

1 POLK COUNTY PLATFORM COMMITTEE
2 REPORT TO THE VIRTUAL COUNTY CONVENTION
3 APRIL 2020
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5 AGRICULTURE, ENERGY & ENVIRONMENT
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7 Agriculture: Productive Living and a Healthy Food Supply to Promote Clean Air, Water,
8 Diverse Ecosystems, National Parks, Oceans, and Forests
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10 We support:

- 11 1. clean/safe drinking/recreational waters
- 12 2. independent family farms
- 13 3. sustainable farming practices
- 14 4. crop/livestock diversification
- 15 5. legal protection/conservation of healthy soil as a resource
- 16 6. funding farmers transitioning to sustainable plant-based food markets
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18 Agriculture Policy: Stewardship of Natural Resources for Enhanced Living Conditions
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20 We support:

- 21 7. expanding markets for Iowa farmers
- 22 8. increasing SNAP
- 23 9. re-funding the Leopold Center
- 24 10. CRP/CSP/CREP
- 25 11. capping crop insurance subsidies
- 26 12. market-indexing USDA loan rates
- 27 13. conservation compliance for federal/state/local subsidies
- 28 14. antitrust regulation of seed supply/food production/processing
- 29 15. right-to-save seeds for personal use
- 30 16. GMO seed labeling
- 31 17. defining CAFOs as industry
- 32 18. moratorium on CAFO construction/expansion
- 33 19. local control of CAFO siting
- 34 20. industrial hemp/cannabis production
- 35 21. farmer owned grain reserves
- 36 22. domestic ownership of farmland
- 37 23. commercial taxation of non-homestead livestock production
- 38 24. legal protection from pesticide/herbicide/GMO seed drift/contamination
- 39 25. public's right-to-know permit compliance/TRI
- 40 26. Master Matrix with environmental assessment
- 41 27. farmer owned marketing/processing facilities
- 42 28. strong odor nuisance regulation/enforcement
- 43 29. mandatory/enforced nutrient reduction strategy

- 44 30. banning manure applications to snow covered/frozen ground
- 45 31. allowing nuisance suits against factory farms
- 46 32. increasing CAFO inspections
- 47 33. digitized land records for manure management plans
- 48 34. constitutionally dedicated conservation funding
- 49 35. providing economic sustainability/financial security for independent family
- 50 farmers
- 51 36. protecting migrant workers in housing/health/education/protecting from
- 52 deportation

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54 We oppose:

- 55 37. vertical-integration of large-scale livestock production/corporate agriculture
- 56 38. "Ag-Gag" laws

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58 Livestock Management: Protecting Our Environment from Wasteful and Indiscriminate

59 Use

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61 We support:

- 62 39. eliminating CAFOs pollution-control property tax exemptions
- 63 40. reducing antibiotic use
- 64 41. humane animal treatment
- 65 42. fair livestock market access

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67 We oppose:

- 68 43. hormone use

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70 Food Supply & Safety: Ensuring a safe contaminant-free food supply and safety for food

71 processing workers

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73 We support:

- 74 44. strong safety/labeling requirements for foods including origin/processing
- 75 locations
- 76 45. access to locally grown, fresh/healthful foods
- 77 46. enacting laws to slow speed in packing house lines

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79 Energy: Combating Climate Change with Responsible Production & Use

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81 We support:

- 82 47. consulting BIPOC/frontline communities about a just transition to renewables
- 83 48. restoring all environmental protection rollbacks
- 84 49. rejoining the Paris Climate Accords
- 85 50. the Green New Deal
- 86 51. fossil fuel conversion to clean/renewable energy

- 87 52. 75% renewable energy by 2030
- 88 53. complete de-carbonization of the economy by 2050
- 89 54. electric vehicle infrastructure
- 90 55. higher CAFE standards
- 91 56. energy conservation
- 92 57. smart-grid improvement
- 93 58. net-metering without discriminatory fees/taxes
- 94 59. CPP
- 95 60. safe transport/storage of nuclear/fracking waste
- 96 61. regulating energy commodity speculation
- 97 62. extending geothermal/biomass/wind/solar energy subsidies
- 98 63. banning fracking/fracking waste disposal
- 99 64. the Clean Line
- 100 65. IRPS and FIT

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102 We oppose:

- 103 66. fossil-fuel/nuclear power subsidies
- 104 67. tar-sands oil/pet-coke/crude oil pipelines
- 105 68. coal power plant construction
- 106 69. deep-water/arctic oil drilling
- 107 70. oil drilling/lumbering/mining in national parks
- 108 71. reclassifying national monuments as private property

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110 Environment Stewardship and Livability: Placing Our Children's Future Above Corporate
111 Profits

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113 We support:

- 114 72. consulting Indigenous communities regarding land usage/water
115 management/air rights/energy
- 116 73. programs for monitoring/reducing emerging contaminants
- 117 74. designating the Loess Hills a National Reserve
- 118 75. amending Iowa's Constitution to provide environmental protections
- 119 76. prioritizing reduction while increasing reuse/recycling
- 120 77. municipally supported composting/recycling
- 121 78. enforcing EPA-IDNR-ESA-CAA-CWA regulations
- 122 79. fully funding REAP
- 123 80. enacting IEQA
- 124 81. banning neonicotinoid pesticides
- 125 82. expanding the bottle-bill
- 126 83. sequestering carbon
- 127 84. reclaiming mercury and lead
- 128 85. control of sand-mining siting
- 129 86. funding IWILL

130 87. permanent protection of ANWR

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132 We oppose:

133 88. lead/plastic shot

134 89. lead wheel-weights

135 90. corporate polluters' "grandfather" clauses

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137 Watershed Management: to return our streams, lakes, rivers and oceans to swimmable,
138 fishable conditions and protect our water supply.

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140 We support:

141 91. publicly owned/affordable clean water

142 92. incentivizing sustainable farming technologies/integrated watershed
143 management

144 93. amending CWA for "Point Source" to include intermittent
145 streams/aquifers/wetlands

146 94. completely accessible IDNR well data/testing

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

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151 We support:

152 95. "Smart Growth" planning

153 96. sustainable development

154 97. comprehensive access to public transit

155 98. LEED requirements for public buildings

156 99. low-emission building materials

157 100. preserving/replacing top-soil to an 8" depth for new development

158 101. notifying all landowners/residents within 2 miles BEFORE permitting CAFO

159 102. local citizens' balloted approval for fossil fuel pipelines

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161 We oppose:

162 103. subsidizing urban growth on farm/park lands

163 104. eminent domain for corporate/private use

164 105. annexation without a binding vote of the targeted residents/property owners

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166 ACRONYMS USED IN THIS SECTION

167 ADA – Americans with Disabilities Act

168 AFO – Animal Feed Operations

169 ANWR – Arctic National Wildlife Refuge

170 BIPOC – Black, Indigenous, and People of Color

171 CAA – Clean Air Act

172 CAFE – Corporate Automotive Fuel Economy

173 CAFO – Confined/Concentrated Animal Feeding Operation
174 Clean Line – electrical transmission lines to transport wind-generated electrical
175 energy from NW Iowa to Illinois
176 CPP – Clean Power Plan
177 CREP – Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program
178 CRP – Conservation Reserve Program
179 CSP – Conservation Services Program
180 CWA – Clean Water Act
181 EPA – Environmental Protection Act
182 ESA – Endangered Species Act
183 FIT – Feed-In Tariffs
184 GMO – Genetically Modified Organism
185 IDNR – Iowa Department of Natural Resources
186 IEQA – Iowa Environmental Quality Act
187 IRPS – Iowa Renewable Portfolio Standards
188 IWILL – Iowa's Water & Land Legacy
189 LEED – Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design
190 NRCS – Natural Resources Conservation Service
191 REAP – Resource Enhancement and Protection
192 SNAP – Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program
193 TRI – Toxic Release Inventory Program/chemical use reports
194 USDA – United States Department of Agriculture

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196 ECONOMY, COMMERCE, AND LABOR

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198 Collective Bargaining/Unions/Labor

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200 We support:

201 106. Fair-Share

202 107. prosecuting unfair labor practices

203 108. strengthening child labor laws

204 109. restoring/strengthening Chapter 20 protections

205 110. workers right to organize/join unions/strike (PRO act)

206 111. PLAs/LPAs

207 112. union apprenticeships and memberships

208 113. use of unions for infrastructure jobs/WPAs

209 114. EFCA

210 115. government entities purchasing US union-made products

211 116. Majority Sign-Up

212 117. federal jobs program (WPA)

213 118. NLRB/PERB

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215 We oppose:

- 216 119. recertification election requirements for public unions
- 217 120. privatizing public-sector jobs
- 218 121. right-to-work
- 219 122. union-busting
- 220 123. replacing laid-off/striking union workers

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222 Unemployment/Benefits

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224 We support:

- 225 124. unemployment benefits for all employees
- 226 125. reauthorizing long-term unemployment benefits

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228 We oppose:

- 229 126. waiting for WC/UE benefits

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231 Workers' Compensation/Safety

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233 We support:

- 234 127. considering bidders' safety records for government contracts
- 235 128. increased staffing and funding OSHA/MSHA/NIOSH
- 236 129. right to refuse unsafe work without retaliation
- 237 130. greater employee/union participation in OSHA inspections
- 238 131. workers' rights to select their medical providers for workplace injuries
- 239 132. restoring protections under Iowa Worker's Compensation Law

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241 Employment Practices

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243 We support:

- 244 133. whistleblower protections for employees
- 245 134. equal pay for equal work
- 246 135. paid FMLA for all employees
- 247 136. FLSA
- 248 137. removing barriers to proving employment discrimination
- 249 138. responsible, integrated strategies for automation related job loss to protect/retrain workers
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- 251 139. community-college based job training programs for displaced workers
- 252 140. "living wage" (as defined by MIT) replacing minimum wage
- 253 141. reducing executive and employee compensation inequity
- 254 142. proportionate wages/benefits for part-time workers
- 255 143. tipped workers receiving full minimum wage
- 256 144. paid vacation
- 257 145. local control of minimum wage raises

258 146. making all forms of wage theft and pension theft illegal with penalties and
259 support to enforce the law
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261 We oppose:

262 147. employment-at-will doctrine

263 148. unfair overtime practices

264 149. social networking identification/password as condition of employment

265 150. use of credit scores for employment decisions
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267 Retirement
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269 We support:

270 151. fully honored, secure, portable retirement

271 152. fully funding/protecting IPERS/FED/MFPRSI/RRB/FELA

272 153. maintaining IPERS as a defined benefit plan

273 154. COLA for publicly funded retirement programs

274 155. measuring the economy on how well human needs are met
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276 Government Policy
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278 We support:

279 156. expanding Davis-Bacon Act to include publicly-funded projects

280 157. defining responsible bidder for government contracts at the local level

281 158. net neutrality

282 159. creating an Iowa Public Bank

283 160. statewide broadband access

284 161. Dodd-Frank

285 162. 21st Century Glass-Steagall Act

286 163. the establishment of a national universal basic income

287 164. expansion of public mass-transit

288 165. equitable/transparent trade agreements

289 166. transparency/accountability of public funds granted to corporations

290 167. a federal jobs and infrastructure program employing Puerto Ricans

291 168. integration of people with disabilities in work places with equal work, pay and
292 opportunities
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294 We oppose:

295 169. renaming SS earned benefits as federal benefits

296 170. deregulating industry

297 171. fast-tracking trade agreements

298 172. privatizing the Post Office
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300 Taxes

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302 We support:

303 173. eliminating SS wage cap

304 174. taxing high-frequency trading

305 175. more progressive tax structure with a minimum top marginal bracket of 50%

306 176. estate tax beginning with \$2.5 million estates

307 177. increasing EITC/dependent exemptions

308 178. property tax credits that benefit low-income/veterans/elderly/disabled people

309 179. annual evaluation of tax credits

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311 We oppose:

312 180. tax breaks for companies outsourcing US jobs

313 181. increasing taxes on credit unions

314 182. off-shore tax shelters

315 183. corporate tax evasion

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317 Bankruptcy

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319 We support:

320 184. honoring full-pension benefits in the case of bankruptcy

321 185. listing employees as first-in-line creditors

322 186. removing barriers to discharging student loans

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324 Business Practices

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326 We support:

327 187. expanding antitrust analysis to consider market structure, concentration,
328 economic/political impact

329 188. incentives creating/retaining US jobs

330 189. capping annual interest rates on small consumer loans

331 190. regulating financial speculation

332 191. full disclosure of competing/conflicting interests in financial transactions

333 192. breaking up "too-big-to-fail" banks

334 193. protection against predatory lending

335 194. minimum 90% US-manufactured content required for "Made in USA" products

336 195. importer-financed quality inspections of all imports

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338 We oppose:

339 196. regulatory capture

340 197. corporate welfare

341 198. insurance credit scoring

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343 ACRONYMS USED IN THIS SECTION

344 AI – Artificial Intelligence
345 COLA – Cost of Living Adjustment
346 EFCA – Employee Free Choice Act
347 EITC – Earned Income Tax Credit
348 FED – Favorable Experience Dividend
349 FELA – Federal Employers Liability Act
350 FMLA – Family Medical Leave Act
351 FLSA – Fair Labor Standards Act
352 IPERS – Iowa Public Retirement System
353 LPA – Leased Purchase Agreement
354 MFPRSI – Municipal Fire and Police Retirement System of Iowa
355 MIT – Massachusetts Institute of Technology
356 MSHA – Mine Safety and Health Administration
357 NIOSH – National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health
358 NLRB – National Labor Relations Board
359 OSHA – Occupational Safety and Health Administration
360 PERB – Public Employees Relations Board
361 PLA – Project Labor Agreements
362 PRO – Protecting the Right to Organize
363 RRB – Railroad Retirement Benefits
364 SS – Social Security
365 TPA – Trade Promotion Authority
366 TPP – Trans-Pacific Partnership
367 UE – Unemployment
368 WC – Workman’s Compensation
369 WPA – Works Progress Administration

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371 EDUCATION

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373 We support:

- 374 199. a more equitable method for funding public schools
375 200. eliminating racial disparities in discipline policies
376 201. efforts to attract and retain educators from underrepresented populations
377 202. a safe and inclusive education environment that protects students from
378 harassment, bias, and retaliation
379 203. recognition of individual religious liberty while opposing any form of school
380 sanctioned religious practice
381 204. reinstatement of Title IX protection against discrimination based on gender
382 identity
383 205. utilization of a voluntary diversity plan regarding open enrollment
384 206. all educational institutions serving as sanctuaries for undocumented students
385 207. State Supplemental Aid (SSA) increases of no less than 4 1/2 percent

- 386 208. allocating funding for on site, adequate educational support staff, including but
387 not limited to:
388 a) librarians
389 b) nurses
390 c) licensed mental health providers
391 209. adequate and sustainable funding to support students who:
392 d) have mental health needs
393 e) are living in poverty
394 f) are English language learners
395 g) have disabilities
396 h) are at risk of dropping out
397 i) are gifted
398 210. restoring funding to AEAs for special education
399 211. all public PreK-12/higher-education, non-administrative,
400 salaries/benefits/pensions above national average
401 212. a competitive living wage for education support staff
402 213. access to unemployment benefits for non-instructional staff who experience
403 seasonal layoffs
404 214. providing a well-rounded education that includes access to the arts, music,
405 physical education, career technical education, and foreign language
406 215. age-level appropriate technology and instruction for pre K-12 students
407 216. medically accurate, fact-based, age appropriate, sex education in all public
408 schools (including LGBTQIA+, non-binary)
409 217. programs which promote all four literacy skills: listening, speaking, reading and
410 writing (including cursive)
411 218. thorough and fact-based approach to the teaching of science and American,
412 Indigenous and world history
413 219. maintaining the highest standards for teacher certification
414 220. home schooling requiring the support of a district-assigned certified teacher
415 through an accredited school
416 221. universal free high quality preschool for all 4- and 5-year-old children
417 222. free nutritious breakfast and lunch for all students
418 223. adequate transportation for all children (pre k-12)
419 224. changing the TLC system so that it encourages the best teachers to stay in the
420 classroom and engage with students
421 225. free tuition for:
422 a) vocational programs
423 b) regent state universities
424 c) community colleges
425 226. student loan forgiveness
426 227. bankruptcy protections for student loan borrowers
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428 We oppose:

- 429 228. religious bias in publicly-funded education
- 430 229. any diversion/allocation of public education dollars to any private or charter
- 431 school that can deny access to services to any student due to disability,
- 432 religious beliefs, race, ethnicity, citizenship status, sexual orientation or gender
- 433 identity
- 434 230. using tax dollars to fund PK-12 private schools through methods including:
- 435 a) vouchers
- 436 b) education savings accounts
- 437 c) tuition tax credits
- 438 d) charter school pre-tax plans
- 439 231. allocation of public education dollars to for-profit educational institutions
- 440 232. unfunded mandates for school districts and education professionals
- 441 233. lowering standards for teacher licensure
- 442 234. merit pay
- 443 235. arming school employees
- 444 236. conflict of interest from politicians/representatives/spouses who financially
- 445 benefit from private school funding
- 446 237. the school to prison pipeline

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448 ACRONYMS USED IN THIS SECTION

449 TLC – Teacher Leadership and Compensation

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GOVERNMENT

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453 Controlled Substances

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455 We support:

456 238. classifying addiction as a disease to be treated medically

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458 Statehood

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460 We support:

461 239. self-determination for all U.S. territories

462 240. statehood and full democracy for the District of Columbia

463 241. giving citizens of all U.S. territories the same unalienable rights as all U.S.

464 citizens

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466 Religion

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468 We support:

469 242. the Constitutional right of freedom of, or from, religion

470 243. the complete separation between religion and government

471 244. rigorous enforcement of regulations on tax-exempt religious institutions,
472 including the Johnson Amendment

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474 We oppose:

475 245. Christian Nationalism

476 246. theocracy

477 247. RFRA/laws/organizations weaponizing religious beliefs

478 248. opening legislative sessions with prayer

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480 Criminal Justice Reform

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482 We support:

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484 249. restoration of voting rights after time served

485 250. human/voting rights of incarcerated people

486 251. full funding of public legal services

487 252. "Ban the Box"

488 253. reducing prison populations

489 254. nonpartisan merit selection of judges

490 255. restorative justice

491 256. creation of diverse and independent citizen review boards with authority

492 257. separating law enforcement from immigration enforcement

493 258. federal standards for use of force

494 259. the right to record interactions with police

495 260. funding reentry programs

496 261. federal Pell Grant eligibility for incarcerated people regardless of
497 offense/sentence length

498 262. gender-responsive practices for all incarcerated/detained persons, including
499 women and transgender/gender-variant/nonbinary individuals and ensuring all
500 body searches are conducted by staff of the incarcerated/detained person's
501 preferred gender

502 263. data collection/reporting of racial equity in pretextual traffic stops and
503 arrest/sentencing for marijuana possession

504 264. decriminalizing

505 a) sex work

506 b) homelessness

507 c) poverty

508 d) mental health crises

509 e) disability

510 f) HIV status

511 g) addiction

512 h) migration

513 265. accredited basic adult/higher education funding/access for all incarcerated
514 people

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516 We oppose:

517 266. capital punishment

518 267. life sentences without parole

519 268. defendants paying for court-appointed attorneys

520 269. private prisons

521 270. charging incarcerated people for their incarceration

522 271. cash bail

523 272. mandatory minimum sentencing

524 273. racial profiling

525 274. pretextual stops

526 275. police militarization

527 276. solitary confinement

528 277. the 1994 Crime Bill

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530 Campaigns, Elections, and American Institutions

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532 We support:

533 278. Automatic/Same-Day Voter Registration

534 279. NPVIC

535 280. OCE/RVRA/IRV/RCV

536 281. absentee/early-voting

537 282. mandatory election audits

538 283. truth in political advertising

539 284. 5-year lobbying ban on Federal/State elected/appointed officials

540 285. election Day as a federal holiday

541 286. comprehensive congressional-ethics/CEC-reform

542 287. mandatory release of state/national candidates' tax-returns as condition of
543 ballot inclusion

544 288. a full funded, independent judicial branch

545 289. government transparency

546 290. standardizing election poll-supervision, ballot type/tabulation

547 291. re-examining [501(c)(4)] political-activity

548 292. requiring political activity transparency, including funding

549 293. open-source software/paper-trailed voting-systems

550 294. VOICE/publicly funded elections

551 295. limiting campaigning-time

552 296. regulation of social media

553 297. term limits for all elected officials

554 298. a complete and accurate census

555 299. improving the caucus process

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557 We oppose:

558 300. Citizens United

559 301. superdelegates

560 302. Super-PACs

561 303. official languages

562 304. gerrymandering, including prison gerrymandering

563 305. National Constitutional Convention

564 306. Voter ID and other voter suppression laws

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566 Gun Control

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568 We support:

569 307. firearm purchase age of 21

570 308. changing concealed weapons permits in Iowa from “shall permit” to “may
571 permit”

572 309. “Red Flag” Legislation

573 310. VAWA

574 311. current “gun-free zones”

575 312. expansion of NICS

576 313. registration on all firearms

577 314. funding CDC research on gun violence

578 315. assault weapons ban

579 316. mandatory waiting period before all firearm purchases

580 317. requiring all gun owners to carry liability insurance

581 318. a time-limited license with competency check for anyone who uses a firearm

582 319. mandatory reporting of lost/stolen firearms

583 320. funding government buy-back program

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585 We oppose:

586 321. the sale/possession/use of all firearms and magazines/clips capable of firing
587 more than 10 rounds ammunition

588 322. devices that convert a weapon to automatic firing mode

589 323. Iowa becoming an “Open Carry” state and reciprocity laws

590 324. gag order on doctors talking about gun violence/prevention with patients

591 325. “Thoughts and Prayers” as a legislative resolution to gun violence

592 326. “Stand your Ground” and “Guns for Tots” laws

593 327. adding “Strict Scrutiny” language to the Iowa Constitution

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595 Human Rights

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597 We support:

598 328. expanding/protecting/upholding tenants’ rights

- 599 329. strengthening fair housing law/enforcement
- 600 330. safe and affordable housing
- 601 331. full public ownership and management of utilities
- 602 332. reclassifying the Internet as a public utility
- 603 333. community-led public health and safety agendas
- 604 334. LGBTQIA+ persons as a protected class
- 605 335. gender-neutral markers on all forms of government-issued identification
- 606 336. the right of transgender/non-binary persons to use the restroom, locker room, or
- 607 other gender-separated public accommodation which best aligns with their
- 608 expressed gender identity
- 609 337. automatic, consensual co-parent recognition of same-gender/non-binary
- 610 couples
- 611 338. incarcerated individuals being placed in a facility which best aligns with their
- 612 expressed gender identity
- 613 339. transgender or intersex persons' rights to pass through airport security or
- 614 security at national points-of-entry without being forced to undergo
- 615 humiliating/sexually degrading security measures
- 616 340. requiring public and private insurance options/policies to cover transition-related
- 617 HRT and gender-affirming surgeries
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619 We oppose:

- 620 341. surgical requirement for transgender/non-binary persons to change the sex
- 621 marker on any government-issued identification
- 622 342. compelling anyone to divulge the sexual orientation and/or gender identity of a
- 623 minor under their supervision to that minor's parent(s) or legal guardian(s)
- 624 343. banning LGBTQIA+ individuals from military service
- 625 344. prohibiting LGBTQIA+ individuals from donating blood/tissue/organs on the
- 626 basis of sexual orientation, gender identity, or sexual activity
- 627 345. involuntary surgical intervention/compulsory prescription of hormone treatment
- 628 for intersex individuals (including newborns), or individuals with ambiguous
- 629 genitalia
- 630 346. involuntarily disclosing gender identity/expression on government documents
- 631 347. white supremacy
- 632 348. terrorism
- 633 349. human trafficking
- 634 350. systemic discrimination
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636 Reproductive and Sexual Justice

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638 We support:

- 639 351. a permanent line item in the Iowa state budget allocating funding for victim
- 640 services at \$6.7 million or more
- 641 352. eliminating the statute of limitations for sexual assault and violence

- 642 353. expanding middle and high school health education curriculums to include
- 643 information about consent and dating violence
- 644 354. healthcare access for victims of sexual abuse and assault, regardless of
- 645 whether or not a crime is reported
- 646 355. access to contraceptives
- 647 356. Roe v. Wade
- 648 357. Planned Parenthood

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650 We oppose:

- 651 358. discriminatory practices that belittle, ignore, or dehumanize the suffering of
- 652 LGBTQ+, minority, and male victims

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654 Immigration

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656 We support:

- 657 359. comprehensive immigration reform
- 658 360. a fair and achievable path to citizenship
- 659 361. raising the refugee cap
- 660 362. expanding legal immigration
- 661 363. reducing the family reunification backlog
- 662 364. making Iowa a welcoming place for all
- 663 365. DACA/DAPA

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665 We oppose:

- 666 366. family separation
- 667 367. unnecessary immigration detentions
- 668 368. exclusionary policies based on race, religion, and nationality

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670 Tax reform

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672 We support:

- 673 369. requiring wealthy and large businesses to pay more (repeal federal and similar
- 674 Iowa tax cuts benefitting this group)
- 675 370. bolstering the Social Security Fund (such as raising cap)
- 676 371. legislation allocating revenue for:
 - 677 a) infrastructure improvements
 - 678 b) healthcare access
- 679 372. state funds deposited in state chartered banks only

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681 We oppose:

- 682 373. regressive taxes

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684 ACRONYMS USED IN THIS SECTION

685 CDC – Centers for Disease Control
686 CEC – Citizens Election Council
687 IRV – Instant Runoff Voting
688 NICS – National Instant Criminal Background Check System
689 NPVIC – National Popular Vote Interstate Compact
690 OCE – Office of Congressional Ethics
691 RCV – Ranked Choice Voting
692 RFRA – Religious Freedom Restoration Acts
693 RVRA – Restoring Voting Rights Act
694 VAWA – Violence Against Women Act
695 VOICE – Voter Owned Iowa Clean Election

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697 HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

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699 General

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701 We support:

- 702 374. the fastest approach to full universal healthcare that achieves lower costs and
703 increases overall health and outcomes
704 375. single payer healthcare like Medicare for All that covers mental/dental/vision
705 and eliminates duplicative private healthcare coverage
706 376. medical end-of-life options, including aid-in-dying for terminally ill, mentally
707 capable adults and emancipated minors
708 377. expanding medical cannabis access and research
709 378. cannabis legalization, expunging related charges/convictions, and reinvestment
710 into communities most affected by the war on drugs
711 379. clean water, housing, and food security as basic human rights
712 380. increasing scrutiny of abuse/neglect cases
713 381. maintaining existing state licensing for medical professionals
714 382. prioritizing preventive care
715 383. expanded funding for low income and accessible housing
716 384. increasing human services employees and volunteers
717 385. the CROWN Act

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719 We oppose:

- 720 386. disparate treatment based on personal/political/religious bias by medical and
721 pharmaceutical professionals
722 387. non-medical vaccine exemptions
723 388. denying undocumented individuals access to services and coverage

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725 Mental Health, Addiction, Disability, and Long-Term Support

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727 We support:

- 728 389. mental health (MH/MI) parity
- 729 390. increasing funding for quality, well staffed, and consumer-controlled HCBS for
- 730 elderly, disability, MH/MI, and addiction services
- 731 391. savings plans for future disability services/needs
- 732 392. least restrictive settings
- 733 393. restoring and expanding MH/MI facilities
- 734 394. undoing institutional basis of LTSS on proposed DIA
- 735 395. fair compensation, training and supervision for direct-care/in-home caregivers
- 736 396. increasing staff-to-resident ratios in LTC facilities and tax credits for family
- 737 caregivers
- 738 397. restoring funds for LTCO
- 739 398. funding for respite services
- 740 399. decriminalizing drug possession/usage
- 741 400. creating supervised injection sites
- 742 401. funding science-based research into psychedelic/psychotropic drugs to address
- 743 MH/MI
- 744 402. prioritizing accessibility and inclusivity

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746 Children, Families, and LGBTQIA+ Rights

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748 We support:

- 749 403. high quality universal childcare services for all
- 750 404. sufficient funding/services for:
 - 751 a) child welfare and MH/MI systems
 - 752 b) child and maternal health programs
 - 753 c) financial support for families in need
 - 754 d) prevention of child abuse and neglect
 - 755 e) Child Death Review Team services
 - 756 f) family based services to reduce reliance on congregate and foster care
- 757 405. adequate supervision and timely inspection of all child-care centers
- 758 406. effective enforcement of child support obligations
- 759 407. funding evidence-based child protection services
- 760 408. government funded agency-led employment programs for non-custodial parents
- 761 409. minimum 6 months paid parental leave
- 762 410. a person's right to make their own reproductive choices
- 763 411. Planned Parenthood funding
- 764 412. student access to free barrier-based contraceptives in schools

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766 We oppose:

- 767 413. religious exemptions for parents/guardians guilty of child abuse/neglect
- 768 414. reducing funding and decreasing access to reproductive healthcare, birth
- 769 control, and abortion
- 770 415. the fetal heartbeat bill

- 771 416. parental notification requirements for minors seeking contraceptives/abortions
- 772 417. conversion/reparative/reorientation therapy
- 773 418. medically unnecessary surgeries on intersex infants/children
- 774 419. mandating ultrasounds before abortions

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776 Reimbursement and Coverage

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778 We support:

- 779 420. long-term funding for Medicare, Medicaid, Iowa DHS, and VA benefits
- 780 421. expanding Medicare/Medicaid to include assisted living
- 781 422. increasing Medicare/Medicaid reimbursement to providers
- 782 423. contraceptives, abortions, and infertility services coverage
- 783 424. nonbinary/intersex/transgender-related healthcare coverage
- 784 425. allowing CMS and other government programs to negotiate with pharmaceutical
- 785 companies
- 786 426. regulating healthcare prices
- 787 427. setting price caps on pharmaceuticals
- 788 428. preventing pharmaceutical companies from increasing costs by:
 - 789 a) removing drugs from the market
 - 790 b) limiting production
 - 791 c) denying access to specific consumers
- 792 429. equal access to affordable generic and brand name drugs based on individual
- 793 needs
- 794 430. affordable and accessible STD/STI/HIV/AIDs testing and treatment

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796 We oppose:

- 797 431. profit-based healthcare reimbursement
- 798 432. privatization of Medicare/Medicaid
- 799 433. discrimination against patients based on coverage source
- 800 434. reduced funding for Medicare and Medicaid
- 801 435. pharmaceutical marketing/ads targeting non-medical professionals

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803 ACRONYMS USED IN THIS SECTION

- 804 ACA – The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PL 111-148) of 2010,
- 805 colloquially known as "Obamacare"
- 806 CMS – Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services
- 807 CROWN Act – Creating a Respectful and Open World for Natural Hair
- 808 DHS – Department of Human Services
- 809 DIA – Disability Integration Act
- 810 EHR – Electronic Health Record
- 811 HCBS – Home and Community-Based Services
- 812 HIV/AIDs – Human Immunodeficiency Virus/ Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome

813 LGBTQIA+ – Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Questioning/Queer, Intersex,
814 Asexual
815 LTC – Long Term Care
816 LTCO – Long-Term Care Ombudsman
817 LTSS – Long Term Support Services
818 MH/MI – Mental Health and Mental Illness
819 MSW – Masters of Social Work
820 STD/STI – Sexually Transmitted Diseases/Sexually Transmitted Infections
821 VA – Veterans Administrations

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INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

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825 Peace

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827 We support:

828 436. diplomacy first/peaceful conflict resolution/multilateral solutions to international
829 problems

830 437. promoting human dignity, improving education, and reducing
831 hunger/disease/poverty

832 438. territorial integrity of all nations

833 439. cultural/educational exchange programs

834 440. promoting equality

835 441. ending violence against women/racial/religious/sexual/gender minorities

836 442. ending human trafficking/prosecuting traffickers and solicitors /protecting
837 survivors

838 443. free/fair/open elections

839 444. UN obligations

840 445. CRC/abolishing torture/cruel, inhumane, or degrading treatment of children

841 446. peaceful resolution negotiated between the people of Israel and Palestine

842 447. promoting clean/alternative/nuclear energy globally

843 448. NATO security alliances

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845 We oppose:

846 449. US-sponsored regime changes/coups/juntas/unelected governments

847 450. racial/religious/sex/gender-identity persecution including torture/genital
848 mutilation/honor killings/forced marriage/rape/property

849 confiscation/murder/genocide

850 451. criminalization/discrimination of the LGBTQIA+

851 452. foreign interference/donations into US campaigns/direct payments to politicians

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853 Military

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855 We support:

- 856 453. repealing 2001/2002 AUMF
- 857 454. limiting military expansion/misuse of funds
- 858 455. enhancing VA Hospitals
- 859 456. programs to support livelihood/housing/skills/employment/physical and mental
- 860 health of soldiers/veterans and families
- 861 457. returning troops from combat zones
- 862 458. limited military action/deployment with Congressional consent/international
- 863 cooperation/clear, imminent and ascertainable threat
- 864 459. preventing cyber attacks/hacking/election interference
- 865 460. punitive measures for war criminals/use of unnecessary
- 866 force/torture/discrimination violations
- 867 461. closing Guantanamo Bay detention facilities
- 868

869 We oppose:

- 870 462. war with Iran
- 871 463. continued deployment to Middle East
- 872 464. unnecessary drone attacks
- 873 465. contracting/privatizing military efforts
- 874 466. use of child soldiers
- 875

876 Nuclear

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878 We support:

- 879 467. multilateral agreement with Iran/North Korea/aggressive states to block
- 880 development of weapons-grade uranium
- 881

882 We oppose:

- 883 468. nuclear weapons
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885 We support:

- 886 469. global efforts to prevent nuclear war/nuclear weapons/hypersonic missiles
- 887 470. new START/NPT
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889 Immigration

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891 We support:

- 892 471. humane treatment and due process rights for all
- 893 immigrants/minors/undocumented
- 894 472. UN Convention Relating to the Status of Refugees
- 895 473. increasing pathways to citizenship/access to visas/refugees
- 896 474. TPS/asylum seekers
- 897

898 We oppose:

- 899 475. detention/imprisonment/inhumane treatment of children/refugees/immigrants
- 900 476. border walls
- 901 477. bans based on country of origin/religion

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903 Trade

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905 We support:

906 478. strike

907 479. fair trade

908 480. labor and environmental commitments surpassing TPP standards

909 481. raising taxes on corporations multi-laterally

910 482. prosecuting corporations for environmental/ethical misconduct

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912 We oppose:

913 483. economic exploitation/imperialism

914 484. punitive tariffs/sanctions

915 485. trade wars

916 486. tax havens

917 487. unfair wages/forced labor/modern slavery/child labor

918 488. currency manipulation

919 489. intellectual property and patent theft

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921 ACRONYMS USED IN THIS SECTION

922 AUMF – Authorization for Use of Military Force

923 CRC – Convention on the Rights of the Child

924 DACA – Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals

925 ICE – Immigration and Customs Enforcement

926 LGBTQIA+ – Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer/Questioning, Intersex,

927 Asexual/Agender, and Community

928 NATO – North Atlantic Treaty Organization

929 NPT – Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons

930 START – Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty

931 TPP – Trans-Pacific Partnership

932 TPS – Temporary Protected Status

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5 AGRICULTURE, ENERGY & ENVIRONMENT
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7 Energy: Combating Climate Change with Responsible Production & Use

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9 We support:

- 10 1. **[MINORITY REPORT TO ADD A NEW PLANK UNDER WE SUPPORT]**
11 research on the medical safety of wind energy
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13 We oppose:

- 14 2. **[MINORITY REPORT TO ADD A NEW PLANK UNDER WE OPPOSE]** nuclear
15 power plant construction and subsidies
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17 ECONOMY, COMMERCE, AND LABOR
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19 Employment Practices
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21 We support:

- 22 3. **[MINORITY REPORT TO ADD A NEW PLANK UNDER WE SUPPORT]**
23 nonpunitive paid family/medical/parental leave
24 4. **[MINORITY REPORT TO REPLACE “paid vacation” WITH]** paid vacation for
25 all employees
26 5. local control of minimum wage raises
27 6. making all forms of wage theft and pension theft illegal with penalties and
28 support to enforce the law
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30 Government Policy
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32 We support:

- 33 7. **[MINORITY REPORT TO STRIKE “the establishment of a national universal**
34 **basic income”]**
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36 Taxes
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38 We oppose:

- 39 8. **[MINORITY REPORT TO ADD A NEW PLANK UNDER WE OPPOSE]** raising
40 sales tax to lower income tax
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42 EDUCATION
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44 We support:

- 45 9. **[MINORITY REPORT TO ADD A NEW PLANK UNDER WE SUPPORT]**
46 requiring school districts to fully disclose to the public their infrastructure plans
47 prior to the vote on whether to implement sales tax increases
48 10. **[MINORITY REPORT TO STRIKE** “home schooling requiring the support of a
49 district-assigned certified teacher through an accredited school”]
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51 GOVERNMENT

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53 Statehood

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55 We support:

- 56 11. **[MINORITY REPORT TO REPLACE** “giving citizens of all U.S. territories the
57 same unalienable rights as all U.S. citizens” **WITH]** giving inhabitants of all U.S.
58 territories the same unalienable rights as all U.S. citizens
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60 Campaigns, Elections, and American Institutions

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62 We support:

- 63 12. **[MINORITY REPORT TO ADD A NEW PLANK UNDER WE SUPPORT]** a
64 more representative state being first in presidential primaries
65 13. **[MINORITY REPORT TO ADD A NEW PLANK UNDER WE SUPPORT]**
66 reducing voting age to 16
67 14. **[MINORITY REPORT TO STRIKE** “standardizing election poll-supervision,
68 ballot type/tabulation”]
69 15. **[MINORITY REPORT TO STRIKE** “term limits for all elected officials”]
70 16. **[MINORITY REPORT TO STRIKE** “a complete and accurate census”]
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72 Gun Control

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74 We support:

- 75 17. **[MINORITY REPORT TO STRIKE** “firearm purchase age of 21”]
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77 Human Rights

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79 We support:

- 80 18. **[MINORITY REPORT TO STRIKE** “full public ownership and management of
81 utilities”]
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83 HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

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85 General

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87 We support:

- 88 19. **[MINORITY REPORT TO ADD A NEW PLANK UNDER WE SUPPORT]** a
89 Medicare or ACA buy-in option
90 20. **[MINORITY REPORT TO REPLACE** “cannabis legalization, expunging related
91 charges/convictions, and reinvestment into communities most affected by the
92 war on drugs” **WITH]** marijuana legalization, expunging related
93 charges/convictions, and reinvestment into communities most affected by the
94 war on drugs

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96 Reimbursement and Coverage

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98 We oppose:

- 99 21. **[MINORITY REPORT TO STRIKE** “profit-based healthcare reimbursement”]
100 22. **[MINORITY REPORT TO STRIKE** “pharmaceutical marketing/ads targeting
101 non-medical professionals”]

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INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

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105 Nuclear

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107 We oppose:

- 108 23. **[MINORITY REPORT TO REPLACE** “nuclear weapons” **WITH]** We support:
109 “no-first-use” of nuclear weapons pledge

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111 Immigration

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113 We support:

- 114 24. **[MINORITY REPORT TO ADD A NEW PLANK UNDER WE SUPPORT]**
115 inalienable, sacred, 14th Amendment right of families to stay together