



## **Polk County Democrats Steak Fry Caterer Request for Proposals**

The Polk County Democratic Party is proud to host the 2022 Steak Fry on September 17, 2022 at Water Works Park in Des Moines, Iowa. We expect to host a large, safe, enjoyable event that showcases the best of the Democratic Party in Iowa with all the candidates for statewide office, U.S. Senate and Congress.

We are beginning the process of looking for a catering vendor for the event. The caterer will be responsible for sourcing the meals, transporting them to the site, and preparing them. The caterer is also expected to provide their own cooling truck(s), grills, grilling equipment, propane, and protective equipment (masks, gloves, etc.) for their staff. We have hundreds of volunteers who can help with the food service. We will provide our volunteers with any protective equipment needed.

The meal service may start as early as 11:30 A.M. and conclude as late as 2:00 P.M. Attendees will consume the food in a main tent or at their seats in the field. We will be responsible for trash disposal and cleanup around the park.

In addition to the responsibilities above, we are looking for a caterer who can provide:

- 1,000 to 4,000 meals with the final order to be placed 2 weeks before the event
- A steak meal option for 70% of non-vegan adult diners
- A chicken meal option for 30% of non-vegan adult diners
- A vegan meal option for those who request it
- A kids meal option for those who request it
- Two sides
- Potentially a cookie or other small dessert option
- Steak sauces
- Bottled water, lemonade, or iced tea for each guest
- Soda refreshments for those who wish to purchase it (all sales go to the caterer)
- Individual meal boxes for guests to take their food to the main tent or their seat
- Utensils, cups, napkins, and suitable steak knives
- Flexibility for daily additions up to the day before the event

Creativity will be rewarded. Please email proposals and any questions to [polkdems@gmail.com](mailto:polkdems@gmail.com). We expect to make a decision on the caterer by early August