

Adams County Democratic Party 2020 Platform

Adams County Democrats are proud of our heritage as a party of accomplishments and diversity. We believe in the value and rights of each individual. We believe in our responsibility to protect and preserve the constitutional and civil rights of all people within our borders.

We believe in and continue to work for a strong representative government that works to achieve peace and prosperity for the good of every citizen in a compassionate, responsible, and progressive way.

What follows is the proposed platform. It is not intended to cover every issue.

Statement of Issues

Agriculture, Energy and Environment

We support:

1. Increasing loan rates for major commodities of corn and soybeans to better reflect the cost of production, corn to \$3.80 per bushel with the loan term doubled from 9 months to 18 months and soybeans increasing to \$8.90 per bushel and with the term to 18 months.
2. Grain producers be obligated to repay their loans including interest in full at any time not have the right to forfeit the grain to the Federal Government instead of repaying the loan. These changes will encourage a farmer owned reserve and afford each producer a better opportunity to avoid distressed harvest markets, own the grain until more favorable pricing opportunities and have a positive flooring effect on prices.
3. Traditional family farms
4. Sustainable organic farming
5. Local food systems

Economy, Commerce and Labor

We support:

6. Equal pay for equal work
7. Restoration of the balance of Workers Compensation laws back to 2016 levels.

Education

We support:

8. The State of Iowa restoring bargaining rights of all public employees
9. Fair funding formulas for rural districts
10. Full funding for public radio and public television
11. Legislation that will properly fund our state K-12 education system, community colleges and Regent Universities

We oppose:

12. Diverting public money away from public schools to fund vouchers, tuition tax credits, or for-profit education businesses

Government, Law, Military and Veterans

We support:

13. Repeal of the Iowa 2016 Voter Registration Acts
14. Net neutrality

We oppose:

15. Voter suppression laws of any kind

Health Care and Human Services

We support:

16. Ending the privatization of Medicaid in Iowa
17. Medicaid
18. Expanded funding for substance abuse and mental health services for both adults and children
19. Restoring/expanding mental health Institutions and community-based mental health services
20. Planned Parenthood
21. Expanding Medicare services to our senior citizens

We oppose:

22. Privatization of Medicare, making it a voucher program, or cutting benefits