvester agricultural workers from overtime pay and minimum wage requirements.

9.3.3. In-home caregivers deserve training and adequate compensation with a pay differential to reward caregivers willing to care for individuals with more complex or extensive needs and those willing to work evenings, nights, and weekends;

9.4. Supporting & Resourcing Workers Through Technological & Economic Change

9.4.1. We advocate for clear, worker-centered policies governing AI and other emerging technologies to ensure they are implemented responsibly and transparently. Workers must be protected from displacement, surveillance, and unsafe workloads, and they must have a voice in how new tools are introduced. Technology should enhance jobs, not undermine rights, wages, or dignity. Strong standards, oversight, and accountability are essential to ensure innovation benefits workers and the communities they serve.

9.4.2. We support a comprehensive workforce-development strategy that prepares Washington workers for long-term, high-quality careers in a clean-energy economy, ensuring that public investments in infrastructure strengthen local communities, expand economic opportunity, and uphold strong labor standards.

9.4.2.1. We call for a significant expansion of worker training and apprenticeship programs in partnership with labor unions, technical and community colleges, and K-12 schools, with dedicated programs for green industrial and construction job creation, training, and placement linked to public investments in clean energy infrastructure to build a new economy.

9.4.3. Public dollars should strengthen Washington's workforce and communities, and cost-savings must never come at the expense of workers' rights, wages, or safety.

9.4.4. The workforce should be representative of the people and communities it supports.

9.5. Workforce Development & Life-Long Learning

9.5.1. We support workforce development options that prioritize job quality, worker voice, and strong labor standards.

9.5.2. We prioritize training for careers over training for a job, especially a low-wage job.

9.5.3. We recognize state-registered apprenticeship and union-led training programs as gold-standard pathways that produce highly skilled, safe, and diverse workforces.

9.5.4. Ensure workers have opportunities to reskill and upskill as industries evolve, especially in sectors undergoing technological or climate-driven transitions.

9.6. Workers' Basic Needs

9.6.1. All employees should have paid parental leave benefits.

- 9.6.2. All employees should have paid sick leave benefits that may be used for a physical or mental illness, injury or health condition or preventative care of an employee, family member or dependent. Paid sick leave benefits should also cover work absences that qualify for leave under the Domestic Violence Leave Act.
- 9.6.3. We support a state-run workers' compensation system and oppose privatization. We also support continuous efforts to improve the Washington's workers' compensation system to ensure that workers injured on the job receive timely access to needed medical providers, that return-to-work decisions prioritize the worker's health and long-term stability, that workers and their families maintain their existing health coverage throughout recovery, and that retraining opportunities are designed in the best interest of the worker.
- 9.6.4. We should support injured and ill workers, and strengthen workforce retraining programs that are designed in the best interest of the worker.
- 9.6.5. All workers with dependents have access to quality, affordable child and dependent care.
- 9.6.6. All workers have access to affordable housing within commuting distance to worksites.

9.7. Workplace Protections for Menopause and Related Conditions

- 9.7.1. We support recognizing women across the menopausal transition as a protected class in employment, modeled on Rhode Island's 2025 law. Employers should provide reasonable accommodations such as but not limited to flexible scheduling, more frequent breaks, cooler workspaces, or remote-work options for menopause-related conditions, from vasomotor to cognitive and mood symptoms. No employee may be fired, demoted, penalized, or forced onto leave for their symptoms or for needing an accommodation, and all should receive written notice of these rights.

9.8. AI in the workplace:

We support legislation:

- 9.8.1. Requiring that workers have an automatic opportunity to trigger collective bargaining conversations before artificial intelligence is deployed in ways that affect hiring, pay, scheduling, workload, performance evaluation, or termination.
- 9.8.2. Prohibiting consequential employment decisions from being made solely by an automated system without human review and an opportunity to challenge the decision.
- 9.8.3. Prohibiting Employers from using artificial intelligence to suppress wages, evade accountability, intensify surveillance, or undermine collective bargaining.
- 9.8.4. Requiring collective bargaining, codifying labor standards, and specifying practical implementation processes so that AI adoption does not become an excuse to strip workers of dignity, bargaining power, or due process.

- 9.8.5. Providing a social safety net such that when major technological shifts displace workers, the state responds with public investment, wage support, career transition assistance, and pathways into high-quality union and public-interest jobs.

10. Agriculture, Energy and Environment

Earth is our irreplaceable home; the survival of all living things that share it depends upon it being healthy. And yet, its life sustaining ecosystems and biodiversity are in peril due to irresponsible human stewardship resulting in rising temperatures, fires, sea level rise, drought, flooding, mass extinctions, and more. Human induced climate change is the biggest threat to the planet. We must take immediate and effective steps to halt these destructive practices and to implement sustainable alternatives.

To achieve these goals we must justly transition to clean energy, mitigate and prevent climate change, conserve and protect shared resources while striving for equitable outcomes and social justice in environmental policy.

Our environment is inescapably linked to agriculture, energy, and inextricably technology. In the Washington state legislature, technology is addressed under the “Agriculture, Energy and Environment” committee. Agriculture, energy, and technology are critical sectors of our economy, and impact our culture, environment, and health. Land, water and air belong to us collectively, and we expect the people and companies consuming these resources to practice stewardship, and to protect these resources.

WA Democrats believe that technological progress must not come at the cost of our planet and its shared resources. From the massive demands of data centers and AI systems to the mountains of discarded electronics poisoning our land and water, the technology sector generates significant and growing environmental harm.

We recognize that fighting climate change is essential for our survival and for our state’s prosperity. We must prioritize proactive measures to protect and sustain the environment, promote renewable energy, address climate change, and conserve and protect shared resources while striving for equitable outcomes and social justice in environmental policy.

WA Democrats recognize that agriculture and the natural environment are central to the identity, livelihood, and sustainability of Washington's rural communities. As energy generation, agriculture, and the expansion of technology facilities take place mainly in rural communities, these communities must be included in policy decisions and planning.

10.1. Agriculture

10.1.1. Public lands

- 10.1.1.1. Public lands must be preserved, protected and managed as a public trust for the health of current and future generations of people, plants, and wildlife, including habitat for each species and climate change mitigation and adaptation.
- 10.1.1.2. Public lands must remain public, and not be evaluated for worth without considering their full ecosystem services and intrinsic values. Projects and usage of public lands should prioritize and protect native species and wildlife.

10.1.2. **Soil**

- 10.1.2.1. Restorative soils programs should be implemented to incentivize healthy agriculture and forestry management practices. These programs concurrently enhance soil productivity and profitability, microbial biodiversity, reduce local waterways pollution, improve soil CO₂ sequestration and must include grazing animals.
- 10.1.2.2. Expand funding for targeted testing and remediation of agricultural soils, including legacy orchard regions, to address persistent lead and other heavy metal contamination from historical pesticide use.
- 10.1.2.3. Ensure state remediation programs for lead and other heavy metals are sufficiently funded and are accessible to rural and small farm communities.

10.1.3. **Regulations**

- 10.1.3.1. Antibiotic resistant pathogens pose a threat to human, animal and environmental health. Producers must be required to minimize or discontinue their use of antibiotics in aquaculture, poultry and livestock production in order to protect food security.
- 10.1.3.2. Reviewing and updating all farm programs; rapidly phasing-out federal farm subsidies for large-scale and publicly traded corporate farms; and vigorously enforcing antitrust laws that apply to agribusiness;
- 10.1.3.3. Expand funding of research and extension for climate mitigation and adaptation methods for agriculture, aquaculture, fishery, harvest improvement and forestry at Washington state universities.
- 10.1.3.4. Food should be clearly labeled in support of consumer choice, including date packaged, full and complete disclosure of nation of origin, genetically modified organism status, irradiation, and organic certification; and indefinite material packaging should be clearly marked for waste or environmentally friendly recycling;
- 10.1.3.5. Agricultural practices that are inhumane should be banned. Standards for housing, transportation and slaughter should be passed and farming animals for fur should be prohibited.
- 10.1.3.6. We support increased funding of Conservation Districts.
- 10.1.3.7. Supporting policies that protect small and mid-sized farmers and producers from consolidation and monopolistic practices, protect fair

markets for products, and contribute to resilient local and regional food systems.

10.1.4. Water / Aquaculture

- 10.1.4.1. Evaluate aging and obsolete dams using a transparent public process that fully considers ecological, cultural, economic, and safety impacts.
- 10.1.4.2. Pursue strategic removal of dams that pose safety risks, block salmon migration, degrade water quality, or no longer provide public benefits.
- 10.1.4.3. Modernize fish passage and operational practices at dams that remain in service.
- 10.1.4.4. All public water holdings and diversion of agricultural water for commercial use must not be privatized.
- 10.1.4.5. We must improve fisheries by expanding funding and restoration efforts, to include: replacement of culverts; riparian and cold water connections restoration; better facilitation of fish passage, habitat restoration, pollution-reduction programs goals with detection of pollution sources and enforcement of violations; cold water connections; alternative fishing gear; supporting wild fish runs and hatchery “wild stock” production, and daylighting streams and creeks where possible;
- 10.1.4.6. Address and Implement removal of 6 PPD Quinone from storm water entering salmon streams. 6PPD Quinone is a toxic product of tire dust deadly to coho salmon who are essential to the survival of the critically endangered Puget Sound Orca.
- 10.1.4.7. Building and providing resiliency within farm and fishing communities to deal with economic effects of climate change, especially as new renewable solar and offshore wind energy projects are developed to address concerns of loss of jobs and livelihood.
- 10.1.4.8. Fisheries and forests should be managed for climate resiliency taking into account rapidly changing ecological conditions and year-to-year variability, rather than pursuing maximum sustainable yields.
- 10.1.4.9. Enhanced protection of riverine and marine ecosystems from tanker, and cargo-vessel collisions, derelict vessels and cruise ships' unlawful discharges and spills, particularly spills of petroleum-based products, and bilge water pumping operations containing invasive aquatic species, requiring that all fossil-fuel tankers be double-hulled and enforcing penalties for violations.
- 10.1.4.10. Protecting wild salmon and all other native marine life, and mitigating both flood damage and low water fish impacts by restoring instream and riparian habitats in accordance with the NW Treaty Tribes Tribal Habitat Strategy and the Columbia Basin Restoration Initiative;
- 10.1.4.11. We should expand state laws and enforce current regulations to eliminate pollution, and protect the health of Washington state waters at the source, including point source and nonpoint source discharges.

- 10.1.4.12. Preventing over-harvesting of marine wildlife through monitoring strict limits and harvest closure where necessary.
- 10.1.4.13. State and National policies must protect and restore biodiversity, ecosystems and watersheds with specific protections for wild salmon and resident orca populations

10.1.5. **Forests**

- 10.1.5.1. Urban areas should have increased assistance for development of urban forest management plans and urban forest ordinances that increase protection for trees and support increasing urban tree canopy.
- 10.1.5.2. Investing in stewardship of our forest and our forest communities affected by climate change causing massive and catastrophic wildfires, and increased susceptibility to pest infestation that threaten this state's forests, and streams.
- 10.1.5.3. Investing in a just transition for timber workers displaced including retraining for new living-wage jobs both within and outside forestry, such as strengthen our forests and hardening of communities against wildfire, to more sustainably manage forests and their products, and to realize the full potential of carbon capture and other ecosystem services our forests provide.
- 10.1.5.4. Use sustainable forest biomass from forestry thinning to make renewable products, through the manufacture and use of advanced engineered wood products, and support forest management practices to realize the full potential of carbon capture.
- 10.1.5.5. Rapid after fire response to address potential sediment runoff and soil erosion
- 10.1.5.6. Third party independent environmental reviews of study findings, reports, and policy recommendations produced in universities within Washington state forestry programs funded by the timber industry.
- 10.1.5.7. Fully fund and expand efforts to prevent and respond to wildfires throughout the state, fund research into the health effects of wildfire smoke, fund and support efforts to ensure that worker safety is addressed, and update community emergency plans as needed.

10.1.6. **Land Management**

- 10.1.6.1. Use of native plant species in landscape management should be promoted with incentives to restore natural habitat and ecosystem health to their property. Continue to remove barriers put in place by private organizations that make it more difficult for property owners to use native, diverse drought-tolerant landscaping.
- 10.1.6.2. Sustainable farming, ranching, fishing, logging, and land management are critical to the health of the climate, ecosystems, wildlife, and the environment.

- 10.1.6.3. Strong growth management policy and law reduces sprawl while protecting agriculture, critical areas, forest and water.
- 10.1.6.4. Protection of Washington's 1.1 million acres of state trust grazing land is of utmost importance. Grazing by domestic livestock constitutes widespread human-caused impact on fundamental range conditions, including habitat quality, riparian functioning, and endangered species. Using the Best Available Science (BAS) grazing allotments must be evaluated for current conditions and monitored for impacts to ecological conditions. Allotments determined to be degraded or ecologically unsuitable should be phased out or transitioned to conservation easements.
- 10.1.6.5. Public lands should not be evaluated for grazing suitability without considering their full ecosystem services and intrinsic values using Best Available Science (BAS). Compensation programs should be evaluated for ranchers who voluntarily retire grazing permits in predator and environmentally sensitive recovery habitat.
- 10.1.6.6. We support programs such as financial incentives to keep farmland in use for agriculture.
- 10.1.6.7. Undeveloped wilderness, held either privately or publicly, should be subject to "Right to Roam", precluding the restriction of access to our natural environment following any sale of public lands.

10.2. Energy and Environment

10.2.1. Regulations

Washington State must continue to be a leader among state, national and international efforts to prevent and mitigate climate change through protecting public lands and natural resources, eliminating ecosystem destruction, reducing greenhouse gas emissions, protecting farm lands, forest lands, marine environs, riparian and other aquatic ecosystems, and maximizing carbon sequestration.

- 10.2.1.1. The Climate Commitment Act is indispensable in reducing our state's greenhouse gas emissions and must be defended from repeal
 - 10.2.1.1.1. We believe that state-allocated carbon allowances should benefit residents and small businesses, not industrial data centers. We support prohibiting the use of no-cost allowances under the Climate Commitment Act to mitigate the cost burden for emerging large energy use facilities.
- 10.2.1.2. We defend the parts of earth's systems that are unable to defend themselves.
 - 10.2.1.2.1. The incorporation of the principles of Rights of Nature into governance policies at all levels of government;
 - 10.2.1.2.2. In putting first the land and sea on which wildlife and fish depend and provides the livelihood of many;
 - 10.2.1.2.3. Support a national energy policy to minimize global temperature rise to less than 2 degrees Celsius above pre-industrial levels and

pursue efforts to limit it to 1.5 degrees above pre-industrial levels.

- 10.2.1.3. In order to serve the public interest for health, environmental protection and climate change, regulatory agencies must have the resources to conduct essential scientific research independent from political pressure. We call for full government funding of research laboratories including but not limited to: the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, National Forest Service, Environmental Protection Agency, National Center for Atmospheric Research, and National Science Foundation. The role of regulatory agencies is to protect the public and that strict regulations must be maintained in the public interest, including:
 - 10.2.1.3.1. Strictly regulating the transport of fossil fuels and hazardous materials
 - 10.2.1.3.2. Fully funding cleanup of the Hanford Nuclear Reservation pursuant to Hanford Cleanup Agreement milestones
 - 10.2.1.3.3. Maintaining the Superfund Tax that requires polluters to pay cleanup costs including methane leaking on currently operating or abandoned wells.
 - 10.2.1.3.4. Ending fracking and crude oil exports.
 - 10.2.1.3.5. Aggressively regulating toxins in commerce using the Toxic Substances Control Act.
 - 10.2.1.3.6. Creating a reparations program funded by corporations for people whose health has been negatively impacted by the pollutants they have created.
 - 10.2.1.3.7. Expanding environmental remediation programs to allow more contaminated sites throughout the state to be eligible for remediation funding.
 - 10.2.1.3.8. Providing sufficient state funding for clean air agencies to conduct necessary permitting and enforcement actions in a timely manner.
- 10.2.1.4. In order to serve the public interest for health, environmental protection and climate change, regulatory agencies must have the resources to conduct essential scientific research independent from political pressure. We call for full government funding of research laboratories including but not limited to: the National Oceanic and Atmospheric administration, National Forest Service, Environmental Protection Agency, National Center for Atmospheric Research, and National Science Foundation.
- 10.2.1.5. Manufacturers should be held responsible for the true cost of pollution
- 10.2.1.6. Renewable energy subsidies should be increased and fossil fuel subsidies should be eliminated
- 10.2.1.7. Require local authorities to include climate change in their comprehensive planning
- 10.2.1.8.

- 10.2.1.9. Prohibit the construction of energy storage facilities near schools and low-income communities to mitigate potential health impacts.
- 10.2.1.10. The Growth Management planning process should be fully funded statewide.
 - 10.2.1.10.1. Housing construction must adhere to long range growth management policies that prioritize diverse housing options in incorporated areas where access to jobs, utilities, schools, libraries, goods and services, public parks, and multimodal transportation exist. Rural and greenfield development, not including permitted accessory dwelling units, should be avoided due its sprawl into agriculture, forestlands, open space, and shorelines; thereby decreasing public and environmental health and increasing CO2 emissions and the taxes necessary to pay for extending utility infrastructure and emergency services.
 - 10.2.1.10.2. Expand the Growth Management Act to include climate mitigation, adaptation and racial equity by ensuring priority is placed on reducing carbon emissions and co-pollutants that disproportionately harm lower income communities and communities of color.
 - 10.2.1.10.3. Amend the Growth Management Act to add climate change and salmon recovery as goals, and requiring a net gain of ecological function, no net loss of wetlands, and protection of critical wildlife habitat as the standard for all planning permitting processes.
- 10.2.1.11. Incentivize manufacturing facilities, such as pulp and paper mills, food processors, steel and metal producers, refineries, cement manufacturers, and emission-intensive and trade-exposed entities described in the Climate Commitment Act to incorporate the best available technology to continually reduce greenhouse gas emissions and retain jobs within Washington state.

10.2.2. **Water**

- 10.2.2.1. It is a human right to have access to clean water free of carcinogens, toxins, microplastics, and heavy metals.
- 10.2.2.2. Protect fresh water and fresh water sources, regulating the use of groundwater to avoid overuse, and planning to anticipate future fresh water needs, including the infrastructure necessary to accommodate population growth.
- 10.2.2.3. Water rights shall prioritize communities and wildlife, barring overuse by corporations and companies.
- 10.2.2.4. Expediting and implementing a comprehensive plan for recovery of threatened or endangered Columbia and Snake River salmon and steelhead, and Southern Resident Orcas, by proactively replacing the services that dams now provide with alternatives for clean energy,

agricultural irrigation, and improved connectivity of shortline rail transportation, providing transitional support for regional industry, and breaching the Lower Snake River dams after benefits have been replaced.

10.2.3. Tribal Involvement

- 10.2.3.1. Environmental policies should be based on the best available science and be informed, as appropriate, by Traditional Environmental Knowledge (TEK) from local Native American Nations and communities.
- 10.2.3.2. Incorporate Traditional Environmental Knowledge (TEK) from local Tribal organizations in the planning and executive of land and water restoration activities.
- 10.2.3.3. Implement tribal involvement in all siting decisions of renewable energy projects and transmission lines at the earliest inception of planning to avoid damage to traditional indigenous spaces and to avoid costly, unnecessary delays in build out of projects and transmission lines.

10.2.4. Phase out fossil fuels, increase renewable energy

- 10.2.4.1. Taking committed action and accountability will lead us to meet or exceed Washington State's climate goals for 45% reduction of carbon pollution below 1990 levels by 2030 and a net-zero carbon-emission economy by 2050.
- 10.2.4.2. Phase out existing and prevent new fossil fuel infrastructure, including coal, natural gas and methane hydrate, pipelines, mining, processing, and import/export terminals.
- 10.2.4.3. End offshore fossil fuel drilling consistent with the Coastal Zone Management Act, including the prevention of methane hydrate mining and sea floor nodule scraping, drilling, extraction, and processing.
- 10.2.4.4. A fully funded infrastructure is needed for electrification and energy efficiency, including:
 - 10.2.4.4.1. A statewide infrastructure to support electric vehicles
 - 10.2.4.4.2. Major improvements in rail infrastructure and service, such as Amtrak and state operated or other public alternatives.
 - 10.2.4.4.3. Enhanced and expanded power grid, to adequately support new power generation sources and battery capture infrastructure.
 - 10.2.4.4.4. Our electrical transmission and distribution networks must be strengthened to accelerate the transition to renewable energy and withstand disruption from climate change
 - 10.2.4.4.5. Increased support for renewable and sustainable, non-fossil, energy programs to supply electricity to the power grid
 - 10.2.4.4.6. Research and deployment of utility-scale energy storage, distributed generation, heat pumps, and smart grid technology
 - 10.2.4.4.7. Uniform access to the electrical grid for sustainable energy sources, implementing strong net metering standards, equitable rate structures and establishment of standard interconnection

- rules, uniform procedures and technical requirements for connecting renewable energy systems to the electric utility's grid;
 - 10.2.4.4.8. Maximize, prioritize, and expedite the in-state construction of utility scale energy infrastructure and carbon free generation and storage projects to stabilize the grid, contribute to economic development, comply with state law, and create family wage construction jobs
 - 10.2.4.4.9. Implement SAF (Sustainable Aviation Fuel) and SMF (Sustainable Motor Fuel) programs to decarbonize our transportation sector and keep WA on the cutting edge of innovation and set our renewable energy workforce up for success.
 - 10.2.4.5. There is no place for the burning or transportation of coal.
 - 10.2.4.6. Establish, implement and/or maintain a national and state-wide price on carbon-based pollution to account for the costs of increased air pollution and climate change from fossil fuels, and adopt a carbon fee and dividend program that distributes the fees collected as incentives to complete the transition to renewable alternatives.
 - 10.2.4.7. Make investments and develop industrial policies that can rapidly scale domestic manufacturing to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, cut waste and inefficiency, and catalyze deployment and innovation in industrial technologies and processes that will sustain globally competitive American manufacturing jobs, with the focus on replacing fossil fuel industry jobs with living wage jobs in a revitalized non-carbon economy.
 - 10.2.4.8. Expand electricity production with non-fossil energy sources, increasing transmission capability, and building a smart secure grid are key to decarbonizing our economy.
 - 10.2.4.9. A successful transition to a renewable energy future requires all major sources of renewable carbon-free energy: wind, solar, hydro, geothermal, keeping responsible limits on costs and safe deposit of any hazardous waste.
 - 10.2.4.10. Energy conservation should remain one of the key practices toward a sustainable carbon-free energy future.
 - 10.2.4.11. Swift implementation of critical science is needed to quantify greenhouse gas emissions associated with all types of electricity generation that have not been evaluated, and to ensure planning results in power that is actually renewable.
 - 10.2.4.12. The U.S. military is the largest institutional consumer of fossil fuels and generator of climate emissions, and is a threat multiplier of climate change. The U.S. DOD bears a responsibility to cut climate emissions in half by 2030 for the survival of humankind.
 - 10.2.4.13. Require all 'Emerging Large Energy Use Facilities,' such as hyper-scale data centers, to provide 24/7 regional renewable energy build-out from day one. This must include true grid offsets, ensuring that for every

megawatt of new load added, an equivalent amount of new, locally deliverable renewable generation and storage is brought onto the same grid.

10.2.5. Racial and Economic Justice

- 10.2.5.1. We must end subsidies for and divest from funds which utilize and profit from all aspects of fossil fuels in our state and local economies.
- 10.2.5.2. Advancing racial and economic justice means advancing environmental justice for all, including recognition that;
 - 10.2.5.2.1. Low-income and minority communities have disproportionately suffered from environmental degradation
 - 10.2.5.2.2. At-risk communities need to be consulted about projects that affect them
 - 10.2.5.2.3. Externalizing the harms of dangerous or harmful industrial processes including manufacturing, resource extraction, dumping garbage, waste and plastics on disadvantaged communities or in inconspicuous locations, whether in the United States or abroad for projects serving U.S. interests and customers must be explicitly forbidden with violators held accountable through enforced fines and environmental cleanup and restoration actions.
- 10.2.5.3. The health of the economy is tied to the health of the environment and the cost of aggressive action to mitigate the climate crisis will ultimately be less than the cost of taking no action;
- 10.2.5.4. Everyone has a right to own and benefit from clean energy; energy policies must be equitable, should be broadly applied, and leave no one behind.
- 10.2.5.5. Government investments and subsidies, should divest from fossil fuels.

10.2.6. Recycling

- 10.2.6.1. Since electrification of the economy and expanded use of electronics depends on various rare elements, we need strong recycling programs for batteries, electronics and other products which would otherwise require destructive mining and limited natural elements.
- 10.2.6.2. Increase the rate of recycling by requiring deposits and refunds on plastic and glass beverage bottles, and placing primary responsibility on manufacturers to reduce unnecessary plastic and fund effective recycling systems.
- 10.2.6.3. We must limit contamination of the environment by harmful waste materials, such as plastics, heavy metals, toxic chemicals, and radioactive materials, via reduction in use, reclamation and recycling, or proper disposal or storage.
- 10.2.6.4. Plastics are already heavily contaminating our waterways and terrestrial environment which are negatively affecting our fisheries and wildlife

habitat, so we need to remove plastic waste from the environment. Most plastic is not recycled nor can it be easily recycled, so we should require manufacturers to invest in research for recycling or for decomposing plastic waste so it is harmless.

10.2.7. Nuclear Power

- 10.2.7.1. Nuclear Power facilities must be safely decommissioned as soon as renewable, fossil-free alternative energy systems can meet the demands of our power grid.
- 10.2.7.2. Utilize all renewable energy resources, until the existential threat posed by global warming is fully neutralized.
- 10.2.7.3. Shut down nuclear power plants currently in operation as soon as practicable with alternative, renewable energy sources.
- 10.2.7.4. We support prioritizing the development of lower-risk nuclear fusion technologies over existing nuclear fission solutions for energy generation.
 - 10.2.7.4.1. We explicitly reject Small Modular Nuclear Reactors (SMNRs) as a solution for data center demand due to unproven commercial viability, high-level waste concerns, and opposition from Tribal Nations. We prioritize mature, cost-effective technologies like wind, solar, and long-duration storage.

10.2.8. Large Energy Use Facilities

- 10.2.8.1. By the sheer scale of their demand for new electricity and proposed very rapid build-out, hyper-scale data centers threaten Washington's progress toward decarbonization goals under the climate commitment act, as well as driving more fossil fuel pollution, straining water resources, and, as has happened in other states, raising electricity prices to unheard of levels. We support immediate legislation that will:
- 10.2.8.2. Enact a statewide moratorium on new data center development until new legislation has ensured that renewable energy build-out, grid updates, watershed protections, and annual sustainability reporting can be guaranteed, ensuring rapid infrastructure growth does not outpace regulatory safeguards or threaten grid reliability.
- 10.2.8.3. Require annual sustainability reporting for all large-scale energy users, including third-party audited data on quarterly water consumption, energy mix, grid impact, and Scope 1-3 emissions.
- 10.2.8.4. Impose a per-kilowatt-hour fee on emerging large energy use facilities, with proceeds dedicated to low-income energy assistance and weatherization.

11. Transportation

Washington's transportation system, the single largest contributor to the state's greenhouse gasses, should connect people to their needs and each other in a sustainable way, not be an obstacle that isolates them. We need to invest in transportation that's affordable, reliable, accessible, environmentally sustainable, and that works for people where they are, whether in the city, suburbs, or rural communities. In particular, we need to prioritize climate friendly transportation including electric vehicles and infrastructure, increase different modes of transportation to complement our largely car-based system, and help make our communities more walkable and sustainable.

Investment is needed for southeast Washington shortline connectivity for grain shippers to move product by rail as a competitive and sustainable alternative to trucking and barging, and as an essential replacement of the benefits of barging on the Lower Snake River.

11.1. Personal & Passenger Transit

- 11.1.1. Investment in passenger transit such as trains, buses, and ferries reduces pollution, alleviates traffic congestion, and stimulates the growth of close-knit, healthy communities.
- 11.1.2. Public transportation is a social good, allowing people to participate fully in society by independently accessing community, culture, and services.
- 11.1.3. Healthy communities should have a diversity of transportation options that are accessible and affordable for all members of the community. This includes ensuring that public transit reaches marginalized and under-served communities and is accessible for people with limited mobility, in practice not just in regulation.
- 11.1.4. Pedestrian safety must be a major consideration in planning roads.
- 11.1.5. Our urban centers should strive to implement the 15-minute city concept, whereby all residents can access daily necessities within a 15-minute walk, bike ride, or public transit trip from home.
- 11.1.6. Support and investigate High speed rail options as alternatives

11.2. Commercial Transportation

- 11.2.1. A robust, safe, reliable, and ecologically sustainable commercial transportation system, including trucking, commercial rail, ports, and air, is essential to maintaining modern quality of life standards.
- 11.2.2. Encourage the elimination of level crossings in Washington through grant programs, so as to improve the speed with which passenger trains can operate at and to prevent communities from being cut off by unmoving freight trains.

11.3. Sustainability

- 11.3.1. Adopting and using plug-in hybrid and electric vehicles and sustainable cargo infrastructure will reduce pollution and protect our environment. This should include efforts to expand electric car charging facilities.

- 11.3.2. Public transportation reduces emissions and is a critical component in the effort to fight climate change.
- 11.3.3. Shifting from highway to rail transportation whenever possible reduces emissions, energy use, and external costs such as those associated with accident response, insurance, injuries, and death associated with highway travel.
- 11.3.4. A robust, state operated, Battery recycling program is a necessary part of the adoption of electric vehicles.
- 11.3.5. To achieve net zero green house gas emissions, government must incentivize companies to power aircraft with low- or no-carbon emission options such as batteries and clean fuels, such as SAF, which is designed to be a drop-in replacement for conventional jet fuel, produced from renewable resources. This includes a near-term focus on SAF (sustainable aviation fuel), currently the only feasible solution to decarbonize the long-haul aviation sector.

11.4. Infrastructure

- 11.4.1. Dedicated, thoughtfully-planned transportation infrastructure ensures the availability of safe, no-cost options for people to navigate their communities.
- 11.4.2. Transportation infrastructure, including such facilities as roads, bridges, railways, airports, and ports, must be adequately maintained for safe and reliable commercial transit, public transit, personal travel, and emergency access.
- 11.4.3. Our roadways must be designed with a Safe System Approach to ensure the safety of all road users, particularly at intersections and where multiple modes share space. Unsafe roadways must be corrected.
- 11.4.4. Infrastructure investments and siting must consider the damaging impact on disadvantaged communities ie: from pollution, noise and division of communities.
- 11.4.5. The state transportation budget shall prioritize maintenance and repairs of existing infrastructure over the construction of new highways.

12. The Economy

Washington State is home to nearly four million workers and more than half a million businesses, with globally recognized strengths in aerospace, technology, agriculture, trade, clean energy, and research. From commercial aircraft and software to shipbuilding and global health innovation, Washington's economy remains one of the most productive and innovative in the nation. The state also leads in hydroelectric and renewable energy production, while its farms help feed millions worldwide.

Despite this success, many Washingtonians continue to face rising costs, housing unaffordability, and widening income inequality. Homeownership remains out of reach for many families, while some of the world's wealthiest individuals live only blocks away from people struggling to afford basic necessities or secure stable housing. Exacerbating these issues is a Republican Party that continues to pass unpredictable and ineffective economic policies at the national level that hurt everyday Washingtonians.

The Washington State Democratic Party supports policies aimed at reducing costs, strengthening workers' rights, expanding economic opportunity, and growing the middle class while maintaining a strong pro-growth economy. Democrats support targeted taxes on capital gains, luxury consumption, high-end real estate transactions, and large estates to ensure the wealthiest households contribute fairly to public investments and community prosperity. The party also supports maintaining a strong safety net and building a more inclusive economy that creates opportunity for all Washingtonians.

We believe in a strong and fair economy that supports workers and the notion of a comprehensive public safety net for the people.

We believe that Washington's rapidly growing wealth inequality is a serious problem that must be addressed by progressive tax policy. Washington's regressive tax code must be reformed to shift the tax burden off of poor and middle-class Washingtonians, and ensure that power and wealth do not continue to accumulate at the top.

We believe everyone in America should be able to afford the essentials for a quality life — housing, health care, food, child care, education, retirement, and more.

12.1. Corporate Lobbying

- 12.1.1. Private fortunes and corporate wealth must not be allowed to influence elections and the actions and priorities of elected officials. If Congress fails to timely enact meaningful campaign finance reform, Washington State — independently or in coalition with other states — should pursue the following policies:
 - 12.1.1.1. Corporations, corporate-funded political action committees (PACs), and non-corporate entities that control or fund PACs — including wealthy individuals, dark money organizations, and foreign-influenced groups — may not spend money to influence state and local elections or lobby candidates running for state and local office.
 - 12.1.1.2. Corporations or organizations that receive state funding, contracts, or financial incentives may not lobby elected state officials.
 - 12.1.1.3. All PAC funding sources must be fully disclosed to ensure transparency and public accountability in state and local elections.
- 12.1.2. Private incentives for politicians, including lobbying and promises of patronage, must be eliminated.
- 12.1.3. Elections must be publicly funded, or donations capped so that all candidates can compete on ideas, not donor wealth.

12.2. Corporate Power

- 12.2.1. Corporations engaging in unethical, discriminatory, wage theft, or predatory practices must be aggressively investigated and prosecuted.
- 12.2.2. Monopolistic behavior must be prevented through strong antitrust enforcement.

- 12.2.3. Public subsidies for corporations must be weighed against urgent human needs: Pass legislation ending all tax incentives for large-scale energy users unless they meet strict, enforceable standards for delivering new renewable energy, ecosystem protection, and strict and transparent resource reporting.
- 12.2.4. Additionally we support passing legislation that taxes business expenditure on AI automation sufficiently, so as to offset losses from missing payroll tax revenue and missing B&O (business and occupation) tax revenue. Economic gains from increased operational efficiency should be applied to keep critical funds, like the WA Cares and WA PFML fund solvent.
- 12.2.5. We require that large industrial projects enter into legally enforceable Community Benefits Agreements (CBAs) that include local hiring and fair labor standards. Developers must also provide binding decommissioning plans with financial guarantees (bonds or trust funds) to prevent stranded infrastructure and environmental liabilities. To protect public utilities and ratepayers, we support requiring emerging large energy use facilities to provide 10-year contractual commitments and high-value financial collateral to cover the full cost of infrastructure, preventing 'stranded assets' should a facility close prematurely.
- 12.2.6. Pass legislation restricting use of 'surveillance pricing' - the practice of using artificial intelligence and personal data to set individualized, opaque prices for goods and services, ensuring that personal data, browsing history, and perceived economic vulnerability are never used to charge different prices or exploit consumers, and requiring full transparency in how automated pricing algorithms are deployed in the marketplace.
- 12.2.7. Consolidation of news media in the hands of oligarchs is a danger to democracy, we call for alternative forms of ownership and control including public ownership and worker ownership.
- 12.2.8. In all instances of corporate malfeasance, any financial penalties levied should exceed the value of profits derived from said malfeasance.
- 12.2.9. The Citizens United decision has done egregious harm to free and fair elections and needs to be overturned.
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- 12.2.15. Ban stock buybacks. This (once illegal) practice artificially inflates stock prices, reducing reinvestment in companies, and makes the economy weaker.
- 12.2.16. We call on the Department of the Treasury to ensure that national economic data — including tax data — is readily available, accurate, and sufficient for state businesses and citizens to make informed decisions. This data must also be protected against inaccuracies and manipulation by federal agencies, with clear mechanisms for public oversight.
- 12.2.17. We acknowledge that some rural communities may desire little or no growth. Standard objectives for annual population and economic growth may not be applicable to smaller communities, and state tax policies must be developed with this in mind.

12.3. Unions

- 12.3.1. The right to collective bargain is a bulwark of American prosperity.
- 12.3.2. Unions must be a bulwark against inequality and ensure that the benefits of American progress are shared by the people who built the economy, not the elites.
- 12.3.3. We believe in investment in training and career pathways that connect people directly to good-paying jobs.
- 12.3.4. We believe farm workers' collective bargaining should be placed under the purview of the Washington State Public Employment Relations Commission. The state commission, along with the courts, should enforce workers' rights associated with forming a union, including certifying the union, establishing a contract and freedom from harassment, violence and intimidation for union-related activities.
- 12.3.5. We support re-establishing the National Labor Relations Board.

12.4. Taxes

- 12.4.1. We call for the Department of Revenue to provide an annual financial report on tax breaks, exemptions, and grant information that must be expressed as a legislative bill expenditure and a fiscal note to the legislature and the public.
- 12.4.2. We call for legislation to require biannual tax exemption review, safeguarding against perpetual tax breaks without oversight.
- 12.4.3. We call for revision of our state's regressive tax structure to correct income inequality and to fully fund our state's education obligation and social support programs.

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 - 12.4.4.1. Provide public education on existing tax policies, including their tradeoffs and available alternatives.
 - 12.4.4.2. Establish mechanisms to capture and respond to public feedback on tax policy.
 - 12.4.4.3. Evaluate progressive tax policies that could be implemented to make the current knowledge-based economy more equitable.
- 12.4.5. We oppose tax exemptions to large corporations that shift the tax burden to the public either in the form of increased taxes or implementation of austerity.
- 12.4.6. Legislate and amend current law making corporate tax breaks, tax exemptions, and tax grant information easily and readily available to the public.
- 12.4.7. We call for the reinstatement of Glass-Steagle to separate commercial from investment banking;
- 12.4.8. We call for the enforcement of Dodd-Frank to control abusive financial and banking practices.
- 12.4.9. We call for strengthening antitrust laws such as the Clayton Act to enable regulators and private parties to meaningfully prevent anticompetitive mergers, end abusive contracting practices, and constrain monopoly power.
- 12.4.10. We support import taxes and tariffs that are based on the country of origin's environmental regulations, safety, wage and labor laws, and their enforcement, in addition to use as a tool for maintaining market balance.
- 12.4.11. We oppose taxes or tariffs on non luxury imported goods because taxes and tariffs make goods more expensive for all and hurt small business.
- 12.4.12. We call for a progressive tax system where those best able, including large corporations and the wealthy pay their fair share to fund public needs which will reduce inequities and improve the lives of their community and provide a healthy, educated and stable workforce.
- 12.4.13. We support the "Millionaire's Tax", a state income tax that exempts the first \$1,000,000 of combined household income.
- 12.4.14. We support a sales tax exemption for cars valued at less than \$20K.
- 12.4.15. Promote transparent, well-regulated tax incentives for businesses, including social purpose companies and benefit corporations, that are accountable to specific, antipoverty outcomes and promote equitable education, training, and job opportunities in rural areas, communities of color, and neighborhoods experiencing gentrification.
- 12.4.16. Consider assisting small and medium businesses by offering tax exemption for employers that do the right thing by the environment and treat their employees equitably by providing robust benefits that go beyond the legal minimum.
- 12.4.17. Support current law that does not impose B&O taxes on businesses that make less than \$600,000 in annual revenue per year.

- 12.4.18. Support small and family farmers, strengthen local and domestic supply chains, and level the playing field to better promote competition and drive down the prices of groceries and household essentials.
- 12.4.19. Consider additional property taxes for homes greater than 5 million dollars in value.
- 12.4.20. Apply additional taxes on corporate owned existing residences and commercial spaces that sit empty for six months and increase incrementally every six months.
- 12.4.21. Implement a usage tax on private flights.
- 12.4.22. We support routine audits of state tax data and legislation to reduce tax avoidance.

12.5. Universal Basic Services and Protections

- 12.5.1. We call for continued funding of the Workforce Investment Opportunity Act to increase the self-sufficiency of young adults with disabilities by providing career counseling, job training, information and referral services.
- 12.5.2. Regulate private currencies in use in Washington to assure protection of the consumer.
- 12.5.3. We support the creation and expansion of programs that incentivize the development, retention, and preservation of grocery stores, food cooperatives, farmers markets, mobile markets, and other community-based food retail models in underserved communities.
- 12.5.4. There must be a unified state plan to ensure that all people have access to healthy and high quality food, a medical clinic (via public transportation), and childcare. No one should go sick, hungry, or uncared for, especially in the wealthiest country in the history of the world.
- 12.5.5. Universal Basic Income
 - 12.5.5.1. Begin implementation of a UBI that would guarantee every person a baseline of financial security, empowering people to meet their basic needs, pursue opportunity, support their families, and contribute more fully to the economy.
 - 12.5.5.2. There must be a comprehensive strategy to prevent exploitative price inflation in response by monopolists.
- 12.5.6. The state must establish an emergency response agency to respond to state level emergencies, in the event we can no longer rely on FEMA.
- 12.5.7. We support changes in zoning laws to allow for balcony solar and mesh communications nodes to further the cause of disaster resilience.
- 12.5.8. Create a state program to create temporary assistance for those at risk of losing their housing due to an emergency or economic downturn. This would be intended for housing with values under \$1.5 million.
- 12.5.9. Create a state program to buy housing that can be rented or sold affordably to people making less than the average median income in their locality.
- 12.5.10. Strictly regulate and control prediction markets to eliminate insider trading, political corruption and market manipulation.

- 12.5.11. We support measures that allow consumers to distinguish between creative content and artisanal products created by human hand versus that created by AI.

12.6. Public Ownership

- 12.6.1. We support publicly owned utilities, including the internet because they work for the public interest and researching the potential for the creation of a public/private non profits partnership governed for and by the people.
 - 12.6.1.1. We call for the expansion of public utility districts statewide to ensure Washington residents have access to essential water, sewer, and power services through publicly governed, locally accountable utilities. Washington constituents should not be dependent on private monopolies for basic needs — particularly where those companies lack accountability to the communities they serve.
- 12.6.2. We oppose the sale and net loss of high quality public lands. Public lands are critical assets that provide environmental, economic, and community value.
- 12.6.3. We call for the expedited establishment of a state bank, operated and managed by the state of Washington to help fund public infrastructure in Washington and to return funds generated to state coffers.
- 12.6.4. State economies are vulnerable to federal foreign policy decisions and global supply chain disruptions beyond state control. States must proactively enact policies to reduce these vulnerabilities, including maintaining strategic reserves of essential commodities, developing regional supply chain alternatives, investing in domestic energy and renewable resources, and expanding and protecting rainy day funds to ensure essential services are adequate during economic downturns or recessions.

12.7. Work and Wages

- 12.7.1. We support strong minimum and prevailing wage standards, automatic cost-of-living adjustments, equal pay for equal work across race, gender, and identity, and the enforcement of these principles.
- 12.7.2. Everyone must have access to paid family and medical leave, paid sick time, predictable scheduling, safe working conditions.
- 12.7.3. Artificial Intelligence that displaces jobs, suppresses wages, enables surveillance, and enables discrimination must be banned.
- 12.7.4. People should be fairly recognized and compensated for any work used to train AI. People should have the right to refuse that their work is used to train AI.
- 12.7.5. The government should act as an employer of last resort, guaranteeing public jobs for all who seek work, as we did during the New Deal.
- 12.7.6. We support financial support programs for full-time caregivers and stay-at-home parents.
- 12.7.7. We acknowledge that early childhood care and education is essential for family wellbeing and reduces long-term public costs across education, health, and social services. We support fully funded childcare for all families, with priority given to children from birth through Pre-Kindergarten.

- 12.7.8. Individuals should have the right to request disclosure of what personal data corporations hold about them, as well as the right to request its deletion.

12.8. Small Business

- 12.8.1. The state must create a unified effort to support Washington small businesses owned by minorities, women, and veterans. By creating conditions for small businesses to thrive, we invest in opportunity, stability, and long-term prosperity. Supporting entrepreneurship is one of the most effective strategies for diversifying economies and reducing dependence on a single industry, especially in rural areas.
- 12.8.2. We support the creation of a state owned and operated low cost wholesale supplier that small businesses can buy from to take advantage of collective bargaining at the state level. This program can be shared and expanded with other states that wish to have a more stable supply chain and prices for their small businesses. This allows communities of all sizes to better rebuild Main Street services
- 12.8.3. We oppose predatory business enterprises who unreasonably profit from the consumer.
- 12.8.4. Regulations should act as a check on large corporations first and foremost, not a way for those corporations to suppress small business competition.

13. Law and Justice

The United States and Washington Constitutions should be supported in all respects. The Rule of Law is the standard and should apply equally to all people, regardless of race, sexual orientation and gender identity, ability, class and socio-economic status. The legal system must prioritize widespread access to justice with emphasis on racial and gender equity reform.

13.1. Human Rights and Civil Rights

- 13.1.1. All humans have a right to justice when their rights have been violated by another human or human-made system.
- 13.1.2. Automated tools, such as Automated License Plate Readers, and non-transparent collection and AI processing of data, when used for surveillance or profiling without appropriate restrictions and/or a judicial warrant, can violate privacy rights.
- 13.1.3. Every human being has the right to bodily autonomy.
- 13.1.4. Government should foster and support an inclusive society that ensures social, political, economic, legal, and cultural rights to all persons;
- 13.1.5. The freedom of speech and the right to assemble and protest are fundamental rights protected by the First Amendment and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. The right to protest, including for students on school and college

campuses, must be protected. Suppression of peaceful protest is anti-democratic and must not be tolerated

- 13.1.6. Free and open voting is a fundamental civil right that expresses the will and consent of the people. Washington Democrats support all state and federal legislation that expands and protects voting rights for every eligible American, including the John R Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act, the For the People Act, and the Freedom to Vote Act. All citizens, even those convicted of crimes, have the right to vote.
- 13.1.7. Privacy is a fundamental right. Our private lives and personal information must be protected from intrusion by government, corporations, and other entities. Legislation should be passed at the state and federal level to effect this, including but not limited to:
 - 13.1.7.1. Implementing a 'right to forget,' obligating businesses and other entities to comply with reasonable demands by individuals to delete information about themselves that is not of the public interest and is not otherwise required to be preserved under other laws.
 - 13.1.7.2. Creating enforceable obligations for entities to respect standardized technical 'do not track' directives.
 - 13.1.7.3. Forbidding the sale or transfer of non-public information without the express opt-in consent of the person(s) affected, in plain language for common understanding.
 - 13.1.7.4. Implementing stringent financial penalties for the unauthorized disclosure of non-public information.
 - 13.1.7.5. Requiring law enforcement agencies to obtain a search warrant when acquiring non-public information from businesses or entities about 3rd parties. Copies of such search warrants should also be served upon the 3rd parties whose information is being sought.;
- 13.1.8. The separation of church and state, and the free exercise (or not) of religion is a cornerstone of American democracy. No entity or individual has the right to impose religious doctrine on others through the force of law.
- 13.1.9. Involuntary and uncompensated labor, including by incarcerated individuals and children, is a violation of human rights, regardless of immigration status.
- 13.1.10. The criminalizing and forcible removal of people experiencing homelessness from public lands when they do not have access to stable, affordable, and accessible housing appropriate to their circumstances is immoral, inhumane, and unacceptable. Dehumanizing terms, such as “sweeps”, “clean-ups”, or “cleans”, referring to forced removal, are harmful and deny the humanity of those impacted.
- 13.1.11. Online gambling activities, including prediction markets, must be outlawed in Washington state to curb this rapidly expanding, predatory, and abusive industry.

13.2. Gun Safety and Reform

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

- 13.2.2. Firearms are used by abusers to intimidate and harm the vulnerable, especially those in marginalized communities. To combat this, we advocate for laws that protect and support services to empower survivors to break free from abusive situations and support their families.
- 13.2.3. CDC and public health agencies should be authorized and funded to investigate and compile data on the causes and effects of gun violence and effective strategies for its prevention.
- 13.2.4. Enact and implement common sense gun safety measures including, but not limited to:
 - 13.2.4.1. Background checks
 - 13.2.4.2. Banning assault weapons and extraordinarily lethal ammunition
 - 13.2.4.3. Limiting the number and type of weapons owned
 - 13.2.4.4. Insurance requirements
 - 13.2.4.5. Safe storage
 - 13.2.4.6. Age limits for ownership and discharge of firearms
 - 13.2.4.7. Firearm violence intervention and prevention services
 - 13.2.4.8. Licensing program for gun owners, including training and continuing education obligations and tracking of owner subject to extreme risk protection orders.
 - 13.2.4.9. Red flag laws.
- 13.2.5. We must protect survivors of domestic violence by creating fair and equal access to the court system for extreme protection orders and requiring police to confiscate weapons of those subject to protection orders that include surrender and storage of firearms, for the duration of the order;
- 13.2.6. Pass legislation around gun safety, including (but not limited to) a statewide database for extreme-risk protection orders and penalties for unlawfully brandishing a weapon.

13.3. Accountability for War Crimes

- 13.3.1. No individual, including elected officials, may engage in or authorize acts that constitute war crimes or violations of international humanitarian law. All credible allegations of violations of the laws of war must be subject to independent investigation and legal accountability.

13.4. Protection Against Coerced Military Service

- 13.4.1. The coercion, inducement, or recruitment of incarcerated individuals including detainees into military service is prohibited. Participation in military service must be fully voluntary and free from undue influence.

13.5. Military Recruitment of prisoners and detainees

- 13.5.1. Military recruitment targeting incarcerated or detained individuals must not involve coercion, incentives tied to basic needs, or sentence reductions, and must be based on fully voluntary and informed consent.

13.6. End Criminalization of Poverty

- 13.6.1. The state must eliminate fines, fees, and penalties that disproportionately criminalize poverty and replace them with equitable, income-based or restorative alternatives.

13.7. Military Legal Accountability and Rule of Law

- 13.7.1. We affirm that the rule of law applies fully within the United States military.
- 13.7.2. We support policies that reinforce the legal obligation of service members to refuse manifestly unlawful orders and ensure that such determinations are reviewed through fair, transparent, and independent legal processes.
- 13.7.3. We call for strengthened oversight, transparency, and accountability in cases involving alleged violations of domestic or international law, while ensuring due process rights for all involved.

13.8. Animal Welfare

- 13.8.1. Adequately fund programs that benefit animals, enforce animal welfare laws, and restrict the use of animals in experimentation to protect domestic, agricultural, and wild animals.
- 13.8.2. Ban the use of lead in ammunition and fishing gear and educate hunters and fishers of the dangers to birds, whales, and other non-targeted species.
- 13.8.3. Prohibit availability of rodenticides that bioaccumulate in animals up the food chain.
- 13.8.4. Prohibit the use of wild animals in circuses, exotic animal shows, and petting zoos.
- 13.8.5. Enact comprehensive legislation to protect animals from cruelty, abuse, and exploitation.
- 13.8.6. Allocate resources for the establishment and support of no-kill animal shelters, rescue organizations, and wildlife rehabilitation centers.
- 13.8.7. Develop strategies to protect endangered species, preserve wildlife habitats, and combat illegal wildlife trafficking.
- 13.8.8. Create programs to support low-income individuals and families in receiving adequate veterinary care for companion animals.
- 13.8.9. Incentivize private landowners to create, restore, or enhance wildlife habitat and riparian areas
- 13.8.10. Recognize that non-lethal methods of livestock protection against predators is the primary tool for managing predator-livestock conflicts, including but not limited to range riders, guardian animals, fladry, and improved fencing. Lethal removal of predators should be a last resort, subject to transparent public review, and should never disproportionately benefit single private operators at public expense.
- 13.8.11. Delisting or reducing protections for all recovering wildlife populations should require rigorous, independent scientific review using the Best Available Science and meaningful public comment periods.

- 13.8.12. In order to prevent violence against, and murder of, women and transgender people of all races, but especially women and transgender people of color, law enforcement must take with the utmost seriousness, and investigate, all allegations of stalking, and harassment especially those allegations that involve a weapon. Police must also follow up with both suspect and victim regularly until the situation is justly, peacefully, and equitably resolved.

13.9. Criminal Justice

- 13.9.1. The focus of criminal justice should be making victims whole and the rehabilitation and reintegration of offenders, not punishment for its own sake.
- 13.9.2. Encourage review and amendment of the 1984 Sentencing Reform Act to consider reinstating the concepts of probation, parole and community supervision. The sentencing guidelines should be reviewed for proportionality, and sentencing options should encourage keeping individuals in the community when appropriate and consistent with public safety. Pre- and post-filing diversion programs should be available to help keep individuals out of the criminal justice system.
- 13.9.3. Reform police culture, including preventing the hiring of officers with a history of disciplinary actions, and ensure police contracts provide stronger ability to remove officers with a history of excessive force or other violations.
- 13.9.4. We must end sexual violence in our state. To that end, we must fully fund the Violence Against Women Act, services to crime victims, expeditious testing of rape kits, including the years-long backlog of rape kits, and programs to prevent sexual violence.
- 13.9.5. As local police departments have taken on more military-style equipment and tactics, law enforcement training should place greater emphasis on community policing, constitutional rights, de-escalation, and accountability instead of combat-style responses. Police training in the United States should be led by qualified non-military law enforcement professionals and institutions focused on keeping all people safe.
- 13.9.6. A person's ability to serve on a jury should not be diminished due to their race, gender, sexual orientation, wealth, or prior contact with law enforcement.
- 13.9.7. Incarcerated individuals should be given access to phone, email, and other digital communication with their families at no cost to them or their families, to the extent this encourages family unity and furthers the incarcerated person's rehabilitation.
- 13.9.8. Educational programs, in many forms, should be fully funded and readily available to incarcerated individuals who desire it, whether to improve opportunities post-incarceration or to gain an understanding of particular issues. Incarcerated individuals are generally less violent - and less likely to re-offend after release - when they are scholars. Education provides access to communication tools, strengthens family ties, and supports rehabilitation

- 13.9.9. Adequate, accessible medical care necessary for their mental and physical well-being shall be provided for incarcerated and detained persons including telemedicine.
- 13.9.10. Fully fund therapeutic, mental health, and drug courts, at all levels, to reduce the overrepresentation of people with mental illnesses, drug addiction, and “crimes” of poverty and homelessness in the carceral system.
- 13.9.11. The right to protest unambiguously applies to the protest of war and the protections from repression, invasion of personal space or suspension of constitutional rights (detainment, and warrant-less surveillance) must be affirmed.
- 13.9.12. Develop and implement strategies to reduce the U.S.'s overall incarceration rate, which is the highest in the world, with particular consideration to measures to prevent crime; to dismantle policies and practices that result in a “school-to-prison pipeline”; and to eradicate racial bias and disparities in policing, prosecution, sentencing, and post-conviction burdens.
- 13.9.13. Provide all formerly incarcerated people with the opportunity to re-enter and be productive members of society, starting with an assistance plan for transitional food, clothing, housing, transportation, and employment when they are released from a local, state, or federal institution.
- 13.9.14. Incarcerated workers should receive meaningful and reasonable compensation for their labor.
- 13.9.15. Ban for-profit prisons. No one should profit from imprisonment; prisons should be public, rehabilitative institutions. In addition, the school-to-prison pipeline must be dismantled.
- 13.9.16. Law enforcement is obligated to remain impartial and unbiased when apprehending those responsible for crimes, and all employees and subcontractors operating within the justice system must meet high ethical standards.
- 13.9.17. Encourage law enforcement agencies to ban Immigration and Customs Enforcement officers from state or local law enforcement employment.
- 13.9.18. Community service work is an important element of restorative justice and should be considered as a substitute for incarceration when appropriate and consistent with public safety.
- 13.9.19. Individuals with a criminal conviction should retain their right to vote while incarcerated and should be encouraged to register and vote in their home precinct.
- 13.9.20. We believe no one should be criminalized for survival, coercion, or exploitation. We support policies that reduce demand for commercial sexual exploitation, combat trafficking, and invest in prevention, recovery, and long-term economic opportunity for those facing exploitation. We believe sex workers should not be charged or prosecuted for sex work crimes when they report crimes.
- 13.9.21. End Qualified Immunity, permitting citizens to sue public officials, including law enforcement and immigration enforcement, to hold them accountable and increase public trust in our government institutions and law enforcement.

- 13.9.22. Cash bail criminalizes poverty. No one should be held in jail solely due to their inability to post bail.
- 13.9.23. Eliminate the use of solitary confinement in jails and prisons except as the last resort and for an appropriate period of time in an emergency or medical event. Basic rights for individuals in solitary confinement should include at least 4 hours outside of the cell per day and access to communication, educational materials, and personal hygiene.
- 13.9.24. End the practice of charging youth as adults.
- 13.9.25. Police Training Academies should be located within commuting distances so that local recruits can attend with reduced costs for the individual recruit. Better access to the academy would increase an equal opportunity for a wider demographic for law enforcement.
- 13.9.26. The Sixth Amendment to the US Constitution requires that indigent defendants in criminal cases have competent appointed counsel. The State of Washington should fully fund Public Defense.
- 13.9.27. Involvement in the criminal justice system has long standing consequences. Washington state should encourage pre and post filing diversion programs allowing citizens to stay out of the criminal justice system.
- 13.9.28. Collateral consequences of criminal convictions include: inability to obtain employment, housing, health care, government benefits, education and social services. All entities within the criminal justice system should understand these consequences and seek to mitigate them. Records should be sealed when appropriate.
- 13.9.29. Washington State and our federal representatives should give due consideration to measures that would limit the terms of Article III judges, including the justices of the Supreme Court, in accordance with the constitution and the effective administration of the courts.
- 13.9.30. Schools must teach students the rights they have when approached by the police or arrested.

13.10. Federal

- 13.10.1. The United States should ratify the United Nations Conventions on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women and on the Rights of the Child.
- 13.10.2. The United States should ratify the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.
- 13.10.3. The United States should support programs for voluntary forms of evidence-based, safe, and effective family planning worldwide.
- 13.10.4. The United States Congress must certify the ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment.
- 13.10.5. The United States should re-sign and ratify the Rome Statute to join the International Criminal Court, repeal the American Service-Members' Protection Act (colloquially "Invade the Hague Act"), and allow our leaders to be subject to international war crime tribunals.

- 13.10.6. Abolish Immigration and Customs Enforcement.
- 13.10.7. We support a comprehensive review of the Department of Homeland Security to ensure that its structure, culture, and oversight mechanisms reflect our nation's commitment to civil liberties, transparency, and effective public service.
- 13.10.8. We support comprehensive immigration reform, including streamlining programs to enable foreign workers; eliminating undue burdens on legal pathways to residency and citizenship such as quotas, caps, and fees; and prohibiting discrimination on the basis of race, gender identity, ethnicity, religion, disability, sexual orientation, or nation of origin or birth.

14. Governance

Governance is the collection of rules, processes, and structures that lead and/or control a state. It includes decision-making, accountability and transparency. To be a standard bearer in this area, the state of Washington must respect human dignity, and embrace honesty, empathy, and fairness in all activities.

14.1. Constitutional Governance

- 14.1.1. The three branches of government (executive, legislative and judicial) are separate and intended to check the power of the other branches.
- 14.1.2. Things that are not defined as a Federal power in the Constitution are in the jurisdiction of the State Governments.
- 14.1.3. Washington State must not allow the Federal Government to determine how Washington undertakes its state authorities and procedures or interfere with those state authorities and procedures.
- 14.1.4. State and local agencies have an obligation to defend the rights of all people in their jurisdiction from violations of their rights perpetrated by federal agencies or unlawful federal actions.
- 14.1.5. Government must be transparent in all facets of its operation.
 - 14.1.5.1. Pass legislation banning the use of non-disclosure agreements (NDAs) between private developers and government agencies. All permit applications, water rights transfers, and energy projections for industrial projects must be subject to immediate and full public disclosure.
- 14.1.6. Washington State has the power and obligation to regulate AI to protect the rights of people.
- 14.1.7. Governments must not use AI to make or inform decisions because it is not possible to be transparent and could violate privacy rights.
- 14.1.8. In order to be transparent, government officials must disclose the use of AI in their public communications.

14.2. Elections

- 14.2.1. We support automatic voter registration.

- 14.2.2. We support election day being declared a national holiday to reduce barriers to voting.
- 14.2.3. The state of Washington must serve as a national leader on voting rights, ensuring equal opportunity to vote in local, state, and federal elections, with particular safeguards for historically-marginalized communities.
- 14.2.4. We support maintaining universal, secure, and verifiable vote-by-mail elections and will reinforce the regulatory, security, and oversight mechanisms necessary to ensure the system cannot be weakened or repealed.
- 14.2.5. All elections must be free, fair, ranked, secure, and accessible, as follows:
 - 14.2.5.1. Free: All citizens may vote for their candidate of choice.
 - 14.2.5.2. Fair: Everyone's vote counts equally, and all votes are counted and reported accurately.
 - 14.2.5.3. Ranked-choice voting must be implemented for all elections, allowing voters to rank candidates in order of preference rather than selecting only one choice.
 - 14.2.5.4. Secure: Voting systems are reliable and verifiable.
 - 14.2.5.5. Accessible: Citizens are able to register to vote, to receive reliable information, to easily access a method of voting, and to vote free from intimidation and without identification mandates that impose excessive cost, administrative barriers, or disproportionate burdens.
- 14.2.6. The goal of electoral districts, and all parts of a representative democracy, must be to be as representative to the general population as possible. We should pursue proportional representation via multi-member districts using Proportional Ranked Choice Voting
- 14.2.7. Voting districts should be compact, reasonably regular in shape, and drawn around communities of interest to reflect voters' interests rather than party advantage.
- 14.2.8. All Americans must have equal access to the political process, including equal opportunity to vote, engage in public discourse, and run for public office.
- 14.2.9. Private and corporate wealth must not be able to influence elections and the actions and priorities of elected officials. Washington state should not allow corporations chartered in the state of Washington to spend on local, state, or national elections
- 14.2.10. Private incentives for politicians, including funding lobbying and promises of patronage, must be outlawed.
- 14.2.11. Eliminate Citizens United. Elections should be publicly funded and stop allowing unlimited financing by the wealthy.
- 14.2.12. Political finance must be transparent to citizens so everyone can see from where politicians receive donations.
- 14.2.13. In a representative democracy, it is unconscionable that nearly four million citizens have no voting power in the legislative branch of government. Any efforts by The District of Columbia or the territory of Puerto Rico to attain statehood should be granted without delay.

- 14.2.14. We support a federal ban on gerrymandering. Until such time, WA state should counteract the gerrymandering of other states.
- 14.2.15. If the federal government institutes/enforces voter ID laws, the state of Washington must provide free IDs to all who are eligible

14.3. Foreign Policy

- 14.3.1. We support economic and material support for Ukraine's resistance and recovery from the Russian invasion.
- 14.3.2. We support the reestablishment and expansion of USAID to support humanitarian goals across the globe outside the US.
- 14.3.3. Our party leaders and elected officials should openly, and unequivocally, reject authoritarian government. Our leaders should be bold and vocal, and fight to safeguard due process and counteract the current administration's fascist tendencies.
- 14.3.4. The US must not provide military aid, weapons, military service members, or other support to governments that are killing civilians in violation of international law; the US shall not provide military aid to governments that target non-combatants.
- 14.3.5. The US must work closely and persistently with other countries to prevent or stop genocide wherever it occurs; recognize failures to stop prior genocides and therefore act to prevent war crimes and human rights violations before they are officially recognized as genocide.
- 14.3.6. The US must enforce the Leahy Law universally, granting no special status to any country.
- 14.3.7. We support strong First Amendment protections and oppose any attempt to criminalize or punish political expression unless it constitutes unprotected conduct such as incitement of imminent lawless action, true threats, or other narrowly defined exceptions as recognized by Constitutional law.
- 14.3.8. We recognize Israeli and Palestinian civilians should have security, recognition, and a life free from terror, violence, corruption, incitement, or collective punishment.
- 14.3.9. Democrats believe that an immediate diplomatic solution is necessary to end the mass civilian casualties, destruction, displacement and starvation of Palestinians in Gaza and West Bank, to support a full and permanent ceasefire in Gaza recognized and honored by by all parties, to release illegally detained Palestinians, to support immediately rebuilding Gaza with the provision of humanitarian aid, restoration of funding for UNRWA, and conditioning of any international assistance on adherence to ceasefire conditions and compliance with U.S. law and the Geneva Convention.
- 14.3.10. We believe Palestinians in the West Bank should be able to live with dignity and without the threat of settler violence or forced displacement from expanding Israeli settlements.
- 14.3.11. We believe the International Criminal Court and should adopt reforms including: ending politically motivated prosecutions and member states amending the Rome

Statute (through approval of its member states) to guarantee every accused person the right to a jury trial and protection against self-incrimination, and adding a good-faith exception to Article 28 for military personnel, as conditions precedent to the United States joining the ICC or allowing its citizens to be subjected to prosecutions under the Rome Statute.

- 14.3.12. The United States must provide assistance and work cooperatively with other nations to build a more peaceful, sustainable, and stable world by addressing root causes of conflict, including poverty, inequitable access to natural resources, economic injustice, and environmental degradation.
- 14.3.13. We call for restoration of effective foreign aid that reduces poverty and disparities in healthcare; and improves access to clean air, clean water and adequate food and shelter.
- 14.3.14. We call for cooperative and fully funded participation in international organizations including the United Nations, the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, the World Health Organization, and the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change.
- 14.3.15. We oppose:
 - 14.3.15.1. Preemptive war
 - 14.3.15.2. Any efforts to destabilize other nations' governments
 - 14.3.15.3. The United States' involvement in violent extremism, radicalization, and regime change
- 14.3.16. We call for The United States to reinstate nuclear disarmament treaties.
- 14.3.17. We oppose the use of artificial intelligence (AI) in weapons of war whereupon AI can act without the intervention of a human.
- 14.3.18. We oppose offensive militarization of space.
- 14.3.19. We support the right of Indigenous people to defend their lands, cultures, and communities against colonialism, occupation, and forced displacement. Indigenous sovereignty and the right of all peoples to pursue liberation, self-determination, and collective dignity free from political violence and imperial domination.
- 14.3.20. Members of the government who disregard the law or profit illegally from their position must be prosecuted to the fullest extent.
- 14.3.21. We reject racist political ideologies rooted in supremacy, including forms of Zionism, that perpetuate settler colonialism, occupation, apartheid, displacement, and unequal treatment under the law.

14.3.22. Palestinian Rights

- 14.3.22.1.1. Self-determination and equality: Support Palestinians' right to self-determination and to live with full civil, political, and economic rights.
- 14.3.22.1.2. End to occupation, displacement, and resource exploitation: Demand an end to Israeli military occupation, settlement expansion, home demolitions, forced displacement, and control

- and appropriation of natural resources, especially access to water.
- 14.3.22.1.3. Protection of civilians: Demand that Israel protect all civilians and adhere fully to international humanitarian law, including prohibitions on torture, arbitrary detention, and administrative detention without charge or trial.
- 14.3.22.1.4. Freedom of movement and access: Demand the removal of checkpoints and other restrictions that limit movement, economic opportunity, healthcare, and education.
- 14.3.22.1.5. Respect for the ceasefire: Call for full adherence to a ceasefire, with an immediate end to all military attacks to protect civilian lives and prevent further devastation.
- 14.3.22.1.6. Advocate for full and safe humanitarian access to Gaza and the West Bank – including food, water, medicine and fuel – in accordance with international law. Alleviating the civilian humanitarian crisis is both a moral obligation and a necessary condition for any credible peace process.
- 14.3.22.1.7. Immediately restore electricity, clean water, healthcare and communications infrastructure. Functional civilian systems reduce suffering, support stability, and build the foundation for peaceful coexistence and long-term recovery.
- 14.3.22.1.8. Restore press freedom and access in Gaza: Demand safe, independent, and sustained access for journalists to report from Gaza, with full protection from targeting, censorship, and restrictions, ensuring the world can witness events on the ground and that accountability is upheld.
- 14.3.22.1.9. Palestinian-led reconstruction with international responsibility: Ensure that Palestinians are in full control of rebuilding their homes, infrastructure, and economy, and free to shape their own future, while the international community provides sustained financial support and assumes responsibility for enabling this recovery with dignity and accountability.
- 14.3.22.1.10. Dignity and future: Affirm that Palestinians in Gaza deserve safety, freedom, and the opportunity to live with dignity and hope.

14.3.23. Universal and international Human Rights Standard

- 14.3.23.1. The Washington State Democratic Party supports the consistent application of international humanitarian and human rights law in all global conflicts, regardless of the nations involved.

14.3.24. Non-Complicity In War Crimes

- 14.3.24.1. We oppose participation in, facilitation of, or provision of non-essential support, including military aid, intelligence sharing, or economic

cooperation, that enables violations of international law, including but not limited to torture, forced displacement, collective punishment, targeting of civilians, journalists, or civilian infrastructure, and other acts prohibited under the Geneva Conventions.

14.3.25. Genocide and War Crimes Accountability

- 14.3.25.1. We support the identification, investigation, and public reporting of credible evidence of genocide, war crimes, and crimes against humanity committed by any government, whether ally, adversary, or the United States itself.
- 14.3.25.2. We support the identification, investigation, and public reporting of credible evidence of genocide, war crimes, and crimes against humanity committed by any government, whether an ally, an adversary, or the United States itself.

14.3.26. Protection of Civilians and Press

- 14.3.26.1. We support free access for journalists in conflict and war zones and oppose any actions that prevent or limit that access.
- 14.3.26.2. We affirm the protection of civilians, humanitarian workers, and journalists in all conflict zones and oppose any actions that deliberately target or endanger them.

14.3.27. Adherence to International Law

- 14.3.27.1. We support full compliance with international law and due process. Any individual accused of war crimes who is present within U.S. jurisdiction, including Washington state, should be subject to lawful investigation and judicial proceedings consistent with constitutional and international legal standards.

15. The Military, Veterans, and Military Families

- 15.1. We believe our nation has a sacred obligation to honor and care for those who serve in the United States Armed Forces and their families. Service members, Veterans, and their loved ones deserve dignity, respect, and full access to the benefits they have earned.
- 15.2. We support guaranteed access to comprehensive, timely, and high-quality physical and mental health care through the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), including treatment for Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD), Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI), Military Sexual Trauma (MST), and conditions resulting from toxic exposures, regardless of the character of their discharge.
- 15.3. We oppose the privatization of VA health care and support continued investment to improve and expand access, especially in rural communities.

- 15.4. We are committed to ending Veteran homelessness by expanding affordable housing, transitional services, and supportive programs.
- 15.5. We support strong re-integration training/counseling programs prior to discharge, education benefits, job training, and apprenticeship opportunities to ensure a successful transition from military to civilian life, along with robust employment protections and opportunities for Veterans and military spouses.
- 15.6. We oppose the denial of benefits, including the right to receive early retirement, for Service members who are forced into early separation by changing policies that are based on political ideology, not military readiness.
- 15.7. We oppose the use of involuntary guardianship proceedings by the VA, against Veterans, based on a determination made by the VA that they are unhoused and/or suffer from a substance use disorder.
- 15.8. We support subsidized interment for Veterans at state and national cemeteries and affirm every Veteran's right to be laid to rest with dignity under their gender identity.
- 15.9. We are committed to strengthening and modernizing the VA, reducing claims backlogs, protecting veterans from fraud, improving financial stability programs, and ensuring all VA resources are used to directly benefit Veterans.
- 15.10. We believe all who serve(d) must be treated equally. We support protections against discrimination based on race, gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, religion, disability, or background.
- 15.11. We support correcting unjust discharges.
- 15.12. We support full inclusion and equitable access to benefits for women and LGBTQIA2S+ service members and veterans.
- 15.13. We support strong accountability within the military, including independent investigations and prosecutions of sexual assault and harassment, protections against reprisals, and protections for service members' constitutional rights, including religious freedom and the right to refuse unlawful orders.
- 15.14. We support military families through expanded access to affordable childcare, quality housing, education, and career opportunities for spouses and caregivers.
- 15.15. We support a clear and fair pathway to citizenship for service members and Veterans, oppose the deportation of Veterans, and support citizenship protections for military families.
- 15.16. We demand that all service members are properly trained, equipped, and supported, including members of the National Guard and Reserves, and that they return to civilian life with the tools and support they need to thrive, physically, emotionally and economically. Service members must be accorded mandatory, continuous breaks (dwell time) between combat-related tours and naval deployments.
- 15.17. We oppose the use of autonomous Artificial Intelligence and civilian contractors in combat and combat-related roles.
- 15.18. We support full accountability at all levels of command for military operations that result in excessive harm to civilian populations.
- 15.19. Fascism and extremism have no place in our military. We support programs to identify and remove those individuals from military service whose ideology is contrary to the general military order and poses a threat to our Democracy.

15.20. Duty to Refuse Unlawful Orders

- 15.20.1. We affirm that under the Uniform Code of Military Justice (UCMJ) and international law, service members are required to obey lawful orders and have a legal duty to refuse orders that are manifestly unlawful.
- 15.20.2. Manifestly unlawful orders include those that clearly violate the Constitution, federal law, or the law of armed conflict, including orders to target civilians, commit torture, or engage in war crimes.
- 15.20.3. We support policies ensuring service members are educated on this duty, have access to timely legal counsel, and are protected from unlawful retaliation when raising good-faith concerns about the legality of orders.

15.21. Access to Legal Guidance and Due Process

- 15.21.1. We support ensuring that all service members have timely access to qualified legal counsel, including Judge Advocate General (JAG) services, when questions arise regarding the legality of orders.
- 15.21.2. Service members must be afforded due process protections, including the ability to document concerns, seek clarification, and receive fair and impartial review in any resulting proceedings.

15.22. Conscientious Objector Status and Education

- 15.22.1. We support the right of service members and eligible individuals to apply for conscientious objector status based on sincerely held moral, ethical, or religious beliefs opposing participation in war in any form.
- 15.22.2. We call for improved transparency, education, and timely processing of conscientious objector applications, including clear guidance on eligibility, evidentiary requirements, and procedural steps.
- 15.22.3. We support fair review processes and protection from retaliation for individuals pursuing conscientious objector status.

16. Technology

16.1. Limiting the Environmental Impact of Technology

Washington State – a national leader in both renewable energy and technology innovation – is uniquely positioned to demand better environmental stewardship and model what responsible, sustainable technology looks like.

- 16.1.1. Require data centers and large-scale computing facilities to meet rigorous energy efficiency standards, minimize water usage, and transition to verified renewable energy sources.
- 16.1.2. Ensure data centers and large-scale computing facilities meet strict noise standards.

- 16.1.3. Mandate public disclosure of energy consumption, water usage and carbon emissions by technology companies in Washington State.
- 16.1.4. Require data centers to fund their own electricity and water costs.
- 16.1.5. Establish strict standards for the disposal and recycling of electronic waste, with producer responsibility requirements that hold manufacturers responsible for end-of-life impacts
- 16.1.6. Enact right-to-repair legislation that extends the lifespan of consumer electronics, reduces e-waste, and saves consumers money.
- 16.1.7. Ban large AI infrastructure projects.
- 16.1.8. Support workforce development programs that train Washingtonians for jobs in sustainable technology, green electronics manufacturing, and e-waste processing.
- 16.1.9. Prohibit siting of new large-scale data centers.
- 16.1.10. Require data centers and large-scale computing facilities to fund electrical grid upgrades that account for the rough additional energy consumption in that/those municipality or municipalities.
- 16.1.11. Pursue interstate and international cooperation to establish shared standards for sustainable technology infrastructure and supply chain responsibility.
- 16.1.12. Co-locate industries that need a steady source of heat in their production processes with data centers who produce excess heat. Both industries would reduce costs and both would use less energy.

16.2. Technology & Child Safety

Children deserve to grow up free from exploitation, manipulation, and harm - and the explosive growth of digital platforms has created urgent new threats to their wellbeing.

- 16.2.1. We must enact cryptographically secure and anonymized age verification requirements for platforms hosting adult or harmful content. Such systems must protect privacy, protect free speech, and avoid creating surveillance infrastructure. Washington should establish a task force to develop standards and recommendations for age verification.
- 16.2.2. Prohibit addictive design features targeting minors and other vulnerable populations.
- 16.2.3. Restrict and regulate predatory data collection.
- 16.2.4. Enforce stronger protections against online exploitation and abuse.
- 16.2.5. Hold platforms accountable for algorithmic exposure of harmful content to young users.
- 16.2.6. Prohibit marketing designed to encourage parents to purchase tablets and other such devices for their children.

16.3. Free Speech & Content Moderation

The concentration of power in a handful of private platforms raises fundamental questions about who governs public discourse in a democracy, and how we balance open expression with protection from coordinated harm.

- 16.3.1. Reform Section 230 (U.S. C.) to better balance platform immunity with accountability.
- 16.3.2. Require transparency for algorithmic amplification of content.
- 16.3.3. Protect due process for users subject to content removal or account termination. This does not prevent platforms from taking immediate (but appealable) action against users to protect others against harmful content or behaviors.
- 16.3.4. Prohibit government coercion of private platforms to suppress lawful speech.
- 16.3.5. Implement independent oversight mechanisms for content moderation practices at scale.

16.4. Antitrust & Market Power

The unchecked dominance of a small number of technology corporations threatens innovation, consumer choice, worker power, and the economic participation of small businesses and communities.

The Democratic Party supports:

- 16.4.1. Vigorous enforcement of existing antitrust law against all monopolies including Big Tech;
- 16.4.2. Stronger merger review standards to prevent acquisitions that eliminate competition in WA State;
- 16.4.3. Structural separation of dominant platforms and reform of digital advertising markets.

16.5. Data Privacy & Consumer Protection

Americans have a fundamental right to control their personal information, yet the United States remains one of the few democracies without a comprehensive federal privacy law, leaving consumers exposed to unchecked data exploitation.

The Democratic Party supports:

- 16.5.1. Enactment of strong, comprehensive federal and state consumer privacy law with meaningful enforcement;
- 16.5.2. Regulation of the data broker industry, including the right to access, correct, and delete personal data in WA State;
- 16.5.3. Robust opt-in consent requirements before personal data is collected, sold or shared;
- 16.5.4. Minimum data security standards with corporate liability for preventable breaches;
- 16.5.5. A private right of action allowing individuals to seek redress for privacy violations.

16.6. Cybersecurity

The security of our digital infrastructure is a matter of national resilience, economic stability, and public safety. Patchwork regulation and inadequate investment leave critical systems dangerously vulnerable.

WA State should lead the nation with:

- 16.6.1. Mandatory minimum cybersecurity standards for critical infrastructure sectors;
- 16.6.2. Required incident reporting timelines for significant breaches;
- 16.6.3. Accountability standards for software and hardware manufacturers who ship insecure products; and
- 16.6.4. Strengthened protections against ransomware attacks, especially targeting financial institutions, hospitals, schools, public utilities, and other essential public services.

16.7. Disinformation & Election Integrity

The health of our democracy depends on an informed electorate. The deliberate spread of disinformation - amplified by algorithmic systems and exploited by foreign adversaries - poses a direct threat to free and fair elections.

The Democratic Party supports:

- 16.7.1. Transparency requirements for political advertising online in Washington;
- 16.7.2. Prohibiting the use of AI-generated synthetic media in political advertising without clear disclosure;
- 16.7.3. Accountability measures for platforms that knowingly amplify coordinated disinformation campaigns;
- 16.7.4. Strengthened sanctions and legal tools to address foreign interference in WA state elections; and
- 16.7.5. Investment in media literacy and civic education in WA state to counter disinformation.

16.8. Digital Equity & Access

Broadband internet is essential infrastructure for economic participation, education, healthcare access, and civic engagement, and no person in Washington should be left behind because of where they live, how much they earn, or who they are.

The Democratic Party supports:

- 16.8.1. Universal broadband deployment with targeted investment in rural, tribal, and low-income communities;
- 16.8.2. Affordable connectivity programs that ensure low-income households can participate in the digital economy;
- 16.8.3. Digital literacy programs integrated into WA public education and workforce development;

- 16.8.4. Prohibition on discriminatory broadband pricing and service quality by geography or demographics.
- 16.8.5. Designating internet as a public utility.
- 16.8.6. Broadband should be a public utility available to everyone at low cost.

16.9. Financial Technology & Cryptocurrency

Rapid innovation in financial technology has created new opportunities for inclusion and investment, but also significant risks of consumer harm, fraud, and systemic instability that require a clear and coherent regulatory framework in WA state.

The Democratic Party supports:

- 16.9.1. Clear jurisdictional rules at the federal and state level governing cryptocurrency assets;
- 16.9.2. Consumer protection standards for digital asset exchanges, including disclosure, custody, and fraud liability requirements in Washington state;
- 16.9.3. Regulation of stablecoins to ensure backing, transparency, and systemic safety;
- 16.9.4. Anti-money laundering and sanctions compliance; and
- 16.9.5. Washington-based responsible fintech innovation that expands access to financial services for unbanked and underbanked communities.

16.10. Platform Design & Addictive Technology

Technology companies have engineered their products to maximize engagement at the expense of user wellbeing, exploiting psychological vulnerabilities for profit - particularly at the expense of young people and vulnerable populations.

- 16.10.1. Duty-of-care obligations for platforms whose design choices foreseeably cause user harm
- 16.10.2. Mandatory algorithmic impact assessments for engagement-maximizing systems
- 16.10.3. Special protections against addictive design features in products accessible by minors
- 16.10.4. Transparency requirements for algorithmic feeds

16.11. Health Technology

Technology is transforming healthcare delivery, but the regulatory frameworks governing health data, digital diagnostics, and telehealth have not kept pace, leaving patients exposed to privacy violations, algorithmic bias, and inadequate standards of care.

The Democratic Party supports:

- 16.11.1. Promoting the expansion and modernization of HIPAA at the federal level;
- 16.11.2. Robust oversight of AI-based diagnostic and clinical decision-support tools by the US FDA;
- 16.11.3. Appropriate guardrails for telehealth service impacting WA residents;

- 16.11.4. Prohibiting the sale or commercial use of personal health data without robust informed prior consent;
- 16.11.5. Equity requirements to ensure health technology does not replicate or deepen existing disparities in care; and
- 16.11.6. Eliminating the use of algorithms to determine access to care.

16.12. Gig Economy & Labor Platforms

Millions of Americans work through digital platforms that deny them the rights and protections afforded to other workers - a fundamental injustice that demands legislative remedy in WA.

The Democratic Party supports:

- 16.12.1. Clear and fair standards for worker classification that close loopholes exploited by platform companies;
- 16.12.2. Portable benefits (healthcare, paid leave, and retirement savings);
- 16.12.3. Transparency requirements for algorithmic management; and
- 16.12.4. Collective bargaining rights and organizing protections.
- 16.12.5. Access to core protections, including unemployment insurance, workers' compensation, and minimum earnings standards even when workers are classified as independent contractors or operate across multiple platforms
- 16.12.6. Prohibition of arbitrary or automated removal from platforms, suspension, or other adverse actions without clear explanation and a meaningful opportunity to appeal to a human for review.
- 16.12.7. Expanding protections offered to Transportation Network Company (TNC) drivers to app-based food and grocery delivery drivers.

16.13. Surveillance Capitalism

The business model of surveillance capitalism, in which human attention and behavior are commodified and sold without meaningful consent, represents a systemic assault on privacy, autonomy, and democratic self-governance in WA state.

The Democratic Party supports:

- 16.13.1. Prohibiting the collection and sale of personal data without affirmative opt-in consent in WA;
- 16.13.2. Strict limits on the purchase and use of location data by commercial entities, data brokers, and government agencies; and
- 16.13.3. Transparency requirements for commercial tracking and profiling, including the right to know what data is collected and how it is used.

16.14. Artificial Intelligence

Washingtonians have the right to be fully informed of, and protected from harm by, the pervasive use of artificial intelligence.

The Democratic Party supports:

- 16.14.1. Requiring full disclosure in advance of any interactions with an AI system in a high-impact setting, including commerce, employment, housing, education, healthcare, lending, legal, and government services.
- 16.14.2. Prohibiting high-impact decisions made solely by artificial intelligence systems without human review, and require explicit opportunities to challenge such decisions.
- 16.14.3. Requiring artificial intelligence used in high-impact settings to be tested and monitored for discriminatory effects, including effects on protected classes, and ensure that deployers are held accountable for harms caused by such systems.
- 16.14.4. Establishing comprehensive data privacy protections - modeled on or exceeding those of the California Consumer Privacy Act (CCPA) - that grant individuals the right to access, port, and delete their personal data, while strictly requiring businesses to provide clear mechanisms for consumers to opt-out of their personal information and digital likeness being used to train AI models.
- 16.14.5. Prohibiting the use of personal data by AI systems to charge different prices, steer choices, or exploit economic vulnerability.
- 16.14.6. Prohibiting companies from building, retaining, or selling personal profiles of users in order to manipulate behavior, deny opportunity, or expose people to surveillance.
- 16.14.7. Enacting strict limits on AI systems profiling and retention of sensitive conversation data, including profiling based on perceived mental or physical health status.
- 16.14.8. Prohibit the use of artificial intelligence to imitate or fabricate a person's voice, likeness, or identity without consent.

17. Appendix

17.1. Rights

- 17.1.1. We uphold the internationally recognized rights and freedoms promulgated by the United Nations Human Rights Committee for justice and fairness.
 - 17.1.1.1. All human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights. They are endowed with reason and conscience and should act towards one another in a spirit of mutual respect.
 - 17.1.1.2. Everyone has the right to life, liberty, and security of person
 - 17.1.1.3. No one shall be held in slavery or servitude. Slavery and the slave trade shall be prohibited in all their forms
 - 17.1.1.4. No one shall be subjected to torture or to cruel, inhuman, or degrading treatment or punishment.
 - 17.1.1.5. Everyone has the right to recognition everywhere as a person before the law.

- 17.1.1.6. All are equal before the law and are entitled without any discrimination to equal protection of the law. All are entitled to equal protection against any discrimination in violation of this right and against any incitement to such discrimination.
- 17.1.1.7. Everyone has the right to an effective remedy by the competent national tribunals for acts violating the fundamental rights granted them by the constitution or by law.
- 17.1.1.8. No one shall be subjected to arbitrary arrest, detention, or exile.
- 17.1.1.9. Everyone is entitled in full equality to a fair and public hearing by an independent and impartial tribunal, in the determination of their rights and obligations and of any criminal charge against them.
- 17.1.1.10. Everyone charged with a penal offense has the right to be presumed innocent until proved guilty according to law in a public trial at which they have had all the guarantees necessary for their defense.
- 17.1.1.11. No one shall be held guilty of any penal offense on any account of any act or omission which did not constitute a penal offense, under national or international law, at the time when it was committed. Nor shall a heavier penalty be imposed than the one that was applicable at the time the penal offense was committed.
- 17.1.1.12. No one shall be subjected to arbitrary interference with their privacy, family, home, or correspondence, nor to attacks upon their honor and reputation. Everyone has the right to the protection of the law against such interference or attacks.
- 17.1.1.13. Everyone has the right to freedom of movement and residence within the borders of each country.
- 17.1.1.14. Everyone has the right to leave any country, including their own, and to return to their country.
- 17.1.1.15. Everyone has the right to seek and to enjoy in other countries asylum from persecution. This right may not be invoked in the case of prosecutions genuinely arising from non-political crimes or from acts contrary to the purposes and principles of the United Nations.
- 17.1.1.16. Everyone has the right to a nationality. No one shall be arbitrarily deprived of their nationality nor denied the right to change their nationality.
- 17.1.1.17. Anyone of full age, without any limitation due to race, nationality, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, or religion, have the right to marry and to found a family. They are entitled to equal rights as to marriage, during marriage, and at its dissolution. Marriage shall be entered into only with the free and full consent of the intending spouses. The family is the natural and fundamental group unit of society and is entitled to protection by society and the government.
- 17.1.1.18. Everyone has the right to own property alone as well as in association with others. No one shall be arbitrarily deprived of their property.

- 17.1.1.19. Everyone has the right to freedom of thought, conscience, and religion. This right includes freedom to change their religion or belief, and freedom, either alone or in community with others and in public or private, to manifest their religion or belief in teaching, practice, worship, and observance.
- 17.1.1.20. Everyone has the right to freedom of opinion and expression. This right includes freedom to hold opinions without interference and to seek, receive, and impart information and ideas through any media and regardless of frontiers.
- 17.1.1.21. Everyone has the right to freedom of peaceful assembly and association. No one may be compelled to belong to an association.
- 17.1.1.22. Everyone has the right to take part in the government of their country, directly or through freely chosen representatives. Everyone has the right of equal access to public service in their country.
- 17.1.1.23. The will of the people shall be the basis of the authority of government.
- 17.1.1.24. This will of the people shall be expressed in periodic and free and fair elections which shall be by universal and equal suffrage and shall be held by secret vote or by equivalent free voting procedures.
- 17.1.1.25. Everyone, as a member of society, has the right to social security and is entitled to realization, through national effort and international cooperation and in accordance with the organization and resources of each government, of the economic, social, and cultural rights indispensable for their dignity and the free development of their personality.
- 17.1.1.26. Everyone has the right to work, to free choice of employment, to just and favorable conditions of work, and to protection against unemployment.
- 17.1.1.27. Everyone, without any discrimination, has the right to equal pay for equal work.
- 17.1.1.28. Everyone who works has the right to just and favorable remuneration ensuring for themselves and their family an existence worthy of human dignity, and supplemented, if necessary, by other means of social protection.
- 17.1.1.29. Everyone has the right to form and to join trade unions for the protection of their interests.
- 17.1.1.30. Everyone has the right to rest and leisure, including reasonable limitations of working hours and periodic holidays with pay.
- 17.1.1.31. Everyone has the right to a standard of living adequate for the health and well-being of themselves and of their family, including foods, clothing, housing, medical care, necessary social services, and the right to security in the event of unemployment, sickness, disability, widowhood, old age, or other lack of livelihood in circumstances beyond their control.
- 17.1.1.32. Motherhood and childhood are entitled to special care and assistance. All children, whether born in or out of wedlock, shall enjoy the same social protection.

- 17.1.1.33. Everyone has the right to education. Education shall be free, at least in the elementary and fundamental stages. Elementary education shall be compulsory. Technical and professional education shall be made generally available, and higher education shall be equally accessible to all.
- 17.1.1.34. Education shall be directed to the full development of the human personality and to the strengthening of respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms. It shall promote understanding, tolerance, and friendship among all nations, racial or religious groups.
- 17.1.1.35. Everyone has the right freely to participate in the cultural life of the community, to enjoy the arts, and to share in scientific advancement and its benefits.
- 17.1.1.36. Everyone has the right to the protection of the moral and material interests resulting from any scientific, literary, or artistic productions of which they are the author.
- 17.1.1.37. Everyone is entitled to a social and international order in which all these rights and freedoms can be fully realized.
- 17.1.1.38. Everyone has duties to the community in which alone the free and full development of their personality is possible.
- 17.1.1.39. In the exercise of their rights and freedoms, everyone shall be subject only to such limitations as are determined by law solely for the purpose of securing due recognition and respect for the rights and freedoms of others and of meeting the just requirements of morality, public order, and the general welfare in a democratic society.
- 17.1.1.40. These rights and freedoms may in no case be exercised contrary to the purposes and principles of the United Nations.
- 17.1.1.41. None of these rights may be interpreted as implying for any government, group, or person any right to engage in any activity or to perform any act aimed at the destruction of these rights or freedoms.

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1	26-1	GOV	Resolution to Put Constitutional Amendment on Ballot Proposing to Lengthen Legislative Sessions	w 2026CONR...	DO NOT PASS	DO NOT PASS
1	26-2	GOV	A Resolution to Increase Food Access and Address Increasing Food Deserts by Adopting Legislation Around Public-Option Grocery Stores and Pharmacies.	w 2026CONR...	DO PASS	DO PASS
2	26-3	GOV	Resolution to Limit Corporate Influence and Enhance Transparency in Washington Elections	w 2026CONR...	RETURN TO MAKER	RETURN TO MAKER
2	26-4	EDU	Resolution in Support of Full and Equitable Funding for Washington Public Schools	w 2026CONR...	DO NOT PASS	DO NOT PASS
3	26-5	ENV	Due Care for Products Imported and used in Washington	w 2026CONR...	DO PASS	DO PASS
3	26-6	LAW	Enforce Fire Safety Codes to Prevent Prison Overcrowding	w 2026CONR...	RETURN TO MAKER	RETURN TO MAKER
4	26-7	ENV	Regulate the AI industry in WA & Stop The Data Center Takeover	w 2026CONR...	DO PASS	DO PASS
4	26-8	LAW	Prohibit Use of Private Property for Detention Facilities in Spokane County	w 2026CONR...	OUT OF ORDER	OUT OF ORDER
5	26-10	GOV	Resolution in Support of Supreme Court Reform	w 2026CONR...	DO PASS	DO PASS
5	26-9	GOV	Resolution on Undoing the Corruption of Corporate Money in Politics	w 2026CONR...	DO NOT PASS	DO NOT PASS
6	26-11	CORP	Calling for Accountability Measures on Robocalls by Telecommunications Companies	w 2026CONR...	DO PASS	DO PASS
6	26-12	GOV	Calling for Increased Legislative Sessions to Better Serve the People of Washington	w 2026CONR...	DO NOT PASS	DO NOT PASS
7	26-13	ENV	Divesting from Fossil Fuels to Mitigate Climate Change while Strengthening Pension Funds Resolution (1)	w 2026CONR...	DO NOT PASS	DO NOT PASS
8	26-14	PAR	LOCAL GOVERNANCE AUTONOMY AND THE PROTECTION OF PROGRESSIVE VALUES IN EASTERN WASHINGTON	w 2026CONR...	DO PASS AS AMENDED	DO PASS AS AMENDED
8	26-15	LAW	A MANDATE FOR ACCOUNTABILITY, INTEGRITY AND PUBLIC SAFETY	w 2026CONR...	OUT OF ORDER	OUT OF ORDER
9	26-16	GOV	Resolution to Move the Washington State Primary to June	w 2026CONR...	DO NOT PASS	DO NOT PASS
9	26-17	GOV	Resolution to Stop Corporate Influence	w 2026CONR...	DO NOT PASS	DO NOT PASS
10	26-18	GOV	SUPPORT 2026 WA STATE SB 6358 PROVISIONS TO PROHIBIT CORPORATE POLITICAL SPENDING	w 2026CONR...	DO PASS AS AMENDED	DO PASS AS AMENDED
10	26-19	HEA	RESOLUTION SUPPORTING MEDICATION ACCESS NAVIGATION PILOT PROGRAMS IN WASHINGTON STATE	w 2026CONR...	DO PASS	DO PASS
11	26-20	GOV	End Dark Money Elections: Tackling Citizens United at the State Level	w 2026CONR...	DO PASS AS AMENDED	DO PASS AS AMENDED
11	26-21	HOU	Housing Affordability & Tenant Rights	w 2026CONR...	DO PASS AS AMENDED	DO PASS AS AMENDED
12	26-22	GOV	Resolution Supporting a Public Candidate Information Platform to Improve Candidate Equality and Reduce Dependency on Private Campaign Fundraising	w 2026CONR...	DO PASS AS AMENDED	DO PASS AS AMENDED
12	26-23	PAR	Resolution for Changing the Designation of Precinct Committee Officer	w 2026CONR...	RETURN TO MAKER	OUT OF ORDER
13	26-24	GOV	State's Rights Pertaining to Elections	w 2026CONR...	RETURN TO MAKER	RETURN TO MAKER
13	26-25	MED	LOCAL NEWS AND DEMOCRACY	w 2026CONR...	RETURN TO MAKER	RETURN TO MAKER
14	26-26	HEA	Ending the Use of Private Insurance Companies in Public Healthcare Administration	w 2026CONR...	DO PASS AS AMENDED	DO PASS AS AMENDED
15	26-27	LAW	Denouncing the Presence of Immigration Enforcement in Hospitals and Sanctuary Institutions in Washington State	w 2026CONR...	DO PASS	DO PASS
16	26-28	MED	Restore NPR Funding	w 2026CONR...	DO PASS AS AMENDED	DO PASS AS AMENDED
16	26-29	HEA	Medicare Public Option	w 2026CONR...	DO PASS	RETURN TO MAKER
17	26-30	ENV	CASCADE RENEWABLE TRANSMISSION LINE PROJECT RESOLUTION	w 2026CONR...	RETURN TO MAKER	RETURN TO MAKER
17	26-31	HOU	Establish Housing As A Human Right Through Social Housing	w 2026CONR...	RETURN TO MAKER	RETURN TO MAKER

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18	26-32	LAW	Bring REPAIR: Respect, Equity, Partnership, Accountability, Intention, & Responsible Community Action	2026CONR...	RETURN TO MAKER	RETURN TO MAKER
18	26-33	EDU	Resolution Demanding Washington State Invests in Its Future By Fully Funding K-12 Education	2026CONR...	DO PASS	DO PASS
19	26-34	GOV	Constitutional Defense and Anti-Coercion Act	2026CONR...	DO PASS AS AMENDED	DO PASS AS AMENDED
19	26-35	GOV	Right to Dissent	2026CONR...	DO PASS AS AMENDED	DO PASS AS AMENDED
20	26-36	ENV	Rights of nature	2026CONR...	OUT OF ORDER	OUT OF ORDER
20	26-37	GOV	Exemplifying Democracy	2026CONR...	DO PASS AS AMENDED	DO PASS AS AMENDED
21	26-38	GOV	RESOLUTION REGARDING LIMITING THE INFLUENCE OF MONEY IN ELECTION CAMPAIGNS	2026CONR...	DO NOT PASS	DO NOT PASS
21	26-39	LAW	RESOLUTION SUPPORTING NEW CATEGORIES OF MISCONDUCT FOR PUBLIC OFFICERS	2026CONR...	RETURN TO MAKER	RETURN TO MAKER
22	26-40	GOV	Constituent Right to Acknowledgment, Response, and Legislative Accountability	2026CONR...	RETURN TO MAKER	RETURN TO MAKER
22	26-41	FOR	Resolution Supporting a Negotiated Two-State Solution, Human Rights, and Accountability Under International Law in Israel and Palestine	2026CONR...	RETURN TO MAKER	RETURN TO MAKER
23	26-42	HEA	Resolution Supporting Targeted Action to Address Black Maternal Health Disparities in Washington State	2026CONR...	DO NOT PASS	DO NOT PASS
24	26-43	ENV	Supporting a Forest Carbon Tax and Reward Program	2026CONR...	DO PASS AS AMENDED	DO PASS AS AMENDED
24	26-44	GOV	Get Corporate Money Out of Washington Elections	2026CONR...	DO NOT PASS	DO NOT PASS
26	26-45	CIV	Strengthening Community Connectedness, Civic Readiness, and Community	2026CONR...	OUT OF ORDER	OUT OF ORDER
26	26-46	LAB	Supporting Military Spouse Employment and Workforce Continuity	2026CONR...	OUT OF ORDER	OUT OF ORDER
27	26-47	ECON	Resolution Concerning The Affordability Crisis	2026CONR...	RETURN TO MAKER	RETURN TO MAKER
27	26-48	IMM	Resolution Concerning Abolishment of ICE	2026CONR...	DO PASS AS AMENDED	DO PASS AS AMENDED
28	26-49	CIV	Resolution to Disaggregate the Racial Data Collection System in Washington State	2026CONR...	DO PASS	DO PASS
28	26-50	ENV	Resolution to Oppose Construction of Nuclear Power Reactors in Washington State	2026CONR...	DO NOT PASS	DO NOT PASS
29	26-51	HOU	Protect Housing for Residents of Manufactured Home Communities	2026CONR...	RETURN TO MAKER	RETURN TO MAKER
29	26-52	EDU	Resolution to Establish Universal, Equitable Early Care and Education as a Core Economic and Educational Priority for Washington State	2026CONR...	DO PASS AS AMENDED	DO PASS AS AMENDED
31	26-53	HEA	Resolution for Protection of Patients for Safe and Competent Health Care in the State of Washington	2026CONR...	DO PASS	DO PASS
31	26-54	LAW	Resolution to Require Comprehensive Background Checks for Private Youth Sports Organizations	2026CONR...	DO PASS AS AMENDED	DO PASS AS AMENDED
32	26-55	LAW	Protecting Domestic Violence Survivors from Financial Abuse in Dissolution Proceedings	2026CONR...	DO PASS	DO PASS
32	26-56	GOV	Protecting Democracy by preventing Corporate and Dark Money Influence in Washington Elections	2026CONR...	DO NOT PASS	DO NOT PASS
33	26-57	MIL	Resolution on Cutting the US Military Budget	2026CONR...	OUT OF ORDER	OUT OF ORDER
34	26-58	GOV	Support Re-Enacting a Strong Voting Rights Act	2026CONR...	RETURN TO MAKER	RETURN TO MAKER
34	26-59	CORP	Resolution Urging a Stop to Energy Northwest and Amazon from Taking Public Funds and Lands	2026CONR...	RETURN TO MAKER	RETURN TO MAKER
35	26-60	PAR	Equity in Youth Representation Statewide	2026CONR...	RETURN TO MAKER	RETURN TO MAKER
35	26-61	GOV	RECLAIMING CONGRESSIONAL AUTHORITY OVER DECLARATIONS OF WAR	2026CONR...	OUT OF ORDER	OUT OF ORDER
36	26-62	ENV	Resolution Protecting Water, Energy, and Communities from Data Center Impacts in Washington State	2026CONR...	DO PASS AS AMENDED	DO PASS AS AMENDED
36	26-63	TRAN	Deliver Sound Transit	2026CONR...	DO PASS	DO PASS
37	26-64	MIL	Resolution on Cutting the US Military Budget	2026CONR...	DO NOT PASS	DO NOT PASS

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37	26-65	CIV	Resolution in Support of Outreach to Black Voters	w 2026CONR...	DO PASS AS AMENDED	DO PASS AS AMENDED
38	26-66	ECON	Resolution Calling for the Re-Establishment of Federal Veteran Mortgage Protections and the Creation of a Washington State Veteran Mortgage Relief & Stabilization Fund	w 2026CONR...	DO PASS	DO PASS
38	26-67	GOV	Resolution: Calling for IMMEDIATE ACTION for FOOD INSECURITY	w 2026CONR...	DO PASS AS AMENDED	DO PASS AS AMENDED
39	26-68	GOV	Resolution that No Individual Should Hold More Than One Position of Public Privilege	E 2026CONR...	RETURN TO MAKER	RETURN TO MAKER
39	26-69	GOV	Resolution in Support of Transparent, Accountable, and Public-Interest Artificial Intelligence Regulation	E 2026CONR...	RETURN TO MAKER	RETURN TO MAKER
40	26-70	ENV	Divest from Fossil Fuels to Mitigate Climate Change while Strengthening Pension Funds	w 2026CONR...	DO PASS AS AMENDED	DO PASS AS AMENDED
40	26-71	IMM	A Resolution In Support Of The Prohibition Of Civil Immigration Detention, Processing, And Enforcement Facilities And Accessory Uses As A Land Use Anywhere Within Washington State	w 2026CONR...	DO PASS AS AMENDED	DO PASS AS AMENDED
41	26-72	GOV	Campaign Finance Reform	w 2026CONR...	DO PASS AS AMENDED	DO PASS AS AMENDED
42	26-73	ENV	An Act to Make Small Plug-in Solar Generation Devices Accessible for All Washington State Residents	E 2026CONR...	DO PASS AS AMENDED	DO PASS AS AMENDED
42	26-74	AGR	A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF GRANTING STRONGER REGULATORY AND ENFORCEMENT MECHANISMS TO THE AGRICULTURAL AND SEASONAL WORKFORCE SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE	E 2026CONR...	RETURN TO MAKER	RETURN TO MAKER
43	26-75	CIV	Resolution in Support of Our Transgender Community	w 2026CONR...	DO PASS	DO PASS
43	26-76	FOR	Resolution Condemning Genocide and Apartheid in Palestine and Calling for Arms Embargo on Israel	w 2026CONR...	DO PASS AS AMENDED	DO PASS AS AMENDED
44	26-77	GOV	Resolution 2026-09: Calling for a Full-Time Washington State Legislature	w 2026CONR...	DO NOT PASS	DO NOT PASS
44	26-78	EDU	Resolution 2025-09: Resolution to Support Simple Majority Approval for School Bonds	w 2026CONR...	DO NOT PASS	DO NOT PASS
45	26-79	GOV	RESOLUTION TO END CITIZENS UNITED IN WASHINGTON STATE IN 2027	w 2026CONR...	DO NOT PASS	DO NOT PASS
45	26-80	ECON	Resolution Supporting Universal Basic Income and Economic Security for Washingtonians	w 2026CONR...	RETURN TO MAKER	RETURN TO MAKER
46	26-81	FOR	Resolution Reaffirming Constitutional War Powers and Opposing Unauthorized War With Iran	w 2026CONR...	DO PASS AS AMENDED	DO PASS AS AMENDED
46	26-82	GOV	Resolution Condemning Representative Marie Gluesenkamp Perez's Vote	w 2026CONR...	DO NOT PASS	DO NOT PASS
47	26-83	EDU	Resolution Endorsing Lowering the Voter Threshold to Approve School Bonds	w 2026CONR...	DO PASS AS AMENDED	DO PASS AS AMENDED
47	26-84	PAR	Resolution Promoting the Support of Youth Involvement in the Democratic Party	w 2026CONR...	DO PASS AS AMENDED	DO PASS AS AMENDED
48	26-85	GOV	Resolution Declaring No Kings	w 2026CONR...	DO PASS AS AMENDED	DO PASS AS AMENDED
48	26-86	ECON	Resolution In Support of Vibrant Cities Act	w 2026CONR...	DO PASS AS AMENDED	DO PASS AS AMENDED
49	26-87	GOV	Resolution to Enshrine Washington's Vote-by-Mail System in the State Constitution	w 2026CONR...	DO PASS	DO PASS
49	26-88	TRAN	Resolution Supporting the Interstate 5 Bridge Replacement Project	w 2026CONR...	DO PASS AS AMENDED	DO PASS AS AMENDED
AA Committee	26-89	ECON	Resolution to Adopt a Progressive State Income Tax and Abolish Our Regressive Sales Tax	w 2026CONR...	DO PASS	DO PASS
AA Committee	26-90	HEA	RESOLUTION TO PASS THE WASHINGTON STATE BLACK MATERNAL HEALTH ACCOUNTABILITY AND "MOMNIBUS" ACT	w 2026CONR...	DO PASS	DO PASS
Res. Committee	26-91	GOV	Resolution to Lengthen Legislative Sessions	w 2026CONR...	DO PASS	DO PASS

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46	URGENT 26-1	MIL	Resolution Opposing and Condemning Expanded U.S.–Israel Military Integration	w 2026CONR...	DO PASS	DO PASS
Sharon Abreu	URGENT 26	PAR	Urgent Resolution Regarding the DNC Rules and B Rejection of Ranked Choice Voting for Presidential	w URGENT 2...	No Recommendation	DO PASS

Resolution to Put Constitutional Amendment on Ballot Proposing to Lengthen Legislative Sessions

Whereas, the Washington State Constitution limits regular legislative sessions to 105 days in odd-numbered years and 60 days in even-numbered years, and

Whereas, Washington, with an \$900 billion annual economy, has the ninth largest GDP in the country, ahead of Alaska, Hawaii, Massachusetts, Michigan, Ohio, or Wisconsin, all of which have either full time or near-full time legislatures, and

Whereas, the current Washington Constitution was adopted in 1889 and has been amended 110 times and can be amended with a legislative or convention-referred constitutional amendment, both of which require voter approval, and

Whereas, Washington state's population at the time of the Constitution being written was 260,000 people and today stands at nearly 8,100,000, and

Whereas, in the 2025 session, legislators introduced roughly 1,900 bills, which works out to about 18 bills per day that need consideration somewhere in the process, and only 422 passed both chambers, with most bills dying in committee, never receiving a hearing, and the ones that survive do so because they have powerful sponsors, organized constituencies, or both,

Therefore, Be It Resolved that Washington State Democrats urge Washington state legislators to introduce a legislative constitutional amendment that increases the legislative session to at least 150 days in odd-numbered years and 100 days in even-numbered years, and

Be It Finally Resolved Washington State Democrats urge Washington state legislators to support a convention-referred constitutional amendment with similar length of sessions as an alternative if introduced, and

Resolution submitted to and passed by the 1st LD Convention Delegation on May 17th, 2026

A Resolution to Increase Food Access and Address Increasing Food Deserts by Adopting Legislation Around Public-Option Grocery Stores and Pharmacies.

WHEREAS, Washington State residents are facing an increase in food insecurity and food and pharmacy deserts, with at least 10% of households struggling with food security¹.

WHEREAS, large, multibillion-dollar grocery companies such as Safeway and Kroger act as a monopolistic force in the grocery and retail pharmacy industry, pushing out competitors and continuing to raise the prices consumers pay for groceries.

WHEREAS, after the failed \$25 billion merger between Kroger and Safeway², Kroger closed multiple Fred Meyer grocery stores, creating a virtual food and pharmacy desert and a loss of a vital resource in neighborhoods like Lake City in Seattle³ and Tacoma's South End.⁴

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Washington State Democratic Party urges the Governor's office to create a working group to identify food and pharmacy deserts and propose options to expand food and pharmacy access to areas in need, for example, by creating public option grocery stores and pharmacies.

Submitted by Alycia Ramirez, to the First District Democrats Convention Delegation on 5/10/2026

Passed by the First District Democrats Convention Delegation on 5/17/2026

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Resolution to Limit Corporate Influence and Enhance Transparency in Washington Elections

WHEREAS, democratic institutions function most effectively when elected officials are directly accountable to the voters they represent rather than to concentrated financial interests; and

WHEREAS, the increasing role of corporate spending and "dark money" in political campaigns has diminished public trust and created the appearance of unequal political influence in the democratic process; and

WHEREAS, Washington State has a compelling interest in preventing corruption, increasing campaign finance transparency, and protecting the integrity of state and local elections; and

WHEREAS, other jurisdictions have successfully implemented reforms to limit corporate influence, providing a framework for Washington to strengthen its own democratic accountability;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Washington State Democratic Convention supports legislation prohibiting large corporations defined as those with over 500 employees from making direct contributions to candidates, political parties, and political action committees in Washington State elections; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Washington State Democratic Convention supports legislation requiring full public disclosure of the beneficial ownership of entities engaged in political spending, including significant foreign ownership interests and primary financial stakeholders; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Washington State Democratic Convention supports prohibiting political contributions by state contractors to officials overseeing their contracts, and further supports a constitutional amendment to allow reasonable limits on corporate political spending.

Submitted by the 2nd District Democrats Delegation

Resolution in Support of Full and Equitable Funding for Washington Public Schools

WHEREAS, Article IX of the Washington Constitution declares that it is the “paramount duty” of the State to make ample provision for the education of all children; and

WHEREAS, the Washington State Supreme Court affirmed in the *McCleary v. State of Washington* decision that the State has a constitutional obligation to fully fund basic education and reduce inequities between school districts; and

WHEREAS, significant disparities in local levy capacity, regional funding differences, special education funding, transportation costs, and access to enrichment opportunities continue to create unequal educational outcomes between school districts across the state; and

WHEREAS, students in every community, regardless of zip code, property wealth, disability status, or regional economic conditions, deserve equal access to high-quality educational opportunities and resources;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Washington State Democratic Convention supports legislation and budget priorities that fully satisfy the State’s constitutional obligation to amply fund public education as required under Article IX of the Washington Constitution and the *McCleary* decision; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Washington State Democratic Convention supports reforms to ensure more equitable statewide funding levels between school districts, specifically addressing disparities in special education funding, local levy dependence, and student support services; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Washington State Democratic Convention supports sustained state investments to ensure every public school student has equitable access to resources, qualified educators, modern facilities, technology, and behavioral and mental health supports regardless of geographic location or local property wealth.

Submitted by the 2nd District Democrats Delegation

Due Care for Products Imported and used in Washington

Joseph Ghodsee and Zenthia Peterson

WHEREAS 1,228 Washington water sources have tested positive for PFOS related chemicals of which none is safe for human consumption and permanently contaminated our necessary resource ¹; and

WHEREAS We The People under federal and state law must prove a product unsafe before it can cease being sold allowing for organizations to change the formula slightly and start production again to continue harming Washingtonians and our ecology because this “new product”, is considered innocent until proven dangerous and an example of such behavior would be PFAS turning into PFOS²; and

WHEREAS American law trails behind European law as they require due care from producers to protect their people and ecology ³; and

WHEREAS the Democratic National Committee have brought forward the concerns of PFAS and other toxic “forever chemicals” supporting stricter regulation of toxic chemicals ⁴; and

WHEREAS Washington State department of ecology calls for “safer products for Washington” by targeting and banning certain products that harm our citizens but they need to ban the import and use new dangerous chemicals to finally catch up ⁵; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Washington State Democratic Party calls on the Washington state legislature to enact legislation that will further restrict the importation and use of new products and chemicals that have not been proven safe to protect Washington, our resources, and our people by putting the impetus of Due Care on producers to ensure they are not poisoning Washington and our People; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be sent to our representatives in the legislature, to the Secretary of State, and to the Governor.

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Enforce Fire Safety Codes to Prevent Prison Overcrowding

WHEREAS the local jails, prisons, and detention facilities in Washington State have suffered from overcrowding for years due to a rapid growth in their population that has led to unsafe, unconstitutional, and impractical conditions for those housed within and those staffing ¹ of the facilities across our state with the significant deficiencies of the older facilities ² and the inherent dangers of placing too many people in confined spaces where fire is likely to occur ³.

WHEREAS the state and local governments have failed to manage the limited space to house inmates ⁴ and have failed to construct new facilities in a timely manner to relieve overcrowding ⁵. This prevents rehabilitation, creates repeat offenders, prevents safe movement within the facilities, thus disrupting the basic functions of these facilities ⁶.

WHEREAS these facilities are subject to inspection, fines, and other legal remedies under State law for fire safety violations, such inspections fall under the authority of state and local officials, and that there has been insufficient of inspections and use of these remedies to prevent overpopulation in these facilities for their safe design under fire code ⁷. This would utilize an existing legal framework of enforcement to prevent overpopulation.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Washington State Democratic Party (WSDP) work towards reduction of the prison, jail, and detention facility population in our state by encouraging the application of the State's fire code. That we believe that more regular inspections than the current minimum are needed for the safety, effectiveness, and continued operation of these facilities in our state. That we encourage our state and local officials to take action to prevent the very real danger that fire presents to those inhabiting and working within these facilities.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the WSDP begin a public awareness program that will educate the public and our officials about the horror that cell fires present even to those that are innocent, as our constitution has this presumption.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be sent to our state and local fire inspectors, representatives in the legislature, to the Secretary of State, and to the Governor.

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Regulate the AI industry in WA & Stop The Data Center Takeover

WHEREAS in 2024, the Washington State Legislature passed ESSB 5838, establishing an Artificial Intelligence (AI) Task Force, administered by the Attorney General's Office to assess current uses and trends of artificial intelligence and make recommendations to the Legislature for guidelines and potential legislation in the areas of ethics, transparency, governance, education, healthcare, workplaces, law enforcement, companionship, and environment, and in 2025 Governor Bob Ferguson issued Executive Order 25-05 commissioning the creation of a Data Center Workgroup to assess impacts of data centers and generate findings on our state's economy, tax revenue, energy use, tribal resources, and the environment,

WHEREAS both of these advisory groups have left significant gaps in their recommendations which are of great concern to the individuals in our state, such as AI surveillance pricing, AI assisted wage suppression, deepfakes outside of politics, mass surveillance, AI policing, content theft, and data scraping/retention,

WHEREAS the most recent Q2 2025 report by the research firm *Data Center Watch* illustrates that grassroots data center opposition has surged by 125% in Q2 2025 alone, and *Tech Insider* reports over 50% of all data center projects across the US have been cancelled or delayed due to resource bottlenecks and public pressure,

WHEREAS the Journal of Marketing released a study showing that lower AI literacy rates equate to higher adoption rates "because people with lower AI literacy are more likely to perceive AI as magical and experience feelings of awe in the face of AI's execution of tasks";

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Washington State Democratic Party openly condemn and oppose the construction of new AI data centers and the use of Machine Learning Algorithms, Generative AI, Agentic AI systems, and/or AI agents to assist in or automate surveillance pricing, wage/employment/medical decisions/discrimination, deepfakes of private citizens or protected groups, policing and criminal justice, content theft, and mass data scraping/retention,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Washington State Democratic Party advocates for job retraining programs and stronger social safety nets to support citizens suffering from job losses caused by AI products,

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Washington State Democratic Party promotes public and accessible AI literacy programs and education on the risks that data centers pose to communities so that voters can make informed decisions and petition their representatives regarding the technology and its infrastructure.

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Prohibit Use of Private Property for Detention Facilities in Spokane County

WHEREAS, Article XI, Section 11 of the Washington State Constitution¹ grants counties to make and enforce within its limits all such local police, sanitary and other regulations as are not in conflict with general laws; and

WHEREAS, Washington state law² in RCW 70.395.030 prohibits any person, business, or state or local government entity from operating a private detention facility within the state or utilizing a contract with a private detention facility within the state, or utilizing a contract with a private detention facility outside of Washington state; and

WHEREAS, Washington state law in RCW 36.70A.200 does not recognize certain facilities operated by private entities in which persons are detained in custody under process of law pending the outcome of legal proceedings but are not used for punishment, correction, counseling, or rehabilitation following the conviction of a criminal offence as Essential Public Facilities; and

WHEREAS, the Spokane County Zoning code³ does not recognize detention facilities as a permitted use in Residential (Chapter 14.606, Table 606-1), Commercial (Chapter 14.612, Table 612-1), Resource Lands (Chapter 14.616, Table 616-1), or Rural (Chapter 14.618, Table 618-1) zones which conflicts with the Essential Public Facilities process required by the Growth Management Act; and

WHEREAS, the Spokane County code (Chapter 14.614, Table 614-1) recognizes detention facilities as a permitted use in the Heavy Industrial zone and conditional use in the Light Industrial zone (subject to restrictions and conditions, as may be imposed by the Hearing Examiner under Chapter 14.404).

THEREFOR BE IT RESOLVED that to protect the public health and safety of residents of Spokane County and residents of other states and territories of the United States, section 14.614.220, including Table 614-1 of the Spokane County Zoning code, shall be amended to prohibit the use of private property for detention facilities by eliminating detention facilities as an allowable permitted use and/or conditional use.

¹ Wash. Const. Art. XI, § 11

² Revised Code of Washington

³ Code of Ordinances, Supplement 63 Update 1, Online content updated on February 3, 2026

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Resolution on Undoing the Corruption of Corporate Money in Politics

1. Whereas the Supreme Court of the United States' (SCOTUS) "Citizens United" decision opened the flood gates of corporate money hijacking our elections; corporations are artificial legal "beings" whose charters require they act for the profit of the shareholders;
2. Whereas corporations act not for the benefit of the nation, state or community but to benefit special interest groups; corporate artificial beings lack morals, empathy and a sense of the general welfare;
3. Whereas corporate big money, and dark money, spending on candidates and issues has led to corruption;
4. Whereas the vast majority of Americans oppose SCOTUS's "Citizens United" decision;
5. Whereas SCOTUS has ruled the states create corporations and grant them their powers; and States never granted corporations the power to spend on politics;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Washington State Democratic Party (WSDP) believes government is legitimate with the "Consent of the Governed" and "We the People" doesn't include artificial corporate persons; and

THEREFORE BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the WSDP urges Washington's legislature to write laws denying corporations the power to spend money in politics, in support of candidates, parties or initiatives.

Resolution submitted by the 5th LD Democrat Delegation to the 2026 Washington State Convention in Spokane (Submitted 5/22/26 via Word doc)

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF SUPREME COURT REFORM: TERM LIMITS, ETHICS STANDARDS, AND EXPANDING THE NUMBER OF SEATS

WHEREAS the United States Supreme Court is the only federal court whose justices face no mandatory term limits, serving instead for life tenure, resulting in appointments that increasingly reflect the political priorities of whichever party controls the Senate and White House at a given moment rather than the broad will of the American people, and producing a Court whose ideological composition can be locked in for decades by the chance timing of vacancies; and

WHEREAS recent years have revealed significant and documented ethical failures among sitting Supreme Court Justices, including the acceptance of undisclosed luxury travel, gifts, and real estate transactions from wealthy donors and parties with interests before the Court, and the failure of multiple Justices to recuse themselves from cases in which they or their family members had a direct personal or financial interest, undermining public confidence in the Court's impartiality and integrity; and

WHEREAS the Supreme Court currently operates without a binding, enforceable code of ethics — unlike every other federal court in the United States — and a voluntary code of conduct adopted by the Court in 2023 contains no enforcement mechanism, leaving the public with no recourse when Justices violate basic standards of judicial conduct; and

WHEREAS the size of the Supreme Court is set by Congress, not the Constitution, and has been changed seven times throughout American history, and legal scholars, former judges, and constitutional experts across the political spectrum have argued that expanding the Court would restore balance, reduce the outsized impact of any single appointment, and better reflect the complexity and caseload demands of a modern nation of 330 million people; and

WHEREAS restoring public trust in the Supreme Court as an independent, impartial, and ethical institution is essential to the functioning of American democracy and the rule of law, and reform measures including eighteen-year staggered term limits, a binding and enforceable ethics code, and a modest expansion of seats have each been introduced in Congress with bipartisan support from legal scholars and constitutional authorities;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Washington State Democratic Party (WSDP) calls upon the United States Congress to pass legislation establishing eighteen-year staggered term

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limits for Supreme Court Justices, with retired Justices eligible to serve on lower federal courts, so that each presidential term includes a predictable and equal opportunity to appoint Justices and no single appointment holds disproportionate generational influence over the Court; and

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the WSDP calls upon Congress to enact a binding, enforceable code of ethics for Supreme Court Justices, with an independent oversight body empowered to investigate complaints, mandate recusals, and impose meaningful consequences for violations, bringing the Supreme Court into conformity with the ethical standards required of all other federal judges under the Code of Conduct for United States Judges; and

THEREFORE BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the WSDP calls upon Washington's congressional delegation to support legislation expanding the number of seats on the Supreme Court to restore institutional balance and public confidence, and to advance all three pillars of Court reform — term limits, enforceable ethics, and seat expansion — as urgent priorities necessary to preserve the integrity and independence of the nation's highest court.

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Calling for Accountability Measures on Robocalls by Telecommunications Companies

WHEREAS, residents of Washington State continue to experience a high volume of unsolicited robocalls, which disrupt daily life, invade privacy, and disproportionately impact vulnerable populations such as seniors; and

WHEREAS, many robocalls are associated with scams and fraudulent activities that result in significant financial losses and erode public trust in telecommunications systems; and

WHEREAS, telecommunications companies possess the technological capacity to detect, prevent, and block illegal robocalls but have not consistently implemented sufficient safeguards to protect consumers; and

WHEREAS, stronger enforcement mechanisms, including financial penalties, would incentivize telecommunications providers to take more proactive and effective measures to reduce the volume of illegal robocalls;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Washington State Democratic Party calls upon the Washington State Legislature to enact laws requiring the assessment of meaningful fines on telecommunications companies that fail to adequately prevent illegal robocalls on their networks; and

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Washington State Democratic Party urges the development of clear standards, enforcement mechanisms, and consumer protections to ensure accountability, transparency, and the reduction of robocalls affecting Washington residents.

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Calling for Increased Legislative Sessions to Better Serve the People of Washington

WHEREAS, the responsibilities of the Washington State Legislature have grown increasingly complex due to population growth, economic changes, and emerging challenges in areas such as housing, healthcare, education, and climate resilience; and

WHEREAS, limited legislative session durations can constrain the ability of lawmakers to fully deliberate on critical issues, engage with constituents, and craft thoughtful, comprehensive policy solutions; and

WHEREAS, more frequent or extended legislative sessions would improve transparency, allow for greater public participation, and provide legislators additional opportunities to respond to urgent and evolving needs; and

WHEREAS, other states have adopted longer or more frequent legislative sessions, resulting in improved governance, increased accountability, and more timely responses to constituent concerns;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Washington State Democratic Central Committee calls upon the Washington State Legislature to explore and adopt measures that would increase the frequency and/or duration of legislative sessions; and

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Washington State Democratic Central Committee urges state leaders to ensure that any changes to legislative scheduling prioritize transparency, accessibility, and effective governance for all residents of Washington State.

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Divest All Holdings from Fossil Fuel Companies

WHEREAS the scientific consensus is clear that the climate crisis poses an imminent and existential threat to human health, global ecosystems, and economic stability ((WMO), 2025);

WHEREAS rising greenhouse gas emissions, primarily from the burning of fossil fuels, are the leading cause of global warming and extreme weather events, and the impacts such as heatwaves, droughts, wildfires, floods, sea level rise, and loss of biodiversity disproportionately affect vulnerable communities and future generations;

WHEREAS immediate and sustained action is necessary to limit global temperature rise to 1.5°C above pre-industrial levels, as outlined in the Paris Agreement (United Nations - The Paris Agreement, 2025);

WHEREAS state and public pension investments in fossil fuel companies perpetuate reliance on nonrenewable energy sources and undermine efforts to transition toward a sustainable, low-carbon economy; and

WHEREAS at this time, when the Trump administration is removing incentives for renewable energy and making deals with Chevron and other oil companies, divesting from fossil fuels and reinvesting public funds in renewable energy, energy efficiency, and other Green New Deal projects, creating a state bank that invests in large-scale commercial, industrial, public, and residential building energy retrofits, building and expanding electrified mass transit, and climate mitigation infrastructure, clean air and water and other natural resources for public use, can accelerate the transition to a clean energy future, create green jobs, and drive innovation.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED we call for the Washington State Investment Board to divest all direct and indirect holdings from fossil fuel companies within the next five years, including but not limited to coal, oil, and natural gas producers and their subsidiaries.

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED we call for prioritizing reinvestment of divested funds into socially responsible and sustainable sectors, with a preference for renewable energy, energy efficiency measures, energy storage, clean technology, and climate adaptation and mitigation projects.

THEREFORE BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED this resolution be distributed to Governor Ferguson, members of the Washington State Investment Board, and the Democratic members in the U.S. Congressional delegation as a statement of our support and call to action.

Submitted by Sharon Abreu, State Committee Member for San Juan County, to the 40th LD

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Democrats for consideration at the June 21st Washington State Democrats Convention.

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<https://www.labor4sustainability.org/articles/washington-unions-say-divest-from-fossil-fuels-to-protect-states-assets>

Also supported and submitted by the 7th LD Delegation for consideration at the June 21st Washington State Democrats Convention.

**LOCAL GOVERNANCE AUTONOMY AND THE PROTECTION OF PROGRESSIVE
VALUES IN EASTERN WASHINGTON**

WHEREAS the recent withdrawal of Democratic Candidate Doug McKinley from the State Senate seat for the 8th District influenced by external advisory bodies and state-level party interests have been interpreted by many residents as a symptom of broader political disarray within Democratic parties; and

WHEREAS the undersigned constituents firmly assert that the strategic direction for local political representation must be determined by the local party who possess deep knowledge of local geography, economic concerns, and unique communal priorities, knowledge which external state entities cannot replicate or choose to supersede for goals and objectives of the local constituents; and

WHEREAS many committed residents fundamentally aligned with core Democratic values are existing in the divisive nature of extreme partisan agendas, and nationalized “culture war” rhetoric of officials at our city and local county level, are demanding candidate options for a return to pragmatic, results-oriented governance focused on community well-being; and

WHEREAS current election cycles are showing potential for crucial democratic voices to continue to emerge from adjacent districts and local government levels, proving that viable, moderate progressive action exists at the grassroots level despite attempts at centralization or interference; and

WHEREAS the preservation of independent local Democratic influence from within our community that does not aggravate these struggles, is essential to ensure that our region’s legislative focus remains on common-sense solutions that fit our local needs.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Washington State Democratic Party formally declares that the strategic selection and support of candidates for local office, including intersecting districts, must be driven solely by the informed consensus and localized needs of the residents within that specific community, free from external political mandates or intervention that may drive away candidates.

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THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Washington State Democratic Party will continue to work with the established regional Elections Committee in identifying, vetting, and providing actionable resources and mentorship to emerging candidates who are rooted in local communities across the LDs and Counties of the Tri-Cities area.

THEREFORE BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Washington State Democratic Party will work to identify and support candidates that can bridge the gap between voters' needs and years of questionable representation in election cycles; these candidates chosen by us can represent our community and our issues and give us a seat at the table in Olympia.

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A MANDATE FOR ACCOUNTABILITY, INTEGRITY AND PUBLIC SAFETY

WHEREAS the current national political environment has fostered widespread public concern regarding government transparency, integrity, accountability and sense of security in the United States; and

WHEREAS a significant portion of the electorate feels that existing institutional procedure has failed to adequately address current and ongoing systemic corruption or misuse of public resources, and abuse of power within the system; and

WHEREAS the preservation of American integrity requires restoring confidence in key governmental institutions, including law enforcement, judicial bodies, local, state and federal entities; and

WHEREAS damages to the American people through weaponization of multiple institutes by conservative entities under a conservative agenda with no regards to Americans;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that The Washington State Democratic Central Committee adopts a comprehensive platform built on three core pillars:

1. Accountability and Reform: Mandating immediate and rigorous audits of executive branch agencies to expose systemic misuse of public funds, thereby establishing clear pathways for government accountability regardless of political affiliation.
2. Restoring the Rule of Law: Calling for an independent review and restructuring of federal law enforcement departments (e.g., DOJ, ICE) to ensure that all actions are guided by constitutional integrity, due process, and demonstrable competency.
3. Fiscal Responsibility and Economic Justice: Initiating a comprehensive review of tax codes aimed at closing loopholes utilized by high-net-worth individuals and large corporations, generating necessary revenue streams dedicated solely to the reduction of national debt and infrastructure renewal.

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Resolution to Move the Washington State Primary to June

WHEREAS, the timing of state primary elections plays a critical role in shaping voter participation, candidate engagement, and the overall effectiveness of the democratic process; and

WHEREAS, Washington State's current primary election date in August falls during a period when many voters are less engaged due to summer travel, work schedules, and reduced media attention, resulting in lower voter turnout compared to earlier election cycles; and

WHEREAS, research from the National Conference of State Legislatures and the U.S. Elections Project indicates that earlier primaries are associated with higher voter participation and greater public awareness of candidates and issues; and

WHEREAS, moving the primary election to June would better align Washington State with other states holding earlier primaries, increasing the state's relevance in national political conversations and allowing candidates more time to engage voters ahead of the general election;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Washington State Democratic Party formally supports and advocates for legislation to move the Washington State primary election from August to June of each year; and

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Washington State Democratic Party urges state lawmakers, election officials, and relevant stakeholders to study and implement this change in a manner that maximizes voter participation, accessibility, and administrative efficiency.

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Preventing Corporate Influence in Washington Elections

WHEREAS, the US Supreme Court decision in *Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission* expanded the ability of corporations and other entities to spend money in elections; and

WHEREAS, corporations are legal entities created under state law and derive their powers from the states that charter them; and

WHEREAS, meaningful reform through either reversal of *Citizens United* or a constitutional amendment is uncertain and may take many years; and

WHEREAS, legislation addressing corporate influence in elections, including SB 6358, was introduced in the Washington State Legislature but did not advance during the current session;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Washington State Democratic Party calls upon the Washington State Legislature to introduce and adopt legislation prohibiting corporate participation in ballot measures and election-related spending, and

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Washington State Democratic Party urges legislators to reintroduce, co-sponsor, and bring such legislation, including and passing a successor to SB 6358, in the next legislative session.

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SUPPORT STATE LEGISLATION TO PROHIBIT CORPORATE POLITICAL SPENDING

Whereas the US Supreme Court did egregious harm to the American people in 2010 by ruling ‘Citizens United (a non-profit corporation) was within its First Amendment rights to spend its money disseminating a film . . . criticizing presidential candidate Hilary Clinton’ and extending the ruling ‘to entirely strike down century-old prohibitions on corporate “independent” spending’ on political campaigns¹; and

Whereas Citizen’s United has resulted in an explosion of ‘outside’ political campaign money from approximately \$500 million in 2008, to nearly \$4.5 Billion in 2024, much of it dark (unknown sources) with corporations accounting for about one-tenth of increased spending;² additional secret corporate funding nonprofits and trade associations³, drastically increasing corporate influence in our political process despite James Madison, Father of our Constitution, warning us corporations ‘were "powerful machines" that might well do a great deal of mischief if left unguarded’ that ‘*did not have "inalienable rights" which arose under natural law, like the "people of the United States"*’⁴ and

Whereas corporations are formed under state laws by filing of articles of incorporation with the state⁵ and granted limited liability with ‘*one and only one social responsibility – to increase its profits*’⁶ with no obligation to family, community or society and with warnings from

- Chief Justice John Marshall in an 1819 Supreme Court ruling ‘*A corporation is an artificial being . . . (and) possesses only those properties which the charter of its creation confers upon it either expressly or as incidental to its very existence*’⁷, and
- Justice Louis Brandeis in a famous 1933 dissent writing “*Limitations upon (a) corporation’s powers and activity were also long universal (and) formed under the general laws only for a limited number of purposes. . . (with) powers which (it) might exercise in carrying out its purposes . . . sparingly conferred and strictly construed*”⁸, and
- The Supreme Court noted “*sometimes the grossest discrimination can lie in treating things that are different as though they were exactly alike*” in 1976 *Buckley v Valeo* ⁸, and

Whereas Washington State Senate Bill 6358 (SB 6358), which would not have granted or recognized any power for corporations to engage in any ballot activity or ballot measure activity, did not pass in the 2026 legislative session, and

Whereas our party’s 2024 platform states that corporations are not people and calls to reverse the effects of Citizens United;

Therefore, be it resolved that the Washington State Democratic Party (WSDP) urges legislators to reintroduce, co-sponsor, and pass legislation equivalent to 2026 Washington State SB 6358 to prohibit corporations from engaging in any election or ballot measure activity, and

Therefore, be it finally resolved that the WSDP forward this resolution to Washington State’s Governor, State Attorney General, Secretary of State and all Democratic members of the 2027 state legislature, and

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RESOLUTION SUPPORTING MEDICATION ACCESS NAVIGATION PILOT PROGRAMS IN WASHINGTON STATE

Whereas Washington residents insured through Apple Health and other public programs continue to experience barriers accessing prescribed medications due to transportation limitations, pharmacy closures, provider shortages, geographic isolation, and complex pharmacy systems, particularly in rural communities;¹ and

Whereas interrupted access to prescribed medications contributes to preventable emergency room utilization, worsening chronic health conditions, and increased long-term healthcare costs;² and

Whereas community-based care coordination and patient navigation programs have demonstrated effectiveness in improving healthcare access and reducing avoidable health complications through outreach, coordination assistance, and system navigation;³ and

Whereas rural communities in Washington State continue to experience healthcare access disparities, including pharmacy access limitations and transportation barriers;⁴ and

Therefore, be it resolved that the Washington State Democratic Party supports exploration of pilot Medication Access Navigation programs through the Washington Health Care Authority, county health agencies, managed care organizations, and local healthcare systems to improve medication access and adherence for underserved populations; and

Therefore, be it further resolved that the Washington State Democratic Party encourages the Washington State Legislature and relevant state agencies to evaluate opportunities for pilot funding, care coordination partnerships, and outcome measurement related to medication access barriers in rural and underserved communities.

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Submitted by the 10th LD Delegation.

Resolution : End Dark Money Elections: Tackling Citizens United at the State Level

Whereas, the 2010 *Citizens United v. FEC*¹ decision has allowed unlimited, undisclosed dark money to flood political campaigns, disproportionately amplifying the influence of wealthy donors and corporate interests²; and

Whereas, the 2026 Washington State Supreme Court elections have seen an unprecedented influx of anonymous spending aimed at influencing the judiciary to favor corporate litigants over workers' rights and environmental protections³; and

Whereas, the lack of transparency in digital and social media political advertising allows foreign and corporate entities to manipulate public discourse without accountability⁴⁵;

¹ Referencing *Citizen United v. FEC 2010 ruling*: Removing Prohibitions on Independent Expenditures of Corporations. <https://www.fec.gov/legal-resources/court-cases/citizens-united-v-fec/>

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Therefore, Be It Resolved, that the Washington State Democratic Party (WSDP) calls upon the Washington State Legislature to create and pass an Election Transparency Act, requiring disclosure within 24 hours of independent expenditures or political contributions exceeding \$1,000 by nonprofit organizations, PACs, and other entities engaged in electioneering communications; and

Be It Further Resolved, that the WSDP will work with other like minded organizations to develop a plan for expanding the democracy voucher program, , modeled after the success in Seattle, to provide public funding for state legislative and judicial candidates, as well as an allocation of funds to promote this program itself thereby reducing reliance on wealthy donors; and

Be It Finally Resolved, that the WSDP declare that corporations do not speak for the people, and urge Washington lawmakers to explore statutory mechanisms, including reforms to state corporate charters and political activity regulations, to limit the influence of corporate money in state and local elections⁶

⁶ Referencing 2026 Hawaii bill [SB2471](https://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/sessions/session2026/bills/SB2471_CD2_.HTM): Relating to the Powers of Artificial Persons.
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Resolution: Housing Affordability & Tenant Rights

Whereas, despite the passage of rent stabilization in 2025, the allowable 9.68% rent increase for 2026 remains a significant burden for the nearly 40% of Washingtonians who rent their homes¹²; and

Whereas, housing is a fundamental human right, yet thousands of Washington families are only one unexpected rent increase, one predatory fee, or one medical emergency away from eviction and homelessness³⁴; and

Whereas, private market-rate developments have failed to meet the urgent need for affordable housing for the working class⁵⁶;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Washington State Democratic Party (WSDP) calls upon the Washington State Legislature to close the renoviction loophole by requiring landlords to

¹ Bateman, Sen. Jessica. "2025's 'Year of Housing.'" Washington State Senate Democrats. April 27, 2025.

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provide relocation assistance equal to three months' rent for any no-fault lease termination, enact a statewide vacancy tax on residential and commercial units held empty for more than 90 consecutive days, and create a pied-à-terre tax on luxury second homes and investment properties that sit largely unoccupied, with all revenue dedicated exclusively to affordable housing development and tenant assistance programs; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the WSDP urges the Washington State Legislature to expand housing access by enacting legislation that incentivizes the development of mixed-income, public-option housing that remains permanently off the speculative market, and by prohibiting the use of algorithmic rent-setting systems and shared market data platforms that facilitate collusive rent inflation; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the WSDP supports the establishment of a statewide Right to Counsel, ensuring that every tenant facing eviction has access to legal representation, regardless of their ability to pay.

Resolution Supporting a Public Candidate Information Platform to Improve Candidate Equality and Reduce Dependence on Private Campaign Fundraising

WHEREAS, Washington already recognizes that voters benefit from publicly provided candidate information: Chapter 29A.32 RCW requires the Secretary of State to publish a statewide voters' pamphlet for statewide offices or measures and requires county auditors to produce local voters' pamphlets with information on candidates and ballot measures, providing a workable foundation for a modern statewide online candidate-information platform.¹

WHEREAS, campaign finance data show that paid campaign communication remains a major barrier to equal voter outreach. In the 2023-2024 federal cycle, presidential candidates spent approximately \$1.8 billion, congressional candidates spent approximately \$3.7 billion, political action committees spent approximately \$15.5 billion, and independent expenditures totaled approximately \$4.4 billion, while Washington's 2024 gubernatorial general-election candidates had spent more than \$18 million combined by late October 2024.²

WHEREAS, the need to raise and spend large sums can pull candidates and elected officials toward donors and away from direct public service, and national research has found that modern congressional candidates increasingly depend on continual fundraising, party fundraising obligations, and donors outside their districts or states.³

WHEREAS, publicly supported campaign-communication systems have proven workable in major jurisdictions. Seattle's Democracy Voucher Program had 42 of 45 district council candidates pledge to participate in 2023, all fourteen general-election candidates participate, and continued to attract a more diverse and representative pool of participants than traditional cash donors.⁴

WHEREAS, New York City's small-dollar matching funds program demonstrates that public election infrastructure can help candidates run viable campaigns while relying more heavily on constituents and less on wealthy self-funders or special interests; a Washington online platform providing written candidate platforms, agendas, town halls, and debates would extend this proven principle by guaranteeing every ballot-qualified candidate a baseline way to be seen and heard by voters.⁵

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Washington State Democratic Party calls upon the Washington State Legislature to enact legislation directing the Office of the Secretary of State, in consultation with the Public Disclosure Commission, county auditors, disability-accessibility experts, election administrators, and recognized political parties, to create a publicly funded

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statewide internet-based candidate information platform for all ballot-qualified candidates appearing on Washington ballots.

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the platform should give each ballot-qualified candidate an equal opportunity to provide a written platform, governing philosophy, policy agenda, campaign contact information, and optional video or audio statement. The platform should host or link neutral candidate forums, town halls, and debates open to all candidates in a race. The platform should be accessible online and through public libraries, elections offices, and other public access points so voters can compare candidates without requiring candidates to purchase paid advertising to be seen and heard.

THEREFORE, BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be transmitted to Democratic members of the state legislature, Governor Bob Ferguson, and Secretary of State Steve Hobbs,

Submitted by Boston Carter, 12th LD

Sources: 1. Chapter 29A.32 RCW, voters' pamphlets and candidate statements. 2. Federal Election Commission, "Statistical Summary of 24-Month Campaign Activity of the 2023-2024 Election Cycle," Apr. 23, 2025; Cascadia Daily News, "WA campaign finance numbers as 2024 election nears," Oct. 29, 2024. 3. Brennan Center for Justice, "How Money Shapes Pathways to Power in Congress," Sept. 10, 2024; Issue One, "Fundraising Pressures & Campaign Spending." 4. Jennifer A. Heerwig and Brian J. McCabe, "Participation and Representation: Results from the Seattle Democracy Voucher Program in 2023," Seattle Ethics and Elections Commission, 2024. 5. New York City Campaign Finance Board, "Impact of Public Funds."

Resolution Renaming Precinct Committee Officer to Precinct Representative

WHEREAS, Washington law has recognized precinct-level party representatives in statute since at least the 1907 Session Laws, with historical provisions later codified in former RCW 29.42.030, RCW 29.42.040, and RCW 29.42.050 and recodified into Title 29A. Current law uses the title "precinct committee officer" in RCW 29A.80.030, RCW 29A.80.041, and RCW 29A.80.051, which govern county central committee composition, eligibility, election, and term.

WHEREAS, under RCW 29A.80.030, precinct committee officers constitute county central committees, and under RCW 29A.80.041 and RCW 29A.80.051 they are eligible party members elected in even-year primaries for two-year terms; this confirms the role is a local party-organizing and voter-representation position, not an enforcement or governmental-command role.

WHEREAS, state terminology for similar grassroots party roles varies widely, including "precinct committee person" in Oregon under ORS 248.015, "precinct chair" in Texas party-primary practice, and "precinct committeeman" in Arizona under A.R.S. 16-822, demonstrating that the same neighborhood party function can be named without using the word "officer."

WHEREAS, the word "officer" can create unnecessary confusion because members of the public may associate the term with law enforcement, governmental authority, or coercive power, while the actual work of the position is neighborhood outreach, voter engagement, party-building, and community representation.

WHEREAS, renaming the position to "Precinct Representative" would better describe the democratic purpose of the role, lower barriers for volunteer recruitment, and make the title more welcoming and accurate for voters, new activists, and community members who interact with local party organizations.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Washington State Democratic Party calls upon the Washington State Legislature to amend RCW 29A.80 and all related provisions in Title 29A RCW by replacing the title "precinct committee officer" with "precinct representative" and making conforming changes throughout Washington election law.

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Washington State Democratic Party calls on Democratic members of the state legislature to sponsor, support, and enact legislation to rename the position while preserving the existing duties, eligibility requirements, election process, and term of the role.

THEREFORE, BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be sent to all Democratic members of the state legislature.

Submitted by Mike Donow, 12th LD

States Rights as they pertain to elections

Whereas the United States Constitution provides that “...States have the primary authority over election administration and the times, places and manner of holding elections”

Whereas this sovereignty is widely considered to protect our most precious freedom – the right to vote

Whereas overstepping this “election clause” would be unconstitutional

Be it hereby resolved that Neither the Washington Secretary of State’s Office nor any of its employees or contractors must ever allow any Federal employee (up to and including the Department of Justice, Executive or Legislative branches) to interrupt, tamper with or attempt to undermine the lawful duties, activities or any related activities of its Office to plan and conduct elections

Be it further resolved that The Secretary of State Office is perfectly within its legal rights to determine which data it collects in the business of registering people to vote is sensitive and not available to the public or any other agency or individual who requests it.

Local News and Democracy

- Whereas local news plays a vital role by providing accurate information that enables to make informed decisions in voting and practicing democracy
- Whereas the decline of local news is linked to reduced voter participation, fewer candidates seeking local office, less civic engagement and greater political polarization
- Whereas social media platforms profit handsomely as news organizations face growing struggles in how people view the news
- Whereas news organizations are losing massive amounts of advertising revenue to social media platforms, and that these social media platforms are becoming less, not more credible with dis- and misinformation

Be it hereby resolved that

The State should actively seek to support local news by exempting qualifying publishers from the annual Business and Occupation tax, expand fellowships for early career journalists in underserved communities, and release/expand K-12 funding for media literacy & news education in school throughout the State

Ending the Use of Private Insurance Companies in Public Healthcare Administration

WHEREAS, private insurance prioritizes profits over people, has institutionalized processes designed to deny people needed care, unfairly penalizes small businesses, limits the ability of healthcare professionals to provide the best care to their patients, and drives up costs through overly complicated plan administration;

WHEREAS; state administered care has been proven to be both more affordable and provide higher quality than using Managed Care Organizations for Medicaid ¹;

WHEREAS; The Wasteful and Inappropriate Service Reduction (WISeR) Model ² has, in 2026, introduced AI preauthorizations to Traditional Medicare that have resulted in harm derived from corporate profiteering across our state ³;

WHEREAS, the Washington State Legislature passed Senate Joint Memorial 8002 (SJM 8002), a resolution condemning the role of private profiteering in Medicare and calling on the federal government to eliminate Medicare Advantage, with bipartisan support in 2026;

WHEREAS, Whole Washington and Senator Hasegawa's staff crafted SB 5955 for the 2025 session to deprivatize Medicaid but the bill was not passed out of committee ⁴;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Washington State Democratic Party calls on our state legislators and executives to enact legislation and support policies that move the state away from relying on insurance companies for healthcare administration of public plans;

THEREFORE, BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED THAT the Washington State Democratic Party thanks Rep. DelBene for introducing, and Reps. Larsen, Randall, Jayapal, Schrier, Smith, and Strickland for cosponsoring H.R. 5940, the Seniors Deserve SMARTER Care Act, that will prohibit the implementation of the WISeR model for Medicare ⁵, and urges them to vigorously advocate for its passage

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Denouncing the Presence of Immigration Enforcement in Hospitals and Sanctuary Institutions in Washington State

WHEREAS, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) is a federal agency tasked with enforcing immigration laws, including detention and removal operations within the United States; and

WHEREAS, the State of Washington has enacted protections, including the Keep Washington Working Act, to limit local involvement in federal immigration enforcement and to preserve access to essential public services; and

WHEREAS, hospitals, schools, places of worship, and other community institutions across Washington State have historically been treated as sensitive spaces where individuals must be able to seek care, education, and support without fear; and

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WHEREAS, healthcare professionals and labor organizations, including the Washington State Nurses Association, American Federation of Teachers, and Service Employees International Union in Washington State, have expressed opposition to enforcement activities in medical and community institutions due to concerns about patient care, privacy, worker safety, and ethical obligations;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Washington State Democratic Party formally denounces the presence and enforcement actions of ICE within hospitals, clinics, and other sanctuary institutions as contrary to the state's commitment to public health, safety, and equitable access to care; and

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Washington State Democratic Party calls upon state agencies, healthcare providers, and local governments to uphold and strengthen policies that ensure healthcare facilities, schools, and places of worship remain safe and accessible to all residents regardless of immigration status; and

THEREFORE, BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Washington State Democratic Party urges the Washington State Legislature, the Office of the Governor, and relevant regulatory agencies to reinforce and expand protections under existing law, including the Keep Washington Working Act, and to adopt additional safeguards that prevent immigration enforcement activities from interfering with access to essential services and the delivery of care.

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Submitted on May 22nd, 2026 by Julia Barcott LD15 Delegation Chair

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Submitted on May 22nd, 2026 by Naomi Whitmore LD14 Delegation Chair

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Restore Funding for Public Broadcasting in the State of Washington

Whereas public broadcasting reaches 99% of the population of the State of Washington across urban and rural areas and has provided trusted journalism and information, emergency services and safety, education and lifelong learning as well as cultural programming, regardless of race, ethnicity, or political affiliation.

Whereas the 119th United States Congress voted in July of 2025 to rescind federal funding for public broadcasting and public broadcasting stations in the State of Washington have lost over 5 million dollars in funding grants because of the Congressional rescission and have been forced to implement drastic budget cuts, reduce or eliminate services, reporting and programming.

Whereas the State of Washington has in the past provided grants to public broadcasting through the Department of Commerce “to assist with programming, operations, and capital needs.” (RCW 43.63A.400)

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Washington State Democratic Party calls for the restoration of federal funding to public broadcasting throughout the State of Washington and the entire United States.

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Washington State Democratic Party calls for a Washington State legislative initiative to provide grants to public broadcasting stations in the State of Washington “to assist with programming, operations, and capital needs.”

THEREFORE BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be sent to Democratic members of the state’s congressional delegation and of the state legislature.

Resolution in Support of a Universal Medicare Buy-In Public Option

submitted by Linda Gunshefski and the Washington State 16th LD

WHEREAS, the current American healthcare landscape often ties insurance coverage to employment, leaving millions of Americans vulnerable to coverage gaps during career transitions, particularly for young adults aging off parental plans at age 26; and

WHEREAS, traditional Medicare has operated as one of the most efficient healthcare delivery systems in the world for over 60 years, maintaining administrative overhead costs significantly lower than those of private commercial insurers; and

WHEREAS, Medicare possesses unparalleled bargaining power and a standardized national fee schedule, allowing for more predictable costs and transparent pricing for both patients and Providers. Medicare enjoys nearly universal provider participation, with over 98% of non-pediatric physicians in the United States participating in the program, ensuring superior network adequacy compared to the "narrow networks" often found in private exchange plans; and

WHEREAS, a "Buy-In" model allows the federal government to offer a public insurance option that is self-sustaining and based on sound actuarial data, ensuring that premiums reflect the true cost of care for the 25-plus demographic without burdening the existing Medicare Trust Fund; and

WHEREAS, allowing Americans age 25 and older to voluntarily purchase Medicare coverage would stimulate market competition, drive down private insurance premiums, and provide a reliable "public floor" for health security. This inclusion of younger, generally healthier Americans into a Medicare-style risk pool would diversify the program's demographic profile and strengthen the long-term stability of public health infrastructure;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Washington State Democratic Party formally endorse the creation of a National Medicare Buy-In Public Option available to all legal residents age 25 and older; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Washington State Democratic Party urges our Congressional delegation to sponsor and support legislation, modeled after the principles of the "Medicare You Can Buy Into Act," to ensure that every American has the right to choose the stability, efficiency, and broad access of Medicare regardless of their employment status.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Washington State Democrats propose the following operational framework for the Medicare Buy-In:

- **Age-Based Actuarial Pricing:** Premiums shall be calculated by the CMS Office of the Actuary specifically for the 25–64 age cohort, ensuring that the younger, generally healthier population pays premiums that reflect their specific risk profile, which are traditionally lower than those of the 65+ population.
- **Self-Sustaining Trust Fund:** The Buy-In shall be managed through a newly created "Medicare Part E" (Enrollment) account, separate from the Hospital Insurance (Part A) Trust Fund, ensuring that the healthcare of seniors is never financially compromised by the expansion.
- **Leveraging Existing Networks:** Participants would have access to the full national network of Medicare-participating providers, utilizing existing claims-processing and billing systems to minimize administrative overhead.
- **ACA Subsidy Integration:** To ensure affordability, individuals shall be permitted to apply their existing Affordable Care Act (ACA) premium tax credits toward the cost of the Medicare Buy-In, allowing the program to compete fairly on the state exchanges.
- **Comprehensive Coverage Standards:** The Buy-In should be designed as a "qualified health plan" that includes the ten essential health benefits required by the ACA, including maternity care, mental health services, and prescription drug coverage, which are vital for the 25+ demographic.

CASCADE RENEWABLE TRANSMISSION LINE PROJECT RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the “Cascade Renewable Transmission Project” is a proposed 400-kilovolt (kV) high-voltage direct current (HVDC) electric transmission facility spanning about 100 miles between the Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) Big Eddy substation near The Dalles, Oregon, and the PGE Harborton substation in Portland, OR and would be built primarily within the Columbia River bed in both Washington and Oregon, with approximately 40 miles in Washington and 58 miles in Oregon, including about 7.6 miles of land cable in Skamania County in Washington state to bypass the Bonneville Locks and Dam; and

WHEREAS, the LD17 Democrats with their membership in Clark, Skamania and Klickitat Counties, have expressed concerns about salmon recovery as have the Washington State Democrats; and

WHEREAS, the proposed underground cable route through Skamania County has not been detailed except possibly beneath SR14 which may inhibit emergency vehicles traveling during construction; and

WHEREAS, the Yakama Tribe has not supported passage through its ancestral fishing grounds above Bonneville Dam and there has not been a benefit shown to Clark, Skamania, or Klickitat counties regarding power supply; and

WHEREAS, blast digging the bottom of the Columbia River will increase water turbidity, impact barge traffic, and impact salmon and the installed line may possibly increase water temperature on the Columbia River and possibly compromise future deepening of the shipping channel as a result of the shallow depth of the transmission line.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Washington State Democrats are concerned this transmission project raises many environmental issues, ignores indigenous fishing rights, and impairs existing economic activities; and

THEREFORE, BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Washington State Democrats advocate for protection of Columbia River environmental and economic activities, and preserve public resources and indigenous people’s rights, and call for full transparency and robust environmental processes to ensure all impacts are researched and understood before any approval by the authorities involved.

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PROJECT RESOLUTION

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meeting in Spokane.

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Resolution To Establish Housing As A Human Right Through Social Housing

WHEREAS, having a safe place to call home is a basic human right and a foundation for survival, not merely a tool for someone else to make a profit; and

WHEREAS, our current system treats housing like a gamble for investors, creating a "social shortfall" that pushes families out and leaves too many people without a place to belong; and

WHEREAS, HB 1687 prioritizes people over profit and allows families to stay rooted in their neighborhoods as they grow and age; and

WHEREAS, true stability means thriving in balance, using urban renewal and energy-efficient designs that protect our planet while centering the needs of people of color who have been historically pushed aside by systemic injustice via red-lining, etc.;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Washington State Democratic Party (WSDP) declares 'Housing for Thriving, Not Profit' housing is a social foundation for survival, and that we should move away from the goal of "economic growth" and instead commit to a future where everyone is thriving in balance with each other and the earth; and

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the WSDP advocates for the expansion of a diverse range of social housing and shared-ownership models based on realistic budgets, including studios, tiny homes, duplexes, fourplexes, family-sized apartments, and other creative living arrangements to ensure there is a truly affordable place for all people; and

THEREFORE, BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the WSDP calls for the full implementation of HB 1687 through a holistic partnership that centers people of color, restores and expands natural habitat within our urban spaces, and ensures our homes are built to last without destroying our ecological home.

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Bring REPAIR: Respect, Equity, Partnership, Accountability, Intention, & Responsible Community Action

WHEREAS the federal administration attempts to erase the encompassing contributions, existence, stories, and history of Black, Brown, and Indigenous communities, disabled, trans, and gender non-conforming people, women, the working class, and the intersections of these and many others, they attempt to destroy our national opportunity to achieve our collective ideals of liberty, progress, freedom, and true justice. Facing the truth of history compels opportunity for genuine change and progressive movement. The executive branch, corporations, oligarchs, and high courts seek to rob our future generations of transcendence beyond our cyclical historical failures. They work to dismantle any movement toward a just and morally resonant country in service to the People.

WHEREAS in the US, race and class predominantly determine access to good health, careers, nutrition, financial security, and quality education – income will determine the longevity of access (Park et al., 2022). Solidarity and success are possible when reciprocity, respect, and multimodal reparations are embraced through necessary, community-driven structural, financial, and systemic amends (Curtis, 2018). To provide sustainable, generational opportunities that increase national productivity, engagement, and community building, equalizing access to high-quality education, nutrition, natural spaces, social supports, and health resources is critical. Intentional neighborhood investments on grand, comprehensive scales, using community-managed funds, input, and strengths-based, trauma-informed solutions, are key to success (Saleh et al., 2022; Curtis, 2018).

WHEREAS fatal overdose rates from 2014 to 2017 increased in Black communities by 818% compared to other races, increasing within the Black communities at the same time they were markedly decreasing in white ones, funding and resource mechanisms steeply declined (Strike et al., 2020; Hyde et al., 2023, Farahmand et al., 2020). Evidence-based health solutions like harm reduction, trauma-informed care, and antiracist, person-centered care are not reflected in state and national healthcare policies and practices (Lindenfeld et al., 2023). The roots of racism and drug criminalization lead straight to limited health access for historically exploited communities and poor, white, working ones, all as a direct result of overt stigmatization, assumptions of criminality, lack of funding resources, miseducation, archaic morality health alignments, and forced reliance on well-meaning but disjointed grassroots infrastructure (Park et al., 2022; Iammarino & Pauly, 2021).

WHEREAS intersections of race, healthcare, and incarceration in the United States run directly back to the foundational institution of slavery and the legacy of imperialism responsible for crafting and maintaining the global U.S. power structure seen today (Villarosa, 2023; Davis, 2024). To preserve these colonialist, capitalist structures, built upon the tenets of white supremacy, mundane verbiage shifts have been employed to “civilize” hatred and war mongering. Measures to address these obvious inequities and the intentional disingenuousness continue to be haphazard; funding is restricted, and there has been, and is no, current, proposed, or sustained state or federal legislative drive for economic or communal reparative action despite the well documented impacts and reverberations across generations.

WHEREAS disparities within our communities are intentionally maintained, ultimately resulting in continuous state sanctioned subjugation and are linked to higher incidences of suicide, addiction, infant mortality, decreasing life expectancies, and the swelling populations of families without access to homes,

food, and basic health or education in the U.S. These deliberate inequities are not only preventable but morally and ethically reprehensible (Trent et al., 2019; Braveman, 2022; Plough, 2022; Villarosa, 2023).

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Washington State Democratic Party (WSDP) calls on legislators to seek active reparation, accountability, and actualization of amends to our collective communities by directing legislative districts to partner with representatives from tribal nations and historically exploited communities in their districts to determine proposals for redressing the political, generational, and social determinants of health in those districts. These collaborative commissions will work together to identify, collect, and analyze data on the ongoing presence of systemic power structures that maintain harm and inequality within their neighborhoods, starting in rural communities and then moving to urban environments.

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the WSDP insists proposals be community-led, developed, and implemented using sustainable, generationally-minded infrastructure grounded in bottom-up, human service and reciprocal resource solutions, with a focus on flexibility, harm reduction, community-based participatory collaboration, tribal nation partnership, and trauma-informed principles; and

THEREFORE BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the WSDP supports, affirms, and advocates for with state legislators, each legislative district's collaboratively determined commission's proposals for reparative actions and legislation aimed at eliminating the repetition of harms and the longstanding, multifocal effects caused by multigenerational exposure to systemically and structurally reinforced inequities.

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Resolution Demanding Washington State Invests in Its Future By Fully Funding K-12 Education

Whereas, the Washington State constitution defines education as the "paramount duty" of the state¹;

Whereas, the percentage of Washington State budget allocated to K-12 education has decreased from 51% in 2019 to 42% in 2026 ²;

Whereas, the prototypical school funding model, implemented by the Washington State Legislature in 2011 ³, has not kept up with new and rising costs of running a school district⁴ despite several amendments throughout the years since;

Whereas, the failure of the state to adequately fund K-12 education has resulted in 8 districts in binding conditions⁵, a dozen others in financial distress⁶; and an increase in the reliance on local levies to fund general education;⁷

Whereas, states that invest in K-12 education experience a long-term positive ROI (from 4%- 12%), primarily through higher graduation rates, increased adult wages, enhanced economic productivity, reduced healthcare costs, decrease in crime, and lower poverty rates⁸.

Therefore be it resolved, that the Washington State Democratic Party calls on the state legislators and Governor Ferguson to adjust the current prototypical school funding model to reflect best practices regarding staff to student ratios in: paraprofessionals, counselors⁹, school psychologists¹⁰, nurses¹¹, safety resource, clerks,

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secretaries, teacher-librarians¹², principals¹³, social workers¹⁴ and custodians¹⁵. And add: behavior specialists, instructional coaches, and in-building technology support explicitly to the funding model rather than be included as part of the teacher-to-student ratio.

Therefore be it further resolved, that the Washington State Democratic Party calls on the state legislators and Governor Ferguson to incorporate additional funding into Materials, Supplies and Operational Costs (MSOC) to account for: historical increases in insurance costs¹⁶, unfunded changes to academic standards and practices requiring new curriculum and training¹⁷, and the lack of inflation indexing since the implementation of the prototypical funding model.¹⁸

Therefore be it finally resolved, that the Washington State Democratic Party calls on the state legislators and Governor Ferguson to ensure that the structure of the funding formula is driven by students' needs, and that a significant portion of resources are flowing through that need-based formula¹⁹, thereby ensuring that districts with more students from low-income backgrounds and more English language learners are receiving substantially more funding to meet students' needs, and that districts serving more students of color are not receiving less funding.

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Resolution: Washington State Constitutional Defense and Anti-Coercion Act

Whereas, the Supreme Court’s anti-commandeering doctrine, established in *Printz v. United States* (521 U.S. 898, 1997) and *New York v. United States* (505 U.S. 144, 1992), prohibits the federal government from compelling states to administer or enforce federal regulatory programs;

Whereas, that same doctrine empowers states to direct their own resources and personnel away from federal programs when Washington determines that participation would violate the rights of its residents or the integrity of its sovereign authority;

Whereas, the Supreme Court held in *National Federation of Independent Business v. Sebelius* (567 U.S. 519, 2012) that conditioning all Medicaid funding on a state’s adoption of a federal expansion was unconstitutionally coercive, recognizing that federal spending power has limits;

Whereas, Washington State has repeatedly been forced to litigate against the federal executive’s unlawful withholding of congressionally appropriated disaster relief, housing assistance, crime-victim funds, climate-resiliency grants, and public health research dollars (*Washington v. Department of Commerce*, No. 2:25-cv-01278, W.D. Wash. filed Aug. 8, 2025; *State of Washington v. United States Department of Housing and Urban Development*, No. 1:25-cv-00626, D.R.I. filed Nov. 25, 2025;

Whereas, Washington State has a sovereign interest in ensuring that state personnel, facilities, and resources are not used to implement or facilitate federal actions that a court has found to be unconstitutional;

Therefore Be It Resolved, that the Washington State Democratic Party calls upon the Legislature to enact the “Washington State Constitutional Defense and Anti-Coercion Act,” containing four core provisions:

1.) state non-cooperation trigger. When a court of competent jurisdiction rules that the President or a federal agency has materially violated the U.S. Constitution by withholding or conditioning federal funds in a manner that is coercive or otherwise unlawful, the Governor may issue an executive order prohibiting state agencies and personnel from using state resources to administer, collect, facilitate, or enforce those specific federal conditions;

2.) escrow-only for State funds. If the Legislature appropriates state funds to “back-fill” federal funds that a court has ruled were unlawfully withheld from the state. Those state appropriations shall be placed in a transparent, interest-bearing escrow account, subject to independent oversight and a real-time public dashboard. This provision applies solely to state funds, not federal tax receipts; thereby, avoiding direct conflict with the Internal Revenue Code and the Supremacy Clause;

3.) legal defense and indemnification. The state shall indemnify and provide legal defense for any state employee who, acting in good faith and in compliance with a Governor’s non-cooperation order, declines to use state resources to enforce a federal condition that a court has deemed unconstitutional;

4.) referendum requirement. The Act shall be submitted to the voters for ratification at the next general election before taking effect.

Therefore Be It Further Resolved, that the Washington State Democratic Party calls upon the United States Congress to enact expedited judicial review procedures for any state challenge to executive withholding of appropriated funds, and to clarify that the Impoundment Control Act (2 U.S.C. §§ 681-688) prohibits the executive from unilaterally refusing to disburse funds that Congress has directed be spent.

Therefore Be It Finally Resolved, that the Washington State Democratic Party reaffirms its commitment to the supremacy of the Constitution and urges the state's governmental leadership to stand ready to cooperate with all lawful federal spending programs, while refusing to be conscripted into administering federal actions that violate constitutional limits.

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Resolution: Washington State, Right to Dissent: Protecting Principled Opposition from Economic Coercion

Whereas, Article I , section 5 of the Washington State Constitution provides one of the nation’s most expansive free-speech guarantees. Additionally, the right to speak and the right to refrain from speaking are complementary components of individual freedom recognized by the US Supreme Court (Wooley v. Maynard, 1977; West Virginia v. Barnette, 1943) and Washington courts;

Whereas, At least 35 states have enacted similar contract speech conditions; some struck down as unconstitutional compelled speech (Texas v. Amawi, 2019), others narrowed by courts;

Whereas, no Washington statute currently prohibits the state or its subdivisions from imposing foreign-policy speech conditions on public contracts, creating vulnerability to loyalty tests, and Washington appropriates billions annually for contracts affecting teachers, speech pathologists, and other workers whose livelihoods could be jeopardized by compelled political speech unrelated to job performance;

Whereas, the Washington State Legislature enacted the Uniform Public Expression Protection Act (UPEPA) in 2021, establishing nation-leading anti-Strategic Lawsuit Against Public Participation (SLAPP) protections, and Washington’s tradition of dissent (from abolitionist to labor organizers to civil rights marchers) has always faced economic retaliation as a primary weapon of suppression;

Whereas, modern economic coercion takes the form of "loyalty tests" for public employment and contracts, and protection of minority opinion shared across Jewish-American, Arab-American, Muslim, immigrant, and dissenting communities are ill-served by the government taking sides in foreign policy debates through economic coercion.

Therefore Be It Resolved, that the Washington State Democratic Party (WSDP) adopts the “Right to Dissent” as a core principle protecting any person from state economic penalty for speech, political activity, or refusal of political expression regarding any foreign nation or international dispute, and calls on the Legislature to enact the “Washington Right to Dissent Act” providing: (1) no state or local government may condition, deny, or penalize any public contract, grant, license, or employment based on speech, political activity, or refusal to express political views about any foreign nation or international dispute; (2) no loyalty certification, non-boycott pledge, or compelled political speech requirement shall be imposed, and refusal to comply is protected lawful dissent; and (3) a private right of action (including injunctive relief, damages, and attorney fees), whistleblower protection, severability, and preemption of conflicting local rules;

Therefore Be It Further Resolved, that the WSDP urges the Governor to remove foreign policy speech conditions from contract templates, directs the Attorney General to prepare defensive litigation strategies, encourages local governments to adopt parallel protections, and affirms that

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Protecting Principled Opposition from Economic Coercion

this resolution endorses no foreign policy position but defends the right to dissent without economic penalty;

Therefore Be It Finally Resolved, that the WSDP transmits this resolution to Democratic members of the state legislature, the Governor, and the Attorney General, and requests a formal response on legislative or executive action.

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Washington State Contract Spending

- Washington State 2025-27 Transportation Budget, ESSB 5167 (approx. \$15 billion).
<https://fiscal.wa.gov/budgetsummary>

Resolution: The Rights of Nature

Whereas, Washington is home to diverse natural ecosystems, including, but not limited to, forests, lakes, wetlands, rivers, coasts, mountains, and grasslands, that sustain the health and economy of our state;

Whereas, Washington has been a leader in environmental progress and stewardship;

Whereas, Indigenous communities have lived in respect and partnership for thousands of years in the land that is now Washington state, and their relationship with and understanding of our natural environment are essential to protecting nature today. The concept of the “rights of nature” is rooted in Indigenous worldviews, and has growing recognition across the globe as a framework for the legal rights of the natural world, understanding that nature has intrinsic value and the right to exist, evolve, and regenerate;

Whereas, this rights-based approach would align with Washington’s legacy of conservation and environmental stewardship, reaffirming the moral and legal right of the government to protect the natural systems on which we all depend;

Whereas, Climate change, loss of biodiversity, ecological degradation, and corporate greed continue to threaten our natural heritage, and new legal remedies are needed to meet the scale of these threats. Recognizing the rights of nature would allow our communities to more effectively safeguard the natural environment.

Therefore be it resolved that, the Washington State Democrats recognize that nature possesses inherent rights, including the right to exist, flourish, regenerate, and to be restored;

Be it further resolved that, the Washington State Democrats affirm that Washington has a duty to uphold these rights and urge our elected representatives, state agencies, and institutions at all levels of state government to develop policies and legislation that preserve the rights of nature in law;

Be it finally resolved that, The Washington State Democrats pledge to uphold the rights of nature, through deed and legislation.

Submitted by the 20th Legislative District Democrats to the Washington State Democratic Party Committee for consideration at its May 20, 2026 meeting via Zoom. (Date Submitted 5/20/2026). Contact Person: Thea Zahn, Drag0nfly7@pm.me

Exemplifying Democracy

WHEREAS Democrats advocate for democracy at home and abroad and democracy means power is held by the people, not any massive non-human entity; and

WHEREAS democracy is eroded the further power is from the people and the more concentrated power is at the top; and

WHEREAS democracy is undermined by 1) poor voter turnout, 2) the corrupting influence of big money in our elections, 3) rampant misinformation and lack of widespread accurate information, and 4) candidate options being drastically limited by a system designed to exclude any and all candidates from outside the two preeminent political parties;

WHEREAS democracy is demonstrated when local constituents are empowered to choose their preferred candidates rather than who they think can win according to our current voting system;

WHEREAS Final-Five Voting, which includes both Final-Five open primaries and Ranked-Choice Voting in general elections, effectively decreases the impact of some of the above and other barriers to democracy, like increasing voter turnout, better representation, more choices in the general election where more voters participate, and basically eliminates the benefit to candidates who pander to their base in the primary, then change their stance in the general, just to name a few;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Washington State Democratic Party (WSDP) calls for legislation and rule changes that will promote democracy by empowering Washingtonian constituencies to choose candidates using Final-Five Voting in state and federal elections, including President of the United States (POTUS);

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be sent to all Democratic members of the state legislature, Governor Ferguson, Secretary of State Hobbs, and the Democratic National Committee, urging them to implement Final-Five Voting state-wide for state and federal elections, including POTUS as soon as reasonable.

Resolution submitted by the 20th Legislative District Democrats Delegation to the 2026 Washington State Convention in Spokane. (Submitted 5/22/2026 via Word docx)

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RESOLUTION REGARDING LIMITING THE INFLUENCE OF MONEY IN ELECTION CAMPAIGNS

WHEREAS,

democratic self-governance depends upon public confidence that elections are fair, transparent, and free from corruption or undue influence; and

WHEREAS,

the State of Washington has demonstrated national leadership in campaign finance disclosure and transparency;¹, and

WHEREAS,

the rapid rise of “dark money,” independent expenditures, and undisclosed funding threatens to erode public trust by shielding political actors from public scrutiny, limiting voters’ ability to understand who is seeking to influence elections and public policy, and fostering the belief that hidden financial interests wield greater influence than ordinary citizens;^{1 2} and

WHEREAS,

Seattle’s democracy voucher program has been nationally recognized for broadening participation and reducing dependence on large donors in local elections.^{3, 5, 6}

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,

that the Washington State Democratic Party calls for Federal campaign finance regulation modelled after Washington, where contribution sources are disclosed; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,

that the Washington State Democratic Party will work with other like-minded organizations to develop a plan for expanding the democracy voucher program across the state; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED,

that copies of this resolution be sent to our state’s congressional delegation.

Footnotes

¹ Washington Public Disclosure Commission. [“Contribution Limits.”](#)

² Pew Research Center. [“Most Americans Want to Limit Campaign Spending, Say Big Donors Have Greater Political Influence.” \(2023\).](#)

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⁵ Results from the Seattle Democracy Voucher Program in 2023.

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⁶ [The effects of public campaign funding: Evidence from Seattle’s Democracy Voucher program - ScienceDirect](#)

Submitted by 21st Legislative District Democrats to the Washington State Democratic Central Committee for consideration at its June 18, 2026 meeting in Spokane. (Date Submitted 5/22/2026)

Plank that would be implemented by the proposed constitutional amendment in the 2026 Platform: Governance:Elections:14.3.7

14.3.7 Private and corporate wealth must not be able to influence elections and the actions and priorities of elected officials.

Plank referencing democracy vouchers in the 2026 Platform: Governance:Elections:14.3.9

14.3.9 Elections must be publicly funded, using methods such as democracy vouchers or socialized contributions, so that all candidates can compete on ideas, not donor wealth.

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING NEW CATEGORIES OF MISCONDUCT FOR PUBLIC OFFICERS

WHEREAS,

democratic institutions rely upon public trust, ethical governance, transparency, accountability, and fidelity to the rule of law by elected officials and public servants; and

WHEREAS,

the State of Washington has established important ethical standards, disclosure requirements, and transparency protections through the Ethics in Public Service Act, the Public Records Act, the Open Public Meetings Act, and the work of the Washington State Public Disclosure Commission^{1 2 3}; and

WHEREAS,

public officials hold positions of public trust and are entrusted with the responsibility to act honestly, ethically, and in the best interests of the residents they serve. Deliberate misinformation, materially false statements, or intentional deception by public officials in their official communications erode public trust and undermine the integrity of democratic institutions, impair informed public participation, and weaken faith in the People's government; and

WHEREAS,

the failure of public officials to carry out the lawful duties and obligations of their office, including failure to respond appropriately to credible reports of misconduct, corruption, abuse of authority, discrimination, or to respond to illegal conduct or clear violations of resident rights, constitutes a breach of responsibility that enables harm and weakens public confidence in public institutions; and

WHEREAS,

government accountability requires robust oversight mechanisms, meaningful strong enforcement authority, independent ethics review, and clear standards of conduct to ensure that violations of the public trust are addressed consistently and transparently; and, disclosure requirements, and oversight remain necessary to prevent corruption, promote accountability, and adapt to new threats to public trust^{1 2};

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,

that the Washington State Democratic Party calls for federal ethical standards and enforcement procedures such as those in Washington state, where independent ethics boards are responsible for investigation and enforcement; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,

that the Washington State Democratic Party calls for the Executive Ethics Board, the Legislative Ethics Board, and the Commission on Judicial Conduct to study and advise on the implementation of rules recognizing new categories of Misinformation and Bystander misconduct as sanctionable violations of public trust under Washington law; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED,

copies of this resolution be sent to the Democratic members of the state legislature, the Governor, the Executive Ethics Board, the Legislative Ethics Board, and the Commission on Judicial Conduct.

Citations

¹ Washington State Executive Ethics Board. <https://ethics.wa.gov/>

² RCW 42.52 – Ethics in Public Service Act.

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³ Washington State Public Disclosure Commission. <https://pdc.wa.gov/>

RCW 42.30 – Open Public Meetings Act. <https://app.leg.wa.gov/RCW/default.aspx?cite=42.30>

RCW 42.56 – Public Records Act. <https://app.leg.wa.gov/RCW/default.aspx?cite=42.56>

Submitted by 21st Legislative District Democrats to the Washington State Democratic Central Committee for consideration at its June 18, 2026 meeting in Spokane. (Date Submitted 5/22/2026)

Plank acknowledging misinformation as a problem eroding the fundamental health of our democracy:

Agriculture, Energy and Environment: Limiting the Environmental Impact of
Technology: Disinformation & Election Integrity: 10.3.7

The health of our democracy depends on an informed electorate. The deliberate spread of disinformation - amplified by algorithmic systems and exploited by foreign adversaries - poses a direct threat to free and fair elections.

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NEW CATEGORIES OF MISCONDUCT FOR PUBLIC OFFICERS

Resolution: Constituent Right to Acknowledgment, Response, and Legislative Accountability

WHEREAS, the legitimacy of the legislative process depends on a transparent, documented, and responsive relationship between elected officials and the constituents they represent; and

WHEREAS, during the 2026 Legislative Session, constituents navigating complex medical and behavioral health conditions, including veterans, engaged in widespread outreach to legislative offices, yet received no documented response, engagement, or explanation of how their input was evaluated, creating a significant communication gap;

WHEREAS, despite high-volume constituent engagement, there is currently no enforceable requirement for committees to acknowledge, respond to, or publicly document how constituent-submitted data and testimony are incorporated into legislative decision-making; and

WHEREAS, the exclusion of lived-experience and fully sourced constituent professionally sought data during committee review results in an incomplete clinical understanding of illness, contributing to medical harm and preventable system failure; and

WHEREAS, the absence of a required process to evaluate and reconcile competing medical or scientific evidence allows incomplete or contested sources to disproportionately influence legislative outcomes;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Washington State Democratic Party affirms and enforces the Constituent Right to Acknowledgment and Response, defined as the requirement that constituent-submitted data, testimony, and formal communications to legislative offices be:

- Acknowledged within a defined and reasonable timeframe, documented as part of the legislative record and formally reviewed and incorporated into committee deliberation processes

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all health-related and veteran-supported legislative committees shall implement a mandatory but simple Constituent Impact Audit, which shall include:

- A publicly accessible summary response explaining how major stakeholder concerns and submitted evidence were evaluated;
 - Issuance prior to final committee action when feasible, or as soon as practicable following action;
 - Inclusion of a response even when legislation is declined, held in committee, or not brought forward for a vote.

Submitted by the 22nd LD Democrats State Delegation to the Washington State Democratic Central Committee (WSDCC) for consideration ahead of the 2026 Washington State Democratic Convention. The primary contact person is Rory Summerson, rory.summerson@gmail.com, and the secondary contact person is Tony Taylor, info@tonytaylorinspires.com. Date submitted May 1, 2026.

Resolution Supporting a Negotiated Two-State Solution, Human Rights, and Accountability Under International Law in Israel and Palestine

WHEREAS, the Washington State Democratic Party affirms the inherent dignity, safety, and human rights of all people, including both Israelis and Palestinians, and rejects antisemitism, Islamophobia, and all forms of hate or collective punishment; and

WHEREAS, the ongoing conflict in Israel and Gaza has resulted in the loss of tens of thousands of civilian lives, mass displacement, and a severe humanitarian crisis, with disproportionate impacts on civilians, including children; and

WHEREAS, international humanitarian law, including the Geneva Conventions, establishes clear standards for the protection of civilians and prohibits collective punishment, indiscriminate attacks, and the targeting of civilian infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, a durable and just peace requires both the recognition of Israel's right to exist in security and the realization of Palestinian self-determination, including the establishment of an independent, sovereign Palestinian state, and continued cycles of violence, including the expansion of offensive military operations without sufficient safeguards for civilians, undermine long-term peace, stability, and U.S. credibility in promoting human rights globally; and

WHEREAS, credible allegations of violations of international law by all parties must be addressed through independent, impartial international legal mechanisms to ensure accountability and uphold the rule of law;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Washington State Democratic Party supports a negotiated two-state solution, ensuring the right of Israel to exist in peace and security and the right of Palestinians to an independent, sovereign state with full civil and human rights; and

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Washington State Democratic Party calls on the United States government to align military assistance with international humanitarian law by restricting the transfer of offensive weapons where there is a substantial risk of their use in violations of civilian protections, while allowing for defensive systems that protect civilian populations; and

THEREFORE BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Washington State Democratic Party supports international accountability efforts, including investigations by appropriate international bodies, into alleged war crimes and violations of international law by all parties, and calls for cooperation with those processes.

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Submitted by the 22nd LD Democrats State Delegation for consideration at the 2026 Washington State Democratic Convention. The primary contact person is Rory Summerson, rory.summerson@gmail.com, and the secondary contact person is Susan Herring, purplecat53@comcast.net. Date submitted May 1, 2026.

Resolution Supporting Targeted Action to Address Black Maternal Health Disparities in Washington State

Whereas Washington State has taken meaningful steps to strengthen maternal healthcare through expanded doula access, postpartum care, birthworker support, and broader maternal health initiatives; and

Whereas despite these broader investments, Black women and Black birthing people continue to experience disproportionate rates of maternal mortality, severe maternal morbidity, infant mortality, pregnancy-related complications, medical dismissal, and adverse birth outcomes compared to white patients; and

Whereas broad maternal health improvements alone do not automatically eliminate racial disparities caused by systemic racism, implicit bias, lack of culturally responsive care, underrepresentation of Black healthcare professionals, and unequal treatment within healthcare systems; and

Whereas persistent disparities demonstrate the need for targeted, measurable, and community-informed strategies that specifically address the experiences of Black women, Black birthing people, Black families, and Black maternal health professionals in Washington State; and

Whereas Black-led maternal health organizations, Black doulas, Black midwives, Black birthworkers, Black physicians, healthcare professionals, and community advocates play a critical role in improving trust, safety, advocacy, culturally responsive care, accountability, and maternal health outcomes,

Therefore, be it resolved that the WSDCC supports continued maternal healthcare investments while affirming that broad maternal health reforms must be paired with targeted action to reduce and eliminate Black maternal and infant health disparities; and

Therefore, be it further resolved that the WSDCC supports increased investment in Black-led maternal health organizations, Black doulas, Black midwives, Black birthworkers, Black physicians, culturally responsive care initiatives, maternal mental health services, and workforce development efforts that directly support Black mothers, Black birthing people, and Black families; and

Therefore, be it finally resolved that the WSDCC supports stronger accountability, equity data collection, anti-bias training, provider accountability, patient advocacy protections, and community-informed maternal healthcare policies designed to address racial disparities and unequal treatment within Washington State healthcare systems, and calls upon Washington State elected officials, healthcare institutions, insurers, agencies, and policymakers to move beyond broad maternal health improvements alone and adopt targeted, measurable strategies to close

the Black-white maternal health disparity gap in Washington State.

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Source/Publication: Washington State Department of Health

Author: Washington State Department of Health / Maternal Mortality Review Panel Date: 2025

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Author: Washington State Department of Health

Date: December 8, 2025

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Date: 2022

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Source/Publication: Washington State Health Care Authority, HCA Connections Author: Washington State Health Care Authority

Date: June 2025

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Source/Publication: March of Dimes PeriStats

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Date: 2025

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Author: KFF

Date: December 3, 2025

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Date: June 2022

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Supporting a Forest Carbon Tax and Reward Program

WHEREAS peer-reviewed studies have found that logging activities in Washington (including clearcutting, dense networks of logging roads, timber plantations, and land use conversion) cause 32¹ to 45² million metric tons CO₂ equivalent each year, making them the second greatest source of greenhouse gas emissions in the state; and

WHEREAS peer-reviewed studies have also found that industrial logging practices reduce climate resiliency by increasing risks associated with wildfires, heat waves, water shortages, warming waters, flooding, invasive species and other climate stressors,³ which particularly impact rural communities; and

WHEREAS a forest carbon tax is a market-based mechanism that would complement existing state policy by putting a price on logging-related climate impacts and incentivizing the transition to climate-smart forest practices while maintaining forestlands as a lucrative investment;⁴ and

WHEREAS a forest carbon tax can help the state strengthen its economy by funding climate adaptation and reducing costs associated with the aforementioned climate harms;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Washington State Democratic Party calls upon Washington State legislators to enact a forest carbon tax and reward program administered by the Department of Ecology, similar to a program drafted for consideration by the Oregon Legislature⁵, which:

- Levies a carbon tax on corporate forestland owners, including developers, whose logging-related life-cycle emissions exceed the carbon sequestered by natural forests on their lands;;
- Credits carbon sequestration of forests voluntarily withdrawn from harvest or enrolled in verified long-term carbon storage agreements;
- Establishes a Forest Carbon Incentive Fund (FCIF) with the revenues received as a sub-account of the Climate Commitment Act's Operating Account, to support climate adaptation, help small forest owners adopt climate-smart forestry practices, and fully compensate state and local taxing districts for any foregone revenues due to reduced harvests.

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Submitted by Bruce Cowan, Chair, Delegation of the 24th Legislative District Democrats

Get Corporate Money Out of Washington Elections

Whereas, corporate spending in elections has increased twenty-eight fold¹ since the Supreme Court rulings in *Citizens United v FEC* (2010) and *Buckley v Valeo* (2007);

Whereas, our platform opposes corporate influence in elections;²

Whereas, corporations are artificial beings³ and derive their powers from the states that charter them; and

Whereas, in 2026, Senators Bob Hasegawa and Mike Chapman introduced Senate Bill 6358, *Concerning Corporate Powers*,⁴ which sought to prohibit political spending by Washington corporations, and they expect to introduce⁵ a similar bill in the 2027-2028 legislature;

Therefore be it resolved that the Washington State Democratic Party shall call on Democrats in the legislature to support such legislation; and

Therefore be it further resolved that the Washington State Democratic Party shall make passage of such legislation a priority of the Washington State Democrats Advocacy Committee.

Submitted by Bruce Cowan, Chair, Delegation of the 24th Legislative District Democrats

¹ <https://www.brennancenter.org/our-work/research-reports/citizens-united-explained>
<https://www.opensecrets.org/news/2025/01/by-the-numbers-15-years-of-citizens-united/>

² Washington State Democrats, Initial Platform Committee Report, 2026.

14.3.7 Private and corporate wealth must not be able to influence elections and the actions and priorities of elected officials

³ https://journals.law.harvard.edu/jlpp/wp-content/uploads/sites/90/2017/04/Wolfe_FINAL.pdf

⁴ Senate Bill 6358, *Concerning Corporate Powers*

<https://app.leg.wa.gov/billsummary?BillNumber=6358&Year=2026&Initiative=false>

⁵ Personal phone call between Bruce Cowan, Chair, 24LD Dems and Senator Mike Chapman, May 2026.

Strengthening Community Connectedness, Civic Readiness, and Community Resilience in Washington State

WHEREAS, healthy communities are strengthened through civic participation, volunteerism, social connectedness, and meaningful opportunities for public engagement; and

WHEREAS, increasing social isolation and declining civic participation present challenges to community cohesion, public trust, and local resilience; and

WHEREAS, strong relationships among residents, nonprofit organizations, schools, local governments, and community institutions contribute to more connected, informed, and responsive communities; and

WHEREAS, communities with strong civic networks and social connectedness are better equipped to respond to emergencies, support vulnerable populations, and sustain public trust during times of disruption or crisis; and

WHEREAS, Washington State faces ongoing risks associated with natural disasters, public emergencies, and community disruptions that require coordinated local relationships and public participation to address effectively; and

WHEREAS, Washington benefits from policies and partnerships that strengthen collaboration, belonging, civic engagement, and community resilience;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Washington State Democratic Party supports efforts to strengthen community connectedness, civic readiness, and local resilience throughout Washington State; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Washington State Democratic Party encourages partnerships among local governments, schools, nonprofit organizations, emergency preparedness organizations, and community groups that foster civic participation, social connection, and community preparedness; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Washington State Democratic Party supports programs and initiatives that promote volunteerism, leadership development, civic education, and accessible opportunities for public engagement; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Washington State Democratic Party recognizes civic connectedness, social belonging, and community preparedness as essential components of resilient and thriving communities; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Washington State Democratic Party affirms the importance of strengthening civic culture and expanding opportunities for meaningful participation in public life and community resilience efforts.

Supporting Military Spouse Employment and Workforce Continuity in Washington State

WHEREAS, Washington State is home to a substantial military and veteran population whose service and sacrifice contribute to the strength, security, and economic vitality of communities across the state; and

WHEREAS, military spouses experience disproportionately high rates of unemployment and underemployment due to frequent relocations, inconsistent professional licensing requirements, employment gaps associated with military service, and barriers to workforce continuity; and

WHEREAS, military spouse employment contributes meaningfully to household stability, economic mobility, local workforce participation, and military family well-being; and

WHEREAS, employment instability among military spouses has been consistently identified as a factor affecting military family retention, readiness, and long-term financial security; and

WHEREAS, Washington State has an opportunity to strengthen its workforce and support military-connected families through policies and partnerships that reduce unnecessary employment disruption and improve access to meaningful career opportunities;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Washington State Democratic Party supports efforts to strengthen military spouse employment and workforce continuity across Washington State; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Washington State Democratic Party supports policies and partnerships that improve professional licensing portability, streamline credential recognition, and reduce barriers to employment associated with military relocation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Washington State Democratic Party encourages public agencies, educational institutions, and private employers to expand military spouse hiring initiatives and workforce development opportunities; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Washington State Democratic Party supports the expansion of flexible and remote employment opportunities, where appropriate, to increase workforce access and continuity for military spouses; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Washington State Democratic Party recognizes military spouse employment as an issue of economic opportunity, family stability, and community resilience.

Combating the Affordability Crisis

To combat the affordability crisis: introduce or support legislation now to favor WA state residents, families, and small businesses over corporations and hold large corporations accountable for a fair share of the tax burden.

WHEREAS, corporate greed and an imbalanced, regressive tax structure have been identified by WA labor movement leaders as the significant drivers of the affordability crisis facing all WA state residents, families, and small businesses. This viewpoint is supported by Chapter 4 of the Tax Structure Final Report published by the Washington State Tax Structure Study Committee in 2002 (WSTSSC 2002).

It has been over 20 years since this report, and WA state legislators have only recently implemented Washington's Millionaires' Tax, which imposes a 9.9% levy on household wage earnings and adjusted gross income over 1 million dollars but does nothing to address the influence of large corporations on affordability in WA state; and

WHEREAS, working class families struggle to meet a basic standard of living, and those at poverty level are rapidly losing housing and life-saving public assistance while large corporations post record-breaking profits as they:

- Suppress wages below a livable standard;
- Shift rising costs (utilities, maintenance, property taxes) onto renters;
- Drive up everyday expenses (gas, food, electricity, water); and
- Do not contribute a fair share to fund social programs keeping our poorest residents fed, clothed, and sheltered; and

WHEREAS "Washington's tax structure is regressive. The lowest income households pay 15.7 percent of income for total excise and property taxes. Sales tax is the main cause of regressivity." (WSTSSC 2002)

Small business owners struggle in this state because Washington's tax system places a relatively high tax burden on low profit margin firms, mainly because of the Business and Occupation (B&O) Tax pyramiding. Pyramiding of taxes is the payment of taxes by different companies on the same goods or services.

This occurs when goods or services of one company are inputs for another's production and/or sales. Thus, a tax is paid multiple times on a product as it moves through the production chain. ... The B&O (goods) tax pyramids an average of 2.5 times. ... The B&O tax on many services pyramids at about 1.5 times, whereas for some types of manufacturers, the rate of pyramiding is over five or six times. Due to the B&O tax, low profit margin firms and firms that are new or expanding may suffer a competitive disadvantage. (WSTSSC 2002); and

WHEREAS corporate ownership and privatization of critical utilities (water, electricity, natural gas, wastewater, internet, etc.) focuses on shareholder profits while public ownership focuses on service.

Utility prices surge, the infrastructure conditions deteriorate faster, and the environment is polluted under corporate ownership. For example, the Bonneville Power Administration says: 60% of electricity

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providers are Public Utility Districts, and 40% of the state is served by investor-owned utilities (IOUs), primarily Puget Sound Energy, Avista, and Pacific Power. This public-private split creates two tiers of electricity pricing in Washington.

Customers of public utilities and municipal utilities typically pay rates in the 8–12¢/kWh range, while customers of Puget Sound Energy pay closer to 17–18¢/kWh—still below the national average, but nearly double what their neighbors in public utility territory pay. Inequality Inc.: How Corporate Power Divides Our World and the Need for a New Era of Public Action, Oxfam 2024, relays that “corporate monopolies are accelerating the privatization of public services by relentlessly encroaching on sectors that are too important to be commodified as profit-making entities such as healthcare, transportation, water and education.

These are services upon which all citizens rely from the cradle to the grave and can be a bulwark of equality if they are state-supported and universally accessible. In corporate hands, however, they can result in segregation, inequality and the erosion of human rights as those unable to pay for services become marginalised and impoverished.” Now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED to introduce or support legislation implementing new taxes or levies on large corporations for an equitable contribution to our State revenue; and be it further

RESOLVED to introduce or support legislation reducing or eliminating excise and B&O taxes that heavily rely on and disproportionately impact working people and small businesses in Washington and to find other means of generating State revenue to offset the tax burden on households below the state median income; and be it further

RESOLVED to introduce or support legislation including a moratorium on private acquisitions of certain public infrastructure and to have provisions to transfer ownership of privately held utilities to Public Utility Districts with a priority on water, electricity, natural gas, and wastewater.

Ultimately, tackling affordability requires confronting both sides of the equation: holding corporations accountable and building a tax system that reflects fairness, sustainability, and shared responsibility. With thoughtful reprioritization, we can ease the burden on working people while still funding the essential services our communities depend on.

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Condemning ICE and Calling for its Abolition

WHEREAS, since President Trump took office in 2024, there has been a rise in hostile rhetoric and violent action from federal law enforcement against immigrant communities and United States citizens;

WHEREAS, violent, racially motivated attacks by ICE not only endanger life, but undermine public trust in the rule of law and impair the trust in communities and law enforcement; and

WHEREAS, Democrats and public officials have a duty to condemn all such acts of violence, ensure accountability for perpetrators, and enact measures to protect the public against invading occupying forces.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Washington State Democratic Party unequivocally affirms our full support for immigrant communities, condemns the recent escalation of violent attacks and murder against our communities by ICE, and expresses profound sorrow for the lives lost and the injuries sustained by those in ICE custody and impacted by ICE's violence;

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Washington State Democratic Party calls on our elected officials to protect immigrant communities, strengthen coordination with local law enforcement to prevent violence, apply local law against criminal ICE behavior, counter coordination by state agencies with ICE, and call on our Congressional delegation to seek all possible avenues to abolish ICE as a federal agency entirely; and

THEREFORE BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Washington State Democratic Party encourages all public officials and media entities to reject rhetoric that whitewashes ICE's crimes against United States citizens and immigrants, and instead to speak responsibly about those committing crimes on behalf of the federal government.

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Resolution to Disaggregate the Racial Data Collection System in Washington State

WHEREAS Middle Eastern and North African (MENA) immigrants are legally classified as White in the United States, neglecting to account for cultural, linguistic, and genetic differences; and

WHEREAS genetic differences can account for variations in disease risk factors, proper medication dosages, and overall pathology—when the latter are recognized by healthcare providers, patients typically experience better health outcomes;¹ and

WHEREAS the MENA population is one of the fastest growing minority groups in the United States—with 40,000+ residents in Washington—and deserves accurate visibility and resource allocation after decades of oversight;² and

WHEREAS proposals to add a MENA racial checkbox to the U.S. Census have been proposed and shelved twice by the federal administration, leaving the composition of the 2030 census uncertain;³

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Washington State Democratic Party (WSDP) call on legislators to introduce a bill in the 2027 Regular Session of the Washington State Legislature, implementing a MENA racial checkbox to demographic data collection forms in settings including but not limited to: K-12 education, healthcare offices, housing assistance programs, financial aid foundations, and state government agencies.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the WSDP recommends all public agencies amend online forms and printed materials by the 1st of December 2027.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED the WSDP urges all local government officials to advise private agencies not under state jurisdiction to pursue similar changes.

Submitted by Sam Gopal, 28th LD Democrats April 19, 2026

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Resolution to Oppose Construction of Nuclear Power Reactors in Washington State

WHEREAS the undersigned formally oppose the construction of nuclear power reactors, including current proposals for Small Modular Nuclear Reactors (SMNRs) within Washington State due to significant environmental and public safety risks, including potential radioactive contamination and the unresolved challenge of long-term spent fuel storage;^{1,2,3} and

WHEREAS the development and construction of reactors may divert resources away from truly sustainable and renewable energy alternatives, such as solar, wind, and energy efficiency programs, thereby undermining efforts to achieve a cleaner and more sustainable energy future;⁴ and

WHEREAS local communities often bear the risks associated with nuclear energy production without adequate input in decision-making processes, leading to a disconnect between the needs of the community and the development of nuclear projects;⁵ and

WHEREAS the cost of nuclear power projects, including SMNRs, is historically prone to overruns, placing financial burdens on taxpayers and ratepayers, making nuclear energy an expensive option for the public;^{6,7} and

WHEREAS there are unresolved concerns regarding the transportation, security, and disposal of nuclear spent fuel generated by SMNRs, raising questions about the long-term safety and environmental impact of nuclear energy;^{8,9}

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Washington State Democratic Party urges state and federal agencies to prioritize investment in renewable energy technologies and energy efficiency initiatives instead of nuclear energy projects including small modular nuclear reactor projects, and to oppose any subsidies for such projects, including loan guarantees or price guarantees; and

THEREFORE BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Washington State Democratic Party urges local, state, and federal elected officials, regulatory agencies, and community stakeholders to advocate for sustainable and cost-effective non-nuclear solutions, thereby ensuring a cleaner and safer future for all Washingtonians.

Submitted by Vicky Stanich, 28th LD Democrats May 21, 2026

Adopted by the 28th LD Washington State Convention Delegation May 21, 2026

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Protect Housing for Residents of Manufactured Home Communities

WHEREAS, manufactured home communities are a critical source of affordable housing in Washington State, particularly for seniors, people with disabilities, and residents on fixed or limited incomes; and [2,3,4,5,6]

WHEREAS, many residents of manufactured home communities own their homes but rent the land beneath them, making relocation extremely costly and leaving residents vulnerable to displacement from rent increases; and [1,4,7]

WHEREAS, Washington State has experienced a regional trend that aligns with the national trend of increased acquisition of manufactured home communities by large corporate and institutional investors, often followed by significant rent increases and added fees; and [2,3]

WHEREAS, Washington State has recently enacted limits on rent increases for manufactured home communities to help protect residents from sudden and excessive rent hikes, and these protections face ongoing legal and policy challenges; and [8]

WHEREAS, preserving the affordability and stability of manufactured home communities aligns with Washington State's broader goals to reduce homelessness and expand access to affordable housing;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Washington State Democratic Party supports the full implementation, defense, and strengthening of protections for residents of manufactured home communities, including reasonable limits on lot rent increases, strong notice requirements, clear and enforceable standards for fees, protections against unjust evictions, and robust enforcement mechanisms to ensure compliance and prevent circumvention of tenant protections; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Party supports expanding [1,7] opportunities for resident, nonprofit, or public ownership of manufactured home communities, including strengthening policies that

- provide residents with timely notice of any proposed sale, including off-market transactions, to all households and relevant public agencies;
- require disclosure of the price, terms, and conditions of third-party offers;
- provide a meaningful opportunity to compete, including adequate notice periods;
- establish a right of first refusal or comparable protections;
- require good faith negotiation; and
- include clear enforcement mechanisms,

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- provide funding and technical assistance to support cooperative or mission-driven ownership models that preserve long-term affordability; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Washington State Democratic Party urges state and local governments to prioritize the preservation and stabilization of manufactured home communities as a key strategy to prevent displacement and homelessness, including through enforcement of tenant protections, support for resident ownership, investment in community infrastructure and rehabilitation, and land use and zoning policies that allow and encourage the development and preservation of manufactured home communities.

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Resolution to Establish Universal, Equitable Early Care and Education as a Core Economic and Educational Priority for Washington State

WHEREAS, the 2024 Washington State Democratic Party platform recognizes the importance of state-supported, affordable, high-quality childcare¹; that childcare providers must be adequately compensated, and that childcare requires public and/or employer financing so that parents do not have to choose between their jobs and childcare²; and

WHEREAS, the Washington State Department of Children, Youth, and Families (DCYF) Early Care and Education Access and Living Wage Implementation Plan outlines a comprehensive set of policy recommendations to implement a universally accessible, publicly funded childcare system by 2039, with family financial contributions capped at no more than 7 percent of family income, and living wages and benefits provided for the childcare workforce³; and

WHEREAS, high-quality early care and education produces documented lifelong benefits for children, families, and communities, including improved academic achievement, cognitive development, self-regulation, social-emotional development, maternal employment and income, high school graduation rates, health outcomes, and later earnings, with benefit-cost analyses finding that economic benefits vastly exceed costs, up to \$10.83 per dollar invested⁴; and

WHEREAS, these benefits are especially critical for children historically underserved by educational systems, including Black and Brown children, who continue to face inequitable access to high-quality early learning and are disproportionately subjected to exclusionary disciplinary practices, Washington's childcare system fails to meet family needs, with approximately 302,000 children from birth through age five requiring care due to all available parents working, yet only about 29% being served by licensed or subsidized programs;

WHEREAS, Washington's childcare system fails to support families working nontraditional hours including evenings, nights, weekends, and rotating schedules leaving many without access to safe, affordable, and reliable care aligned with today's workforce, a lack of sustained public investment remains the primary barrier to universal childcare, resulting in limited eligibility, inadequate subsidy rates, low wages that contribute to workforce shortages, and insufficient licensed facilities, with the Washington State Department of Children, Youth, and Families noting that Working Connections Child Care (WCCC) rates do not support living wages and

¹ [Early Learning & K-12 Education - Washington State Democratic Party](#)

² [Human Services - Washington State Democratic Party](#)

³ [Early Care and Education Access and Living Wage Implementation Plan - DCYF](#) (page 5)

⁴ [Early Childhood Education | Health Impact in 5 Years | OPPE | CDC](#)

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benefits and that recent 2025–2026 legislation has delayed or eliminated planned eligibility expansions;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Washington State Democratic Party call on the Governor and the Legislature to establish a universally accessible, equitable, publicly funded Early Care and Education system in Washington, by implementing the DCYF Early Care and Education Access and Living Wage Implementation Plan on a timeline no longer than the 10-year baseline, starting with repealing the WCCC eligibility expansion delays and eliminations from SB 5752 and HB 2689; and

BE IT THEREFORE FURTHER RESOLVED that the Washington State Democratic Party call for the implementation to include the full adoption of the Cost of Quality Care Rate Model for subsidy reimbursement, including living wages and benefits for childcare workers, increased family engagement, and additional planning, curriculum and professional development support; and

BE IT THEREFORE FINALLY RESOLVED that the Washington State Democrats call for sustainable progressive revenue and budget commitments sufficient to carry out this plan, such as a dedicated payroll tax on income above the Social Security cap; reject further delays or rollbacks to childcare access; and urge the Governor and the Legislature to prioritize the statutory and budgetary changes required to treat early care and education as core public infrastructure for Washington’s children, families, workforce, and economy.

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Resolution for Protection of Patients for Safe and Competent Health Care in the State of Washington

WHEREAS, the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Committee (JLARC) of WA state conducted “The Oversight of Hospital Data Reporting, Inspections and Complaints” and submitted their final report to the WA State Legislature in July 2025, after an exhaustive, three-year investigation,

WHEREAS, the JLARC report found that the Department of Health (DOH) is placing patient safety at risk by failing to perform inspections on time and HB 2577 has addressed mandated 18-month time line for inspections but did not address that all third-party inspections to meet state standards and be performed by accredited inspectors, and to ensure hospitals submit proof of inspections and deficiencies corrected and review adverse events and medical errors (increase 84% since 2016),

WHEREAS, over 50% of health care in the state of Washington is restricted in faith-based hospitals by the Ethical Religious Directives, such as emergency miscarriage care, informed consent and science driven health care decisions as required by law but are not being monitored by the DOH.

WHEREAS, although DOH has taken some initial steps to address the issues raised in the report, the breadth and depth of the remedies are beyond the capabilities of this agency,

WHEREAS, DOH has failed to perform its duty, repeatedly and systematically, and is unable to carry out the laws, identify patients at risk, and ensure safe and competent health care, and fulfill its oversight responsibilities for patients in the State of Washington.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Washington State Democratic Central Committee shall issue letters to all Democratic members of the Washington State House of Representatives, the Washington State Senate, the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Committee, the House Health and Wellness committee, the Senate Health and Long-Term Care Committee, urging immediate legislative action to bring the Department of Health into full compliance with its statutory oversight responsibilities; and

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Washington State Democratic Party calls for the establishment of an appointed supervisory oversight panel or other appropriate oversight authority with the power to take meaningful corrective actions to ensure that the findings identified in the JLARC report are addressed and corrected, and that patient safety and lawful access to health care are protected in the State of Washington

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Passed by the 31st Legislative District

May 17, 2026

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[*Ethical and Religious Directives for Catholic Health Care Services*](#), Seventh Edition
United States Conference of Catholic Bishops

Resolution to Require Comprehensive Background Checks for Private Youth Sports Organizations

WHEREAS, regular physical activity through youth sports is vital to the health, development, and well-being of children across Washington state; and

WHEREAS, parents and guardians place immense trust in youth sports organizations, assuming that coaches, volunteers, and staff members have been thoroughly vetted to ensure they do not pose a danger to children; and

WHEREAS, current state laws lack a uniform, comprehensive mandate requiring all private, non-scholastic youth sports leagues to conduct background checks through the Washington State Patrol for every adult with regular, unsupervised access to minors, creating critical gaps in child safety;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Washington State Democratic Party calls upon the Washington State Legislature to pass comprehensive safety legislation requiring all private, commercial, and non-profit youth sports organizations operating in Washington to conduct national criminal background checks on all staff, coaches, and regular volunteers prior to engagement; and

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this policy must prohibit any individual with a history of convictions for crimes against children or vulnerable persons from holding positions of authority or supervision within these organizations; and

THEREFORE BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the State Party Chair and the WSDCC Advocacy Committee transmit this resolution to the Democratic leadership of the Washington State House and Senate to urge swift legislative action.

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Comprehensive Background Checks for Private Youth Sports Organizations

[Eatonville Youth Sports Association](#): *softball coach charged with dealing in child sexual-abuse material.*

[Celebrity Cheer Unlimited](#): *coach charged with second-degree assault, sexual exploitation of a minor.*

[University Place Baseball & Martial Arts](#): *coach charged with multiple counts of child rape, molestation.*

[Spokane Children's Theatre](#): *worker sentenced for felony communication with minor.*

[President of the Washington State Young American's Bowling Alliance \(WSYABA\) and the Greater Seattle Young Americans Bowling Alliance \(GSYABA\)](#): *coach sentenced to 25 years in prison for child porn.*

[Blackhills Soccer Club](#): *coach charged with sexual assault.*

[Colton Youth Sports](#) & former [Puyallup Roughriders](#): *coach charged with child molestation & porn.*

[Action Athletics](#): *child molestation and sexual misconduct.*

[US Center for SafeSport](#): *Centralized Disciplinary Database. *Note, each name is removed after a sanction has run its course, often leaving no public record of the allegation and sanction.*

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Prohibiting persons from receiving spousal maintenance or property transfers in dissolution of marriage proceedings if they have abused the petitioner, their children, or their pets.

WHEREAS, the conduct of the parties leading up to dissolution or divorce proceedings is not a factor when judges consider maintenance awards under Washington State law ; and

WHEREAS, Washington State House Bill 2686 would have waived filing fees and process costs for domestic violence survivors seeking dissolution of marriage from an abuser who was convicted or found to have committed domestic abuse against the petitioner, their children, or their pets; and

WHEREAS, House Bill 2686 would not have made the abusive spouse legally at fault in dissolution proceedings, thereby allowing them to have property, assets, retirement accounts, or spousal maintenance awarded or transferred to them; and

WHEREAS, House Bill 2686, introduced in the 2026 session, died in committee; and

WHEREAS, domestic violence survivors must already cope with significant trauma with physical, psychological, social, and financial dimensions,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Washington State Democratic Party calls upon the Washington State Legislature to enact legislation in the next legislative session to shield domestic violence survivors from financial harm by allowing a party in a divorce or dissolution of marriage who has been convicted of, or found to have committed, domestic abuse against the petitioner, their children, or their pets, to be found at legal fault and made ineligible to receive spousal maintenance, property transfers, asset transfers, or any distribution of retirement accounts; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be transmitted to all Democratic members of the state legislature.

<https://app.leg.wa.gov/rcw/default.aspx?cite=26.09.090>

<https://lawfilesext.leg.wa.gov/biennium/2025-26/Pdf/Bills/House%20Bills/2686.pdf>

<https://amwa-doc.org/carrying-the-weight-the-long-term-effects-of-intimate-partner-violence/>

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Protecting Democracy by preventing Corporate and Dark Money Influence in Washington Elections

WHEREAS, the US Supreme Court decision in *Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission* expanded the ability of corporations and other entities to spend money in elections, including through nonprofits, trade associations, and shell companies that conceal the original source of funds; and

WHEREAS, corporations are legal entities created under state law and derive their powers from the states that charter them; and

WHEREAS, meaningful reform through either reversal of *Citizens United* or a constitutional amendment is uncertain and may take many years; and

WHEREAS, legislation addressing corporate influence in elections, including SB 6358, was introduced in the Washington State Legislature but did not advance during the current session;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Washington State Democratic Party calls upon the Washington State Legislature to introduce and adopt legislation prohibiting corporate participation in ballot measures and election-related spending, and requiring full "true source" disclosure of any individuals or entities ultimately funding such spending, and

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Washington State Democratic Party urges legislators to reintroduce, co-sponsor, and bring such legislation, including and passing a successor to SB 6358, in the next legislative session.

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Resolution on Cutting the US Military Budget

Submitted by the 33rd LD Democrats

Whereas the United States military budget is completely out of proportion to the legitimate Défense needs of the country and the Pentagon has failed every single audit that it has ever been subject to, including this year in its current budget of \$9.68 trillion¹;

Whereas recent events have shown that our system of checks and balances is no longer able to prevent demagogues in power from using this immense military power on illegal wars and acts of violence, from the Middle East to the Caribbean, resulting in the loss of thousands of innocent lives and immeasurable damage to the reputation of the United States²;

Whereas Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. called out the triple evils of “racism, excessive materialism and militarism” as far back as 1967³ and retired general and former president Dwight D Eisenhower warned about the undue power of the military industrial complex in 1961⁴;

Whereas the majority of the military budget is currently passed to Défense contractors based on their lobbying power, creating a system of legalized corruption that benefits war profiteers and corrupt politicians, with little regard for the actual Défense needs of the nation⁵;

Whereas the U.S. has 750 bases in 80 countries and colonies – 3 times as many as all other countries combined –costing U.S. taxpayers \$80 billion each and every year^{6 7 8} money that cannot be spent on programs that actually help humans in need at a time of massive federal cutbacks to social safety nets^{9 10};

¹ Pentagon says it fails eighth audit, targets 2028 to pass

<https://www.reuters.com/world/us/pentagon-fails-eighth-audit-targets-2028-pass-pentagon-says-2025-12-19/>

² Sources Briefed on Iran War Say US has no Plans for What Comes Next

<https://theintercept.com/2026/03/05/trump-iran-war-plan-cia/>

³ Martin Luther King’s giant triplets: racism, militarism, and materialism

<https://quincyinst.org/2020/06/23/martin-luther-kings-giant-triplets-racism-militarism-and-materialism/>

⁴ President Dwight D. Eisenhower’s 1961 Farewell Address

<https://www.archives.gov/milestone-documents/president-dwight-d-eisenhowers-farewell-address>

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⁶ Closing Military Bases Overseas Will Save Billions and Improve National Security

<https://www.taxpayer.net/national-security/letter-closing-military-bases-overseas-will-save-billions-and-improve-national-security/>

⁷ Shut Them Down! Closing Military Bases is Long Overdue!

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⁹ The GOP’s Bloated Pentagon Budget Is Indefensible

<https://www.thenation.com/article/politics/ndaa-pentagon-spending-gop/>

¹⁰ The Outrageous Price We Pay for a Pentagon Budget From Hell

<https://www.commondreams.org/opinion/pentagon-budget-from-hell>

Therefore be it resolved, that the Washington State Democratic Party calls on the United States Congress to immediately cut the United States military budget by at least fifty percent (50%), with an emphasis on reducing expenses that do not contribute to the defence of our Nation, and reallocate the difference to fund other social needs such as healthcare, veteran benefits, and other social services that contribute to the quality of life of US citizens;

Be it further resolved, that the Washington State Democratic Party calls on the United States Congress to use its appropriations power to force the closure of the majority of United States military bases on foreign soil;

Be it finally resolved, that the Washington State Democratic Party calls on our congressional delegation to oppose any military budget that does not put us on an immediate path of a 50% reduction of current and future proposed military spending levels, with every elected official's voting record on this matter taken into consideration at future endorsement deliberations of the Washington State Democratic Party.

Resolution Calling for Re-enactment of a Strong Voting Rights Act

Whereas the Voting Rights Act (VRA) passed in the 1960s has increased access and protected the franchise of persons who have historically been denied access to the ballot; and

Whereas the VRA has been an important part of making sure that under-represented communities have been able to elect persons who can speak to their needs and protect their rights against efforts to diminish those communities influence; and

Whereas the US Supreme Court has effectively neutered the VRA by negating important sections of that law saying that systemic racism no longer exists and the law is unnecessary, setting off a race to redistrict so that under-represented communities will again lose the representation they have come to rely on; and

Whereas systemic racism still exists within our nation and its institutions and the protections provided in the VRA are needed just as the late Justice Ruth Ginsburg stated in her dissent on Shelby: Throwing out preclearance (in Section 4 of the VRA) when it has worked and is continuing to work to stop discriminatory changes is like throwing away your umbrella in a rainstorm because you are not getting wet; and

Whereas changes made by the Supreme Court are now being used in an effort to change districts within Washington State,

Now therefore, be it resolved that the Washington State Democratic Party urges our congressional representation, both House and Senate, to put forward legislation that would reinstate sections of the Voting Rights Act that have been overturned by the Supreme Court.

Be it further resolved that the Washington State Democratic Party urges our state legislature to resist efforts to redistrict any part of the state outside the regular order of redistricting.

Be it finally resolved that the Washington State Democratic Convention delegates will work within their home districts to see that the pillars of the Voting Rights Act are guarded and that under-represented communities are fully a part of the Party.

Resolution Urging a Stop to Energy Northwest and Amazon from Taking Public Funds and Lands

WHEREAS Energy Northwest, formally the Washington Public Power Supply System (aka “Whoops” due to the largest bond failure in U.S. history when they last tried to build nuclear) enlisted Amazon to fund portions, with taxpayers, possibly giving all of the power to Amazon (“Amazon will take all of it [the power] if the power prices are too high for local utilities to afford”) — and the residents of this state may never realize any benefit from their tax investments [1]. Providing “expedited review” in agreement with Trump’s Executive Orders [2, 3].

WHEREAS Republicans/Democrats wrote and/or cosponsored bills, during the 2026 session that allow the “expediting or curtailing of state siting and permitting requirements” [2] which applies to the proposed project at Hanford, “the most contaminated site in the Western Hemisphere.” [4] This conflicts with the position of the Confederated Yakama Nation, and the Umatilla Confederated Tribes Indian Reservation [5]. Amazon’s investment, in 12 SMNRs, gives it “first access” to power produced at the site, to run its AI data centers in Eastern Oregon [6]. Oregon has a moratorium on nuclear until there is a federally licensed permanent disposal facility and statewide voter approval [7]. Further, Energy NW has given public land to Amazon to build their SMNRs [8].

WHEREAS the US has less than 1% of the world’s uranium reserves, near 99% of uranium imports come from Kazakhstan, Russia, and Australia, leading to resource wars [9]. Uranium mining, refining, shipping, and waste management are carbon intensive, contributing to environmental degradation, increased cancers [10]. The bills that came forward in the 2026 legislative session state the “feasibility of adding new fission nuclear power...is furthered substantially by recent advancements” including “spent fuel solutions” and “waste disposal policies and programs” [11]. There are no recent, viable advancements in "spent fuel solutions," and "waste disposal policies and programs" are problematic. Spent fuel is stored in temporary above-ground facilities at reactor sites, and remains radioactive for hundreds of thousands of years [12]. “Studies have shown that most SMNR reactor designs will actually increase the volume of nuclear waste, by factors of 2 to 30 for the reactors in our case study.” [13].

WHEREAS it is 12 to 20 years to completion of nuclear, including SMNRs. New nuclear is useless in solving climate crises. The new nuclear reactors in the U.S. (Vogtle) were 7 years behind schedule, 18 years total, and \$17 billion over budget. They had a capital cost of \$16/Watt, 16 times that of new solar and wind [13]. Accounting for capacity factors, that is 3 to 8 times the cost per kWh of new solar or wind, which take only 1-3 years from planning to operation. Rooftop solar, less than 1 year. We’d be waiting 15 years longer for something that is 3 to 8 times more expensive [14]. The Price Anderson Act limits liability for nuclear owners/operators, leaving the public liable [15]. President Trump’s NRC race to a nuclear abbreviated schedule abandons its obligation to protect public health, safety, and the environment. [15]. Energy NW states that a 1,000 jobs will be needed to build the Amazon reactors, and 100 to maintain. However, Amazon has already contracted with two Korean companies to build them [16, 17].

WHEREAS, while many other countries, most of Europe, are nearing 100% renewable energy, the U.S. investment in nuclear power diverts capital and resources needed for more efficient climate renewable solutions [16, 17, 18, 19, 20]. Lithium-ion battery recycling patents grew at an annual rate of 56% from 2017-2022. Salt and air batteries are long lived and recyclable [21]. “Battery pack storage costs for wind, water, and solar are dropping so low that they eliminate the argument for using fossil fuels or nuclear moving forward” [13] “prices for stationary storage, down to \$70/kWh in 2025, a 45% decrease since 2024” [22].

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the WSDCC calls for Governor Ferguson and Energy NW to immediately stop any movement forward on nuclear at Hanford and any further public financing or gifts of land to Amazon ; and,

THEREFORE BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, Washington State representatives of the people, acting on behalf of their constituents—not corporations—must invest public and private dollars on affordable renewables and storage: wind and solar, which are faster, cheaper, and more efficient. In the case of Enhanced Geothermal Systems, that’s ¼ the cost amount as nuclear and employs 100’s more in construction and management. Other renewables take less time, cost far less, employ 100’s more [18-22].

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Proposed Resolution on Equity in Youth Representation Statewide

WHEREAS, the youth of any community represent the future of that community; and

WHEREAS, Washington State Democratic Party efforts, especially within our local party organizations, are enduring a debilitating lack of youth civic engagement, involvement, and volunteerism due to the division and disillusionment among young Americans, a result of the combination of the youth perception of party leadership as out-of-touch and ineffective, party promises as being empty, and there being an overall lack of concern for youth problems; and

WHEREAS, the Washington State Democratic Party's insufficient youth engagement efforts and failure to amplify the experiences, perspectives, values, and ideas of young Americans opting only to engage the youth during election years has resulted in conservative right-leaning organizations succeeding where the Party have failed; and

WHEREAS, the Party urgently needs to welcome and platform youth voices to remedy this issue instead of leaning on the projections and perceptions of older members of the party to determine how best to engage the youth.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Washington State Democratic Party (WSDP) will create a youth engagement program focusing on welcoming young Americans, from the ages of 15-25, to civics, politics, and community service by opening up volunteer opportunities for youth with local parties, candidates, and organizations; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Washington State Democratic Party (WSDP) will create a Youth Leadership and Engagement Committee that offers leadership opportunities for young Democrats from ages 15-25 to focus on bridging the gap by sharing their unique and valuable perspective; and that the WSDCC strongly recommend to county and legislative district central committees that a 20% minimum of their leadership to be between the ages of 18-25 to reflect the youth population in the communities they represent; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we the WSDP will commit our time, energy, and funds towards amplifying the voices of young voters, who are the leaders of the future, in order to ensure electoral success of Democrats who truly represent the people, all people, no matter their age or background.

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Submitted to the Washington State Democratic Party Delegation Committee by Lathan Killin-Frantz, Sable Burgess, Anderson Porter, and Jacob Ackley.

RESOLUTION: RECLAIMING CONGRESSIONAL AUTHORITY OVER DECLARATIONS OF WAR

WHEREAS, Article 1, Section 8 of the United States Constitution explicitly grants Congress the sole power to declare war, a deliberate choice by the Framers to ensure that the decision to engage in hostilities—and the resulting loss of human life—requires the broad consent of the American people through their elected representatives; and

WHEREAS, the War Powers Resolution of 1973 was intended to check presidential overreach, yet has been consistently circumvented by successive administrations utilizing legal "twilight zones" to engage in military actions and strikes without specific congressional authorization; and

WHEREAS, the current Executive Branch has engaged in military operations and "security cooperation" programs that have resulted in the deaths of thousands of people without providing timely, comprehensive briefings or obtaining the prior informed consent of Congress; and

WHEREAS, the continued reliance on outdated and overly broad Authorizations for Use of Military Force (AUMFs) from 2001 and 2002 allows for a "permanent state of war" that bypasses modern legislative scrutiny and constitutional mandates; and

WHEREAS, Washington State's military families and taxpayers bear the heavy burden of these unauthorized conflicts, deserving a government where the use of force is a last resort, debated openly and transparently in the halls of Congress;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Washington State Democratic Party calls upon the Washington Congressional Delegation and the Democratic National Committee to:

1. **Repeal and Replace Outdated AUMFs:** Support the immediate repeal of the 2001 and 2002 Authorizations for Use of Military Force, replacing them only with narrow, time-bound, and mission-specific authorizations that require a re-vote of Congress every two years.
2. **Strengthen the War Powers Act:** Pass federal legislation that automatically triggers a cessation of funding for any military operation that has not received explicit congressional approval within 30 days of the commencement of hostilities.
3. **Mandate Transparency and Briefings:** Require the Executive Branch to provide full, unredacted intelligence briefings to the relevant Congressional committees within 48 hours of any strike or military engagement, ensuring that "executive privilege" is never used to hide the scale of conflict from the people's representatives.
4. **Codify Judicial Review:** Support legislation that clarifies the standing of Members of Congress to sue the Executive Branch in federal court for violations of the War Powers Act, ensuring that constitutional boundaries are enforceable by law.

SUBMITTED BY: Sarah Heartsong

Resolution Protecting Water, Energy, and Communities from Data Center Impacts in Washington State

WHEREAS, rapid data center growth in Washington threatens communities, ecosystems, and public resources: data centers are among the fastest-growing users of electricity in Washington State and the Pacific Northwest, projected to consume up to 6.8–13% of Washington electricity by 2030, creating strain on the grid, raising costs, and slowing renewable energy deployment and decarbonization goals ([Sightline Institute](#), [Department of Revenue](#)); their operations often rely on diesel backup generators and high-global warming potential refrigerants, adding greenhouse gas emissions and local air pollution ([National League of Cities](#), [Department of Ecology](#)); data centers impose substantial water demands, estimated at 17 billion gallons of direct, on-site water consumption annually nationwide ([Berkeley Lab](#)), with individual hyperscale facilities using hundreds of thousands of gallons per day ([DGTL Infra](#)), competing with ecological flows, salmon and steelhead recovery, and treaty-protected Tribal water rights in already stressed watersheds ([EESI](#), [Department of Revenue](#)); and these campuses often replacing farmland, grasslands, and forests, with hyperscale campuses occupying 200–500+ acres, disrupting habitat, food production, and local ecology ([TechTarget](#), [University of Illinois](#)); and

WHEREAS, current protections are insufficient: limited transparency and widespread use of nondisclosure agreements prevent communities, utilities, and policymakers from assessing cumulative impacts, fairly allocating infrastructure costs, or ensuring public resources serve the public interest ([Public Citizen](#), [Wisconsin Watch](#)); and current law does not require community or Tribal consent, enforceable local benefits, or decommissioning plans, leaving residents and municipalities vulnerable to undisclosed costs, stranded infrastructure, and environmental hazards ([Public Citizen](#); [NAACP](#)); and

WHEREAS, Washington’s natural resources are already stressed: excessive water withdrawals, climate-driven droughts and floods, and declining snowpack have reduced natural storage and summer flows and degraded habitat for salmon, drinking water, and public health ([Department of Health](#), [Department of Ecology](#)); in some basins, such as the Yakima, reservoir storage has fallen as low as 32% of normal, forcing water rationing for farms, ecosystems, and communities ([Department of Ecology](#)); between 2017 and 2022, the state lost approximately 824,443 acres of farmland (5.6%) and 3,717 farms disappeared (10.4%) ([Department of Agriculture](#), [Washington State Conservation Commission](#)), and between 50–90% of land along waterways has been lost or extensively modified, further reducing habitat and ecosystem resilience ([Governor’s Salmon Recovery Office](#)); and the state’s energy and infrastructure is already challenged by wildfires, degraded air quality, emerging contaminants, and cumulative climate disasters ([Washington State Auditor](#), [Department of Ecology](#)); and

WHEREAS, the proposed [House Bill 2515](#) and [Senate Bill 6171](#) in Washington State’s 2026 legislative session offered protections from many of the ill-effects of data centers: they designated data centers and similar large energy-using facilities (≥ 20 MW) as “emerging large energy use facilities,” required reporting of projected energy and water use and water rights to the Department of Ecology, mandated standardized utility tariffs to protect other ratepayers from cost shifts, stranded utility assets, and any other

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increased costs resulting from data centers, established phased clean electricity targets of 80 % by 2031 and 100 % by 2036, imposed a \$0.005/kWh tariff to fund energy assistance, weatherization, low-income electrification, and AI/quantum education programs, and closed loopholes that could allow utilities to subsidize large energy users - altogether representing a first step toward mitigating the cumulative energy, water, climate, and community impacts of data center growth; and

WHEREAS, HB 2515 and SB 6171 did not go far enough: they allowed data centers to operate without clean electricity until 2031, slowing decarbonization and increasing reliance on fossil or unspecified power; they lacked enforceable environmental protections, including binding limits on water withdrawals, cumulative watershed assessments, ecosystem safeguards, and automatic State Environmental Policy Act review; they did not require community or Tribal consent, enforceable community benefits agreements, or decommissioning plans; and the bills' modest per-kWh fees did not guarantee meaningful climate, environmental justice, or community benefits;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Washington State Democratic Party supports the passage of stronger environmental data center regulation in the 2027 legislative session;

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Washington State Democratic Party calls on our elected representatives to adopt legislation that strengthens what was proposed under HB 2515/SB 6171, to require enforceable water protections, including limits on withdrawals, cumulative watershed assessments, and ecosystem safeguards; mandate simultaneous adoption of new clean energy to prevent fossil fuel backfill and protect ratepayers; strengthen verification and oversight of reporting to ensure compliance; and mandate community and Tribal consent, enforceable local benefits, and decommissioning plans to prevent stranded infrastructure and guarantee public accountability.

THEREFORE BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that this resolution be transmitted to all Democratic members of the Washington State Legislature within one month of its adoption, and that any feedback or responses regarding the resolution be reported at the next meeting of the Washington State Democratic Central Committee.

Submitted by the 36th LD Democrats on May 22nd, 2026

Deliver Sound Transit Resolution

WHEREAS transportation is the largest contributor to greenhouse gas emissions of any sector in Washington, and expanding high capacity public transportation options is critical to expanding mobility,

WHEREAS immigrants, Native Americans, disabled people, low-income people, and people of color account for an outsized share of pedestrian deaths nationwide, are also disproportionately impacted by the climate catastrophes caused by warming temperatures, and are disproportionately burdened by longer and more dangerous commutes,

WHEREAS in Washington about 1 in 7 (900,000) people live within 1/4 mile of heavy traffic roadways and breathe more air pollution from diesel and gasoline exhaust, which is known to exacerbate underlying health condition like asthma or heart disease and is linked to adverse birth outcomes such as low birth weight and premature births,

WHEREAS Washington currently spends less than 5% of transportation dollars on multimodal transportation, which, in 2018, provided more than 194 million transit passenger trips — more than ferries and airports combined and insufficient public transit and active transportation alternatives to car ownership burden Washingtonians with the necessity of car ownership, an estimated \$10,000 per year cost,

WHEREAS the voters approved Sound Transit 3 to expand the existing light rail system to the suburbs of Tacoma, Federal Way, Everett, and Issaquah, and the Seattle neighborhoods of Ballard and West Seattle. Despite being approved and paid for by voters, Sound Transit has a \$35 billion funding gap and the Tukwila, South Seattle and Ballard link extensions were deemed unaffordable in a proposed project list, putting their futures in doubt. There is no current date for delivery of the Ballard link extension, Graham Street and Boeing Access Road stations. The Boeing Access Road was first approved as part of Sound Move in 1996, and Graham Street was first added in 1999, so they've been waiting several decades and already faced several deferrals. Additionally, the critically important Ballard link extension projected to have at least 90,000 to 147,000 riders, the highest projected ridership of ST3 plans, has no current date of delivery,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Washington State Democratic Party urges members of the Sound Transit Board, Washington State Legislature and local officials to prioritize building the full Sound Transit 3 voter approved lines and all stations. The Sound Transit Board should work with the Legislature and local officials to secure federal funding and new progressive revenue to help to build the extensions quickly. The Sound Transit Board should deliver on their promise to voters to build and be transparent about the date of delivery for all projects.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Sound Transit Board and Washington State Legislative Leadership and Transportation Committees.

Submitted by the 36th District Democrats Delegation.

Resolution on Cutting the US Military Budget

Whereas the United States military budget is completely out of proportion to the legitimate defense needs of the country and the Pentagon has failed every single audit that it has ever been subject to, including in 2026¹ with a budget of \$962 billion²;

Whereas recent events have shown that our system of checks and balances is no longer able to prevent demagogues in power from using this immense military power on illegal wars and acts of violence, from the Middle East to the Caribbean, resulting in the loss of thousands of innocent lives and immeasurable damage to the reputation of the United States³;

Whereas retired general and former president Dwight D Eisenhower warned about the undue power of the military industrial complex in 1961⁴;

Whereas the majority of the military budget is currently passed to defense contractors based on their lobbying power, creating a system of legalized corruption that benefits war profiteers and corrupt politicians, with little regard for the actual defense needs of the nation⁵;

Whereas the U.S. has 750 bases in 80 countries and colonies – 3 times as many as all other countries combined – costing U.S. taxpayers \$80 billion each and every year^{6 7 8} money that cannot be spent on programs that actually help humans in need at a time of massive federal cutbacks to social safety nets^{9 10};

¹ Pentagon says it fails eighth audit, targets 2028 to pass

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Therefore be it resolved, that the Washington State Democratic Party calls on the United States Congress to immediately cut the United States military budget by at least fifty percent (50%), with an emphasis on expenses that do not contribute to the defense of the homeland, and reallocate the saved funds towards meeting social needs such as healthcare, veterans benefits, and other services that contribute to the quality of life of US citizens;

Be it further resolved, that the Washington State Democratic Party calls on the United States Congress to use its appropriations power to force the closure of the majority of United States military bases on foreign soil;

Be it finally resolved, that the Washington State Democratic Party calls on our congressional delegation to oppose any military budget that does not put us on an immediate path of a 50% reduction of current and future proposed military spending levels, **and encourages local party organizations to take this voting record into account in future endorsement decisions.**

Submitted by Washington's 37th Legislative District Democrats

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Resolution in Support of Outreach to Black Voters

WHEREAS in recognition of the Reconstruction Amendments, and in consideration of recent decisions by the Supreme Court of the United States,¹ we recognize the impact that race has on all facets of participation in American civic life.

WHEREAS across the U.S. a small fraction of advertising funds are spent on Black-owned media by Democratic groups and other organizations,² and

WHEREAS there are local and national Black-owned media companies that direct their broadcasting to Black voters (such as Roland Martin Black Star Network on a national level and Converge Media at the local level), and

WHEREAS the Democratic National Committee sends special outreach staff to conduct voter outreach in cities and rural areas across the country (with an emphasis on Southern states), and

WHEREAS there are Black voter outreach organizations (such as Black Voters Matter) that instead use local activists, known within the community, to conduct voter outreach activities:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Washington State Democratic Party supports spending voter outreach funds with local Black-owned media companies in Washington State and across the country.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Washington State Democratic Party supports spending voter outreach funds on local Black voter outreach organizations, rather than on national staff, to conduct voter outreach in Black communities in Washington and across the country.

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Resolution Calling for the Re-Establishment of Federal Veteran Mortgage Protections and the Creation of a Washington State Veteran Mortgage Relief & Stabilization Fund

WHEREAS, the Veterans Affairs Servicing Purchase (VASP) program was created to provide critical support to veteran homeowners facing financial hardship by allowing the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to purchase, service, and modify delinquent VA-guaranteed loans; and

WHEREAS, VASP served as an essential loss-mitigation tool that helped veterans avoid foreclosure, maintain housing stability, and preserve the long-term strength of the VA Home Loan Guaranty Program; and

WHEREAS, the program enabled the VA to directly intervene in distressed loans, ensuring that veterans, who have earned access to homeownership benefits through their service, were not disproportionately harmed by economic downturns, rising interest rates, or unexpected financial crises; and

WHEREAS, the discontinuation of the VASP program has created a significant gap in available support for veteran homeowners, leaving loan servicers with fewer tools to assist borrowers and resulting in increased foreclosures, displacement, and financial instability; and rising foreclosure rates not only harm individual veterans and their families but also place additional strain on communities through neighborhood decline, reduced property values, and increased demand for social services; and

WHEREAS, restoring a veteran-centered mortgage relief mechanism is essential to promoting housing security, financial resilience, and equity for those who have served our nation; and Washington State has the ability and responsibility to act when federal protections lapse, ensuring that veterans in our state retain access to sustainable homeownership opportunities and are not left behind during periods of economic stress;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Washington State Democratic Party calls upon the Democratic members of the state legislature to champion and pass legislation establishing a State Veteran Mortgage Relief & Stabilization Fund, designed to preserve long-term homeownership for veterans facing delinquency or foreclosure by providing temporary financial assistance, loan modification support, or direct intervention; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Washington State Democratic Party urges the Washington Congressional Delegation to advocate for the reinstatement of the federal VASP program or the creation of an equivalent national veteran mortgage protection mechanism; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that this resolution be transmitted to the Democratic caucuses of both chambers of the Washington State Legislature, the Governor's Office, and the Washington Congressional Delegation.

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Supporting IMMEDIATE ACTION to address FOOD INSECURITY in Washington State

WHEREAS food insecurity is an increasing emergency impacting communities across Washington State and placing growing pressure on emergency food systems; and

WHEREAS according to the Washington State Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS), nearly one million Washington residents currently rely on SNAP/Basic Food assistance programs, while recent federal SNAP policy changes, including expanded work requirements and eligibility restrictions, are projected to reduce or eliminate benefits for tens of thousands of Washingtonians; and

WHEREAS food banks and emergency food providers throughout Washington are already experiencing substantial increases in demand due to rising grocery prices, housing costs, transportation expenses, and other economic pressures, with food bank visits increasing significantly in recent years and many working families, seniors, individuals with disabilities, and households with children increasingly relying on emergency food assistance; and

WHEREAS food banks serve as a critical safety net for vulnerable communities, yet many organizations are experiencing increased operational costs related to food procurement, refrigeration, transportation, staffing, and logistics while attempting to meet growing community needs;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Washington State Democratic Party urges the Washington State Legislature and Governor to pursue emergency and long-term policy solutions to address food insecurity, including increased support for food assistance programs, expanded access to food benefits, and additional assistance for Washington residents impacted by reductions in federal SNAP benefits; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Washington State Democratic Party supports efforts to strengthen and expand Washington's emergency food infrastructure, including additional funding and operational support for food banks and community-based food assistance organizations serving vulnerable populations across the state; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Governor of Washington, members of the Washington State Legislature, and Washington's Congressional Delegation.

Submitted by
Jonathan Peebles

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No Individual Should Hold More Than One Position of Public Privilege

WHEREAS, executive offices demand focused leadership, direct administration, and clear accountability to the public; and

WHEREAS, when one person simultaneously holds an executive office and another executive or legislative office, it can create conflicts of interest, divided obligations, and unnecessary confusion about lines of authority and representation; and

WHEREAS, the Washington State Democratic Party should encourage clear ethical boundaries that strengthen public trust in democratic institutions and responsible governance; and

WHEREAS, service as a Precinct Committee Officer is a party function and should not be treated as a disqualifying conflict under this principle;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Washington State Democratic Party supports the principle that no person holding an executive public office should simultaneously hold another executive or legislative public office, excluding service as a Precinct Committee Officer; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Washington State Democratic Party is encouraged to reflect this principle in its endorsements, recommendations, and internal standards for evaluating candidates and officeholders; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Washington State Democratic Party encourages Democratic officeholders and candidates to avoid dual office-holding arrangements that combine executive authority with additional executive or legislative power.

Resolution in Support of Transparent, Accountable, and Public-Interest Artificial Intelligence Regulation

WHEREAS, artificial intelligence is rapidly reshaping communication, employment, public information, consumer decision-making, and essential systems across society; and

WHEREAS, artificial intelligence can provide substantial public benefits when used responsibly, including improving access to information, efficiency, scientific progress, and innovation; and

WHEREAS, insufficiently regulated artificial intelligence can contribute to misinformation, algorithmic discrimination, consumer harm, workplace disruption, safety risks, and significant environmental costs through energy and resource consumption; and

WHEREAS, the public has a strong interest in transparency when content is generated by artificial intelligence, accountability when high-risk systems cause foreseeable harm, and meaningful human review when artificial intelligence influences consequential decisions affecting a person's rights, opportunities, or access to essential services; and

WHEREAS, the Washington State Democratic Party supports innovation that serves the public good and believes technological progress must be guided by democratic oversight, consumer protections, civil rights, labor protections, and environmental responsibility;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Washington State Democratic Party supports smart, common-sense regulation of artificial intelligence systems, including clear disclosure of AI-generated content, reasonable transparency regarding training data and model risks, and testing and risk assessment of high-risk systems before public release or deployment;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Washington State Democratic Party supports enforceable protections against algorithmic discrimination and other reasonably foreseeable harms, including notice to affected consumers, opportunities to correct relevant personal data, and meaningful human review of adverse consequential decisions made or substantially shaped by artificial intelligence systems;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Washington State Democratic Party supports policies ensuring that artificial intelligence is developed and deployed in ways that protect workers, preserve human accountability in leadership and safety-critical roles, and require transparency and mitigation regarding the energy, water, and emissions impacts of large-scale artificial intelligence systems.

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Divest from Fossil Fuels to Mitigate Climate Change while Strengthening Pension Funds

WHEREAS the scientific consensus is clear that the climate crisis poses an imminent and existential threat to human health, global ecosystems, and economic stability ((WMO), 2025);

WHEREAS rising greenhouse gas emissions, primarily from the burning of fossil fuels, are the leading cause of global warming and extreme weather events, and the impacts, such as heatwaves, droughts, wildfires, floods, sea level rise, and loss of biodiversity, disproportionately affect vulnerable communities and future generations;

WHEREAS immediate and sustained action is necessary to limit global temperature rise to 1.5°C above pre-industrial levels, as outlined in the Paris Agreement (United Nations - The Paris Agreement, 2025);

WHEREAS state and public pension investments in fossil fuel companies perpetuate reliance on nonrenewable energy sources and undermine efforts to transition toward a sustainable, low-carbon economy; and

WHEREAS at this time when the Trump administration is removing incentives for renewable energy and making deals with Chevron and other oil companies, divesting from fossil fuels and reinvesting public funds in renewable energy, energy efficiency, and other Green New Deal projects, creating a state bank that invests in large-scale commercial, industrial, public, and residential building energy retrofits, building and expanding electrified mass transit, and climate mitigation infrastructure, clean air and water and other natural resources for public use, can accelerate the transition to a renewable energy future, create green jobs, and drive innovation.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Washington State Democratic Party calls for the WA State Investment Board, to divest all direct and indirect holdings from fossil fuel companies within the next five years, including but not limited to coal, oil, and natural gas producers, suppliers, and their subsidiaries.

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Washington State Democratic Party calls for prioritizing reinvestment of divested funds into socially responsible and sustainable sectors - including renewable energy, energy efficiency measures, energy storage, clean technology, and climate adaptation and mitigation projects - with clear environmental, economic, and social benchmarks, including emissions reductions, community benefits, job creation and local hire, public health outcomes, and equitable investment in disproportionately impacted communities.

THEREFORE BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be distributed to Governor Bob Ferguson and all Democratic members of the Washington State Legislature.

Submitted by Sharon Abreu, State Committee Member for San Juan County, to the 40th LD Democrats for consideration at the June 21st Washington State Democrats Convention.

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2026CONRES - 26-71 - PASSED AS AMENDED - IMM - A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE PROHIBITION OF CIVIL IMMIGRATION DETENTION, PROCESSING, AND ENFORCEMENT FACILITIES AND ACCESSORY USES AS A LAND USE ANYWHERE WITHIN WASHINGTON STATE

A Resolution In Support Of The Prohibition Of Civil Immigration Detention, Processing, And Enforcement Facilities And Accessory Uses As A Land Use Anywhere Within Washington State

WHEREAS, as recognized by the Washington State Democrats, civil immigration detention and processing operations have been documented to cause significant harm to individuals and families, including prolonged civil detention without adequate due process, family separation, and reported violations of civil and human rights;¹ and

WHEREAS, the expansion of civil enforcement infrastructure, including immigration detention centers, detention and processing centers, and accessory uses supporting those operations, poses risks to the well-being of Washington state residents and the character of local communities;² and

WHEREAS, existing local law enforcement resources and the criminal justice processes established under state law are sufficient and appropriate to address criminal conduct within the state, and that the presence of civil immigration detention, processing, and enforcement facilities is not necessary for, and does not materially contribute to, the safety of Washington state residents;³ and

WHEREAS, actions have already been taken in the form of legislative policy by the State of Washington, such as the *Keep Washington Working Act* and the *Courts Open to All Act*, enacted to protect the safety and dignity of all Washingtonians, clearly demonstrating the political efficacy of action in defense of migrants in Washington;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Washington State Democratic Party supports the enactment of a statewide prohibition of the construction, lease, and operation of civil immigration detention, processing, and enforcement facilities, and

THEREFORE BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be sent to all Democratic members of the state legislature.

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Submitted by 40th Legislative District Democrats to the Washington State Democratic Central Committee for consideration at its June 18, 2026 meeting in Spokane.

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Resolution to Curb Corruption By Supporting a Statute or Constitutional Amendment

Whereas the Supreme Court of the United States created conditions favoring big and dark money use in political campaigns through its rulings, including *Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission* and *Buckley v. Valeo*, and these conditions disproportionately influence elections and constitute a form of corruption;¹

Whereas this corruption creates systemic barriers that prevent the adoption of laws and policies necessary for the well-being of the public;²

Whereas the voters of Washington State approved The government of by and for the people Act in 2016 with over 63.8% support, calling on Congress to propose a constitutional amendment to address corruption in the political system;³

Whereas The government of by and for the people Act urged that such an amendment restore democratic integrity by affirming that constitutional rights belong to natural persons, clarified that the spending of money is not protected speech under the First Amendment, and empowered effective regulation and full disclosure of campaign finance before voting to prevent undue influence over government and the political process; and ⁴

Whereas despite limited efforts, Congress has not proposed such a constitutional amendment in the decade since The government of by and for the people Act, in part due to the continuing influence of large and undisclosed political spending.⁵

Therefore be it resolved that the Washington State Democratic Party urges the Washington State Legislature and Washington members of U.S. Congress to support the will of the 2016 voters by all means feasible and necessary, including amending the United States Constitution, and enacting federal and state legislation, to curb the corrupting influence of money in campaign finance.

Therefore be it further resolved, that copies of this resolution shall be sent to all Washington State Congressional and state Democratic legislators.

Submitted by 41st Legislative District, Washington

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Resolution to Make Small Plug-in Solar Generation Devices Accessible for All Washington State Residents

WHEREAS, Western Washington is facing increasing energy shortfalls and skyrocketing demands and costs; and many residents of apartments are not allowed to install solar panels to mitigate rising utility costs ; and

WHEREAS, several states including Virginia, Utah and Maine have passed laws to legalize small plug-in devices that convert solar power to electricity used in the home and Utah law dictates that those who want to install these solar systems do not need to get approval from the electric company before installing or using them, do not have to pay fees related to these systems, and do not have to install controls or equipment beyond what the system already has; and

WHEREAS, such devices plug into a standard outlet, are portable, and can provide enough electricity to run a small fridge or laptop,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Washington State Democratic Party urges state elected officials to pass legislation allowing the use of plug-in solar devices with rigorous safety standards, no barriers to renters, and consumer protection from extra utility fees and paperwork; and;

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, for the protection of utility workers, relevant UL and NEC codes must be published prior to legalizing these devices.

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A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF GRANTING STRONGER REGULATORY AND ENFORCEMENT MECHANISMS TO THE AGRICULTURAL AND SEASONAL WORKFORCE SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, the Washington State Democrats recognize that farmworkers have notoriously not been protected for overtime pay, minimum wage protections, adequate workplace safety, and the right to unionize; they represent some of the most socially and economically disadvantaged people in the U.S with 20% of worker families having income below the national poverty line face significant barriers to federal aid such as Medicaid, SNAP, social services and cost-effective primary health care and often live in crowded, substandard housing; and

WHEREAS, the exponential expansion of H2A labor contracts in Washington state since 2021 puts our local economy at risk and allows for further exploitation of farmworkers under this less regulated program; and

WHEREAS, the 2024 Washington State Democratic Party Platform states America's economy depends on jobs that provide a fair and living wage, fair benefits, and safe working conditions for ALL workers (Line 953 in the Labor Pillar); and

WHEREAS, The ASWS is the only oversight body in the state that is tasked with providing adequate protections for foreign and domestic farmworkers; and;

WHEREAS, the 2024 legislature provided for better data collection and analysis on H2A visa contracts, but has yet to provide enforcement mechanisms for violations of state law;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Washington State Democrats ask our state legislators to draft and pass legislation which would grant regulatory and enforcement mechanisms to the Agricultural and Seasonal Workforce Services Advisory Committee in the 2027 legislative session.

Resolution in Support of Our Transgender Community

WHEREAS, the Washington State Democratic Party affirms the inherent dignity, bodily autonomy, and equal rights of all people; recognizes that LGBTQIA2S+ individuals are entitled to full legal equality, safety, and inclusion; upholds that all people—including transgender, nonbinary, and gender-diverse adults and youth—must be protected from discrimination in housing, healthcare, education, employment, and public life; and supports these principles in alignment with Washington State law and the Party’s commitment to human rights, equity, and inclusive policy implementation;

WHEREAS, Discriminatory actions, conduct, and legislation have created hostile sociopolitical conditions throughout the country for LGBTQIA2S+ people, particularly transgender and gender non-conforming individuals (TGNCs), leading to direct bodily violence against the trans community in our neighborhoods¹ to such a degree that the Lemkin Institute for Genocide Prevention and Human Security has issued multiple Red Flag Alerts warning that the United States is in the early to middle stages of a genocidal process targeting TGNCs and Two-Spirit people,² and

WHEREAS, Washington State prides itself in leading progressive states and the nation in offering a broad range of protections to ensure equality for LGBTQIA2S+ people, including comprehensive non-discrimination laws, safer school policies, and healthcare access for transgender people, and is considered Working Toward Innovative Equality by the Human Rights Campaign’s State Equality Index,³ and

WHEREAS, IL26-001 would repeal student protections, potentially forcing schools to disclose confidential information without regard for safety, putting vulnerable kids at a greater risk of physical and emotional abuse at home given that LGBTQ+ youth are 120% more likely to experience homelessness and 40% of LGBTQ+ unhoused youth were kicked out of their homes because of their identities, and IL26-638 would ban transgender girls from sports and require girls to obtain medical sex certification, disproportionately impacting low income, rural, Black, brown, and immigrant girls who historically do not have access to long-term family doctors or pediatricians,⁴

¹Them, 19-Year-Old Transgender University of Washington Student Fatally Stabbed, (May 2026), <https://www.them.us/story/19-year-old-transgender-university-of-washington-student-fatally-stabbed>

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BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Washington State Democrats must move beyond mere endorsement and symbolic gestures, committing to tangible, material support and concrete action for the transgender community, including the allocation of increased funding and resources by local and state lawmakers to aid transgender and gender non-conforming individuals and families seeking refuge in Washington State as internally displaced persons, to be directed toward community-based organizations such as those currently providing emergency financial assistance, housing navigation, and legal support; and

BE IT THEREFORE FURTHER RESOLVED that the Washington State Democrats call on state legislators to establish a dedicated policy and education task force to develop and implement a comprehensive training program for elected officials, equipping them with the necessary tools and language to effectively advocate for transgender issues in alignment with progressive values, and that the Party shall partner with community experts such as the Gender Justice League to lead these educational initiatives; and

BE IT THEREFORE FINALLY RESOLVED that the Washington State Democrats shall advocate for local and state elected officials to identify and implement dedicated resources and streamlined mechanisms to expedite and secure legal name and gender changes for transgender individuals, including establishing a centralized intake process, providing financial support to offset associated costs, and ensuring comprehensive assistance with obtaining updated birth certificates and other essential identity documents.

Submitted by the 43rd LD Democrats and supported by the 42nd LD Democrats.

Resolution Condemning Genocide and Apartheid in Palestine and Calling for Arms Embargo on Israel

WHEREAS Israel has produced the ongoing humanitarian crisis in Gaza, killing more than 70,000 people, injuring 170,000, and displacing 1.7 million Palestinians, and humanitarian and human rights organizations — including the UN Commission of Inquiry¹², Human Rights Watch³, Amnesty International⁴, B’Tselem⁵ and Doctors Without Borders⁶ — alongside UN experts and leading genocide scholars, including Omer Bartov⁷, Francesca Albanese⁸, Amos Goldberg⁹, and the International Association of Genocide Scholars¹⁰ have characterized Israel's actions in Gaza as genocide; and

WHEREAS Israel continues to expand settlements in the occupied West Bank, forcibly displacing Palestinian communities as part of a broader campaign of ethnic cleansing, and entrenching a system of apartheid¹¹¹² through separate systems of law and rights for Palestinians and Israelis, including military law for Palestinians and civil law for Israeli settlers living in the same territory, severe restrictions on Palestinian freedom of movement, exploitation and control of Palestinian land and natural resources, widespread settler and military violence against Palestinians and the impunity afforded to perpetrators, the Nation State Law¹³, which states that only the Jewish people hold the national right to self-determination in Israel, and the Death Penalty Law¹⁴, which authorizes the death penalty for Palestinians in the occupied West Bank through Israeli military courts, while Israeli settlers remain subject to civilian law; and

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WHEREAS genocide¹⁵, ethnic cleansing¹⁶, and apartheid¹⁷ violate international law as well as the US Leahy law, which prohibits funding training, equipment, or other assistance for security forces that have committed gross violations of human rights¹⁸; and

WHEREAS the United States has given Israel over \$130 billion since 1948¹⁹, and since 2019 the U.S. has agreed to provide Israel \$3.8 billion/year in military assistance until 2028²⁰, and, from October 2023 to September 2025, the U.S. provided an additional \$21.7 billion²¹, resources that could be used for human benefit instead of human rights violations; and

WHEREAS the Democratic Party stands for equal human dignity and our platform calls for non-complicity in and accountability for war crimes (3.12.1, 3.13.1), adherence to international law and human rights (3.15.1, 13.11.1), and self-determination and equality for Palestinians (13.16), and 40 out of 47 Senate Democrats voted to halt the sale of weapons to Israel in April of 2026²², and 80% of Democrats and Democratic-leaning independents currently have an unfavorable view of the current Israeli government²³, and 56% of Democrats do not want to send more military aid to Israel²⁴;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Washington State Democratic Party unequivocally condemns the ongoing genocide and ethnic cleansing of the Palestinian people in the occupied West Bank and Gaza by the Israeli government and its policies of apartheid in both the occupied West Bank and within the internationally recognized Israeli borders;

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Washington State Democratic party urges the Democratic members of the state's congressional delegation to call for both a full arms embargo and suspension of giving equipment, training, and any other military aid or intelligence resources to Israel;

¹⁵ UN Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide
<https://treaties.un.org/doc/Publication/UNTS/Volume%2078/v78.pdf>

¹⁶ Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court, Article 7 Crimes Against Humanity
<https://www.icc-cpi.int/sites/default/files/2024-05/Rome-Statute-eng.pdf>; Fourth Geneva Convention, Article 49 <https://ihl-databases.icrc.org/en/ihl-treaties/gciv-1949/article-49>

¹⁷ International Convention on the Suppression and Punishment of the Crime of Apartheid
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THEREFORE BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that this resolution be announced in a press release published within two weeks of passage, be put on all Washington Democratic party social media platforms and on the Washington Democratic party website within two weeks, be sent to all state Democratic elected officials within two weeks, be sent in a letter to Senators Murray and Cantwell and all other state Democratic Congressional members and party leaders within two weeks.



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Resolution Supporting a Full Time Washington State Legislature

WHEREAS, Washington's limited session model compresses the lawmaking process into a short window, even as the state confronts complex challenges that require sustained policy work, public engagement, and rigorous oversight; and

WHEREAS, the short calendar can encourage rushed drafting, late stage vehicle bills, and major amendments offered near deadlines, which can reduce transparency and make it harder to fully evaluate costs, equity impacts, and unintended consequences; and

WHEREAS, the compressed timeline limits meaningful public participation, because constituents, tribal governments, local governments, labor organizations, community organizations, and public interest advocates often do not have enough time to review proposals, prepare testimony, and engage lawmakers before decisions are made; and

WHEREAS, procedural cutoffs in short sessions can prevent important bills from advancing regardless of merit, sideline urgent public needs, and force legislators to prioritize speed over careful deliberation; and

WHEREAS, legislative service increasingly functions as year round work in practice, and creating a full time professional legislature with appropriate compensation, staffing, research support, and constituent service resources would strengthen legislative independence, improve oversight, and broaden who can realistically serve.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Washington State Democratic Party supports transitioning Washington to a full time professional legislature and supports the constitutional, statutory, rule, and budget changes needed to modernize session length, interim committee work, public participation, and legislative oversight; and

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Washington State Democratic Party calls on Democratic legislators and the Washington State Legislature to develop and advance a clear public proposal for this transition, including fair compensation, adequate staff, research capacity, district office resources, accessibility, transparency, and accountability so year round legislative service is available to working people and those who cannot otherwise afford to serve; and

THEREFORE, BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Washington State Democratic Party urges Democratic elected officials, candidates, legislative district and county organizations, caucuses, councils, labor partners, community organizations, and public interest advocates to educate voters and organize support for a more transparent, accessible, representative, and effective Washington State Legislature.

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Resolution Supporting Majority Approval for School District Bonds

WHEREAS, Washington students and educators need safe, accessible, modern school facilities that support learning, health, and belonging, and school districts across the state face rising costs for land, construction, maintenance, energy systems, and essential infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, Washington law allows many local school district levies to pass by simple majority, but school district general obligation bonds for capital purposes remain subject to a 60 percent voter approval standard and related constitutional requirements, creating a higher barrier for long term facility investments than for many other local school funding measures; and

WHEREAS, school bond measures can receive majority support from voters but still fail under the 60 percent requirement, delaying safety improvements, capacity projects, accessibility upgrades, modernization, and long term repairs until costs are higher and students have waited longer; and

WHEREAS, lowering the voter approval threshold for school district bonds would better honor the will of local majorities, help communities use state construction assistance and local construction capacity more effectively, and support quality learning environments in every region of Washington;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Washington State Democratic Party supports amending the Washington State Constitution and making all necessary statutory changes to allow school district general obligation bonds for capital purposes to be approved by a simple majority of voters voting on the proposition; and

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Washington State Democratic Party calls on the Washington State Legislature to approve and refer the required constitutional amendment to voters at the earliest practical statewide general election; and

THEREFORE, BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Washington State Democratic Party urges Democratic elected officials, candidates, legislative district and county organizations, caucuses, councils, education advocates, labor partners, parents, students, and community allies to publicly support and organize for majority approval of school district bonds so Washington students can learn in safe, adequate, accessible, and modern school facilities.

Written by Ethan Martez and submitted by the 44th Legislative District Democrats

Note: This resolution has been edited to be combined with the 47th Legislative District Democrats

RESOLUTION TO END CITIZENS UNITED IN WASHINGTON STATE IN 2027

WHEREAS, in 2010 the Supreme Court ruled in *Citizens United v. Federal Elections Commission* that corporate political spending is protected under the First Amendment as a form of free speech;

WHEREAS the 2010 *Citizens United v. Federal Elections Commission* decision removed previous restrictions on artificial persons' (corporations, LLCs, labor unions, etc.) ability to contribute to US elections, resulting in megadonors and "dark money" groups spending billions in the last 16 years to influence election outcomes without disclosing their sources;

WHEREAS in May 2026, the State of Hawaii, in SB2471, successfully redefined the powers states give to "artificial persons," meaning that the State of Hawaii no longer grants powers to corporations and similar entities to spend money or anything of value in political races;

WHEREAS the exact wording of Hawaii's legislation, to take effect on July 1, 2027, is as follows:

"The powers granted to an artificial person, including corporation, limited liability company, partnership, or similar entity, shall not be construed to include the power, right, or authority make any expenditure of money or anything of value to influence the nomination, election, or defeat of a candidate or the passage or defeat of any ballot question."

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Washington State Democratic Party asks that, for the protection of its citizens and election fairness, Washington State follow the lead of the State of Hawaii and pass this same law for the State of Washington to take effect in 2027, prior to the start of the 2028 presidential election cycle.

Resolution Supporting Universal Basic Income and Economic Security for Washingtonians

WHEREAS, working people built Washington State's economy, yet too many families are struggling to afford housing, groceries, childcare, healthcare, and other basic necessities while large corporations and billionaires continue to accumulate record profits; and

WHEREAS, Washington State is home to some of the world's largest technology companies, and rapid advances in artificial intelligence and automation threaten to eliminate or drastically change jobs across industries, putting thousands of workers at risk of layoffs, reduced hours, and economic insecurity; and

WHEREAS, new technology should improve people's lives instead of forcing workers and families into poverty, and the benefits of increased productivity should be shared with the people whose labor and tax dollars helped make that innovation possible; and

WHEREAS, a Universal Basic Income would help ensure that every person can meet their basic needs, provide stability during economic disruption, strengthen workers' ability to stand up for fair wages and safe working conditions, and give people more freedom to care for their families, pursue education, or participate in their communities;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Washington State Democratic Party supports establishing a permanent Universal Basic Income program that provides direct recurring cash payments to help guarantee economic security and dignity for all people, regardless of employment status; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Washington State Democratic Party supports funding these programs through progressive taxation on extreme wealth and large corporations, particularly corporations that profit from artificial intelligence, automation, and other technologies that displace workers, while continuing to protect and strengthen labor rights, union organizing, and the social safety net.

Resolution Reaffirming Constitutional War Powers and Opposing Unauthorized War With Iran

WHEREAS, Article I, Section 8 of the Constitution¹ of the United States vests in Congress the exclusive power to declare war, and the War Powers Resolution of 1973² requires the President to consult with Congress before introducing United States Armed Forces into hostilities and to withdraw such forces within 60 days absent congressional authorization; and

WHEREAS, President Donald Trump, without consulting Congress, ordered the assassination of Iranian leaders and the use of offensive military force against Iran, actions widely viewed as acts of war and violations of the constitution and international law, and, rather than pursuing diplomacy, engaged in reckless actions that have resulted in significant civilian casualties and displacement while exposing United States military bases across Southwest Asia (The Middle East) to counter attacks; and

WHEREAS, the ongoing military conflict with Iran is estimated to be costing U.S. taxpayers approximately \$1 billion per day^{3,4}, placing a massive financial burden on the American public while diverting critical resources away from domestic priorities such as healthcare, education, housing, and infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, bipartisan War Powers Resolutions have been introduced in both the House and Senate to reassert congressional authority over these military actions and Congress has an obligation to pursue diplomatic and multilateral solutions to prevent further escalation and loss of life in Southwest Asia;

WHEREAS, Endless wars in southwest Asia are acknowledged for their significant climate and human impacts, recognizing that warfare and sustained military operations are responsible for an estimated 5.5%^{5,6,7,8} of global greenhouse gas emissions, and that prolonged conflict contributes to environmental degradation, displacement and forced migration of populations, threats to public health, food and water insecurity, and long-term harm to civilian communities.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Washington State Democratic Party opposes the unauthorized military action in Iran and call upon Congress to exercise its constitutional authority over matters of war and peace by unilaterally ceasing and withdrawing from military operations in and around Iran; and

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THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Washington State Democratic Party urges President Donald Trump to cease any military escalation or intervention against Iran and instead pursue sustained diplomacy, humanitarian protections, de-escalation, and multilateral engagement grounded in international law and the protection of civilian life; and

THEREFORE BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Washington State Democratic Party will send a letter, including this resolution, calling upon Washington's Democratic congressional delegation, to oppose any supplemental funding, arms transfers, intelligence sharing, or logistical support that would enable or expand military escalation by the United States or Israel against Iran and to instead support diplomacy, congressional oversight, adherence to international law, and to use every legislative and procedural tool available to block U.S. involvement in a wider regional war.

Submitted by the 46th LD Democrats Delegation to the 2026 Washington State Democratic Convention on May 22nd, 2026

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Resolution Condemning Representative Marie Gluesenkamp Perez's Vote on the "Stopping Indoctrination and Protecting Kids Act"

WHEREAS, the rights of transgender people are under a unique and threatening assault at all levels of government across this nation, but especially by the federal government, and;

WHEREAS, the "Stopping Indoctrination and Protecting Kids Act" amounts to an erasure of transgender people from spheres of society, by preventing educators from even acknowledging the existence of transgender people, and;

WHEREAS, preventing transgender people from participating in society by barring them from, among other things, using their preferred pronouns, or using the bathroom that aligns with their identity, and criminalizing those practices, amounts to cultural and literal genocide, and;

WHEREAS, the government of the United States, and several states, are actively engaged in this genocide, and;

WHEREAS, Representative Marie Gluesenkamp Perez's (WA-03) vote in support of the "Stopping Indoctrination and Protecting Kids Act" is a vote in support of this genocide, and makes her an active participant in it.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Washington State Democratic Party condemns, in the strongest possible terms, Representative Marie Gluesenkamp Perez's vote on this bill, and all such similar votes by her and any other Washington Democrat, or indeed any politician, and;

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Washington State Democratic Party reaffirms our commitment to Democratic Party values, such as care, compassion, equity, and liberty and justice for all people, regardless of sex, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, race, religion, ethnicity, or national origin, but especially for those who are marginalized and targeted for erasure, such as transgender people.

Submitted by the 46th LD Democrats Delegation to the 2026 Washington State Democratic Convention

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Resolution Endorsing Lowering the Voter Threshold to Approve School Bonds

WHEREAS the availability of suitable land for school sites is dwindling, the cost of land has continued to escalate in Washington state, and the costs of construction, maintenance, materials, energy systems, and related infrastructure have risen significantly, placing increased strain on school district capital budgets; and

WHEREAS deferring necessary maintenance and construction projects inevitably leads to higher costs for the taxpayer over time due to inflation, deterioration, and emergency repairs; and

WHEREAS Washington's current requirement that school bonds for capital projects receive *60 percent voter approval* to pass is one of the highest thresholds in the country, with 40 states requiring only a simple majority for similar local funding measures; and

WHEREAS ballot results show many local school bonds receive *majority support but still fail* due to the 60% threshold — often with significant implications for facility safety, student capacity, modernization projects, and community confidence in local schools; and

WHEREAS research and election data indicate that if the voter threshold for school bonds were lowered to a simple majority, a substantial number of bonds that currently fail would be approved by voters — increasing access to matched state funding, community construction jobs, and quality learning environments for students;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Washington State Democratic Party endorses a change in Washington state law to lower the voter approval threshold for school bonds from 60% to a simple majority (50% + 1), since this more democratic and equitable standard aligns with other local measures and reflects the will of the majority of voters; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Washington State Democratic Party urges all Democratic state legislators to endorse, support, and actively promote this change through sponsorship, co-sponsorship, and advocacy for legislation leading to a constitutional amendment or statutory reform to implement the new threshold; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Washington State Democratic Party utilize its networks, including Democratic clubs, school districts, educational groups, parent organizations, and grassroots allies, to mobilize support, educate, and apply pressure at the local and state level for a bill and constitutional amendment to lower the school bond approval threshold so that all Washington students can learn and thrive in safe, adequate, and modern school facilities.

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Resolution Promoting the Support of Youth Involvement in the Democratic Party

WHEREAS, The Democratic Party is declining in favorability and identity amongst all Americans according to recent [Gallup polls](#) and in the same poll, members of Gen Z are identifying as independents more often than other age brackets; and

WHEREAS, 58% of respondents in a recent [Harvard Youth Poll](#) used a negative word to describe the Democratic Party and only 35% of those identifying as Democrats in the same poll said something positive about the Democratic Party; and

WHEREAS, this lack of trust and youth involvement in the Democratic Party poses a great threat to the viability of the party going forward and this lack of trust is a product of economic, social, and cultural factors, not the ignorance of young people; and

WHEREAS, young Democrats were promised resources and cooperation by leadership at the Democratic National Committee that has still not materialized and party leadership continues to not recognize the call coming from within the house that young people are deeply frustrated at the direction of our party; and

WHEREAS, without young people, the Democratic Party would not be a viable political organization in the United States.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Washington State Democratic Party recognizes and values the importance of young people within local, state, and national party infrastructures, honors the knowledge and perspective young people bring to the party, will endeavor to engage young people in party decision-making processes and gather feedback from them; and

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Washington State Democratic Party calls on the Democratic National Committee to honor and support its commitment to including young people in shaping the future of our party by:

- Providing adequate resources to local, state, and national youth-led Democratic Party organizations (ie, Young Democrats of America, High School Democrats of America, Young Democrats of Washington, and High School Democrats of Washington)
- Including young people in the actual decision making process of the party beyond current levels; and

THEREFORE, BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Washington State Democratic Party encourages democratic campaigns and respective committees in Washington state not to exploit youth labor and shall seek to uphold fair labor standards for all involved regardless of age.

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Submitted by: 47th LD Delegation

Authored by: Waylon Menzia, 47th LD Delegation Chair

Resolution Declaring No Kings

Whereas all elected federal officials swear an oath to uphold and protect the Constitution; and

Whereas President Trump has usurped Congressional and Judicial powers simply declaring them legitimately his alone; and

Whereas he has violated the emoluments clause and enriched himself directly through actions of his office; and

Whereas he has lost the support of most of the country for his imprudent as well as illegal actions; and

Whereas he has called for dissolving the Constitution¹²³⁴⁵⁶, an end to voting⁷⁸⁹¹⁰ and to be declared king¹¹¹²¹³¹⁴;

Therefore, Be It Resolved that the Washington State Democratic Party reaffirms the constitutional oath of office as a binding commitment to the Rule of Law, not to ideology, religion, or personal authority; and

Be It Further Resolved that the Washington State Democratic Party calls for the impeachment and removal of the President for high crimes and misdemeanors; and

Be It Finally Resolved that this resolution be forwarded to our elected representatives in Congress for action.

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**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE VIBRANT CITIES ACT
AND LAND VALUE TAX REFORM IN WASHINGTON STATE**

WHEREAS Washington State faces a severe housing shortage driven in part by a property tax structure that treats buildings and land the same, penalizing homebuilding while rewarding landowners who hold vacant or underutilized urban lots for speculative gain; and

WHEREAS the Sightline Institute published in December 2025 a proposal known as the Vibrant Cities Act, a revenue-neutral option for Washington cities to opt into exempting a portion of building's value from property tax — away from improvements- within the bounds of Washington's constitutional uniformity clause- and towards land ownership¹ and

WHEREAS economic modeling of the Vibrant Cities Act applied to Spokane shows it would have little effect on most homeowners' tax bills, yield larger reductions in lower-income neighborhoods, and can be tailored to protect owners of low-value buildings — making it a progressive, no-cost stimulus for housing production and economic vitality; and

WHEREAS Philadelphia's 10-year tax abatement program — which taxes new residential construction only on land value rather than building value during the abatement period — has been credited with fueling a construction boom for over two decades, demonstrating that exempting improvements from property taxation is a proven strategy for spurring housing development; and

WHEREAS the value of urban land is created by surrounding public investments and community activity, not by individual landowners, and shifting property taxes toward land returns that community-created value to the public while creating powerful incentives to develop housing on idle parcels in the communities where Washingtonians need homes most;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Washington State Democratic Party supports the Vibrant Cities Act and urges the Washington State Legislature to pass enabling legislation allowing cities and counties to opt in to exempting building value from property taxes in order to discourage land speculation and spur infill housing production; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Washington State Democratic Party commends the Sightline Institute for its policy leadership in developing the Vibrant Cities Act, urges Washington cities facing housing shortages to advocate for and prepare to adopt this reform, and directs that this resolution be transmitted to the Governor, the Washington State Legislature, and the Washington State Democratic legislative caucuses.

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Resolution to Enshrine Washington's Vote-by-Mail System in the State Constitution

WHEREAS, the State of Washington has conducted elections primarily by mail since 2005, with full statewide adoption by 2011, establishing a universal vote-by-mail system; and

WHEREAS, Washington's vote-by-mail system includes robust security measures such as signature verification, secure ballot drop boxes, chain-of-custody protections, and post-election audits, and has demonstrated extremely low rates of fraud over decades of use; and

WHEREAS, all registered voters in Washington automatically receive a ballot by mail at least 18 days before each election, with prepaid postage and accessible return options, ensuring equitable access for voters across the state; and

WHEREAS, under Article I, Section 4 of the United States Constitution, states retain primary authority to determine the "Times, Places and Manner" of holding elections, affirming Washington's right to administer elections in the manner that best serves its voters; and

WHEREAS, recent federal actions and proposals have sought to undermine vote-by-mail systems and interfere with state election administration, making it necessary to protect Washington's established system from future rollback;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Washington State Democratic Party forward this resolution to the Democratic leaders of the Washington State Legislature, calling on them to introduce and pass legislation referring a constitutional amendment to the voters that enshrines Washington's universal vote-by-mail system, including the right of all registered voters to automatically receive a ballot by mail and have their ballots securely processed, verified, and counted; and

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Washington State Democratic Party actively supports and advocates for the passage of such legislation through the legislative process and its subsequent approval by the voters; and

THEREFORE, BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Washington State Democratic Party commits to organizing, educating, and mobilizing voters to approve the referred constitutional amendment and to oppose any efforts to weaken or undermine Washington's vote-by-mail system.

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Resolution Supporting the Interstate 5 Bridge Replacement Project

WHEREAS, the Interstate 5 (I-5) Bridge connecting Vancouver, Washington and Portland, Oregon is a critical component of regional and statewide transportation infrastructure, supporting the movement of people, goods, and services along the I-5 corridor; and

WHEREAS, the existing bridge, originally opened in 1917, with a second span added in 1958, experiences chronic congestion and lacks modern seismic resilience and multimodal capacity; and

WHEREAS, the I-5 corridor is essential to Washington's economy, connecting Southwest Washington to the rest of the state and serving as a key freight route for agriculture, manufacturing, and interstate commerce; and

WHEREAS, replacing the bridge with a modern, multimodal structure that supports high-capacity transit, protected bicycle and pedestrian lanes, and improved freight mobility will enhance economic growth, reduce emissions, and improve safety; and

WHEREAS, successful completion of the I-5 Bridge Replacement Project requires strong coordination between the State of Washington, the State of Oregon, regional and local partners, and federal stakeholders, along with sustained and reliable funding commitments;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Washington State Democratic Party calls for Washington and Oregon State Legislators to replace without further delay the I-5 Bridge with a modern, multimodal crossing that improves safety, mobility, and reliability for all users; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Washington State Democratic Party urges Washington and Oregon State Legislators and Transportation committee chairs to secure and protect sufficient state and federal funding to complete the project, while ensuring accountability, transparency, and cost-effectiveness in project delivery; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Washington State Democratic Party affirms the importance of including high-capacity transit, protected bicycle and pedestrian lanes, improving freight mobility and ensuring community feedback throughout the entire duration as core components of the I-5 Bridge Replacement Project.

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Resolution to Adopt a Progressive State Income Tax and Abolish Our Regressive Sales Tax

WHEREAS article VII, section 1 of the Washington State Constitution does not allow for property to be taxed at non-uniform rates and the 1933 *Culliton v. Chase* Washington Supreme Court ruling held that earned income is considered property, so Washington has long used sales tax as our primary mechanism for collecting public revenue.

WHEREAS Washington State has the second most regressive tax system among U.S. states because sales taxes impose a flat rate of tax on everyone. Lower-earning families spend a greater proportion of their income on goods and services, thus they experience a higher tax rate as expressed as a percent of their income. Washington families with income in the bottom 20%, those making less than \$33,500, on average pay 10.9% of their income on state sales and excise taxes. However, those earning \$162,900 or more, only pay 4.7% or less of their income on state sales and excise taxes, and households in the top 1%, those earning \$878,400, only pay 1.6%.

WHEREAS the recently introduced “Millionaires’ Tax” (SB 6346), while increasing state revenue, does not reduce the tax burden on Washington’s lowest earners. Taxing 13.8% of the lowest earning families’ income greatly reduces their ability to save money and improve their standard of living.

WHEREAS Washingtonians of color face higher average tax rates than white Washingtonians, and Washington’s tax code harms people with low incomes and communities of color.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Washington State Democratic Party (WSDP) supports implementing a progressive state income tax and abolishing the regressive state sales taxes.

THEREFORE, BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, the WSDP urges the state legislature to pass a Joint Resolution to amend the Washington State Constitution to allow for a progressive income tax, and to abolish the regressive state sales taxes, thereby alleviating the high tax burden felt by Washington’s lowest earners and bringing in billions of dollar more revenue each year than our current tax structure does.

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RESOLUTION TO PASS THE WASHINGTON STATE BLACK MATERNAL HEALTH ACCOUNTABILITY AND "MOMNIBUS" ACT

Whereas data from the Washington State Department of Health (DOH) Maternal Mortality Review Panel (MMRP) confirms that pregnancy-related deaths in Washington skyrocketed from 19.0 per 100,000 live births in 2017–2020 to 30.5 per 100,000 live births, making maternal mortality an escalating public health crisis in our state; and

Whereas the DOH MMRP explicitly determined that 82 percent of pregnancy-related deaths in Washington State were completely preventable, and further identified that discrimination, bias, interpersonal racism, or structural racism played a role in 76 percent of those preventable deaths; and

Whereas the rate of pregnancy-associated deaths for non-Hispanic Black/African American people in Washington is more than 2.5 times the rate of death among non-Hispanic White people, exposing deep, lethal systemic inequities in medical treatment and clinical triage; and

Whereas current Washington State interventions rely heavily on temporary grant cycles, voluntary medical education, and expiring pilot programs, such as time-limited doula credentialing fee waivers, creating chronic financial instability for the trusted, Black-led community organizations doing life-saving work; and

Whereas the State of California has demonstrated through the California Momnibus Act (SB 65) and Assembly Bill 2319 that codifying permanent state funding, establishing living-wage Medicaid doula reimbursements, and empowering the State Attorney General to enforce compliance against non-compliant birthing facilities can drive systemic change and narrow racial disparity gaps in maternal health outcomes;

Therefore be it resolved that the Washington State Democratic Party calls upon the Washington State Legislature to urgently draft, introduce, and pass a comprehensive Washington State Black Maternal Health "Momnibus" Act that permanently funds and legally protects Black maternal healthcare, including transitioning all state-level Black maternal health initiatives away from short-term grant funding to a permanent, non-expiring allocation within the State General Fund; structurally routing those funds directly to Black women-led community organizations, midwifery clinics, and birth-worker collectives; and permanently integrating full-spectrum doula care into the state Medicaid (Apple Health) infrastructure with a mandated living-wage reimbursement rate that elevates doulas to legally recognized patient advocates within the state health system; and

Therefore be it further resolved that the Washington State Democratic Party also calls upon the Washington State Legislature to empower the Office of the Attorney General to strictly enforce bias and equity standards in all birthing facilities, granting the state explicit authority to issue civil financial penalties and regulatory licensing sanctions against hospitals that fail to meet measurable metrics in closing their racial disparity gaps; and

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Therefore be it finally resolved that copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Governor, the Lieutenant Governor, the Speaker of the House, the Senate Majority Leader, and all Democratic members of the Washington State Legislature.

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Maternal Mortality Review Panel

Source/Publication: Washington State Department of Health

Author: Washington State Department of Health / Maternal Mortality Review Panel

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Author: Washington State Department of Health

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Author: B. Garg et al.

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June 30, 2025

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New Apple Health Birth Doula Benefit

Washington State Health Care Authority (HCA)

January 6, 2025

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Office of the Governor of California

October 4, 2021

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July 6, 2023

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McKinsey Institute for Economic Mobility / McKinsey Health Institute

August 2025

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WHEREAS, the Washington legislature faces challenges from population growth, economic changes, and policy demands in areas such as housing, healthcare, education, and climate resilience, all of which are much more complex than when the state constitution established legislative sessions of 105 days in odd-numbered years and 60 days in even-numbered years, and

WHEREAS, compressing the lawmaking process into a short window prevents many bills from advancing, regardless of merit, which sidelines important issues, and encourages rushed drafting, late-stage “vehicle” bills, and major amendments offered near deadlines, all of which reduce transparency and make it harder to fully evaluate costs, equity impacts, and unintended consequences; and

WHEREAS, the compressed timeline limits meaningful public participation, because constituents, local governments, and community organizations often do not have enough time to review proposals, prepare testimony, and engage lawmakers before decisions are made; and

WHEREAS, legislative service increasingly functions as a year-round job in practice, and creating a full-time professional legislature with appropriate compensation and resources would strengthen independence from the executive branch, improve oversight, and broaden who can realistically serve; and

WHEREAS, other states have adopted longer or more frequent legislative sessions, resulting in improved governance, increased accountability, and more timely responses to constituent concerns¹;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Washington State Democratic Party calls on the Washington State Legislature to pursue the changes needed to extend the legislative session or transition Washington to a full-time professional legislature, including any necessary constitutional and statutory reforms to modernize session length and committee work; and

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the transition to an extended session or full time legislature include commensurate increases in compensation and capacity, including adequate staffing, research support, and resources that enable thorough bill development, transparency, and accessibility for constituents; and

THEREFORE, BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Governor and the Democratic members of the state legislature.

¹ https://ballotpedia.org/States_with_a_full-time_legislature. Alaska, California, Hawaii, Illinois, Massachusetts, Michigan, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, and Wisconsin, are among the states with full time legislatures.

2026CONRES - 26-91 (26-1/12/77 Combine) - PASSED - GOV - Resolution to Lengthen
Legislative Sessions to Better Serve the People of Washington

Notes: This was originally submitted as three separate resolutions from 3 separate Legislative District Organization (LD 44, 1, and 6th) and was combined by the resolutions committee of the Washington State Democratic Convention.

Resolution Opposing and Condemning Expanded U.S.–Israel Military Integration

WHEREAS, Section 219 of the House version of the Fiscal Year 2027 National Defense Authorization Act would establish a dangerous **United States–Israel Defense Technology Cooperation Initiative**, requiring the Secretary of Defense to designate an Executive Agent to synchronize U.S.–Israel defense technology research, development, testing, evaluation, integration, and industrial cooperation; and

WHEREAS, The Section 219 provision would create a formal mechanism for entrenching U.S. military, technological, and defense-industrial integration with Israel at a time when U.S. foreign policy must be guided by human rights, congressional oversight, constitutional accountability, the independent interests of the American people and the rule of law; and

WHEREAS, Section 219 would deepen U.S.–Israel defense integration, including expanded cooperation in sensitive technological and biological fields, despite Israel’s refusal to ratify the Biological Weapons Convention and that Israeli military technologies and tactics have been developed and tested through prolonged surveillance of Palestinians and repeated military campaigns in Gaza that have resulted in mass civilian casualties and destruction, thereby creating significant legal, ethical, security, and humanitarian concerns regarding further integration of U.S. and Israeli defense systems; and

WHEREAS, Chairman Mike Rogers and Ranking Member Adam Smith released the FY2027 NDAA Chairman’s Mark containing Section 219, and any member advancing or defending this provision bears responsibility for attempting to entrench Israel further into U.S. defense planning and military technology systems; and

WHEREAS, The Washington State Democratic Party opposes efforts to give any single foreign government or ally, including Israel, an unprecedented privileged role in U.S. defense technology, military planning, procurement, or national security infrastructure, supports an independent U.S. foreign policy and opposes policies that deepen military entanglement, increase the likelihood of armed conflict, or reduce democratic oversight of defense and foreign affairs

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State Democratic Party condemns Section 219 of the FY2027 National Defense Authorization Act and demands its removal from any final defense authorization bill so as to oppose the expansion of military, technological, and industrial integration between the United States and Israel and calls upon Congress to reject any measures that further institutionalize such integration; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Washington State Democratic Party condemns the advancement of Section 219 by House Armed Services Committee leadership, including Chairman Mike Rogers and Ranking Member Adam Smith, and calls upon Washington’s congressional delegation to publicly oppose the provision and any substantially similar effort to further institutionalize U.S.–Israel military integration; and

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BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, That the Washington State Democratic Party affirms that U.S. military policy must remain independent, democratically accountable, subject to congressional oversight, and never subordinated to or structurally integrated with the military interests of Israel or any other foreign state, and that military commitments, and national security decisions must remain independent of the influence, preferences, or strategic objectives of any foreign government, and must be determined solely through constitutional processes accountable to the American people.

Submitted by the 46th LD Delegation Vice Chair to the 2026 Washington State Democratic Convention

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Urgent Resolution Regarding the DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee's Rejection of Ranked Choice Voting for Presidential Primary Elections

WHEREAS Ranked Choice Voting is being used for elections in the states of Maine and Alaska, Washington, D.C., and cities across the U.S. including New York City, San Francisco and Seattle, and six states successfully used Ranked Choice Voting for presidential primaries in 2020 or 2024;

WHEREAS American voters are hungry for more democracy, and Ranked Choice Voting allows voters to have more choice of viable candidates, as pointed out by Rep. Jamie Raskin in his recent opinion piece in The Guardian;

WHEREAS a recent Washington State Supreme Court ruling listed Ranked Choice Voting as an option to remedy violations of the Washington State Voting Rights Act;

WHEREAS the grassroots of the Washington State Democratic Party consistently lists Ranked Choice Voting as a priority, including support for RCV in resolutions and in our State Party Platform; and

WHEREAS nearly 400,000 Washington State voters effectively threw away their votes in the 2020 presidential primary (voted for candidates who later dropped out), a situation which Ranked Choice Voting would have helped to avoid.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Washington State Democratic Party calls on the DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee to reconsider its decision to officially deny voters a more democratic process and fair playing field for presidential primary elections and to enable American voters to use Ranked Choice Voting in the 2028 presidential primary election;

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2026CONRES - URGENT 26-2 - PASSED - PAR -Urgent Resolution Regarding the DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee's Rejection of Ranked Choice Voting for Presidential Primary Elections

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