

A Resolution of the Washington County Democrats Central Committee

WCDCC Resolution # 2020-003

Regarding Priority Legislative Action Items for 2020/2021

- A. Whereas the Washington County Democratic Central Committee (WCDCC) held a Platform Convention on October 13 and 20, 2019 during which they developed a WCDCC Platform for 2020 and 2021 and also identified approximately 89 potential legislative action priorities items [LAI's] and
- B. Whereas subsequently, a Survey Monkey poll was submitted to all WCDCC PCP's asking them to identify their top 20 legislative goals (not ranked), and
- C. Whereas more than 100 PCPs responded to this poll which provided a rating of 80 LAIs ranging from 71% (listed as a priority by 71% of the respondents) to 1%, and
- D. Whereas the WCDCC Resolutions and Platform Committee (R&PC) has considered this poll and is of the opinion that a smaller number of high priority issues provides a more practical basis for communication (lobbying) with our legislators, and
- E. Whereas the R&PC voted to recommend that the WCDCC adopt the attached list of nineteen LAI's as Priority LAI's for 2020 and 2021, including issues of both state and national concern, and
- F. Whereas the R&PC recognizes that individual members may have issues of higher concern not represented on that list and encourages all PCP's to lobby separately for the issue of their highest concern:

Therefore, the Washington County Democratic Central Committee (WCDCC) resolves as follows:

1. To adopt the following list of Priority LAI's as a guide in discussion with state legislators and US Congressional representatives.

Washington County (Oregon) Democratic Central Committee Proposed Priority Legislative Action Items (LAI's) for 2020/2021 (note: % indicate % of respondents listing this issue)

1. Improve public safety by banning assault weapons and high capacity magazines and closing existing background check loopholes. (Oregon) (68%)

2. Create a progressive tax structure that increases taxes on wealthy corporation at least equivalent to individual tax rates in order to generate more state revenue. (Oregon) (46%)
3. Require Presidential and Vice-Presidential candidates to release their most recent 10 years of tax returns as a condition to appear on the Oregon ballot. (Oregon) (46%)
4. Advocate for a minimum wage of at least \$15/hour. (Oregon and US) (45%)
5. Advocate for abolishment the Electoral College. (US) (43%)
6. Support legislation that allows parents to decline vaccinations only on the basis of medical necessity. (Oregon) (43%)
7. Protect DREAMER's by extending DACA. (US) (42%)
8. Honor the carbon reduction commitments of the 2016 Paris Agreement on climate. (Oregon, US) (41%)
9. Eliminate the income cap on Social Security tax deductions. (US) (40%)
10. Legislatively prohibit public funds from being used to support for private charter schools that are not covered under the Oregon Charter School Act of 1999. (Oregon) (40%) *See Note
11. Support legislation to ensure net neutrality. (Oregon, US) (40%)
12. Enforce laws that prevent family separations while they await immigration or asylum decisions. (Oregon, US) (40%)
13. Remove the statute of limitations (currently 12 years) for rape and other sexualized violent crimes. (Oregon) (36%)
14. Implement a Single Payer health care system in Oregon. (Oregon) (35%)
15. Eliminate mandatory minimum sentences. (Oregon, US) (35%)
16. Abolish the death penalty. (Oregon) (35%)
17. Repeal the Oregon Personal Income Kicker. (Oregon) (34%)
18. Fully enforce Equal Pay for Equal Work. (Oregon) (34%)

*Note: italics added by consensus. The 1999 Act provides licensing, regulation, funding, and oversight by the state for "approved" Charter schools.

Resolution by R&PC, 7 January 2020 with a DO ADOPT recommendation.