

**Democratic Party of Washington County**  
**Central Committee – Minutes of the March 14, 2018 Special Meeting**  
**Held at Tualatin Valley Fire and Rescue Station 50 – 12617 SW Walnut St., Tigard, OR 97223**

**6:41 – Call to Order:** Chair Louise Currin called the meeting to order. Secretary Patrick Maguire recorded the minutes. Central Committee members were present as indicated in the attendance log, and a quorum was found to be present. **Agenda:** The agenda was announced as only concerning adoption of the county platform.

**6:45 – Consideration of the County Platform:**

- **Consent Agenda Motion** – Dan Jensen moved to “handle the platform and LAI’s as a consent agenda.” The motion passed.
- **Special Rule Motion** – Jeremy Likens moved to “limit debate to 60 seconds per person and that calling the question is not in order until 3 people from each side have spoken or until one side has no more speakers left.” Steve Hall moved to amend the previous motion to include “and each person only be allowed to speak once per subject.” The amendment passed. The main motion passed.
- **Proposed Changes** – Veronica Williams announced an intent to move changes to Article 4:1, 4:2, 4:13, 5:5, 6:Preamble, 6:9, 10:1, 10:15, and 10:16. Garrett Fleenor announced an intent to move changes to Article 9:9. No further changes were requested.
- **Article 4: Plank 1** – Veronica Williams moved to rewrite plank 1 as follows: a. delete “We demand that” b. Begin with: “Public funding...” c. Insert “should” between “education” and “be provided.” Dan Jensen moved to amend the proposal to eliminate the word “should.” The amendment failed. The main motion failed.
- **Article 4: Plank 2** – Veronica Williams moved to rewrite plank 2 as follows: a. delete “We insist that” b. begin with: “Education and career...” c. insert “should” between universities and be. Dan Jensen moved to remove the “should.” The amendment failed. The main motion failed.
- **Article 4: Plank 13** – Veronica Williams moved to rewrite plank 13 as follows: a. delete “We insist that” b. begin with: “Charter and virtual” c. insert “must” between “funds” and “be.” The main motion passed.
- **Article 5: Plank 5** – Veronica Williams withdrew her amendment proposal.
- **Article 6: Preamble** – Veronica Williams moved to rewrite the preamble as follows: rewrite 1st sentence to read: “Washington County Democrats believe in” rather than “demand.” The motion failed.
- **Article 6: Plank 9** – Veronica Williams moved to rewrite plank 9 as follows: replace “demand all elected” with “request all elected.” Judith Wightman moved to amend the proposal by substituting “require” for “request.” The amendment passed. Keith Haxton moved an amendment to also add “representing Washington County” between “officials” and “make.” The amendment passed. The main motion passed.
- **Article 9: Plank 9** – Garrett Fleenor moved to eliminate plank 9 entirely. The motion passed.
- **Article 10: Plank 1** – Veronica Williams moved to rewrite plank 1 as follows: rewrite to read: “We support a two-state solution of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, negotiated directly by the parties, that guarantees Israel’s future as a secure and democratic state with recognized borders. It must provide the Palestinians with independence, sovereignty, and dignity - ensuring

the Palestinians are free to govern themselves in their own viable state, in peace." The amendment failed.

- **Article 10: Plank 7** – Veronica Williams moved to rewrite plank 7 as follows: a. delete "We demand that" b. write as: "The US must honor ratified treaties, support the United Nations, and work..." Melanie Keebler moved to end debate. The motion to end debate passed. The main motion passed.
- **Article 10: Plank 15** – Veronica Williams moved to delete plank 15. The motion passed.
- **Article 10: Plank 16** – Veronica Williams moved to delete plank 16. The motion passed.
- **Article 5: Plank 2** – Steve Hall moved to suspend the rules to allow an additional amendment. The motion passed. Sal Casteñeda moved to replace the first clause of plank 2 with: "There shall be no profit from criminal incarceration;" The motion passed.
- **Article 5: Plank 12** – Sal Casteñeda moved to replace the plank with: "All inmates shall receive the same quality of healthcare as the public." The motion passed.
- **Article 6: Plank 10** – Sal Casteñeda moved to rewrite the plank as "Incarcerated citizens and those convicted of criminal offenses shall retain their voting rights." The motion passed.
- **Additions:** Intentions were announced to move additions to Article 1 (Farrah Chaichi), Article 9 (Amelia Nestler), Article 9 (Cody Climer), Article 10 (Veronica Williams), Article 10 (Keith Haxton), and Article 10 (Jeremy Likens).
- **On Reparations** – Farrah Chaichi moved to add to Article 1 a new plank: "In recognition of the grave atrocities including the Trans-Atlantic slave trade and extending to the present-day police killings of people of color, we support reparations." The motion passed.
- **On Open-Source Election Software** – Amelia Nestler moved to add to Article 9 a new plank: "Election software should be free and open source." Garrett Fleenor moved to amend the proposal by adding "hardware and" after "election." The amendment passed. The main motion passed.
- **On Software Copyrights** – Cody Climer moved to add a new plank to Article 9: "Software should be protected by copyright rather than patent law." The motion failed.
- **On the Return of Armed Forces** – Keith Haxton moved to add a new plank to Article 10: "We demand that the US bring home all troops stationed abroad who are not currently serving as part of a UN or NATO-backed peacekeeping mission." Veronica Williams moved to amend the proposal to read instead: "We should significantly reduce the number of US troops stationed abroad who are not currently serving as part of a NATO or UN-backed peacekeeping mission." The amendment passed. The main motion passed.
- **On Nation-Building** – Jeremy Likens moved to add a new plank to Article 10: "We oppose the military policies of nation-building and regime change." Keith Haxton moved to replace the word "building" with "destroying." The amendment failed. The main motion passed.
- **On Unilateral Military Action** – Jeremy Likens moved to add a new plank to Article 10: "We believe the US should avoid acting unilaterally in military affairs overseas." The motion passed.
- **On the Israeli-Palestinian Two-State Solution** – Will Hobbs moved to add a new plank to Article 10: "We support a two-state solution of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, negotiated directly by the parties, that guarantees Israel's future as a secure and democratic state with recognized borders. It must provide the Palestinians with independence, sovereignty, and dignity - ensuring the Palestinians are free to govern themselves in their own viable state, in peace." Farrah

Chaichi moved to remove the term “two-state” from the proposal. The amendment passed. David Coburn moved to remove all words after “parties.” The amendment passed. The main motion passed.

- **Final Vote on Platform As Amended** – Garrett Fleenor moved to approve the platform as amended. The motion passed and the platform was approved. The platform as approved is appended to these minutes.
- **Final Vote on Legislative Action Items** – Jeremy Likens moved to approve the LAI’s as presented without amendment. The motion passed and the LAI’s were approved. The Legislative Action Items as approved are appended to these minutes.

**9:20 – Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 pm.

*These minutes were prepared by Patrick Maguire, Secretary of the Democratic Party of Washington County. Please contact the Secretary by email to suggest any needed corrections at [secretary@washcodems.org](mailto:secretary@washcodems.org).*

# 2018 Platform

## Democratic Party of Washington County

As Approved at the March 14, 2018 Special Meeting of the Central Committee

### Preamble

We, the members of the Democratic Party of Washington County, recognize the unique moment we find ourselves in. Creating a more equal and sustainable society now, and for generations to come is our highest aspiration. We commit to creating that society in which there is opportunity for everyone.

We recognize that so much of our happiness and privilege today is a result of the suffering and subjection of others. We condemn the long legacy of racial, religious, and other ethnic prejudice, subjugation, segregation, and exploitation of communities of color that is still too prevalent. We aim to correct this historical wrong with empathy and understanding. We aim to counteract the institutions that perpetuate those many forms of hate and discrimination today with affirmative action in support of liberty and justice for all.

We recognize that the inherent dignity and inalienable rights possessed by all member of humanity is the foundation of our shared freedom, of justice and of peace in the world. We recognize our rights and responsibilities to each other, as residents of our local, state, national and global communities.

As Washington County Democrats we promise to uphold these values in the face of opposition, and we will work tirelessly to carry them into law. This platform is a guide to the principles and positions of our party; we welcome all who share them to join us in our struggle for progress and democracy.

### Article I: Ensuring Our Human Rights

Washington County Democrats believe all persons have a right to adequate food, secure housing, quality health care, clean air and water, equal opportunity to vote, freedom from servitude, freedom of movement, quality education, personal security, the opportunity to succeed, marriage to whomever they love, and death with dignity. We believe in the right of all individuals to be treated with dignity and respect.

1. We believe in the right to housing and strong tenant protections.
2. We are opposed to the death penalty.
3. We believe women's rights are human rights.
4. We believe GLBTQIANB rights are human rights.
5. We believe Washington County and its cities must provide universal access to public services for their residents.
6. We assert that no person should be subjected to arbitrary interference with their privacy, family, home, or correspondence and we oppose violations of these principles by any government or private agency.
7. We affirm the right of all persons to self-determination with regard to gender identity and sex, and to be free from coercion and involuntary assignment of gender or sex
8. We support the use of domestic and international aid programs to promote human rights, promote welfare of residents, protect the environment and follow established laws and norms.

9. We stand opposed to any attempt to compromise these rights in particular in the name of governmental convenience or security.
10. In recognition of the grave atrocities including the Trans-Atlantic slave trade and extending to the present-day police killings of people of color, we support reparations.

## **Article II: Economic Justice and Stability**

Washington County Democrats value a fair and stable economy where everyone has the opportunity to a good life. We hold that all workers deserve a living wage and the right to unionize, and that taxation and social spending should ensure greater equality. We believe taxation and revenue policies should reflect the economic needs and conditions of our region and should be governed by the principles of transparency, fairness, and efficiency. Actions to reduce taxes paid must consider potential impacts on education and social services.

1. We support an economy that ensures living wage jobs by increasing the minimum wage to no less than \$15 per hour.
2. We support equal pay for equal work and oppose wage inequalities.
3. We affirm the right of all workers, public and private, to organize for collective bargaining, fair work rules and hiring practices, just cause protection of employment, and safe working conditions free of intimidation and coercion, and we oppose any legislation that would restrict these rights.
4. We believe all Oregon workers have the right to a dignified and secure retirement.
5. We believe corporations must function as ethically run, responsibly regulated, and progressively taxed entities that contribute their fair share to Oregon's economic prosperity.
6. We recognize the importance of Oregon's agricultural sector and encourage sustainable management of land and natural resources.
7. We believe in supporting small businesses by removing unnecessary barriers to starting new businesses.
8. We believe financial institutions that are too big to fail are detrimental to the functioning of our economy, and support efforts to enforce the Sherman Antitrust Act with respect to monopolistic corporations, and reinstatement of Glass-Steagall..
9. We believe in a progressive tax structure and transparent, responsible spending policies that build a prosperous and stable society for everyone and promote the common good.
10. We believe special tax incentives for business development should include evidence of measurable benefits to the community.
11. We believe taxation and spending policies should be used to promote social equity and lift people out of poverty.
12. We oppose predatory loans, high interest rates and excessive fees.

## **Article III: Health Care for All**

Washington County Democrats believe that healthcare is a human right and should be available to all those who need it. We believe in a single-payer program. We believe that modern medical advancements related to disease prevention and treatment of pathologies, including holistic treatments, must be available to all people regardless of ability to pay.

1. We support the adoption of a publicly funded, equitable, high-quality, comprehensive single-payer health care system that includes general, preventative, and emergency care plus vision, dental, hearing, and mental health services at the state and/or federal level.
2. We support addressing gun violence as a public health issue.
3. We support treating drug addiction as a health issue.
4. We believe in the importance of community health care centers.
5. We support all county school districts in their efforts to provide physical, dental, and mental health programs, including reproductive health services, in their schools.
6. We support public funding of conducting clinical trials of psychotropic drugs to combat mental health issues.

## **Article IV: Education for Democracy**

Washington County Democrats value and demand equal, sound, effective, and fully funded public education for pre-K, K-12, post-secondary, and career and vocational training, available to all. We recognize that quality education increases our economic well-being, promotes civic engagement, enriches personal lives, and is necessary to adapt to technological progress. Public schools provide the skills and knowledge that are the foundation of a thriving democracy.

1. We demand that public funding for education be provided only to public schools managed by elected boards of education, and not transferred, contracted, or subcontracted to any private corporation or entity for management or instructors.
2. We insist that education and career training at public schools, colleges, and universities be tuition-free for all Oregon residents.
3. We support strong academic and career education policies and programs to ensure people are prepared for job opportunities in the 21st-century economy, including vocational rehabilitation services for people with disabilities.
4. We affirm that effective educational systems must have sufficient, equitable, stable, and sustainable public funding to ensure a high-quality education and full curriculum for all students.
5. We affirm the right of everyone in our diverse populations to pursue academic and career education from pre-kindergarten through post-secondary studies.
6. We support restoration of a full range of courses, programs, and services including civics, art, music, science, literacy, physical education, early childhood education, counseling, health, mental health counseling, tutoring, libraries, technology, financial awareness, critical thinking, vocational, and public alternative-educational opportunities.
7. We insist on the full, effective protection of all student data, including mental health records, to assure information privacy and prevent exploitation.
8. We believe that school curricula must be relevant, factual, and promote critical thinking skills.
9. We believe that school lunch and breakfast programs should be restored to their former thresholds for school participation.
10. We recognize the theory of evolution is the best-supported theory in science and should be taught in schools.
11. We believe that all students and families deserve community-supported programs that enhance educational opportunities.
12. We oppose the No Child Left Behind concept of teaching to the test.
13. Charter and virtual schools receiving public funds must be governed by the same standards practiced in traditional schools.

14. We believe all students, regardless of their immigration status, must be provided privacy of all their records to protect their records from outside agencies.

## **Article V: A Just System**

Washington County Democrats believe that we need a justice system that equitably serves all. We recognize that failures of the system have been used historically to systematically oppress Native Americans, communities of color, economically disadvantaged populations, immigrants, women, incarcerated populations, people with varying disabilities, and people with varying gender and sexual orientations. We insist that our prisons must be primarily focused on rehabilitation.

1. We oppose racial profiling, prosecutorial overcharging, coercive plea bargains, biased jury selection, and sentencing practices that disproportionately impact ethnic groups and the disadvantaged.
2. There shall be no profit from criminal incarceration; jails and prisons should not be privatized.
3. We believe independent oversight is required for prosecutorial accountability. Proven cases of prosecutorial misconduct should result in complete legal mitigation and restoration to victims.
4. Justice is better served when judges have discretion to apply sentences based on the unique, proven circumstances of each offender, crime, and victim.
5. We believe experienced and qualified legal representation for low-income, marginalized and disenfranchised populations accused of crimes is an integral part of criminal justice
6. We believe police should not be equipped with military armaments.
7. We believe that all law enforcement personnel should receive de-escalation training.
8. We defend every individual's right to freedom from mass surveillance, search, seizure and arrest, unless authorized by a specific probable cause warrant.
9. We believe rehabilitation of offenders works best when offenders are reintegrated into the community with support, supervision, and services, and we support the use of a restorative justice model.
10. We are opposed to excessive fee and bond post levels.
11. We oppose laws that can be used for profiling, including those that mandate people carry their legal papers.
12. All inmates shall receive the same quality of healthcare as the public.

## **Article VI: Restoring Governmental Integrity**

Washington County Democrats demand an open and responsive government and elections that are fair, transparent and publicly supported. Every citizen deserves full, meaningful and accountable representation at every level of government. We hold the right and responsibility of all eligible persons to vote as an essential foundation of our democracy. We are committed to transparency, accountability, oversight, integrity, competence, honesty, and citizen participation in government.

1. We believe that corporations are not people and money is not speech.
2. We affirm the principle of separation of church and state.
3. Publicly funded election campaigns must be a key element of American democracy at all levels.
4. We support all Americans having the right to a direct vote for President and Vice President of the United States of America through the National Popular Vote. We support the one person, one vote principle in all elections.

5. We support an effort to expand automatic voter registration to the national level.
6. We support preferential voting (e.g. ranked choice, instant runoff) for all single seat offices.
7. We believe the right of assembly and free speech must be available to all in accessible and safe locations without undue restrictions or conditions.
8. We oppose voter suppression and disenfranchisement in all forms.
9. We require all elected Democratic officials representing Washington County make themselves aware of and declare their positions on Washington County Democratic LAIs.
10. Incarcerated citizens and those convicted of criminal offenses shall retain their voting rights.
11. We oppose gerrymandering and support a fair and unbiased redistricting process after each census.
12. We support open primaries.
13. We believe in the restoration of the Fairness Doctrine.
14. We support full transparency in recording and counting votes.
15. We support an adequately paid Legislature to allow citizens with limited resources to serve in the Legislature.
16. We support a proportional representation voting system for legislative seats in municipal, state, and federal levels.
17. We support campaign finance reform up to and including a constitutional amendment to remove the undue influence of money in politics.
18. We support the full disclosure of campaign contributions including names of contributors.
19. We support easing the threshold of requirements to make it easier for smaller parties to have their own primary ballot.
20. We believe the Oregon National Guard and Washington County law enforcement agencies must be locally controlled.
21. We oppose use of confidentiality agreements or protective orders for concealing information about public health, labor conditions or environmental safety.

## **Article IV: Education for Democracy**

Washington County Democrats believe that Oregon is a mosaic of different cultures, and we value the economic, social, and cultural benefits to society from various immigrant groups. We will reject xenophobic scare tactics, religious tests, and ethnically disparaging racial rhetoric. Both documented and undocumented residents have civil rights that we defend.

1. We believe undocumented immigrants who have not been convicted of serious crimes should have a path to legal residency, and eventual citizenship.
2. We defend the DREAMers who signed up for personal advancement under the DACA program and believe they have a right to a pathway to citizenship.
3. We support Oregon's sanctuary state status that limits local and state law enforcement in their assistance to Immigration and Customs Enforcement.
4. The exploitation of undocumented workers must stop, because it is ethically wrong, drives down wages, and degrades working conditions for workers.
5. Immigration assistance services should not be privatized or operated for profit.
6. Constitutional provisions granting citizenship for people born in the United States to immigrant parents should not be repealed.
7. Refugees of war, violence, religious persecution, and natural disasters should be welcomed by a nation as deeply rooted in immigration as ours.

8. We encourage our city and county officials to make public safety and family integrity their priorities in legal dealings with undocumented persons, as opposed to technical conformance with immigration regulations.
9. We oppose border walls and fences.
10. We oppose any travel ban based on religion or ethnicity.
11. We believe DACA recipients should be entitled to in-state tuition after meeting standard residency requirements.
12. We believe that all students, regardless of immigration status, deserve access to sanctuary.
13. We believe undocumented immigrants should have the ability to have government issued photo ID.

## **Article VIII: Building a Sustainable Future**

Washington County Democrats understand that a healthy, sustainable, and resilient Oregon environment is essential to our high quality of life. The air we breathe, the water we drink, and the land we live on deserve our protection and conservation for current and future generations. We recognize that long-term land use planning, sustainable infrastructure, and wise protection of our natural resources are critical for sustainability and livability in Washington County.

1. We believe the peer-reviewed scientific evidence that climate change is an emergency caused by human activities and we must take immediate actions to reduce and reverse negative impacts.
2. We support programs that require polluters to remediate the land and water to a non-toxic state.
3. We oppose the development of Oregon waterways and coastal regions for the export of fossil fuels.
4. We believe that adaptive restoration and maintenance of wildlife habitat must be a high priority in land use management.
5. We assert aerial spraying of herbicides and pesticides in watersheds and in the vicinity of residential areas and schools should be criminal offenses.
6. We believe the public should be educated about the hazards associated with fossil fuel extraction and transportation.
7. We believe that water rights should not be privatized.
8. We believe genetically engineered foods require a precautionary approach that includes extreme care in testing, additional scientific regulation, and full disclosure through labeling.
9. We oppose the wholesale conversion of public lands to private ownership, and support the protection of state and federally designated parks, wilderness areas, and recreation areas.
10. We support full implementation of recommended marine reserves to ensure sustainability of our ocean resources.
11. We demand health-based direct air quality monitoring and reductions in allowable toxic emissions levels.
12. We believe that protections for native endangered and threatened species should be enhanced and enforced.
13. We support urban and rural reserves as critical to planning for long-term livability and economic stability in Washington County.
14. We strongly support efforts to improve water quality and habitat conditions in the Tualatin River watershed.
15. We support efforts to increase efficiency of water usage in Washington County.
16. We believe there are multiple benefits to enhancing alternate sources of energy, including solar energy, reducing the use of fossil fuels, and increasing carbon sequestration through re-vegetation and reforestation.
17. We support large-scale investment in diverse, safe, and efficient transportation networks that support the future needs while balancing concerns for environmental sustainability and economic justice.

18. We believe people and government must work together to provide clean water, manage sewage and storm water, and protect watersheds.
19. We believe an efficient transportation system includes safe bicycle and pedestrian commuting and a wide availability of electric charging stations.
20. We believe eminent domain should never be used for the benefit of a private or corporate entity in the absence of a clear public need.
21. We believe public lands are a common resource that provides many benefits to individuals, society and the environment.
22. We oppose the transportation of oil through the State of Oregon.
23. We support the development of a circular economy. This would minimize natural resource extraction and encourage the development of safer chemicals and materials.
24. We support a large-scale public works program for green infrastructure.
25. We oppose any new fossil fuel development. We also support a rapid transition away from fossil fuels, including a total cessation of oil and gas use by 2030.

## **Article IX: Science and Technology for Human Advancement**

Washington County Democrats recognize that we live in a world with a high dependence on technology and the application of science in everyday life. We believe that science must be a fundamental basis for policy. We believe in advancing science and science education for the benefit of all. We believe that open and fair access to communications technology is an essential pillar of our democracy.

1. We must become a multi-planetary species for the long-term viability of humanity.
2. We recognize that an open and neutral internet is necessary to protect free speech and prevent the rise of despotism.
3. We recognize that we need solutions for workplace displacement caused by automation.
4. We believe scientific research is essential to our society.
5. We oppose genetic patenting.
6. We support the promotion of diverse populations in STEM.
7. We believe every person should have high-speed internet access regardless of geographical location or income.
8. We believe in human space exploration.
9. Election hardware and software should be free and open source.

## **Article X: A Global Commitment to Peace**

Washington County Democrats recognize that our responsibilities extend beyond state and national boundaries and that our national interests require global cooperation. We support the use and primacy of diplomacy and negotiation to resolve international conflicts and promote peace.

1. We support the boycott, divestment, and sanctions of Israel until the occupation of Palestinian lands has ceased.
2. We support the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.
3. We demand high global standards for labor and environmental protection and increased citizen and labor organization participation throughout the negotiation of trade agreements.
4. Puerto Rico must become a US State or a sovereign nation through democratic means.

5. We pledge to work nationally and globally to stop nuclear proliferation while leading by example toward unconditionally disarming our nuclear stockpile.
6. We pledge to actively support treaties that ban chemical and biological warfare and the international ban on landmines.
7. The US must honor ratified treaties, support the United Nations, and work to make it more democratic.
8. We believe the US must actively oppose genocide, torture, human trafficking, sexual exploitation, and religious and political persecution worldwide in cooperation with the United Nations.
9. We reaffirm our commitment to abide by the Geneva Conventions regarding torture, rendition, indefinite detention, detention without charges and extrajudicial executions.
10. We assert that major displacements of people from their communities constitute an international humanitarian crisis that demands immediate attention.
11. We support the establishment of clearly defined and strict standards for congressionally authorized use of military force that includes specific authorization for each individual conflict.
12. We support requiring that military procurement be domestically sourced.
13. We support the principle that the defense budget must be in line with the military threat to the US, and therefore must be reduced at least by half.
14. We oppose space militarization.
15. We should significantly reduce the number of US troops stationed abroad who are not currently serving as part of a NATO or UN-backed peacekeeping mission.
16. We oppose the military policies of nation-building and regime change.
17. We believe the US should avoid acting unilaterally in military affairs overseas.
18. We support a solution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict negotiated directly by the parties.

# 2018 Legislative Action Items

## Democratic Party of Washington County

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### Article I: Ensuring Our Human Rights

1. We demand the Oregon Legislature acknowledge and codify into law that food, water, housing, education, healthcare, freedom of movement, freedom from discrimination or prejudice, and treatment with dignity and respect are human rights.
2. We demand that the Oregon Legislature prohibit no-cause evictions.
3. We demand the Oregon Legislature prohibit tolled roads.
4. Abolish the death penalty.
5. We demand more investment and better incentives providing sustainable and affordable housing for all in need in Washington County.
6. We demand that Washington County, in order to provide more affordable housing, enact local inclusionary zoning laws, as authorized by SB1533.

### Article II: Economic Justice and Stability

1. Raise the Oregon Minimum Wage to \$20 per hour plus cost of living adjustments by 2020.
2. Remove state preemption of higher local minimum wages.
3. Adopt and enforce equal pay for equal work.
4. Revise independent contractor and temporary employment rules to prevent abuse by reclassification of employees.
5. Prohibit right-to-work and continue fair share laws for union shops.
6. Eliminate the income cap on social security taxation.
7. Tax capital gains as ordinary income.
8. Repeal the Oregon Personal Income Kicker.
9. Establish a new top marginal personal state income tax of not less than 25% for incomes not less than 1 million dollars.
10. Increase Oregon taxes on wealthy corporations to provide adequate funds.

### Article III: Health Care for All

1. Implement a single payer healthcare system for the state of Oregon.
2. Implement paid family and parental leave of not less than 40 weeks.
3. Increase funding subsidies, including childcare, for low-income families.
4. Legislatively expand the definition of healthcare to include alternative treatments and practices including medical marijuana.
5. Significantly increase the state budget for improved mental health assessment and care.
6. Fund inclusive mental health access programs in all school districts.
7. Establish a unified electronic medical record system in the state of Oregon.

8. Update and improve nutritional standards for food served in schools, including fresh and whole foods, locally sourced when possible.
9. Empower the state to regulate and negotiate for reasonable prices of medical devices and prescription drugs.

## **Article IV: Education for Democracy**

1. We demand tuition-free higher education for all students at all public colleges and universities.
2. We expect that the Oregon Legislature reinvest in our public schools, colleges and universities as well as our teachers and students with an annual increase to the Education Budget of not less than 1 billion dollars above the current level.
3. We demand that the Oregon Legislature reinvest in our public schools, K-12, to meet the Quality Education Model (QEM) Standards and to support the reduction of student dropout rates.
4. We expect reduced class sizes K-12 to be made a mandatory bargaining item in contract negotiations.
5. We demand an end to public funds being used to support private charter schools.
6. Provide full funding for post-secondary vocational training classes.
7. Fund talented and gifted programs in all districts.
8. We expect new student loans to be capped at, and current loans to be refinanced at, a 3% rate.
9. Provide full funding for post-secondary vocational training classes.
10. Require civics and governance education as part of curricula beginning in primary school.

## **Article V: A Just System**

1. We demand that Oregon prohibit the militarization of the State, County and Local law enforcement agencies through the use of equipment which was originally intended for military use.
2. Decriminalize the use and possession of all controlled substance, and reduce the level of all drug-related offenses - other than those involving minors - to misdemeanors or lesser infractions.
3. Allow second party evidence in all criminal cases to protect victims.
4. Make background checks mandatory for all gun sales.
5. Eliminate mandatory minimum sentences.
6. Restore judicial options for training and diversion treatment.
7. Create a statute to criminalize "Prosecutorial Misconduct."
8. Pass an assault weapons bans.
9. Remove the statute of limitations on rape and other sexualized violent crimes.
10. Establish Washington County Community Review Boards for county and municipal law enforcement agencies.
11. Vacate all convictions for marijuana-related crimes.
12. Abolish solitary confinement in all forms in all levels of incarceration.
13. Require comprehensive physical and mental health services for all incarcerated persons in all levels of detention.
14. Prohibit detention of material witnesses.
15. Provide funding for and require the implementation of de-escalation, mental health crisis, implicit bias, and multicultural training for all agents and employees of the criminal justice system.
16. Create a position on county circuit courts that must be filled by an attorney specializing in criminal defense.
17. Prohibit construction of new prisons and detention facilities in Oregon.
18. Prohibit racial profiling in the state of Oregon.

## **Article VI: Restoring Governmental Integrity**

1. Recognize banking as a necessity of life.
2. Require the Oregon Legislature invest in public media coverage of state and local elections.
3. Institute Instant Runoff Voting for applicable elections.
4. Institute open primaries for all partisan elections.
5. Abolish student loans and forgive all student debt.
6. Amend the Constitution so that Corporations are no longer given the rights of natural persons.
7. Modernize and reinstate Glass-Steagall so there is a separation from commercial banks and security investment banks.
8. Repeal the PATRIOT Act.
9. Establish and enact diversity guidelines for state agencies.
10. Fully fund the maintenance and improvement of our infrastructure.
11. ORS regarding representation by Precinct Committee persons be broadened to include people of all gender identities, not limited to the two sexes of male and female.
12. Transition the Oregon Legislature from part-time to full-time with a corresponding rise in pay.

## **Article VII: Refuge and Sanctuary**

1. Pass immigration reform with an expedient path to citizenship for all immigrants.
2. Support the proposed "Protecting Sensitive Locations Act" (Federal) for Oregon PSLA.1
3. Affirm that Oregon IS a welcoming state for refugees.
4. Oregon drivers licenses must be made available to undocumented peoples.
5. Legal services must be made available for people going through immigration procedures.

## **Article VIII: Building a Sustainable Future**

1. Repeal HB 2700 (2011). Do not grant the use of "eminent domain" for LNG pipelines.
2. Enact environmentally preferable purchasing programs that incorporate methods like Alternative Assessments to avoid regrettable substitutions and burden shifting.
3. Enact policies for "right to repair" and "design for destruction."
4. Enact policies for extended producer responsibility and product stewardship.
5. Increase the number of publicly available EV (Electric Vehicle) charging stations and create programs to encourage conversion to electric vehicles.
6. We demand a progressive tax on greenhouse gas emissions to fund public projects and programs that will bring Oregon to having negative greenhouse gas emissions within 15 years.
7. Prioritize mass transit in budgets for transportation.
8. Direct ODOT to make transit and pedestrian/bike access a priority for any proposed Columbia River Crossing.
9. Incentivize green and affordable housing.

## **Article IX: Science and Technology for Human Advancement**

1. We demand a publicly owned and operated high-speed internet infrastructure and internet service provider

2. Phase out oil and coal trains and pipelines, and increase right-of-way fees to improve emergency preparedness and response.
3. Fully fund seismic upgrades for infrastructure statewide.
4. Create state rules for labeling of food to include all additives and pesticides used and labelling of genetically engineered foods.
5. Legislatively support renewable energy projects countywide.
6. Adopt Net Neutrality.
7. Require commercial composters to accept compostable food packaging.
8. Washington County, and its cities, should adopt a resiliency program to audit and implement programs to address acute and chronic stresses similar to the 100 Resilient Cities Program.

## **Article X: Global Commitment to Peace**

1. We support the boycott, divestment and sanction of Israel because of their ongoing occupation and attacks on Palestinians in the West Bank and Gaza, and we demand our Congressional representative do the same.
2. Fund human trafficking intervention efforts worldwide.
3. Prohibit outsourcing of military combat operations to private contractors.
4. Actively oppose trade agreements negotiated in secret.
5. Unilateral nuclear, chemical, and biological weapons disarmament and a ban on their production.