

# **POLK COUNTY PLATFORM**

March 23, 2024

## **SPECIAL RESOLUTION TO The Iowa Democratic Party**

The Polk County Convention makes the following recommendation to the Iowa Democratic Party State Central Committee.

The Iowa Democratic Party shall establish an organization for the purpose of supporting Democratic candidates in local elections. Local elections shall be defined as elections for positions in county and municipal governments.

## **Statement of Issues**

### **Agriculture, Energy, and the Environment**

#### **Agriculture: For Productive Living and a Healthy Food Supply to Promote Clean Air, Water, Diverse Ecosystems, National Parks, Oceans, and Forests**

We support:

1. Researched actions reducing climate change
2. Drinking/bathing/recreational waters
3. Researched initiatives for clean air
4. Sustainable/regenerative agricultural practices
5. Crop/livestock diversification
6. Legal protection/conservation of healthy soil
7. Beneficial new Farm Bill
8. Reforestation

#### **Agriculture Policy: Stewardship of Natural Resources for Enhanced Living Conditions**

We support:

9. Increasing SNAP and indexing for COLA
10. Re-funding the Leopold Center
11. Capping crop insurance subsidies
12. Market-indexing USDA loan rates
13. Conservation compliance for federal/state/local subsidies
14. Antitrust regulation of seed supply/food production/processing
15. Right to save seeds for commercial/personal use
16. GMO seed labeling

17. Defining CAFOs as industry
18. Moratorium on CAFO construction/expansion
19. Strengthening and strictly enforcing CAFO regulations
20. Farmer-owned grain reserves
21. Domestic ownership of farmland
22. Commercial taxation of non-homestead livestock production
23. Legal protection from pesticide/herbicide/GMO seed drift/contamination
24. Funding farmers transitioning to sustainable agriculture
25. Public right-to-know permit compliance/TRI
26. Master Matrix with environmental assessment
27. Farmer-owned marketing/processing facilities
28. Strong odor/fecal waste nuisance regulation/enforcement
29. Mandatory/enforced nutrient reduction strategy
30. Banning manure applications to snow covered/frozen ground
31. Allowing nuisance suits against factory farms
32. Digitized land records for manure management plans
33. Constitutionally-dedicated conservation funding

We oppose:

34. Vertical integration of large-scale livestock production/corporate agriculture
35. "Ag-Gag" laws

### **Livestock Management: Protecting Our Environment from Wasteful and Indiscriminate Use**

We support:

36. Eliminating CAFOs' pollution-control property tax exemptions
37. Reducing antibiotic/hormone use
38. Humane animal treatments
39. Fair livestock market access
40. Increased CAFO inspections

### **Food Supply and Safety: Ensuring A Safe, Contaminant-free Food Supply and Safety for Food Processing Workers**

We support:

41. Strong safety/labeling requirements for foods including origin/processing locations
42. Access to locally-grown, fresh/healthful foods
43. Enacting laws for slower/safer speeds in packing houses
44. Banning forever chemicals

### **Energy: Combating Climate Change with Responsible Production and Use**

We support:

45. Adopting US Climate Alliance Goals

46. Restoring all environmental protection rollbacks
47. Rejoining the Paris Climate Accords
48. The Green New Deal
49. Fossil fuel conversion to clean/renewable energy
50. 75% de-carbonized energy by 2035
51. Expanding electric vehicle infrastructure
52. Higher CAFE standards
53. Energy conservation
54. Smart-grid improvement/microgrid
55. Net-metering without discriminatory fees/taxes
56. Clean Power Plan
57. Safe transport/storage of nuclear/fracking waste
58. Regulating energy commodity speculation
59. Extending geothermal/biomass/wind/solar energy subsidies
60. Rock Island Clean Line

We oppose:

61. Nuclear/biogas/corn ethanol/fossil fuel subsidies
62. Tar-sands oil/pet-coke/crude oil/carbon pipelines
63. Methods discouraging sales of EV/Hybrid vehicles
64. Energy commodity speculation

### **Environmental Stewardship and Livability: Placing Our Children's Future Above Corporate Profits**

We support:

65. Consulting affected BIPOC/frontline communities regarding land/water/air energy policies
66. Programs for monitoring/reducing emerging contaminants
67. Designating the Loess Hills a National Reserve
68. Constitutionally-mandated environmental protections/conservation funding
69. Prioritizing source reduction while increasing reuse/recycling
70. Municipally-supported composting/recycling
71. Enforcing Iowa's environmental regulations
72. Fully funding REAP
73. Funding Iowa Water and Land Legacy (IWILL) Amendment
74. Enacting IEQA
75. Banning neonicotinoid pesticides
76. Expanding the Bottle Bill
77. Sequestering carbon
78. Reclaiming mercury and lead
79. Control of sand-mining siting
80. Permanent protection of ANWR

We oppose:

81. Lead/plastic shot
82. Lead wheel-weights
83. Corporate polluters “grandfather” clauses

### **Clean Water Availability: Promoting Clean/Affordable Accessible Water to Ensure Healthy Populations**

We support:

84. Publicly-owned/affordable clean water supply
85. Incentivizing sustainable farming technologies/integrated watershed management
86. Amending CWA for “Point Source” to include intermittent streams/aquifers/wetlands
87. Completely accessible IDNR well data/testing

### **Planning and Zoning: To promote livable and walkable neighborhoods, preserve farmland, and our unique and sensitive natural resources**

We support:

88. “Smart growth” planning
89. Sustainable development
90. Comprehensive access to public transit
91. LEED requirements for public buildings
92. Low-emission building materials
93. Preserving/replacing topsoil to an 8” depth for new development
94. Notifying all landowners/residents within 10 miles before permitting CAFOs
95. Local citizens’ balloted approval for fossil fuel pipelines

We oppose:

96. Subsidizing urban growth on farm/park lands
97. Eminent Domain for corporate/private use
98. Annexation without a binding vote of the targeted residents/property owners

### **Acronyms Used in This Section**

ANWR – Arctic National Wildlife Refuge

BIPOC – Black, Indigenous, and People of Color

CAA – Clean Air Act

CAFE – Corporate Automotive Fuel Economy

CAFO – Confined/Concentrated Animal Feeding Operation

Clean Line – electrical transmission lines to transport wind-generated electrical energy from NW Iowa to Illinois

CPP – Clean Power Plan

CREP – Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program

CRP – Conservation Reserve Program

CSP – Conservation Services Program

CWA – Clean Water Act  
EPA – Environmental Protection Act  
ESA – Endangered Species Act  
EV – Electric Vehicle  
GMO – Genetically Modified Organism  
IDNR – Iowa Department of Natural Resources  
IEQA – Iowa Environmental Quality Act  
IWILL – Iowa Water and Land Legacy  
LEED – Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design  
REAP – Resource Enhancement and Protection  
SNAP – Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program  
TRI – Toxic Release Inventory Program/chemical use reports

## **Economy, Commerce, and Labor**

### **Collective Bargaining/Unions/Labor**

We support:

99. Fair-Share
100. Prosecuting unfair labor practices
101. Strengthening child labor laws
102. Chapter 20 protections
103. Workers right to organize/join unions/strike (PRO act)
104. PLAs/LPAs
105. Unions
106. Use of unions for infrastructure jobs/WPAs
107. EFCA
108. Government buying union-made products
109. Majority Sign-Up
110. Federal jobs program (WPA/CCC)
111. NLRB/NPERB

We oppose:

112. Recertification requirements for unions
113. Privatizing public-sector jobs
114. “Right-to-work” (Taft-Hartley Act, 14.b)
115. Union-busting, captive audience meetings
116. Replacing laid-off/striking union workers
117. Misclassifying employees as independent contractors

### **Unemployment/Benefits**

We support:

118. Strengthening short-term and long-term unemployment benefits

We oppose:

119. Waiting for WC/UE benefits

120. Drug testing as a condition for receiving benefits

## **Workers' Compensation/Safety**

We support:

121. Considering bidders' safety records for government contracts

122. Increased staffing and funding OSHA/MSHA/NIOSH

123. Right to refuse unsafe work without retaliation

124. Employee/union participation in OSHA inspections

125. Workers' rights to select their medical providers and doctors for workplace injuries

126. Restoring protections under Iowa Worker's Compensation Law

## **Employment Practices**

We support:

127. Whistleblower protections

128. The Equal Pay Act

129. FLSA

130. Strengthening anti-discrimination protections

131. Accredited retraining for displaced/automation related job-loss

132. \$22 minimum wage indexed with local COLA

133. Reducing executive/employee compensation inequity

134. Benefits for part-time workers

135. Tipped workers receiving full minimum wage

136. Guaranteed paid time off for vacation/sick-time/disability/family leave

137. Local control to raise minimum wage

138. Enhancing enforcement/penalties for wage and pension theft

139. Right to Rest laws

We oppose:

140. Employment-at-will doctrine

141. Unfair overtime practices

142. Social networking identification/password as condition of employment

143. Use of credit scores for employment decisions

## **Retirement**

We support:

144. Fully-honored/secure/portable retirement

145. Fully funding/protecting IPERS/FED/MFPRSI/RRB/FELA/SSA

146. COLA for public retirement programs

## **Government Policy**

We support:

147. Assessing the economy based on meeting human needs
148. Business-funded paid disability fund for all workers
149. Election-day paid holiday
150. Enforcing/strengthening antitrust/consumer protection laws
151. Increasing available/affordable housing
152. Skill-building programs for disadvantaged individuals
153. Expanding Davis-Bacon Act to include publicly-funded projects
154. Local criteria for responsible government contract bidding
155. Net neutrality
156. Statewide broadband access
157. Dodd-Frank/21st Century Glass-Steagall Act
158. UBI
159. Expanding free and public mass-transit
160. Equitable/transparent trade agreements
161. Corporate accountability when using public funds
162. Federal jobs and infrastructure programs in Puerto Rico
163. Inclusive workplaces with equal opportunities for people with disabilities
164. Safeguarding personal data privacy and ownership

We oppose:

165. Deregulating industry
166. Fast-tracking trade agreements
167. Privatizing USPS

## **Taxes**

We support:

168. Retaining the State Historic Tax Credit Program
169. Eliminating Social Security payroll tax cap
170. Taxing high-frequency trading
171. More progressive tax structures
172. Estate tax beginning with \$2.5 million estates
173. Increasing EITC/dependent exemptions
174. Property tax credits for low-income, veterans, elderly, and disabled people
175. Sunsetting and evaluating business tax credits every year
176. Depositing state and local funds only in state-chartered financial institutions
177. Funding IRS and IDR for high-dollar recovery and pursuing tax evasion

We oppose:

178. Tax breaks for companies outsourcing US jobs
179. Increasing taxes on credit unions

- 180. Off-shore tax shelters
- 181. Corporate tax evasion
- 182. Regressive taxes

## **Bankruptcy**

We support:

- 183. Ensuring full-pension benefits in employer bankruptcy
- 184. Listing employees as first-in-line creditors
- 185. Removing barriers to discharging student loans

## **Business Practices**

We support:

- 186. Expanding antitrust analysis and enforcement
- 187. Incentives creating/retaining US jobs
- 188. Capping annual interest rates on small consumer loans
- 189. Regulating financial speculation
- 190. Complete disclosure of financial conflicts of interest
- 191. Breaking up “too-big-to-fail” corporations
- 192. Protection against predatory lending
- 193. 90% minimum US content for 'Made in USA' products
- 194. Importer-financed quality inspections of all imports

We oppose:

- 195. Regulatory capture
- 196. Corporate welfare
- 197. Insurance credit scoring
- 198. Predatory lending

## **Acronyms Used in This Section**

AI – Artificial Intelligence

CCC – Civilian Conservation Corps

COLA – Cost of Living Adjustment

EFCA – Employee Free Choice Act

EITC – Earned Income Tax Credit

FED – Favorable Experience Dividend

FELA – Federal Employers Liability Act

FMLA – Family Medical Leave Act

FLSA – Fair Labor Standards Act

IDR – Iowa Department of Revenue

IPERS – Iowa Public Retirement System

LPA – Leased Purchase Agreement

MFPRSI – Municipal Fire and Police Retirement System of Iowa



MSHA – Mine Safety and Health Administration  
NIOSH – National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health  
NLRB – National Labor Relations Board  
OSHA – Occupational Safety and Health Administration  
NPERB – National Public Employees Relations Board  
PLA – Project Labor Agreements  
PRO – Protecting the Right to Organize  
RRB – Railroad Retirement Benefits  
SSA – Social Security Administration  
STEM – Science Technology Engineering Math  
TPA – Trade Promotion Authority  
TPP – Trans-Pacific Partnership  
UBI – Universal Basic Income  
USPS – United States Postal Service  
UE – Unemployment  
USPS – United States Postal Service  
WC – Workman’s Compensation  
WPA – Works Progress Administration

## **Education**

We support:

199. Appropriate, equitable funding for public schools/AEAs/community colleges/public universities
200. A more equitable method for funding public schools
201. Requiring private/charter schools to follow the same laws/rules as public schools if receiving voucher money
202. Eliminating racial disparities in discipline policies
203. Attracting/retaining educators from underrepresented populations
204. A safe/inclusive environment protecting students from bullying/harassment/bias/retaliation
205. Enforcing Title IX protections against gender identity discrimination
206. Reinstating DVDP
207. All educational institutions serving as sanctuaries for undocumented students
208. Supplemental State Aid increases of no less than 4.5%
209. Funding on-site, educational support-staff, including but not limited to librarians, paraprofessionals/associates, nurses, licensed mental-health providers, school counselors
210. Full, sustainable funding programs addressing:
  - a. mental health/mental illness
  - b. Poverty

- c. ELL/ESL
  - d. Career/vocational education
  - e. Literacy education
  - f. STEAM
  - g. Civics education
  - h. Personal financial literacy
  - i. Special education/twice-exceptional
  - j. TAG
  - k. At-risk dropout prevention
  - l. Reducing student/teacher ratios
211. Restoring full funding to AEAs for special education
  212. All public PreK-12/higher-education, non-administrative, salaries/benefits/pensions above national average
  213. A competitive living wage/benefits for education support-staff
  214. Unemployment benefits for non-instructional staff who experience seasonal layoffs
  215. Comprehensive education including access to the arts/music/physical-education/CTE/foreign language/STEAM/work-based learning, and other programs
  216. Age-level appropriate technology/STEAM and instruction for PreK-12 students
  217. Investment for university STEAM programs
  218. Medically-accurate/evidence-based/age-appropriate sex education/family planning in all public schools (including LGBTQIA+, nonbinary)
  219. Training for all literacy skills
  220. Thorough/fact-based/all-inclusive approach to teaching science and Indigenous/American/world history
  221. Restoring/maintaining the highest standards for teacher certification
  222. Homeschooling requiring the support of a district-assigned certified teacher
  223. Universal free appropriately-funded high-quality preschool for all 4-and 5-year-old children
  224. Free nutritious breakfast and lunch for all students, including special diets, food backpack programs, and summer food programs
  225. Efficient/free transportation for all children PreK-12
  226. TLC system encouraging the best teachers to stay in the classroom
  227. Financial aid for incarcerated/formerly-incarcerated people
  228. Access and funds for accredited basic adult/higher education, including Pell Grants, for all incarcerated people
  229. Free tuition for vocational programs/state universities/ community colleges
  230. Student loan forgiveness
  231. Bankruptcy protections for student loan borrowers
  232. Restoring rights of educators and other public employees to strike and engage in collective bargaining
  233. Adopting universal mental health policies, procedures, and educational standards for PreK-12

234. Investing an additional \$300M in education
235. Transgender athletes' right to compete under the gender designation matching their identities
236. Financial aid for aspiring tech workers to attend tech boot camps
237. Strong protections for Indigenous, POC, and LGBTQIA+
238. Valuing the stories/experiences/contributions of Indigenous, POC, and LGBTQIA+ individuals in our learning communities
239. Equitable funding based on student need
240. Open/fair processes for recalling elected officials
241. Universal ADA compliance
242. Reduction of class size and special education rosters
243. Childcare caps remaining unchanged to provide for children's needs and safe supervision
244. Learning disability screening in PreK-12 schools/IJJS
245. Anti-bias Professional Development
246. Money following student throughout the year
247. Funding for education on the effects of social media on children
248. Fully-funded public libraries with independent boards.
249. Education of blind/low-vision and deaf/hard-of-hearing students consistent with communities' recommendations
250. Expanding middle and high school health education curriculums to include information about consent and dating violence

We oppose:

251. Religious bias in publicly funded education
252. School-sanctioned religious practice
253. Limiting scope of AEAs
254. Any diversion/allocation of public education dollars to any private/charter school or for-profit educational institution
255. Using tax dollars to fund PreK-12 private schools through methods including vouchers/scholarships, ESAs, tuition tax-credits, charter school pre-tax plans
256. Unfunded school district mandates
257. Lowering standards for teacher licensure
258. Merit pay
259. Arming school employees
260. Conflict of interest from politicians/representatives/spouses who financially benefit from private-school funding
261. The school-to-prison pipeline/school-prison nexus
262. Criminalizing educators for teaching equitable topics
263. Banning books/literary resources
264. Restraints/seclusion rooms
265. Sanctioning/endorsing any group/club recognized by the SPLC as a hate group

## **Acronyms Used in This Section**

AEA – Area Education Agency

CTE – Career Technical Education

DVDP – District Voluntary Diversity Plans

ESA – Education Savings Account

ELL – English Language Learners

ESL – English as a Second Language

IJJS – Iowa Juvenile Justice System

LGBTQIA+ - Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer/Questioning, Intersex, Asexual/Agender, and Community

POC – People of Color

SPLC – Southern Poverty Law Center

STEAM – Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Math

TAG – Talented and Gifted

TLC – Teacher Leadership and Compensation

## **Government and Law**

### **General**

We support:

- 266. Access to government services without needing phone/computer apps
- 267. Legislation allocating revenue for infrastructure improvements, healthcare access, public education

We oppose:

- 268. The power of an individual legislator to block legislation
- 269. Elimination of gender-balance requirements in law

### **Statehood**

We support:

- 270. Self-determination and full rights for all U.S. territories
- 271. Statehood and full democracy for the DC
- 272. Giving citizens of all U.S. territories the same unalienable rights as all U.S. citizens

### **Religion**

We support:

- 273. Separation of Church and State

We oppose:

- 274. Religious Nationalism

## **Criminal Justice Reform**

We support:

275. Restoring voting rights after time served
276. Human and voting rights of incarcerated people
277. Full funding of public legal services
278. “Ban the Box”
279. Nonpartisan merit selection of judges, assuring creation of diverse and independent judiciary
280. Federal standards for use of force
281. The right to record interactions with police
282. Funding reentry programs and wrap-around services
283. Gender-responsive practices for all incarcerated/detained persons,
284. Data collection/reporting of the racial disparity in pretextual traffic stops and arrest/sentencing for cannabis possession
285. Fully legalizing cannabis
286. Ending penalties for sex work, homelessness, poverty, mental health crises, disability, HIV status, addiction

We oppose:

287. Capital punishment
288. Life without parole
289. Charging Defendants for court-appointed attorneys
290. Privatization of prisons/jails/immigration detention centers and prison/jail/immigration detention services
291. Charging people for their incarceration
292. Cash bail
293. Mandatory minimum sentencing
294. Racial profiling
295. Pretextual stops
296. Police militarization
297. Solitary confinement

## **Campaigns, Elections, and American Institutions**

We support:

298. Automatic/same-day voter registration
299. NPVIC
300. OCE/RVRA/IRV/RCV
301. Absentee/early voting
302. Truth in political advertising
303. 5-year paid lobbying ban on Federal and a 2-year ban on State elected/appointed officials
304. Election Day as a federal holiday

- 305. CEC-reform
- 306. Mandatory release of candidates for federal office tax-returns as condition of ballot inclusion
- 307. A fully-funded, independent judicial branch
- 308. Government transparency
- 309. Re-examining 501(c)(4) political activity
- 310. Open-source software/paper-trailed voting-systems
- 311. VOICE/publicly funded elections
- 312. Regulation of social media
- 313. A complete and accurate census
- 314. The right for citizens to amend the Iowa Constitution by petition and majority popular vote in a referendum

We oppose:

- 315. Citizens United/ Super-PACs
- 316. Superdelegates
- 317. Prison gerrymandering
- 318. National Constitutional Convention
- 319. Voter ID and other voter suppression laws
- 320. DNC, DSCC, or DCCC influencing contested local, state, or federal Democratic primary elections

## **Gun Safety: Effective Measures to Reduce Gun Violence**

We support:

- 321. Firearm purchase age of 21
- 322. "Red Flag" legislation
- 323. Expansion of NICBS
- 324. Registration on all firearms
- 325. Funding CDC research on gun violence
- 326. Assault Weapons Ban
- 327. Mandatory waiting period before all firearm purchases
- 328. Personal Firearm Liability Insurance A time-limited license with competency check for anyone who uses a firearm
- 329. Mandatory reporting of lost/stolen firearms
- 330. Funding government buy-back program

We oppose:

- 331. Devices that convert a weapon to automatic firing mode
- 332. "Open Carry" in Iowa
- 333. Gag order on doctors talking about gun violence/prevention with patients
- 334. "Stand your Ground", "Castle Doctrine," and "Guns for Tots" laws
- 335. "Strict Scrutiny" language in Iowa Constitution
- 336. "Ghost guns"

## **Human and Civil Rights**

We support:

337. Maintaining and enhancing civil rights in Iowa code.
338. Expanding/protecting/upholding tenants' rights
339. Strengthening fair housing law/enforcement
340. Public ownership and management of utilities
341. Reclassifying the Internet as a public utility
342. Community-led public health and safety agendas
343. LGBTQIA+ as a protected class
344. Gender-neutral markers on all forms of government-issued identification
345. The right of transgender/nonbinary persons to use the restroom, locker room, or other gender-separated public accommodation that aligns with their gender identities
346. Automatic, consensual co-parent recognition of same-gender/nonbinary couples
347. Placement of incarcerated individuals in facilities that align with their expressed gender identities
348. Gender-inclusive security at airports and national points-of-entry
349. Requiring public and private insurance options/policies to cover transition-related HRT and gender-affirming surgeries
350. Protecting migrant workers from deportation and discrimination in housing/health/education/ social services

We oppose:

351. Any discrimination against the LGBTQIA+ community, especially in schools and state law
352. Surgical requirement for transgender/nonbinary persons to change the sex marker on any government-issued identification
353. Compelling anyone to divulge the sexual orientation and/or gender identity of a minor under their supervision to that minor's parent(s) or legal guardian(s)
354. Prohibiting LGBTQIA+ individuals from donating blood/tissue/organs based on sexual orientation, gender identity, or sexual activity
355. Involuntary surgical intervention/compulsory prescription of hormone treatment for intersex individuals (including newborns), or individuals with ambiguous genitalia
356. Involuntarily disclosing gender identity/expression on government documents
357. White supremacy
358. Terrorism
359. Systemic discrimination
360. Elimination of gender-balance requirements in law
361. Removing LGBTQIA+ protections from Iowa civil rights code

## **Reproductive and Sexual Justice**

We support:

- 362. A permanent line item in the Iowa state budget allocating funding for victims' services of at least 5% of DOJ budget
- 363. Eliminating the statute of limitations for sexual assault and violence
- 364. Roe v. Wade
- 365. Planned Parenthood

We oppose:

- 366. Discriminatory practices that belittle, ignore, or dehumanize the suffering of LGBTQIA+, minority, and male victims
- 367. Denial of payment for emergency contraception and abortion service for rape and incest victims
- 368. Genital mutilation

## **Tax reform**

We support:

- 369. Repealing tax cuts to large businesses/corporations and wealthy individuals
- 370. Bolstering the Social Security Fund (such as raising cap)

We oppose:

- 371. Regressive taxes

## **Immigration**

We support:

- 372. Comprehensive immigration reform
- 373. A fair and achievable path to citizenship
- 374. Raising the refugee cap
- 375. Expanding legal immigration
- 376. Reducing the family reunification backlog
- 377. Making Iowa a welcoming place for all
- 378. DACA/DAPA

We oppose:

- 379. Family separation
- 380. Unnecessary immigration detentions
- 381. Exclusionary policies based on race, religion, nationality/country of origin

## **Acronyms Used in This Section**

CDC – Centers for Disease Control

CEC – Citizens Electoral Council

DACA/DAPA – Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals/Deferred Action for Parents of Americans

DC – District of Columbia



IRV – Instant Runoff Voting  
NICS – National Instant Criminal Background Check System  
NPVIC – National Popular Vote Interstate Compact  
OCE – Office of Congressional Ethics  
RCV – Ranked Choice Voting  
RFRA – Religious Freedom Restoration Acts  
RVRA – Restoring Voting Rights Act  
VOICE – Voter Owned Iowa Clean Elections

## **Health and Human Services**

### **Reproductive Healthcare**

We support:

- 382. Full reproductive healthcare including abortion
- 383. A person's right to make their own reproductive choices
- 384. Medicaid postpartum coverage extending to a minimum of one year
- 385. Funding healthcare organizations that provide abortion services
- 386. Free contraception

We oppose:

- 387. Denial of reproductive healthcare
- 388. Reducing/denying funding and/or access to reproductive healthcare, birth control, and abortion
- 389. Criminalization of abortion, abortion assistance, and abortion education

### **General**

We support:

- 390. Comprehensive, universal healthcare for all, including mental health, full reproductive health services, and end-of-life options
- 391. Funding for training for all first responders dealing with mental health situations
- 392. Full health availability to medical treatment to all people in the LGBTQIA+ community and gender-confirmation services
- 393. Requiring licensed health providers to provide non-discriminatory services to all members of the public and explain healthcare options
- 394. Clean water, housing, and food security as basic human rights
- 395. Maintaining/expanding state licensing for medical professionals and allied healthcare professionals
- 396. Expanded funding for low-income and affordable housing
- 397. Increasing human services

We oppose:

- 398. Denying undocumented individuals access to services and coverage

## **Access to Care**

We support:

399. Expanded medical end-of-life options
400. Guaranteed access to essential services like dental, vision, hearing, and mental health
401. Increasing funding to community health centers and promoting culturally competent healthcare to underserved and rural areas of Iowa
402. Expanded access to home and community-based care options for older adults and people with disabilities
403. Access to CHIP/HAWKI for children, adolescents, and young adults
404. Regulation and transparency in all healthcare pricing
405. Appropriations to fund/reimburse facility and HCB Nursing Care must be tied to measured and reported quality-care outcomes

We oppose:

406. Making healthcare coverage dependent on employment status, citizenship, permanent residency, or economic status
407. Disparate treatment based on personal/political/religious bias by medical and pharmaceutical professionals

## **Mental Health, Substance Use, and Suicide Prevention**

We support:

408. Comprehensive mental health reform and suicide prevention for children, veterans, and all other adults
409. Evidenced-based substance-use disorder treatment and prevention
410. Professionally trained and credentialed individuals to provide mental health and substance use treatment and prevention
411. Undoing institutional basis of LTSS on proposed DIA
412. Creating supervised injection sites
413. Funding science-based research into psychedelic/psychotropic drugs to address MH/MI
414. Expanding medical cannabis access and research
415. Cannabis legalization, expunging related charges/convictions, and reinvestment into communities most affected by the war on drugs
416. Increasing funding for quality, well-staffed, and consumer controlled HCBS for elderly, disability, mental health/mental illness and addiction services
417. Supplementary services for veterans' healthcare
418. Nonprofits to fill a need to provide an emergency response team committed to veterans and their families in crisis
419. Requiring all mental health professionals to have training in PTSD
420. Classifying addiction as a disease to be treated medically

We oppose:

421. Replacing mental health therapists, social workers, licensed marriage and family counseling with chaplains in schools to handle mental health services
422. “Crisis pregnancy centers” that do not provide standard medical care, education, or counseling for reproductive healthcare

## **LGBTQIA+**

We support:

423. Inclusive, quality mental and physical health and other supports for the community

We oppose:

424. Outlawing necessary healthcare for individuals in the LGBTQIA+ community
425. Conversion/reparative/reorientation therapy
426. Banning discussion of LGBTQIA+ history, culture, and personhood/existence
427. Discrimination against LGBTQIA+ individuals
428. Removing LGBTQIA+ protections from Iowa civil rights code

## **Adequate Nutrition**

We support:

429. Access to quality nutritious foods for all
430. Providing and feeding children during the summer and utilizing Summer EBT
431. Increasing funds that are available to support feeding hungry children
432. Increasing the number of grocery stores available with fresh fruits and vegetables in small rural towns

We oppose:

433. Denying children access to federally funded food security assistance
434. Denying access to quality fresh foods
435. Believing that Summer EBT is making children increase weight

## **Acronyms Used in This Section**

EBT - Electronic Bank Transfer

CHIP – Children’s Health Insurance Programs

DIA – Drug Information Association

HAWKI – Healthy and Well Kids in Iowa

HCBS – Home and Community Based Services

LTSS – Long Term Services and Supports

## **International Affairs**

### **Peace and Human Rights**

We support:

436. Diplomacy first
437. Multilateral equitable solutions to international/global problems
438. UDHR and protecting individual human dignity and universal civil rights
439. Territorial integrity and self-determination of all nations
440. Cultural/educational exchange programs
441. Ending violence against vulnerable populations
442. Protecting survivors and efforts to end human trafficking
443. Free/fair/transparent democratic elections
444. UN membership
445. CRC
446. Reinstating funding for UNRWA
447. Paris Agreement, international climate cooperation, promoting clean/renewable/sustainable energy
448. WHO and other global health organizations
449. An immediate ceasefire in Israel/Palestine
450. Self-determination for Palestinians and an end to apartheid against them
451. President Biden's condemnation of Israeli confiscation of Palestinians' property in the West Bank

We oppose:

452. US aid that enables the oppression/criminalization/discrimination of any groups protected under US or international law
453. Foreign governmental interference/donations into US campaigns/direct payments to political entities
454. All acts of genocide and ethnic cleansing
455. Israeli confiscation of Palestinians' property in the West Bank

## **Military**

We support:

456. NATO membership and other strategic alliances
457. Repealing 2001/2002 AUMF
458. Congressional approval for extending military deployment
459. Transparency in military expenditures documented through routine auditing
460. Preventing cyber-attacks
461. Reducing military spending
462. Prosecution of war crimes including US personnel and US government officials
463. Closing all "black sites" and ending Guantanamo Bay detention
464. Continued aid to Ukraine

We oppose:

465. Preemptive military strikes
466. Signature drone strikes

- 467. AI in identifying and engaging military targets
- 468. Contracting/privatizing military efforts
- 469. Use of child soldiers as defined by the CRC
- 470. Military/lethal aid to foreign states/organizations that enable oppression or killing of civilians
- 471. Banning LGBTQIA+ individuals from military service

## **Nuclear**

We support:

- 472. Ratification of TPNW
- 473. Multilateral agreements, such as START/NPT, curbing the development/use of nuclear weapons/hypersonic missiles
- 474. Expanding international inspections of all atomic energy/nuclear weapons sites

We oppose:

- 475. Nuclear first strike policy

## **Immigration**

We support:

- 476. Humane treatment, due process rights, including legal representation in court, for all immigrants/undocumented/refugees
- 477. UN Convention Relating to the Status of Refugees
- 478. Expanding access to TPS/citizenship/visas/asylum
- 479. Abolishing ICE
- 480. Expanding funding and resources to process all immigrant/asylum petitions/applications expeditiously
- 481. Lawful employment of refugees before 6 months' residence
- 482. In-state tuition for immigrant residents of Iowa

We oppose:

- 483. Closing of the borders
- 484. Inhumane/unreasonable treatment/detention/imprisonment of all persons
- 485. For-profit detention centers
- 486. Border militarization and walls
- 487. Banning persons and quotas based on country of origin/religion
- 488. Continuing use of Title 42 Covid expulsions
- 489. Using safe third country agreement
- 490. English as the official language of Iowa

## **Trade**

We support:

- 491. Reduction in international arms trade

492. Fair trade and enforcement of WTO obligations
493. Meeting the needs of labor and the environment in trade agreements
494. An international minimum corporate tax
495. Prosecuting corporations/corporate leadership for environmental/ethical misconduct
496. Releasing frozen financial assets for the purposes of humanitarian aid
497. Relinquishing nationally held/funded vaccine patents
498. International state publicly held debt forgiveness/foreign aid

We oppose:

499. Economic exploitation/imperialism
500. Sanctions/blockades/embargos that harm civilian populations
501. Trade wars
502. Tax havens
503. Poverty wages/forced labor/modern slavery/child labor
504. Currency manipulation
505. Intellectual property/patent theft

### **Acronyms Used in This Section**

AI – Artificial Intelligence technologies

AUMF – Authorization for Use of Military Force (Public Law 107-40)

CRC – Convention on the Rights of the Child, aka Child Soldier Treaty

ICE – Immigration and Customs Enforcement

LGBTQIA+ – Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer/Questioning, Intersex, Asexual/Agender, and Community

NATO – North Atlantic Treaty Organization

NPT – Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons

START – Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty

TPNW – Treaty on Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons

TPS – Temporary Protected Status

UDHR – Universal Declaration of Human Rights

UN – United Nations

UNRWA – United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East

WHO – World Health Organization

WTO – World Trade Organization