

Douglas County Democratic Party
2018 Platform

1. HUMAN and CIVIL RIGHTS
 - 1.1. Homeowner Rights
 - 1.2. Marriage
 - 1.2.1. We support marriage equality for all citizens.
 - 1.3. Sexual Orientation
 - 1.3.1. We oppose discrimination of any kind toward person(s) based on sexual orientation.
 - 1.3.2. We support a transgender-inclusive employment non-discrimination act.
 - 1.3.3. We support an individual's ability to identify their gender identity as they choose.
 - 1.4. Women's Rights
 - 1.4.1. We believe that equal rights should be extended to all citizens, regardless of gender.
 - 1.4.2. We believe that Democrats must come out strongly against the war on women.
 - 1.4.3. We oppose overturning Roe vs. Wade; abortion must be kept safe and legal, and that women should have control over their own bodies.
 - 1.4.4. We oppose the "personhood" amendment.
 - 1.4.5. We believe in the preservation of a woman's right to choose and the right of a woman to make her own healthcare decisions in privacy without coercion and/or employer interference.
 - 1.4.6. We believe that reproductive rights should be protected, including ensuring continued funding for reproductive and other health service providers.
 - 1.4.7. We believe that all women should receive full, affordable insurance coverage for reproductive health care without employer interference.
 - 1.4.8. We fully support equal pay for women in all occupational categories.
 - 1.5. Civil Liberties
 - 1.5.1. Surveillance of Americans should only occur with a judicially-approved warrant.
 - 1.5.2. We believe that every terminally ill individual should have the right to choose how and when to end his/her life.
 - 1.5.3. We believe that Congress should reject any proposal that would compel private companies to deliberately weaken individual privacy.
 - 1.5.4. We believe that all peoples, regardless of race, religion, sex, age, ethnic origin, or sexual preference must be afforded equal rights under the law. Law enforcement must be trained to implement and to enforce laws equally and without bias.
 - 1.6. Children
 - 1.6.1. Whereas children have died known to Child Protection Services, and
Whereas we believe that Colorado's Health and Human Services should be fully-funded and effective in the services provided for abused and neglected children,
Be it resolved, we support advocating for the best interest of the child, and
Be it resolved, we believe that each youth in CPS deserves a safe, healthy home as quickly as possible and they should be provided mental health treatment to heal from past traumas, and
Be it resolved, we believe each youth in the CPD should be given the opportunity to become healthy, self-sufficient members of the community.
 - 1.6.2. We believe that the systems in Colorado to protect children are broken. We support legally enabling interagency communication to the benefit of the protection of the children.
 - 1.7. Disabled
 - 1.7.1. Whereas at least ten percent of the world's population, more than 650 million people, have physical or mental disabilities; and
Whereas throughout the world, many people with disabilities are denied their human rights and kept on the margins of society; and
Whereas the United Nations adopted the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities ("the Convention") on December 13, 2006; and
Whereas the Convention establishes the legal obligations of governments to recognize and respect the rights of persons with disabilities; and
Whereas the purpose of the Convention is to promote, protect, and ensure the full and equal enjoyment of all human rights and fundamental freedoms by all persons with disabilities, and to promote respect for their inherent dignity; and
Whereas the Convention sets forth general principles including individual autonomy, independence, nondiscrimination, full participation and inclusion in society, respect for difference and acceptance of persons with disabilities as part of human diversity, equality of opportunity, accessibility, equality between women and men, and respect for the evolving capacities of children with disabilities; and
Whereas the Convention is crucial for the social and economic development of societies worldwide, including in developing countries where eighty percent of people with disabilities live;
Whereas eighty-two nations have already ratified the Convention; and
Whereas, at President Obama's direction Susan Rice, US Ambassador to the United Nations, signed the Convention on July 30, 2009; and
Whereas adoption of the Convention by the US requires ratification by two-thirds of the US Senate;
Therefore, be it resolved that The Colorado Democratic Party calls on all Democratic senators to actively support ratification of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities; and that
The Colorado Democratic Party urges the US Senate to ratify the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities as soon as possible
 - 1.7.2 We support implementation of affirmative action policies for people with disabilities.

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1.7.3. Whereas Title III of the Americans with Disabilities Act, which prohibits disability discrimination by private businesses, is essential to ensure that people with disabilities can achieve equality of opportunity, full participation, independent living, and economic self-sufficiency;

Whereas the ADA was signed into law in 1990 and businesses have had 28 years to comply with architectural standards;

Whereas people with disabilities should not be required to give notice and additional time to enforce their rights under Title III; and

Whereas any notice requirement would remove all incentive for voluntary compliance with Title III and further delay the time when our built environment is fully accessible;

Be it resolved that we oppose any bill that would amend Title III of the ADA to add a notice requirement; and

Be it resolved that we shall oppose any legislator that supports any bill that would amend Title III of the ADA to add a notice requirement.

1.8. Patriot Act

1.8.1. We support due process for a person suspected of terrorist actions.

1.8.2. We reaffirm that attacks on health services are domestic terrorism.

1.9. Religion

1.9.1. We support a commitment to a secular government.

1.9.2. We oppose the use of religion to deny public services to any individual.

1.10. Human Trafficking

1.10.1. We believe that indentured servitude should be made illegal in all instances.

1.10.2. We support all efforts to end human trafficking.

1.11. Mental Health

1.11.1. We believe that funding for training, screening, treatment, and programming of mental health problems be increased.

1.11.2. We support the availability and affordability of mental healthcare for all and we discourage discrimination against those that seek care for mental health issues.

2. EDUCATION

2.1. General

2.1.1. We would like tuition reform helping to provide a more affordable tuition rate.

2.1.2. We support free tuition to public colleges and to trade schools.

2.1.3. We believe that a high quality education is a fundamental human right.

2.2. Funding

2.2.1. We categorically oppose the use of public funds for private, for-profit, and independent schools.

2.2.2. We support making college affordable by reducing interest in student loans and by increasing grants and scholarships.

2.2.3. We support higher wages for teachers commiserate with no less than the national average and smaller class sizes.

2.2.4. We support increasing funding for public education for preschool through grade 12.-

2.2.5. We believe that a high quality education is a fundamental human right. We support increasing funding for public education.

~~2.2.4-2.2.6.~~ We believe that, in order to fully attract and to retain teachers, we shall offer competitive salaries, fully-fund PERA, and shall adjust salaries for cost of living increases.

2.3. Mill Levy

2.3.1. Whereas the health of our democracy, the vibrancy of our communities, the vitality of our economy and the future of our children all depend on the quality of public education in our state,
Whereas, despite the fundamental importance of education, Colorado is doing a very poor job of investing in our schools, colleges, universities, and students,

Whereas, Colorado spends \$2,500 less per pupil than the national average.

Whereas, we are 51st in funding of higher education,

Whereas, we are in the bottom quartile of states for student teacher ratios, technology in schools, and teacher compensation,

Whereas, our drop out and remediation rates are unacceptable, and our achievement gap between kids who are and are not eligible for free lunch is among the worst in the nation,

Whereas, at the same time, Colorado is moving forward on education reforms: new standards, new accountability, new educator effectiveness mandates,

Whereas, these mandates and policies are grossly underfunded, which undermines both the reforms and the students they are intended to help,

Whereas, while funding alone will not guarantee the success of our students, a lack of resources guarantees failure,

Be it resolved, we believe our state leaders must provide our schools, colleges and universities with the funding necessary to prepare all Colorado students for success as citizens and members of the workforce. Inaction is no longer an option. Our children don't get do-over's and they cannot wait any longer.

2.3.2. We oppose the institution of any voucher system in the Douglas County School District.

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- 2.3.3. We support state education funding that will bring Colorado, at least, up to the national funding average.
- 2.3.4. We support the reinstatement of programs such as Head Start (pre-school education).
- 2.3.5. We oppose using public funds to support students in private or parochial institutions.
- 2.3.6. Whereas county public funding has supported schools outside the county, we oppose using county education funds for schools outside the county.
- 2.3.7. We support reducing the tuition costs for higher education.
- 2.4. Elections
 - 2.4.1. School Board Elections should not be ~~political~~partisan.
 - 2.4.2. Whereas, huge sums of money have been contributed to school board candidates in Colorado.
Whereas these sums, donated by out of district/state interests, have had a detrimental affect on the voice of local stakeholders.
Whereas, all other elected positions in Colorado have campaign donation limits.
Therefore, be it resolved that campaign donation limits be enacted for school board elections.
- 2.5. Safety
 - ~~2.5.1.~~ 2.5.1. We resolve that the best way to improve the safety of our school system is by mental health intervention, not by arming teachers.
 - ~~2.5.2.~~ 2.5.2. We support programs to decrease bullying in schools.
 - ~~2.5.3.~~ 2.5.3. We believe that public schools should remain gun free zones to protect students and teachers, including staff, visitors, and contractors.
 - ~~2.5.4.~~ 2.5.4.
- 2.6. Dev Disabled
 - 2.6.1. We believe that adults with special needs currently do not receive adequate service. Thus, extended services should be provided past the age of 21.
 - 2.6.2. We support funding for the educational and ancillary services needed to best prepare developmentally disabled students for the future.
- 2.7. Standards
 - ~~2.7.1.~~ 2.7.1. We support an equitable system of distribution of educational funds based on the needs of children.
 - ~~2.7.2.~~ 2.7.2. We believe that all materials used for public education shall be science-based.
 - ~~2.7.3.~~ 2.7.3. We support comprehensive and science-based sexual education at elementary, middle, and high school levels.
- 3. INTERNATIONAL
 - 3.1. Israel
 - 3.1.1. The U.S. government should support attempts to resolve the conflict between Palestine and Israel.
 - 3.2. Wars
 - 3.2.1. We support the change in our military doctrine to avoid pre-emptive conflicts and wars.
 - 3.2.2. We support diplomacy and sanctions in preference to military action.
 - 3.2.3. We oppose the use of nuclear, chemical, biological, and other weapons of mass destruction.
 - 3.3. Iran
 - 3.3.1. We support dealing with Iran through diplomacy, rather than through war.
 - 3.4. Crimea
 - 3.4.1. We support dealing with Crimea through diplomacy, rather than through war.
 - 3.5. Cuba
 - 3.5.1. We support ending the trade embargo with Cuba and pursue normalization of diplomatic relations.
 - 3.6. Afghanistan
 - ~~3.6.1.~~ 3.6.1. We support the current timetable to pull our troops from Afghanistan by 2014.
 - ~~3.6.2.~~ 3.6.2. We support pulling our troops out and ending the war-conflict in Afghanistan.
 - 3.7. Immigration
 - 3.7.1. We propose that an equitable and just immigration policy be adopted and applied for all immigrants. We support this policy being a high priority.
 - ~~3.7.2.~~ 3.7.2. Civil rights for immigrants should be fully upheld.
 - ~~3.7.3.~~ 3.7.3. We support approval of the Dream Act.
 - ~~3.7.4.~~ 3.7.4. We believe that DACA be supported and approved.

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- ~~3.7.3-3.7.5.~~ Be it resolved that the National Democratic Party encourages the resettlement of properly vetted refugees into the United States without regard to their nationality, ethnicity, or religious affiliation.
4. CAMPAIGN, ELECTION & MEDIA REFORM
- 4.1. Elections
- ~~4.1.1.~~ We support public financing for political candidates and campaigns.
- ~~4.1.2.~~ The Democratic Party must commit to developing a program that devotes time, money, and expertise to encourage, train, and support worthy candidates to run for public office.
- ~~4.1.1-4.1.3.~~
- ~~4.1.2-4.1.4.~~ We support giving county residents the same right of petition as city and town residents, to ensure the rights of initiative, referendum, and recall.
- ~~4.1.5.~~ We support campaign finance reform including complete disclosure of all campaign contributions regardless of the source. Such disclosures shall be required from not only those running for office but also all political parties, corporations, and political action committees.
- ~~4.1.6.~~ To be on the ballot for all federal offices, we support a mandatory requirement for releasing seven years of tax returns.
- ~~4.1.7.~~ We believe that the use of superdelegates should be abolished in the Democratic Party.
- ~~4.1.8.~~ We believe that Colorado should move to a presidential primary.
- ~~4.1.9.~~ We support the National Popular Vote Interstate Compact.
- ~~4.1.3-4.1.10.~~
- 4.2. Citizens United
- 4.2.1. We believe that, for the purposes of campaign contributions, corporations should not be considered people and are not entitled to constitutional rights and protections in matters of Election Campaign Financing; and Whereas money is not speech, and therefore regulating political contributions and spending is not equivalent to limiting political speech; therefore, Be It Resolved, we oppose Citizens United.
- 4.2.2. Whereas a healthy democracy should be broad-based, with each person having an equal voice, and Whereas superpacs tend to funnel electoral power into the hands of the few, and Whereas Citizens United tends to allocate electoral power on the basis of wealth, therefore Be It Resolved, we support comprehensive campaign finance reform to include the elimination of superpacs, limits on contributions, and to level the amount of money that can be donated to all candidates.
- 4.3. Funding
- ~~4.3.1.~~ We support public funding for all candidates and campaigns of public office.
- ~~4.3.2.~~ We support transparency of corporate PAC and political activity/donations for all campaigns and candidates.
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- 4.4. Bi-Partisanship
- 4.5. DC Items
- 4.5.1. Be it resolved that the National Democratic Party enforce the constitutional requirement for the "advice and consent" of the US Senate for federal judicial nominees.
- 4.6. Voting
- 4.6.1. We oppose attempts to discourage voting by anyone, for any reason. Voting should always be encouraged.
- 4.6.2. We support making voter registration easier and not requiring identification to vote.
- ~~4.6.3.~~ We oppose gerrymandering.
- ~~4.6.4.~~ We support automatic voter registration upon turning 18.
- ~~4.6.5.~~ We support an independent commission with no political party involvement in an effort to prevent gerrymandering and to determine redistricting on the state and federal levels.
- ~~4.6.6.~~ We support safeguarding our election process from outside interference and/or tampering.
- ~~4.6.7.~~ We support investigating the idea to establish rank choice voting.
- ~~4.7.~~ Democratic Party Reform
- ~~4.7.1.~~ The DCCC shall not endorse a candidate before the primary election.
- ~~4.6.3-4.7.2.~~
5. HEALTH
- 5.1. Single-Payer
- 5.1.1. Whereas, we believe that health care is a human right,

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Whereas, we support a universal, affordable, fiscally responsible healthcare system, for all that ensures affordable coverage,
Be it resolved, the best way to achieve a fiscally responsible system is through a public, federal, single payer system.

5.1.2. Whereas Americans with disabilities and chronic health conditions rely heavily on public health programs, primarily Medicaid and Medicare, not only for primary health care but also for long-term care needs, dental, auditory, vision, mental issues; and
Be it resolved, we support the concept of community choice in long-term care programs; and that
We support health care reform legislation and policy proposals that emphasize choice and independence, rather than institutionalization.

5.1.3. We support providing full and appropriate care for the mentally ill, ~~including the prison population.~~

5.1.4. We support ensuring in-patient care for patients on a long-term basis.

5.1.5. We support a single payer system with preventive care for all.

5.1.6. We support women's right to choose her own health care.

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5.2. Reform

5.2.1. We endorse continued federal support of Medicaid and oppose transferring further control and responsibility of these programs to the states.

5.2.2. We support modification of the current Pharmaceutical Patent process to resolve problems with monopolistic control, and exorbitant pricing of needed drugs.

5.2.3. We support women's access to health care by Patient Protection and Affordable Health Care Act and oppose government regulation of women's unfettered access to birth control and other health care decisions.

5.2.4. We support people's rights, men and women, to make their own choices on health care issues, including reproductive rights.

5.2.5. We resolve that no private employer or insurance company shall deny coverage for contraceptive health care to any person.

5.2.6. We support the concept of community choice in long term care programs and pledge to ensure that health care reform legislation and policy proposals emphasize choice and independence rather than institutionalization.

5.2.7. We support the full funding and implementation of the Patient Protection and Affordable Health Care Act.

5.3. Public Option

5.3.1. We support the Affordable Care Act and all of its provisions. It should continue to be the law of the land.

5.4. Tort Reform

5.5. Pay

5.6. GMOs:

5.6.1. We support the labeling and regulation of genetically modified ingredients in food and consumer products.

5.6.2. We believe that any product with GMOs cannot be labeled as "natural".

6. ENERGY

6.1. Cost Disclosure

6.2. Energy Use

6.3. Renewable

6.3.1. Whereas, energy independence will benefit national security, and

Whereas, clean energy will make Colorado and the world more livable, therefore,

Be it resolved, we support America's transition to a renewable, clean energy economy through increased production of all renewable energy sources.

6.3.2. We support continuing to raise the Colorado public utilities' renewable energy standard.

6.4. Efficiency

6.5. Nuclear

7. ENVIRONMENT

7.1. Water

7.1.1. Given our reliance on ground water, we support responsible water use in our community and solutions to secure a sustainable, renewable water supply for the future.

7.2. Cars

7.2.1. We support the requirement for higher MPG and lower emissions in all passenger vehicles.

7.3. Recycling

~~7.3.~~ 7.3.1. We support accessible, county-side recycling centers.

7.4. Mining

7.5. Wildlife

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7.5.1. Whereas, Colorado provides unmatched natural, scenic, recreational, and economic opportunities for present and future generations
Be it resolved, we strongly support legislation, proposed and introduced, to permanently protect wild lands and wildlife, including Senator Mark Udall's Brown's Canyon and Central Mountain proposals, Rep Polis's summit and Eagle County Wilderness bill, Rep DeGette's Colorado Wilderness Act of 2010, and the proposed San Juan Wilderness bill and the Hermosa Creek Wilderness bill.

7.5.2. We support an Animal Bill of Rights that protects animals, including humane treatment and humane slaughter.

7.5.3. We support the reintroduction of wolves to Rocky Mountain National Park.

7.6. Environmental protection

7.6.1. We support Senator Bennet's efforts for Wilderness designation for the entire Arctic National Wildlife Refuge.

~~7.5.3-7.6.2.~~ We support maintaining the federal public lands for the public. We oppose selling or leasing of public lands to private entities and supports maintaining access to public lands for all members of the public.

~~7.6-7.7.~~ Fracking

~~7.6.1-7.7.1.~~ We support a statewide ban on fracking until the water requirements, the effects on underground water, air quality, and soil quality, and other adverse consequences are determined to be without environmental degradation.

~~7.6.2-7.7.2.~~ We support requiring full disclosure to the public of all chemicals used in the fracking process.

~~7.6.3-7.7.3.~~ We support independent research into the possible environmental and human impacts of fracking.

7.7.4. We support independent testing and monitoring of the fracking industry.

7.7.5. We believe that there should be a minimum of 2500 feet of setback between property lines and oil and gas drilling/fracking wells unless all affected property owners consent in writing to a closer setback.

7.7.6. We believe that at least half to the board of the COGCC be comprised of citizens without ties to the oil and gas industry.

7.7.7. We believe that all municipalities should have the authority to deny a license to frack/drill.

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~~7.7-7.8.~~ Climate Change

~~7.7.1-7.8.1.~~ We believe that climate change is real and is caused by humans.

~~7.7.2-7.8.2.~~ We support the protection of the environment and we believe that immediate action should be taken to combat current, and to prevent further, climate change.

7.8.3. We support the conservation of our planet, not only in the United States, but throughout the world. Clean air, water, and a balanced, healthy ecosystem are central to current and future generations.

7.8.4. We support the Paris Agreement.

7.8.4.1. We support the rapid transition from fossil fuels and their subsidies to 100% renewable energy by 2035 or sooner.

7.8.4.2. We support prioritization of clean, renewable energy development and community resilience programs in low-income communities and communities of color that have historically borne the brunt of industrial pollution.

7.8.4.3. We support promoting programs and incentives to shift from a globalized industrial food system that contributes significantly to the climate crisis to a more localized, resilient food system that can help build and sequester carbon in soils and reduce fossil fuel dependence.

7.8.4.4. We promote family-sustaining, regenerative, healthy, safe, and local clean energy jobs.

7.8.4.5. We support developing retraining and transitional support for employees in the fossil fuel energy sector.

7.8.4.6. We support an increase in funding for research on climate change, safe methods to remove greenhouse gases from the atmosphere, improved renewable energy power storage, and agricultural techniques that maximize resilience

7.8.4.7. We support ensuring young people have education opportunities that teach the realities of climate change, and the need for action by individuals, communities and government

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~~7.8-7.9.~~ Alternate Energy Sources

~~7.8.1-7.9.1.~~ We support investigation, research, and implementation of all forms of renewable sources of energy.

~~7.8.2-7.9.2.~~ Continue solar power tax credit(s).

8. AGRICULTURE

9. JOBS AND ECONOMY

9.1. NAFTA / Trade / Transpacific Partnership

9.1.1. We support the review of all existing trade agreements to ensure that our trade partners are living up to their labor and environmental obligations and that the trade agreements are enforceable and balanced for America's workers.

9.1.2. We oppose fast track authority for any trade agreements.

9.2. Job Creation

9.2.1. We support job creation and economic recovery.

9.3. Infrastructure

9.3.1. We believe that infrastructure projects should be funded for economic development.

9.3.2. We support committing adequate funding and incentives for an infrastructure fund--to rebuild the nation's roads, bridges, highways, lightrail, train, etc.

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9.4. Labor

9.4.1. Be it resolved that working people be afforded the dignity of basic protections in the course of making a living, including but not limited to:

Anyone who does a fair day's work deserves a fair day's pay with adequate benefits, rights to organize, and a safe working environment.

We support the right of workers to a safe and healthy workplace through collective bargaining, training, and education, and adequate funding for enforcement of all state and federal safety laws, freedom from emotional, legal, physical, and political coercion when exercising rights to assemble and organize, bargain collectively over wages and working conditions, or seeking to have dues and political contributions deducted from their paychecks; and we believe these rights must extend to all public sector workers, including but not limited to: emergency medical responders, firefighters, law enforcement officers, and safety and security personnel.

We advocate guaranteeing a safe and healthy workplace for all workers by maintaining adequate funding for Occupational Safety and Health Administration, the Federal Railroad Administration, the Federal Aviation Administration, the National Labor Relations Board, the Mine Safety and Health Administration and other similar agencies. This funding would be for both enforcement and training.

We support strict enforcement of child labor laws.

We support legislation preventing courts and bankruptcy laws being used to abrogate labor contracts and pension obligations.

We support the Fair Labor Standards Act and oppose exempting more workers from its protection or the weakening of provisions that provide for and define coverage for non-exempt employees.

We call for the repeal of the requirement for a super majority vote in the Colorado Labor Peace Act as it negatively impacts the right of workers to exercise their collective bargaining rights.

We oppose restrictions upon the rights of employers and workers to collectively negotiate union security provisions.

We support the principle that Colorado citizens should receive the benefits of Colorado state construction and procurement contracts through the use of incentives whereby state contractors are encouraged to hire Colorado workers.

We support the principle that consumer credit information NOT be used for employment purposes.

We oppose the "right to work" legislation, which restricts worker's rights to organize and collectively bargain for fair wages and working conditions.

We support state prevailing wage legislation that includes off-site project fabrication, a living wage, and we also support the federal Davis-Bacon Act.

We oppose privatization of postal services, or any federal, state, or local government service, as part of general opposition to any anti-worker initiatives or legislation proposed in Colorado or at the national level.

We support that Colorado Public Employees Retirement Association (PERA) should remain a defined benefit plan, directed by a board elected by the participants.

We support Colorado State Employee protections currently provided for in the state constitution, including provisions for veterans' preference in hiring.

We support the payment of extended unemployment benefits during times of high unemployment.

We oppose the use of foreign sweatshop labor as morally reprehensible with uncompetitive impacts on the US.

We support the repeal of the exclusion of agricultural workers, including warehouse workers to organize as is currently written in Colorado law.

We support the concept of full-time permanent employment with health care and pension benefits as a solution to the current economic downturn and minimizing the use of contract employment.

9.5. Training

9.5.1. We support funding for job training with free child care during training to reduce welfare rolls.

9.6. WIC

9.6.1. We support increased funding to this program.

9.7. School Lunch Subsidies

9.7.1. We support increased funding to this program.

9.8. Unemployment Insurance

9.8.1. We support increased funding to this program.

9.9. Food Stamps / SNAP

9.9.1. We support increased funding to this program.

9.10. Parental Leave

[9.10.1.](#) We support a paid parental leave program for all Coloradoans.

[9.10.2.](#) We support family leave for birth, death, or caregiving with at least partial pay.

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10. TAXATION & FISCAL POLICY

10.1. Whereas, our current policies result in more and more wealth concentrated in the hands of fewer and fewer people, and

Whereas, excessive disparity of wealth tends to undermine democracy, and

Whereas, we wish to avoid any extreme situation in which confiscating property from the rich and redistributing it to the poor will become more appealing, therefore

Be it resolved that we favor more progressive tax rates, more equitable executive compensation, and such other policies eventually produce a wealth distribution.

10.2. We resolve that trickle-down economics is a failed policy.

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- 10.3. Marijuana
 - [10.3.1. We support amending banking laws to allow cannabis transactions to take place via checks and credit cards.](#)
 - [10.3.2. We support reversing legislation banning pot sales in Douglas County to increase tax revenue for schools.](#)
 - [10.3.3. We oppose public funds for legal settlements for elected officials.](#)
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- 10.4. Limit War Money
- 10.5. Welfare
- 10.6. Bank Industry
 - 10.6.1. We support the Dodd-Frank bill regulating financial institutions.
 - 10.6.2. We support the reinstatement of Glass-Stegeall Act that separates banking functions
 - 10.6.3. We support an increase in oversight of the Federal Reserve.
- 10.7. Social Security
 - 10.7.1. We support removing the cap and raising the amount of earned income subject to Social Security and Medicare taxes.
 - 10.7.2. We oppose a decrease in benefits for Medicare and Social Security.
 - [10.7.3. We oppose any and all attempts to discontinue and/or to privatize Social Security.](#)
 - [10.7.4. We support the protection and expansion of Social Security.](#)
 - [10.7.5. We support the return money borrowed from the Social Security Fund in previous years.](#)
 - ~~10.7.3. We support protecting Social Security as a guaranteed right.~~
 - ~~10.7.4.~~ We oppose the manipulation of the cost of living adjustment for determining Social Security benefits.
 - ~~10.7.5.~~~~10.7.6.~~ We support paying Medicare providers fair prices for services.
 - ~~10.7.6.~~~~10.7.7.~~ Boost Social Security Now
 - Whereas: Social Security is the major source of income for most of America's elderly with 46% of retirees depending on Social Security for 90% or more of their income and an average monthly benefit of just \$1,290.
 - Whereas: The annual Social Security cost of living allowance for beneficiaries has averaged just over 1% over the past five years, with a zero increase for two of those years.
 - Whereas: Health care costs make up a large percentage of seniors' expenses with Americans facing an estimated \$220,000 in medical bills in retirement.
 - Whereas: Social Security is the nation's largest program for disabled workers, providing 8.9 million with benefits and the nation's largest children's program serving 4.4 million children.
 - Whereas: Social Security will be especially important to future generations, including the Recession Generation facing income loss, diminished net worth, and high unemployment during their vital income earning years, all of which impacts their retirement.
 - Whereas: American families spend \$816 billion in Social Security benefits nationwide each year, providing vital economic stimulus to local businesses and state economies they wouldn't have without Social Security.
 - Whereas: Our economic debate should include review of provisions which boost Social Security benefits, adopt the more accurate consumer price index for the elderly (CPI-E) and increase the minimum benefit formula. This benefit improvement could be paid for by lifting the payroll wage cap.
 - Be it Resolved: Congress should boost Social Security now to protect the economic security of millions of American families.
 - Be it Resolved: We recognize that the long-term sustainability of the Social Security program is vitally important.
 - Be it Resolved: Action needs to be taken to ensure the long-term sustainability of Social Security.
- 10.8. Interest Rate
- 10.9. Tax Rate
 - 10.9.1. We support giving tax incentives to green clean energy and dropping those for fossil fuels.
 - [10.9.2. We support establishing a carbon tax and dividend.](#)
 - [10.9.3. We support rescinding Tabor.](#)
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- 10.10. Youth Debt
 - 10.10.1. We support the establishment of a national Service Program to help young people clear their college debt in exchange for service.
- 10.11. Minimum Wage
 - 10.11.1. We support a federal, living minimum wage that will increase with inflation at the State level, rather than waiting for the federal government to act.
- 10.12. Affordable Housing

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- 10.12.1. We support an increase in funding for affordable housing.
- 10.12.2. We support extending and expanding federal low income tax credits.

11. GROWTH
12. CRIMINAL JUSTICE

12.1. Age

- 12.1.1. We support and promote juvenile clemency boards.
- 12.1.2. Reformat the juvenile justice system by first raising the age of a child subject to delinquency petitions to age 12.

12.2. General

12.2.1. We oppose mandatory sentencing minimums.

12.2.2. We oppose laws that discriminate against minorities.

12.2.12.3. Firearms

- 12.2.1.12.3.1. We support laws allowing university regents to ban firearms on campus.
- 12.2.2.12.3.2. We resolve to extend current exemptions to state law that prohibits the carrying of concealed weapons at universities and colleges.
- 12.2.3.12.3.3. We oppose cultural institutions being required by state law to permit the carrying of concealed weapons on their premises.
- 12.2.4.12.3.4. We support a ban on being open carry firearms.
- 12.2.5.12.3.5. We support an assault weapons ban.
- 12.2.6.12.3.6. We support existing limits on magazines for firearms.
- 12.2.7.12.3.7. We support universal background checks, without exceptions.
- 12.2.8.12.3.8. We oppose any form of the "stand your ground" law in Colorado and nationally.
- 12.2.9.12.3.9. We support tighter regulation and the limitation of the sale of guns on the internet and at gun shows.

12.3.10. We support extensive background checks / training / licensing for all gun owners/purchasers, including using registered gun numbers on every gun.

12.3.11. We support a ban on changing the firing capacity and/or speed of weapons (e.g., bump stocks, etc.).

12.3.12. We support creating a pre-screen process (like TSA pre-check) for gun purchasers. They shall submit to a rigorous background check (to include fingerprinting, mental health, and domestic violence as well as criminal history), after which he/she will receive an authorized buyer certification. This certification must be presented for admission to any gun show. Internet purchases of guns will be held at a Federal Firearms License location and may be retrieved upon presentation of the certification. The certification is good for three years, after which the buyer must be re-certified.

12.3.13. We oppose allowing "default proceeds", which allow gun sales to proceed after a certain number of days if the checks have not been completed.

12.3.14. We support creation of a "Red flag" registry including restraining orders, psychiatric hold history, animal/domestic abusers.

12.3.15. We support a ban on assault weapons and high capacity magazines, closing the gun show loop hole, more strict background checks, concealed carry proficiency testing.

12.3.16. We support ensuring responsible gun ownerships, by raising the age limit for all sidearm ownership shall be raised to 21 and all owners must complete and pass firearm training.

12.3.17. We support state legislation allowing courts to issue an order to temporarily remove firearms from the homes of persons in crisis and at a demonstrated risk of harming themselves or others and prohibiting the sale of additional firearms to such persons until the order is lifted, provided there is adequate due process for such persons in crisis.

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~~12.3.12.4. Congress~~

~~12.3.1.12.4.1. We resolve that Congress shall make no law that applies to the citizens of the United States that does not apply equally to the Senators and Representatives; and, Congress shall make no law that applies to the Senators and Representatives that does not apply equally to the citizens of the United States.~~

12.4.12.5. Death Penalty

12.4.1.12.5.1. Whereas, the death penalty diverts millions of dollars a year of state resources into an arbitrary, unreliable, wasteful, and unnecessary capital punishment system, and
Whereas, the death penalty does not deter crime, and
Whereas, our communities require the best protection, and
Whereas, in the state of Colorado, a sentence of life without the possibility of parole is, in all cases, preferable to a sentence of death,
Be it Resolved, that we support a state-wide conversation about abolishing the death penalty.

13. MILITARY AND VETERANS

13.1. Vote

13.1.1. Whereas we value US military service,

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Be it resolved that we oppose the deportation of veterans of all conflicts/wars.

13.2. Privatization / Funding

13.2.1. Be it resolved that we categorically oppose the privatization and corporatization of the military.

~~13.2.1.~~ 13.2.2. We oppose privatization of the Veterans' Administration.

13.3. Transition

13.3.1. We support funding transition counseling, job training, job placement assistance, physical and medical health funding for veterans upon termination of service.

13.4. Support

13.4.1. We support expediting the processing of veterans' records.

14. TECHNOLOGY

14.1. Net Neutrality

14.1.1. We support defending net neutrality.

14.1.2. We support the reinstatement of the Fairness Doctrine, updated for 21st Century technologies.

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