

# **2026 DOUGLAS COUNTY DEMOCRATIC CENTRAL COMMITTEE PLATFORM**

## **Acknowledgement**

We acknowledge the Waší·šiw people, whose land we meet on today at our Democratic convention in Douglas County. We acknowledge that Waší·šiw cares for and protects this land, the forests, and the headwaters that nourish both sides of the Sierras. We live, work, and recreate within the land boundaries of the Indian Claims Commission which all Nevada tribes helped to negotiate and seek to protect.

We will work towards learning from the Waší·šiw. We will support their goals and use our platform to actively participate in achieving them.

## **Climate Change & Environment**

1. Democrats must advocate for immediate action to stop climate change by reducing carbon emissions and implementation of the Green New Deal. Nevada is the driest state in the nation, and we are experiencing increased temperatures and heatwaves, extreme droughts, loss of snowpack, rivers drying up, frequent wildfires, and more flooding.

2. We support ensuring FEMA has experienced leadership, staff, and resources necessary to coordinate the federal response to climate change-influenced and other disasters. We support equipping FEMA to work in partnership with, and drive federal resources to, state, local, tribal, and territorial governments to mount a successful emergency response and help communities recover, rebuild, and invest in pre-disaster mitigation and resilience.

3. We support increased funding and efforts to improve effective wildfire management, including allocating more resources to improve communication among federal, state, and county agencies.

4. We support protecting Nevada's forests through sustained forestry management:

- encourage planting trees in appropriate settings
- oppose clear cutting
- manage the forests to protect our communities from fires
- protect old growth forests

5. We support protecting Nevada's public lands through dedicated funding for state parks and state agencies.

6. We oppose the sale of public lands for private use and further restrict logging, mining and other resource extraction on public lands.

7. We support protecting wild horses. We support creating and preserving more corridors, resting spaces, under crossings, or bridges for wildlife to migrate.

8. We support the further restoration of Lake Tahoe and preservation of all Nevada's lakes, wetlands, and watersheds by preventing the intrusion of invasive species. This must include protecting the surrounding forest ecosystems.

9. We support eliminating single use plastics and mandating eco-friendly packaging.

10. We support extended producer responsibility policies which require manufacturers of non-recyclable or hazardous products to provide for the safe disposal of these products at the end of their useful life.

11. We support rapid phase-out of chlorpyrifos and other pesticides that pose threats to farm workers, consumers, bees and other pollinators.

12. We support curbside recycling throughout Nevada for cardboard, paper, plastic, tin, glass, and aluminum.

13. We support Net-Zero Energy Emissions in new home and commercial construction by 2030 and encourage the use of energy-efficient building materials in all new residential and light commercial construction.

14. We support protecting all water sources so that we have clean, reliable, and safe drinking water.

15. We support funding the treatment systems needed to clean up existing contamination, and assuring that small rural water systems have the resources to deliver reliable and safe drinking water.

### **Criminal Justice**

1. We oppose privatization of the prison system, including parole and probation services.
2. We support developing community-based alternatives to prison and detention centers for youth and invest in after-school programs, community centers and summer jobs to provide opportunities for young people at risk.
3. We continue to support abolishing the death penalty.
4. We support restorative justice, a system of criminal justice which focuses on the rehabilitation of offenders through reconciliation with victims and the community at large.

5. We support decriminalization of persons who commit low level offenses due to homelessness or mental illness by funding and directing them to public health and housing services rather than being arrested.
6. We oppose civil asset seizure without a conviction by any government entity.
7. We support funding and training a community team which includes law enforcement, mental health experts and social workers whose training will include de-escalation, non-violent tactics and appropriate use of force.
8. We support funding to complete all rape kits in a timely manner.
9. We support the use of DNA testing to protect those wrongfully accused and release those who were wrongfully convicted.

### **Economy And Taxes**

1. We support responsible businesses that:
  - promote shared prosperity.
  - pay their fair share of taxes.
  - create and keep jobs in the United States.
  - do not contribute to climate change and destruction of our environment.
  - follow health and safety regulations.
  - provide living wages and full benefits to workers.
  - remain neutral during union organizing and elections.
2. We support a fair and balanced tax system where the top 1% pay their fair share.
3. We support making the Child Tax Credit permanent.
4. We support fully funding essential public services and oppose the efforts to privatize any federal, state and local government agencies and programs.
5. We support stopping large profitable corporations from paying zero taxes and tax corporations that buy back stock rather than investing in the company, workers, wages, & benefits.
6. We support incentivizing businesses to keep jobs in America and support eliminating tax breaks to corporations that move American jobs overseas.
7. We support the windfall tax and price controls to stop corporations from price gouging and profiteering during the Covid pandemic and other national crises.

8. We support a tax system that:
  - eliminates offshore tax loopholes which allow corporations to hide or defer taxes on profits made overseas.
  - eliminates tax havens where corporations and individuals hide their profits.
  - reinstates a corporate tax of at least 35%.
  - Does not allow for industry tax credits to be sold from one corporation to another.
9. We support anti-price gouging laws in Nevada.
10. We support complete accountability when corporations receive taxpayer funding.
11. We support creating opportunities to work and live in our communities at a livable wage.
12. We support amending the Truth in Lending Act to include requiring consumer lenders must abide by the interest-rate limits of the states in which their customers reside.

## **Education**

1. We support fully paid high quality preschool programs.
2. We support inclusive curriculum that allows students to learn about and critically analyze the impact of discrimination against indigenous communities, LGBTQ, people of color, women, Jews, & Muslims, while also analyzing social movements.
3. We oppose any efforts to control what teachers and administrators deem as age-appropriate curriculum.
4. We support higher teacher salaries, increased benefits, and increase the tax deductions for supplies teachers purchase.
5. We support increasing funding to the schools so that students and teachers have needed resources.
6. We support tuition free public college and university systems, including technical and trade programs in Nevada.
7. We support increased funding for financial aid programs such as Pell grants so that aid covers non-tuition costs such as housing and transportation to eliminate student homelessness and food insecurity.

8. We support ending student debt and agree with creating more debt forgiveness service programs for those who agree to work in underserved rural communities.

## **Equality**

1. We support equality for all and are committed to ending discrimination based on race, ethnicity, national origin, religion, language, gender, age, sexual orientation, gender identity, or disability.
2. We believe that every individual in the United States deserves the opportunity to fully participate in the economic, political, cultural, religious and social facets of society.
3. We support equal rights for women, including extending the timeline so that the Equal Rights Amendment can be ratified. We support ending pay inequality, including increasing penalties against companies that discriminate and passing the Paycheck Fairness Act.

## **Guns & Anti-Violence**

1. As strong supporters of our 2nd amendment rights, we believe gun ownership comes with solemn responsibility. Addressing the gun violence crisis requires supporting evidence-based programs that prevent gun deaths from occurring in the first place, including:
  - making mental healthcare more accessible
  - supporting suicide reduction initiatives
  - funding interventions to reduce homicides and gun violence in neighborhoods
  - strengthening protection against domestic violence.
2. We support universal background checks and ending online sales of gun ammunition.
3. We support adequately funding the federal background check system.
4. We support closing dangerous loopholes that currently allow stalkers and domestic abusers to buy and possess firearms.
5. We oppose reciprocal concealed carry agreements between states.
6. We support further restrictions on military grade weapons and high-capacity magazines.
7. We support the repeal of the Dickey amendment and provide the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention with adequate funding to study gun violence as a

public health issue.

8. No gun should be allowed on or near any school, except for those carried by sworn peace officers.
9. We support expanding the Mobile Weapon Screening Program at Douglas County High School to all Nevada schools.
10. We support expanding services for survivors of domestic violence including expanding access to housing, legal assistance, and victim advocate services.
11. We support Title IX, which requires schools and institutions of higher education to properly investigate sexual misconduct including peer-on-peer sexual harassment and violence.

### **Health Care & Medicare**

1. We support healthcare as a human right.
2. We support protecting the gains in healthcare coverage established under the Obama and Biden administrations while supporting and implementing universal comprehensive healthcare for all regardless of income or employment status.
3. We support healthcare that will include medical, dental, vision, hearing aids, full reproductive health services that respect a woman's right to choose, preventative services, prescription drugs, mental health, substance abuse counseling and treatment and long-term care and hospitalization.
4. We support increasing investments in community health centers, rural and mobile health clinics in underserved urban and rural areas. Services should include dental care, mental health care, and substance abuse treatments.
5. We support decreasing drug prices for all.
6. We support Roe v Wade.
7. We support repealing the Hyde Amendment.
8. We support continued COVID-19 testing, treatment and vaccines free to everyone regardless of their wealth, insurance coverage or immigration status.
9. We support legislation that allows choice for Death with Dignity as an option for terminally ill individuals at the state and federal level.

10. We oppose any effort to privatize Medicare.
11. We support fully funding, protecting and expanding Medicare, which includes lowering the age for eligibility.
12. We support eliminating the Medicare drug gap.

### **Housing And Tenant Protection.**

1. We believe Housing in America should be stable, accessible, safe, healthy, energy efficient and above all affordable.
2. We will support legislation that increases affordable housing and addresses long-standing economic and racial inequalities in our housing markets.
3. We support legislation that would limit rental increases to 5% a year.
4. We support helping our growing homeless population by adding more shelters and beds throughout the state.

### **Immigration**

1. We support respecting the human rights of all immigrants.
2. We support citizenship for DACA and support reinstatement and expansion of protections for dreamers and their parents to keep families together in the communities they have long called home.
3. We support the passing of comprehensive immigration establishing a faster, more efficient and less costly path to citizenship for undocumented individuals.
4. We oppose bans of any persons due to religion, ethnicity, natural origin, sexual orientation or gender identity. We will support legislation to ensure that no president can enact discriminatory bans ever again.
5. We support more effective and cost-efficient community-based alternatives to detention for the undocumented.
6. We oppose programs that force state and local law enforcement to be responsible for immigration enforcement.
7. We support strong border security and the funding necessary for personnel equipment and devices to ensure security without a border wall.

8. We support protected entry for asylum seekers.

## **Labor & Jobs**

1. We support paid family leave, paid sick leave and affordable childcare.
2. We support the entrepreneurial spirit of small businesses and small manufacturing that provides local job growth at livable wages.
3. We support a statewide livable wage that lifts the working poor out of poverty, raises their standard of living and increases yearly to keep up with housing costs and inflation.
4. We support equal pay for comparable work.
5. We support repealing Nevada's "right to work" law.
6. We support organized labor and workers' rights.
7. We support the rights of workers to organize and bargain collectively.
8. We support workers' rights to advocate for themselves. We support strong whistleblower laws and anti-retaliation laws for workers who speak up for themselves and others.
9. We support recognition of Unions with a majority sign up via card check and a ban on employer captive audience meetings used to intimidate workers.
10. We support wages, hours, and safety protections for farmworkers and domestic workers equal to those of other workers in our State.

## **Social Security**

1. We support Social Security and reject every effort to cut, privatize, or weaken Social Security, including:
  - attempts to raise the retirement age
  - diminish benefits
  - cutting cost-of-living adjustments
  - reducing of earned benefits
2. We support Social Security reform which better accounts for the work they do as unpaid caregivers, spousal support programs, and other financial programs that expand the services offered by the Social Security Administration.

3. We support increasing benefits for all who have paid into social security and protecting surviving spouses from benefit cuts.
4. We support eliminating provisions that unfairly deny or reduce public sector workers' earned Social Security benefits for them and their spouses.
5. We support legislation that provides and protects public and private pensions and ensures workers keep the benefits they have earned.
6. We support amending federal bankruptcy laws to protect workers earned pensions from being taken away when an employer files for bankruptcy.
7. We support the Department of Labor Fiduciary Rule which demands that retirement advisors act in the best interest of their clients and put their client's interest above their own.

### **Voting, Elections, & Government**

1. We support respecting the national popular vote for the election of our President and Vice President.
2. We support passing the Freedom to Vote Act: John R Lewis Act.
3. We oppose gerrymandering. We support redistricting based on total population counts to ensure that maps reflect the will of voters and fairly represent all communities.
4. We support the passage and enactment of Nevada's voting rights bill AB 321 that expanded access to voting by mailing all voters a ballot.
5. We support expanding voting access for Nevada's tribal members by establishing permanent polling locations and more ballot drop boxes on tribal lands.
6. We recognize that the United States Postal Service is a critical component to our democracy. The USPS must guarantee timely and efficient delivery of all mail in ballots.
7. We believe that freedom of the press is a fundamental element of a strong government.
8. We support a federal shield law to protect reporters from punishment for refusing to reveal sources.

9. We support overturning Citizens United to the extent it allows unlimited funding by corporations to political campaigns.
10. We support expanding requirements for all political candidates to disclose their personal tax information. Failure to comply must disqualify candidates' entry on the ballot.
11. We support legislation that bans stock trading for all lawmakers, their immediate families and congressional staffers.
12. We strongly support investigations and prosecutions of all government officials (including members of the previous administration) and their agents who have broken Federal, State, County and Local laws.