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Pre-word from the authors of this document

3 *Injustice is ingrained in the personal, the public, the institutional, and the societal. It is implicit even where*
4 *it is not explicit, and it is pervasive. It is not reasonable or possible to list every form of injustice here,*
5 *especially as we, the writers of this platform, almost certainly have blind spots in our identification of*
6 *injustices, ourselves. These failings in our society fall more heavily on certain groups, and some of these*
7 *are explicitly listed within this platform, but it is certainly not an exhaustive list. We must all commit*
8 *ourselves to learning about and acting against injustice wherever it is found, particularly those of us with*
9 *insulating privileges, and we must do so following the lead of those most directly affected. We must*
10 *tirelessly seek the elimination of the roots of hatred and bigotry so that we may work together to build an*
11 *equitable, free society - in truth, not just in word.*

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PREAMBLE

14 Democrats put people first.

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16 Washington State Democrats want universal healthcare. We believe a good education is a necessary
17 foundation for life and work. We fight for livable wages for working people. As Democrats we take
18 action to protect our Nation’s water, air, and soil. We know that sustainable forests, fisheries, energy,
19 and transportation make for sustainable jobs. We have reached out to people around the world to
20 advance peace, knowledge, and fair trade. Democrats have fought in all the Nation’s wars in pursuit
21 of a stable and peaceful world. We support all those who have served in the U.S. military and we
22 support all efforts to make sure Veterans are properly cared for. Washington State Democrats
23 respect Washington’s Native people and guard against attempts to diminish tribal sovereignty,
24 culture, and natural resources. We believe immigrants strengthen the United States of America and
25 are an essential part of the fabric of our nation and our economy. We believe that widespread voter
26 participation and election integrity are key to preserving our democracy. We advocate for the
27 principles that have made the United States a beacon around the world: freedom, justice for all,
28 fairness, and that no one is above the law. The Covid-19 pandemic shows that all too often our
29 country has not placed people first.

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31 To ensure a just democracy, Washington State Democrats will hold elected Democrats accountable
32 to actively and publicly use all available legal and parliamentary procedures to bring these principles
33 into fruition.

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Criminal Justice Reform

Washington State Democrats must be aggressive in our drive, to limit and minimize explicit, implicit, and institutional injustices. It is not possible or reasonable to list every form of injustice here, especially as we the writers of this platform likely have blind spots in our identification of injustice, ourselves. Injustice based on race, ethnicity, disability, gender, sexual orientation and gender identity and expression, religion, class, wealth, or country of origin are still having an immediate effect of those who experience injustice. They have also shaped our society and institutions from the earliest settlers. We all struggle daily to learn and act against these injustices. We have made much progress and have addressed many of these injustices. However, they have been so ingrained and accepted that the injustices and bias are not recognized by many. The Washington State Democratic Party in this Party Platform realizes that every platform pillar has been written with this understanding whether or not it is explicitly stated.

Education

“It is the paramount duty of the state to make ample provisions for the education of all children.”

-- *The Washington State Constitution*

The backbone of our democracy is a free, universal public-school system, designed to develop lifelong learners prepared to think critically and participate in our civic society. The growing demands of globalization, technology, and cross-cultural understanding require a well-funded public education system that offers the challenges and opportunities to develop the full potential of all students. We recognize the direct connection between individual educational attainment and the long-term economic sustainability of our society.

Environment, Climate, & Sustainability

We believe all people have a natural right to clean air, water, soil, and food. We have the responsibility to ensure that future generations are provided with a healthy world capable of sustaining and improving their lives. This can only be achieved through international collaboration to effectively address the global climate crisis threatening the health of the planet. The struggle to protect our planet’s climate health must be mutually dependent and interwoven with the struggles for racial and economic justice.

We support aggressive action now to reduce greenhouse gas pollution in order to immediately slow, and ultimately halt further global climate change, species extinctions, ocean acidification guided by prompt and effective decision making based on peer-reviewed, best available science and economic evidence. We call for major new investments in rail and transportation infrastructure, manufacturing industries, sustainable agriculture, energy conservation buildings, and clean tech innovation to create millions of good-paying union jobs benefitting every community, while ensuring a just transition for workers in fossil fuel industries to ensure ongoing employment.

We believe that an efficient, well-planned land use and multimodal transportation system promotes a healthy economy. This requires our transportation systems to rapidly transition away from the use of fossil fuels and the burning of carbon-based fuels.

83 We must preserve family farms, strengthen rural communities, ensure the availability of high-quality
84 food, and maintain the viability of land and water. We must promote agriculture and forest
85 management practices that restore healthy soils that can sequester large quantities of CO2. We
86 must preserve the health of our forests and timber communities. We must preserve rivers, tideland,
87 estuaries, and oceans and strengthen our fishing and aquaculture communities.

88 ***Government***

89 The United States should lead by example and work within the world community in a spirit of peace,
90 cooperation, and generosity to support human welfare, freedom, and democracy. Diplomacy and
91 nonviolent conflict resolution must be the primary organizing principles of our foreign policy. We pledge
92 support of our troops and honor our veterans who act in the service of our country. The core task of the
93 U.S. military is to provide for the common defense. Our military must be adequate to provide for our
94 nation's defense and should never be open to abuses of power by any branch of government. The rule of
95 law is a prerequisite for a democratic civil society. A good government provides for the safety, security,
96 and justice for all, with care, fairness, and respect for everyone. Finally, Government derives its legitimacy
97 from the people, to whom it must be answerable; it serves as their instrument to achieve ends that the
98 people could not achieve individually. Our representative democracy requires full participation by an
99 informed citizenry; a voting process that is fair, transparent, and open to all; and public officials who are
100 accountable to society. An informed citizenry and persistently inquisitive media are essential for
101 democracy to flourish. The free flow of information is fundamental to democracy.

102 ***Health Care, Human Services & Gun Safety***

103 Healthcare is a basic human right. Our government should guarantee accessible, high-quality, free at
104 the point of use healthcare for all by law. Patients must have the right to access and choose between
105 all lawful medical treatment options, without hindrance by institutions exercising religious doctrine and
106 regardless of ability to pay. A strong public health system is essential to the well-being of all residents
107 and the health and economic security of this country. As a caring community, we must provide a safety
108 net of social services that meets the basic needs of people, especially those on the margins of society, so
109 they can attain their full potential. The second amendment right to own firearms is subject to
110 reasonable regulation and laws should protect the lives of all people, especially vulnerable populations,
111 such as our school children, from gun violence.

112 ***Labor and Economic Justice***

113 The pandemic has thrown a harsh light on the failures of our current economic policies.

114 In the USA, one of the wealthiest nations in the world, no child should go to sleep hungry; no family
115 should have to choose between housing and health care; no worker should have to fear for their health
116 when going to work.

117 We the people have the right to government that works for all of us, over the long term, as opposed to
118 government ruled by greed for short-term profit at the expense of our health, our security, and our very
119 lives. The historical exploitation of all working people by the wealthy has gone unchecked by our
120 government for too long; this has harmed underrepresented, misrepresented, and disadvantaged
121 people the most. Income inequality is worse than ever before, with many corporate executives making
122 more than 600 times the pay of their lowest-paid employees. Wealth inequality is similarly extreme,
123 with the top 10% of families holding nearly 80% of America's wealth and the bottom half only 1%.
124 We recognize just as President Franklin D. Roosevelt recognized nearly 90 years ago, that the

125 natural tendency of economic capital is to concentrate into fewer and fewer hands, to the point
126 where the very structure of society will collapse. It is therefore necessary to have in place
127 governmental policies that will counter this tendency towards collapse by ensuring that all people
128 have the opportunity to share in our nation's abundance.

129 Many laws designed to correct these injustices already exist, but a sorry majority have become toothless
130 laws, laws that lack oversight or enforcement, or both. Every law, every contract, every trade deal – in
131 short, every agreement – must contain funding and mechanisms to ensure justice; to make these words
132 on paper a living reality. We believe comprehensive tax reform is required to fix Washington state's
133 regressive tax codes. Sufficient taxation is required for a functioning government that provides
134 necessary infrastructure and services. Taxation also has a role in driving and realizing societal goals.
135 Complexity in our current tax code creates opportunities for the wealthy and powerful to exploit
136 loopholes to their advantage.

137 To recover from the economic crisis created by the coronavirus pandemic, we support embracing the
138 Just Transition from an extractive economy based on a worldview of consumerism and colonialism,
139 an economic and political model of perpetual growth of economic and political power to the few
140 based on resource extraction and worker exploitation, and a military model of world domination; to
141 a regenerative economy based on a worldview of sustainability and sacredness of all life and
142 cultures, a local-centric economic model of resource regeneration, a democratic political model of
143 social justice, cooperation and wellbeing.

144 Finally, public investment should have goals beyond GDP (Gross Domestic Product) growth, we
145 should ensure that equal access to basic human necessities such as housing, health care, and
146 healthy food is prioritized over simple economic growth We are the music we make, the songs we
147 sing, the stories we tell. We are the ideas we study and share, the bridges and communities we build, in
148 uniquely human ways.

149 ***Social Justice***

150 The inherent dignity and equal and inalienable rights of all human beings are foundations of freedom,
151 justice, and peace. Our democracy rests on the rights and responsibilities set forth in the United States
152 Constitution, the International Bill of Human Rights, the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of
153 Indigenous People, and the Washington State Constitution. We are a nation of diverse cultures.
154 Immigrants strengthen the United States of America. All immigrants should be afforded full human
155 rights and a fair, safe, and timely path to legal status or citizenship. We believe that safe, quality, and
156 physically accessible affordable housing is a basic human right, and the foundation for success in life,
157 education, and employment. We affirm the importance of culturally diverse expression through art
158 and recognize the essential power of art in building bridges among human beings. We commit to
159 expanding access for all people to all forms of art in order to preserve cultural diversity, encourage
160 free expression, and promote community building.

161 ***Tribal Relations and Sovereignty***

162 Washington State Democrats recognize the unique and valuable history and cultural relationships of
163 the lands, waterways, usual and accustomed areas regionally and internationally which are highly
164 valued among Tribal Nations.

165 All branches of US government must maintain a lasting and respectful relationship with Tribal
166 Nations and oppose all attempts to diminish tribal sovereignty, tribal culture, natural resources,

167 health care, or the general welfare of tribes. This is essential to open and meaningful government-to-
168 government relations. We recognize the status of Urban Indian populations, and that the Federal Trust
169 responsibility expands beyond Tribal Reservation borders. We recognize the harm our country has
170 done to Native Americans. We recognize Washington State occupies tribal land.

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Criminal Justice Reform

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174 Washington Democrats recognize the criminal legal system is one rooted in racism. We must be
175 aggressive in our drive to eliminate explicit, implicit, and institutional injustices. Injustice based on race,
176 ethnicity, gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, religion, class, wealth, or country of origin are still
177 having an immediate effect of those who experience injustice and those injustices must be prevented.
178 We also recognize it is not possible for us to list every form of injustice that exists. These injustices have
179 shaped our society and institutions from the earliest settlers. We recognize that only by focusing on
180 restorative justice can we start a healing process for those who have been impacted by the systemic
181 racism in our current criminal legal system. Although Washington has made progress, we still have much
182 work to do. We affirm that formerly incarcerated people, who have done their time, should not
183 continue to be punished. We believe incarcerated and formerly incarcerated people should have their
184 rights protected with diligence and need to be treated with respect at all times. Employees in the
185 criminal legal system must be held to the highest ethical standards. Only by ending mass incarceration
186 can the United States regain the moral high ground. We believe the best way to prevent mass
187 incarceration is to fully fund preventive efforts before someone engages in the criminal legal system.
188 The following are issues that are so pervasive that we must list in the criminal justice reform pillar of the
189 Washington State Democrat's platform.

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191 **We Believe:**

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193 **National, State and Local Level**

- 194 • The criminal legal system is rooted in a history of racism;
- 195 • Racial equity must be at the heart of all the reforms of the criminal legal system;
- 196 • No person or corporation should profit from the imprisonment of people;
- 197 • In ending the school to prison pipeline;
- 198 • The criminal legal system is the wrong place to handle drug addiction and mental health issues;
- 199 • In restorative justice;
- 200 • All people, regardless of race, sexual orientation and gender identity, ability and class have the right
- 201 to be secure in their persons, houses, papers, personal data, and effects, against unreasonable
- 202 searches and seizures;
- 203 • A person's wealth or race should not determine how the rule of law is applied to them;
- 204 • Employees in the judicial system need to be held to the highest standards of ethical, moral, and legal
- 205 practices;
- 206 • The U.S. cannot and should not claim the moral high ground above other nations in the world given
- 207 the painful reality of how the U.S. treats its incarcerated individuals;
- 208 • The strikingly disproportional negative impact of our civil and criminal justice system on people
- 209 based on race, sexual orientation and gender identity, ability and class demands our attention and
- 210 cries out for justice too long denied;
- 211 • Nonviolent conflict resolution, education, youth programs, health care, social services,
- 212 rehabilitation, and living wage jobs will reduce crime and violence;

213 Basic human rights must be respected for all people confined in various facilities, including those
214 confined by law in jails, prisons, mental facilities and protective custody, including elder care dementia
215 wards;

- 216 • Supporting survivors and honoring, respecting and assuming credibility of their stories and fully
217 investigating their claims;
- 218 • Incarcerated individuals should be given access to communication with their families at no cost to
219 them or their families as this encourages family unity and furthers the incarcerated persons
220 rehabilitation. This should include phone, video, email and other digital devices;
- 221 • Reduce violence in prisons by providing access to fully funded educational programs for long term
222 prisoners as well as those close to release;
- 223 • Reinvesting money that goes to police in alternative emergency response programs in order to
224 reduce police power and end police brutality while creating safe means for people to get help when
225 they need it;
- 226 • In ending the war on drugs, by prioritizing treatment of addiction over incarceration;
- 227 • Community-police relations will be improved with civilian oversight and review and civilian
228 participation in developing law enforcement practices;
- 229 • The purpose of court sentences is to right wrongs and injustices. The goal is to address the problems
230 that lead to breaking the law and to minimize recidivism;
- 231 • We believe that only by ending mass incarceration can we begin to deconstruct the prison industrial
232 complex.

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234 **National and State Level**

- 235 • Justice Reform needs to apply equally to the military and that it be applied equally to all members of
236 the military regardless of rank;
- 237 • People should not lose their voting rights because of a criminal conviction.

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239 **National Level**

- 240 • The civilian justice system is the appropriate venue for prosecution of acts of terrorism;
- 241 • Military members who declare themselves conscientious objectors to be given due process without
242 fear of reprisal;
- 243 • Increased funding for investigative units under the Uniform Code of Military Justice (UCMJ) for full
244 prosecution of all sexual assaults, and of harassment based on gender, religion, ethnicity, or sexual
245 orientation, by military personnel;
- 246 • We believe that Justice Reform needs to apply equally to the military and that it be applied equally
247 to all members of the military regardless of rank.

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249 **We Call For:**

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251 **National, State and Local Level**

- 252 • Providing basic education-on how to work with the justice system (both civil and criminal cases) for
253 all interactions with our justice system;
- 254 • We call for law enforcement and everyone else to be treated equally under the law;
- 255 • Equitable justice available for all court cases: Providing adequate funding for all defendants in
256 criminal, civil, juvenile, and family court cases;
- 257 • Increased efforts during the voir dire process to address and ensure equitable representation of
258 minorities on juries;
- 259 • Ongoing anti- racism, anti- bias, and diversity training for all employees in the criminal legal system;

- 260 • We oppose using someone’s debt as a reason to revoke their rights;
- 261 • Prohibition of the sale of court fines and fees to private debt collectors;
- 262 • Presumptive sentencing, with the provision that judges must supply in writing reasons for departing
- 263 from sentencing guidelines;
- 264 • Enforcement of habeas corpus for everyone in the United States **jurisdiction**- citizens and non-
- 265 citizens;
- 266 • Immediate and comprehensive action to end racial profiling and the disproportionately high
- 267 imprisonment of people of color, and to reduce the U.S.’s overall incarceration rate, which is the
- 268 highest in the world;
- 269 • Abolition of solitary confinement as punishment;
- 270 • Providing all formerly incarcerated with the opportunity to re-enter and be productive members of
- 271 society with an assistance plan for transitional food, clothing, housing, and employment for each
- 272 person released from a local, state or federal institution;
- 273 • Adequate funding of probation services to provide and encourage transition into the general
- 274 population without the added stigma of being labeled;
- 275 • Training for law enforcement and corrections officers to identify mental and behavioral health
- 276 issues and then safely, respectfully and humanely address those situations;
- 277 • Police forces to be held accountable for abusive practices, exercise restraint in their dealing with
- 278 peaceful assemblies and protests;
- 279 • Addressing the domestic violence crisis among law enforcement officers;
- 280 • Creating a national database of decertified police officers;
- 281 • Police need to be demilitarized and the use of tanks, assault vehicles, military assault arms should be
- 282 banned;
- 283 • An end to all No-Knock Raids;
- 284 • Ending the practice of charging youth as adults;
- 285 • Retroactively sentencing youth charged as adults as youth;
- 286 • Eliminating the "Good-faith" clause to remove law enforcement immunity from fatal encounters;
- 287 • Reallocation of funds used to purchase military grade hardware to social programs;
- 288 • Undoing the non-compete clauses state agencies have with Washington Correctional Industries;
- 289 • The decriminalization of consensual sex work;
- 290 • A new livable wage standard for jurors;
- 291 • Statewide re-sentencing for all disproportionate sentences given for the same offense;
- 292 • A reclassification of "intent to distribute" to a reasonable amount relative to modern data;
- 293 • The decriminalization of drugs;
- 294 • Establishing a national police use of force standard that deadly force should only be used in the
- 295 most extreme circumstances and all deaths at the hands of police should be investigated;
- 296 • Mental healthcare professionals or trained social workers to be called in instead of police in
- 297 deescalating situations, such as those involving mental health crisis;
- 298 • Providing defendants a supervised release or mandatory detention, with the conditions determined
- 299 with a risk assessment in lieu of cash bail;
- 300 • Convictions for possession of marijuana [and any relating paraphernalia charges] to be expunged
- 301 nationwide and such prisoners immediately released;
- 302 • All cases where someone may lose their rights permanently to have the option for a jury trial;
- 303 • Timely DNA testing to protect the innocent against misidentification;
- 304 • The creation of a universal healthcare system that includes comprehensive mental health care
- 305 coverage;

- 306 • Adequate financing for investigating and prosecuting white collar crime;
- 307 • Equitable punishments for white collar crime, including appropriate fines and jail time
- 308 commensurate with the damage done to society;
- 309 • Criminal asset forfeiture should be tightly bound to victim restitution;
- 310 • Courageous conversations in our communities and across the nation about the race- and class-based
- 311 challenges we face in fostering trust in community-police relations;
- 312 • Either party in a civil case to have a re-hearing of an expedited “emergency” case using the normal
- 313 civil rules, laws, and procedures;
- 314 • All formerly incarcerated people to have the ability for their conviction to be reviewed periodically
- 315 and expunged;
- 316 • A ban on facial recognition technology and other Artificial Intelligence programs used for profiling
- 317 suspects within law enforcement practices;
- 318 • Any prison programs that use labor by prisoners inside or outside of the prison should offer the
- 319 same labor rights and protections as labor outside of prisons, including minimum wage and the right
- 320 to organize;

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322 **National and State Level**

- 323 • Abolish the death penalty;
- 324 • Abolishment of the Three Strike laws;
- 325 • Full funding of the Violence Against Women Act, services to crime victims, expeditious testing of
- 326 rape kits, and programs to prevent sexual violence;

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328 **State and Local Level**

- 329 • State and local governments must direct and train law enforcement to recognize that sex workers
- 330 against whom a crime has been committed have the same right to police protection as any other
- 331 constituent and should be treated with the same respect for their dignity;
- 332 • Efforts to improve community-police relations providing civilian oversight or review of situations
- 333 where human and civil rights concerns arise regarding police practices;
- 334 • The building and funding of community based mental healthcare facilities across the state of
- 335 Washington;
- 336 • Development of services based on a needs assessment by an organization that understands
- 337 community based prevention, recovery, and re-entry programs. By intervening this way a significant
- 338 number of people can be diverted away from incarceration;
- 339 • Legislation requiring all complaints of police use of excessive force to be investigated by a team
- 340 outside of the jurisdiction of the incident. This could be either a separate prosecutor designated by
- 341 the State Attorney General or some other entity.

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343 **We Oppose:**

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345 **National, State, and Local Level**

- 346 • Mandatory sentencing;
- 347 • Coerced labor for detainees and inmates;
- 348 • Prisoners outsourced out-of-state;
- 349 • Government spying on persons including the use of drone technology and collection of personal
- 350 meta-data without a legal warrant, which is a violation of 4th Amendment protections against
- 351 search and seizure;
- 352 • The offering of religious programming in our prisons without offering a secular alternative;

- 353 • Asset seizures based on arrest or presumption of guilt;
- 354 • “Warehousing” of prisoners;
- 355 • Using prisons or jails to house persons with mental health or addiction issues;
- 356 • The use of cash bail;
- 357 • The criminalization of homelessness;
- 358 • Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) having access to our local court and prison systems;
- 359 • Hiring jail building contractors to assess the needs of the community. Needs assessments must be
- 360 done by organizations with knowledge of the services needed to intervene and divert people from
- 361 jails;
- 362 • One-size-fits-all flat fines and fees for criminal activity, which disproportionately punish the working
- 363 class and do not disincentivize the wealthy; fines should be proportionate to wealth and income.

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365 **National and State Level**

- 366 • The use of private, for-profit prisons, jails and juvenile detention facilities and the use of forced
- 367 and/or undercompensated prison labor to generate corporate profits;
- 368 • “Stand Your Ground” laws that legalize shooting-first.

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Education

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We Believe:

- In protecting the great work that has been accomplished in our state towards advancing a free and public education for all learners that is equitable and comprehensive;
- All people have the right to attend schools where their physical, emotional, and cultural safety is assured; Education means investing in all people and preparing them to live, work, and thrive in a multicultural, multilingual, and highly connected world;
- In peaceful coexistence and a humane society comprised of well-educated engaged citizens;
- In equal opportunity, high-quality education in order to have a competitive workforce in this changing economy;
- Fully fund tuition-free and debt-free public college, universities, historic black colleges/universities (HBCUs), minority serving institutions and trade-schools;
- We must vigorously oppose attempts to divert public funds to charter schools;
- No one should be denied an education because of membership in any socioeconomic, linguistic, or ethnic group;
- Education includes academic, social-emotional, behavioral, and cultural supports for all learners;
- Societal inequality impacts educational equity and must be addressed holistically;
- It is the public duty to provide an excellent public school with sufficient resources and a rich, curriculum in every neighborhood of our state;
- Every school must have the staff and resources it needs to provide a full curriculum, after school activities and appropriate services for students;
- All student loan debt should be canceled, and a cap placed on student loan interest rates going forth at 1.88%.

We Call For:

Overall

- Recognition of stress disorders in both staff and students;
- High quality continuing education and career training, including school-to-work partnerships and apprenticeship programs, in addition to traditional higher education for adult workers;
- Full funding and equal access to:
 - Public education, including all basic, gifted, vocational, technical, alternative, special education, and other state/federal programs and mandates;

- 415 ○ Early learning, including home visiting services, Head Start and Early Childhood Education
- 416 and Assistance Programs;
- 417 ○ Training for all faculty and staff in de-escalation techniques, how to prevent, identify, and
- 418 report suspected child abuse, and culturally-responsive positive behavioral supports;
- 419 ○ Free school food programs available for all students, including breakfast and lunch, that
- 420 meet or exceed state nutritional standards and support healthy habits and classroom
- 421 learning, so that all students have an equal, stigma-free opportunity to succeed;
- 422 ○ High-quality, out-of-school-time programs, including before school, after school, and
- 423 summer, to support working families and maintain school-year learning achievement;
- 424 ○ Ability to attend public colleges and universities in Washington State without being charged
- 425 tuition, and funding from the state to those colleges and universities to replace those tuition
- 426 dollars;
- 427 ● Expanding school calendars to reduce length of summer break and injecting more breaks into the
- 428 calendar year, thus reducing summer learning loss and improving mental health of staff and
- 429 students;
- 430 ● Increase STEAM awareness and engagement for female and non-binary learners.

431 **State and Local**

- 432 ● The Washington State Legislature to fulfill its constitutional duty to “make ample provisions for the
- 433 education of all children” as reaffirmed by the Washington State Supreme Court in the *McCleary*
- 434 decision;
- 435 ● Elected school boards shall solicit input and openly work to include the input of the entire
- 436 community they serve and actively represent their interests;
- 437 ● Educator and parent led reforms for better outcomes in the classroom;
- 438 ● Racial and economic integration of students within schools and school districts;
- 439 ● Increased options within the public education system such as State-Tribal Education Compacts and
- 440 innovative non-charter public schools;
- 441 ● Effective oversight of pre-K through grade 12 schools to increase accountability regarding recently
- 442 passed laws, such as school district violations of student protections, closing opportunity gaps,
- 443 attaining equity regarding school discipline, implementing play-based learning, and offering tiered
- 444 interventions to meet student academic and behavioral needs;
- 445 ● Increased funding and support for students with disabilities mainstreamed with 504 Plans, with
- 446 Individual Education Plans, and in special education;
- 447 ● Removing all state and local funding from charter schools and transitioning them to fully private
- 448 funding; and providing stronger, comprehensive oversight of charter schools and the elimination of
- 449 exceptions afforded to them in current law until that removal of funding is completed; Support for
- 450 systems to enable more equitable funding of our public schools, such as:
 - 451 ○ Simple majority elections for school bonds and protection of the simple majority for school
 - 452 levies;
 - 453 ○ Education funding equity regardless of district tax base, with a new funding formula for
 - 454 public schools and capital projects;
 - 455 ○ Uncoupling school bonds from the state non-education capital budget and passing them
 - 456 with a simple majority;
 - 457 ○ Restructuring school districts to increase alignment with county or municipal boundaries for
 - 458 equity of funding, reduction of segregation, and more effective partnerships with local social
 - 459 services;

- 460 • Provide a Safe physical environment where rooms, equipment and supplies are in good condition,
461 cleaned and repaired as necessary;
- 462 • Full funding and equal access to:
 - 463 ○ Smaller and appropriate class sizes informed by teacher input, and research on effective
464 learning environments;
 - 465 ○ School academic and behavioral health counselors, psychologists, librarians,
466 paraprofessionals, social workers, custodians, and nurses to serve the needs of every
467 student;
 - 468 ○ School construction to accommodate increased student populations, full-day pre-k and
469 kindergarten, and maintenance including replacement of all portables for the health and
470 safety of our students;
 - 471 ○ Safe transportation to and from school;
 - 472 ○ Open educational resources offered free and openly for educators, students, and self-
473 learners to use and reuse for teaching, learning and resources;
 - 474 ○ The acquisition and maintenance of a technological infrastructure (broadband and end-user
475 equipment) throughout the state that will make robust connectivity and accessibility a
476 reality for every educator and learner, whether in the classroom or located remotely;
 - 477 ○ Implementation of the Washington State Board of Health’s revised rules for health and
478 safety of school environments;
- 479 • Pre-K through grade 12 multi-tiered system of supports (MTSS);
- 480 • Curricula that include:
 - 481 ○ Critical thinking instruction to promote recognition of cognitive biases and logical fallacies;
 - 482 ○ Rigorous, comprehensive, and historically, as well as scientifically, accurate content at all
483 levels that recognizes the cultural perspectives of students from diverse and indigenous
484 communities;
 - 485 ○ Reject racism and cultural/linguistic oppression;
 - 486 ○ Social-emotional learning, music, fine arts, environmental education, world language
487 instruction, civics, personal finance, and physical education in the Washington Basic
488 Education Act, beginning in pre-K;
 - 489 ○ Implementation of a non-heteronormative, medically accurate and comprehensive sex
490 education in schools, including education on healthy relationships and models of consent;
 - 491 ○ STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics) education through diverse
492 learning opportunities in pre-K through grade 12 as a matter of national security and global
493 economic competitiveness;
 - 494 ○ Quality vocational education and apprenticeship programs in middle school, high school,
495 and community and technical colleges;
 - 496 ○ Emphasize education about climate change, its sources and solutions;
 - 497 ○ Civics and social studies to develop a well-informed citizen electorate with historical
498 perspective;
 - 499 ○ Implementing late-start for high schools;
- 500 • An educational workforce that:
 - 501 ○ Recognizes employee rights to organize, engage in collective bargaining, and strike without
502 fear of reprisal or replacement;
 - 503 ○ Is fairly compensated (salary and benefits) for adjunct and part-time college instructors
504 based on levels for full-time professional staff and faculty, according to percentage of full-
505 time equivalency;

- 506 ○ Compensates certificated and classified employees equal to that of other professionals of
- 507 similar experience and education, in order to attract and retain quality public school
- 508 employees;
- 509 ○ Is able to exercise academic freedom without reprisal;
- 510 ● Safe schools, colleges, and universities that:
- 511 ○ Are free from guns, weapons, violence, bullying, harassment, retribution (by staff and
- 512 students), drugs, and alcohol;
- 513 ○ Include developmentally appropriate recess and meal times;
- 514 ○ Require all districts to publish a Pandemic Response Plan including closing and reopening
- 515 safety plans that prioritize student, staff, and community health and safety;
- 516 ○ Fortify cybersecurity systems and establish best practices so that they can protect personal
- 517 information, prevent malicious hacks, data breaches, and phishing attempts;
- 518 ○ Provide students access to school locker rooms and bathrooms that correspond to their
- 519 gender identities or single-occupancy facilities; and
- 520 ○ hold accountable students, faculty, and staff that engage in sexual harassment or assault;
- 521 ● Legislation that addresses:
- 522 ○ High interest rates on student loans;
- 523 ○ Financial stress of currently enrolled (part and full-time) college students;
- 524 ○ Student loan forgiveness;
- 525 ○ Public service loan forgiveness;
- 526 ○ The need for tuition free two- and four-year public universities and vocational training
- 527 programs;
- 528 ○ Tuition aid to college students convicted of drug possession who are now barred assistance
- 529 by the federal government;
- 530 ● Adoption of a non-profit General Education Development (GED) as an alternative to the for-profit
- 531 GED;
- 532 ● Ensuring community safety by removing personal belief exemptions for mandatory vaccinations in
- 533 public and private schools.

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535 **We Oppose:**

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537 **Overall**

- 538 ● Profit-driven "education reform" characterized by corporatized curriculum, excessive testing, and
- 539 charter schools;
- 540 ● Unfunded mandates;
- 541 ● attempts to divert public funds to charter schools;
- 542 ● Linking military recruitment to educational funding;
- 543 ● High-stakes standardized testing tied to teacher compensation, school funding, grade promotion, or
- 544 high school graduation;
- 545 ● Over-testing of students, the use of biased assessments, testing for the sake of testing, and
- 546 mandated tests from the federal government;
- 547 ● Corporal punishment;
- 548 ● Scaling back Title IX campus sexual assault protections and rights;
- 549 ● Predatory education loans that target veterans, students of color, and those who are economically
- 550 disadvantaged;
- 551 ● Dissolution of the Department of Education;
- 552 ● Student loans that cannot be refinanced or discharged in bankruptcy;

553 • Cuts to state funding for public education, whether or not the item funded is included in the state's
554 definition of basic education.

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556 **State and Local**

557 • School vouchers;

558 • Charter Schools;

559 • The commercialization of school environments including corporate funding of programs and pre-K
560 through grade 12 food sales;

561 • Organized prayer in public schools;

562 • Regular police presence in schools via school resource officer (SRO) programs, which criminalize
563 typical student behavior and contribute to the school-to-prison pipeline, disproportionately
564 impacting students of color;

565 • The escalation of tuition at institutions of higher education in response to declining state support;

566 • The gathering and sharing of personal student and employee information for military recruitment or
567 for commercial, personal, or political gain.

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Environment, Climate, and Sustainability

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We believe all people have a natural right to clean air, water, soil, and food. We have the responsibility to ensure that future generations are provided with a healthy world capable of sustaining and improving their lives. This can only be achieved through international collaboration to effectively address the global climate crisis threatening the health of the planet. The struggle to protect our planet’s climate health must be mutually dependent and interwoven with the struggles for racial and economic justice.

We support aggressive action now to reduce greenhouse gas pollution in order to immediately slow, and ultimately halt further global climate change, species extinctions, ocean acidification guided by prompt and effective decision making based on peer-reviewed, best available science and economic evidence. We call for major new investments in rail and transportation infrastructure, manufacturing industries, sustainable agriculture, energy conservation, buildings, and clean tech innovation to create millions of good-paying union jobs benefitting every community, while ensuring a just transition for workers in fossil fuel industries to ensure ongoing employment.

We believe that an efficient, well-planned land use and multimodal transportation system promotes a healthy economy. This requires our transportation systems to rapidly transition away from the use of fossil fuels and the burning of carbon-based fuels.

We must preserve family farms, strengthen rural communities, ensure the availability of high-quality food, and maintain the viability of land and water. We must promote agriculture and forest management practices that restore healthy soils that can sequester large quantities of CO2. We must preserve the health of our forests and timber communities. We must preserve rivers, tideland, estuaries, and oceans and strengthen our fishing and aquaculture communities.

We believe:

- Climate change is the biggest threat to our communities and livelihoods and requires urgent and immediate action on local, state and national levels;
- Our economy -- and the health of our environment -- depend on sound policy, based on the best available science;
- Efforts to mitigate the effects of climate change, to reduce greenhouse gasses, and to move to fossil free economy must be through international cooperation, holding each other accountable, while ensuring that no peoples or nations be asked to disproportionately carry the cost;
- Sustainable energy production and strong environmental protections strengthen our economy and our country;
- The climate crisis and environmental harms cannot be addressed without also addressing racial and economic justice;
- Washington State should be the leader of national and international efforts to eliminate ecosystem destruction, reduce greenhouse gases and mitigate climate change.

We believe in conservation and stewardship, namely that:

- Public lands should be managed as a public trust for current and future generations for benefit of all;
- State and National policies must protect and restore biodiversity, ecosystems and watersheds with a specific concern for wild salmon protections;

- 613 • Farmers, farmworkers, fisherman and other producers of food are critical to the health of the
- 614 climate and environment;
- 615 • Loggers, timber workers, foresters, land managers and other users of our forests and public lands
- 616 have a critical role to play in the health of the climate and environment;
- 617 • Strong growth management policy and law reduces sprawl while protecting agriculture, critical
- 618 areas, forest, and water;
- 619 • A variety of efficient, well-planned, public transportation choices promotes healthy communities,
- 620 economy, and environment.

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622 **We call on Washington State to:**

- 623 • Increase assistance to urban areas for development of urban forest management plans and urban
- 624 forest ordinances that increase protection for trees and support increasing urban tree canopy;
- 625 • Support and encourage vibrant and sustainable small farms and family farms;
- 626 • Create and support localized marketing, community supported agriculture, and cooperative
- 627 marketing;
- 628 • Achieve a net-zero carbon emission economy by 2050 with accountability for achieving intermediate
- 629 goals set out by Washington State law;
- 630 • Determine the carbon pollution associated with all transportation projects and include the social
- 631 cost of carbon in determining the cost of all transportation planning, of the effects on climate
- 632 change; health; and environmental impacts including water, earth, and air pollution;
- 633 • Fully fund all the planning steps necessary to support state and local environmental protection
- 634 mandates, including assessment, permitting, mitigation follow-up, and data collection, monitoring
- 635 tracking, and analysis needed for due diligence in for evaluating impacts to natural systems;
- 636 • Increase state appropriations, local funding authority, and loan and grant programs to address
- 637 infrastructure needs in accordance with state, regional, and local plans and policies, with a particular
- 638 emphasis on building infrastructure needed for electrification of ground transportation;
- 639 • Require ASARCO funds, and funds from the Model Toxics Control Act, to be used solely for toxic site
- 640 cleanup, including the 20,000 developed and undeveloped parcels slated for cleanup;
- 641 • Limit contamination of the environment by harmful waste materials, such as plastics, heavy metals,
- 642 toxic chemicals, and radioactive materials, via reduction in use, or proper disposal or storage;
- 643 • Require developers to pay impact fees to fully mitigate increased needs for schools, safe pedestrian
- 644 infrastructure, roads, parks, sewers, and other effects of development;
- 645 • Protect our critical environmental areas including wilderness areas, old growth forests, wildlife
- 646 habitat areas and corridors, wetlands, lakes, rivers, streams, riparian areas, Washington waters,
- 647 coastlines, continental shelf, oceans, and other bodies of water through vigilant monitoring and
- 648 planned growth management;
- 649 • Implement a restorative soils program to incentivize healthy agriculture and forestry management
- 650 practices which would concurrently enhance soil productivity, reduce local waterways pollution, and
- 651 improve soil CO2 sequestration;
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- 653 practices which would concurrently enhance soil productivity, reduce local waterways pollution, and
- 654 improve soil CO2 sequestration;
- 655 • Expand funding and restoration efforts to improve fisheries including: replacement of culverts to
- 656 better facilitate fish passage, habitat restoration, pollution-reduction goals, with detection of
- 657 pollution sources and enforcement of violations; riparian areas; cold water connections; alternative
- 658 fishing gear; support wild fish runs and hatchery production and daylighting streams and creeks
- 659 where possible;
- 660 • Incentivize and provide grants to assist property owners in transitioning their landscaping to native,

- 661 diverse, drought-tolerant plants;
- 662 o Preempt rules from private organizations, such as HOAs, that prevent the use of native,
- 663 diverse, and drought-tolerant landscaping;
- 664 o Requiring the use of native, diverse, drought-tolerant plants on public lands, except where
- 665 park uses require a different form of groundcover;
- 666 • Develop and fund a statewide infrastructure to support use of electric vehicles;
 - 667 • Join the regional partnership with California, Oregon, and British Columbia in adopting a clean fuel
 - 668 standard to reduce pollution from cars and trucks to meet our greenhouse gas emission goals, to
 - 669 improve the quality of the air we breathe, and to improve the health of people, often people of
 - 670 color and those with lower incomes, who live near major roadways;
 - 671 • Require public transit agencies to join a common statewide payment-card system, expansion of the
 - 672 Regional Reduced Fare Permit to all transit agencies throughout the State and implementation of a
 - 673 sliding scale reduced fare program, to facilitate transfers between such agencies;
 - 674 • To invest in continued local access to needed transportation infrastructure, including rural road and
 - 675 highway maintenance and improvement, to ensure consideration of cities and counties outside the
 - 676 I-5 and I-90 corridors;
 - 677 • To adopt policies and laws to minimize public safety dangers to our state caused by transportation
 - 678 of fossil fuels, radioactive material, and other hazardous materials;
 - 679 • To address the future reduced revenue as we decrease fossil fuel use, supplement the gasoline fuel
 - 680 tax as the method of funding road projects with less regressive and more equitable alternatives,
 - 681 making adjustments to keep it equitable across demographic boundaries;
 - 682 • Require cities, Counties, and regional authorities to implement equitable Transit Oriented
 - 683 Development and Smart Growth practices in their land use planning to decrease the need to drive;
 - 684 • Invest and renew stewardship in our forests and forest communities to sustain timber jobs as
 - 685 climate change threatens our forests and streams through habitat loss, susceptibility to pest
 - 686 infestation, and from hotter and drier seasons resulting in massive and catastrophic wildfires. We
 - 687 call to increase jobs in our rural timber communities to strengthen our forests for wildfire, to use
 - 688 sustainable forest biomass from forestry thinning to make renewable products, through the
 - 689 manufacture and use of advanced engineered wood products, and in the best forest management
 - 690 practices to realize the full potential of carbon capture. We call for rapid after fire response to
 - 691 address potential sediment runoff and soil erosion;
 - 692 • To implement a “Buy Clean” initiative to ensure that lifecycle greenhouse gas pollution is considered
 - 693 in state procurement contracts. Preference in contracting should be given to “Buy American” and
 - 694 those holding high labor standards;
 - 695 • Encourage weatherization and electrification of new and existing residential, commercial and
 - 696 institutional buildings. Allow municipalities to establish their own local requirements that are more
 - 697 stringent than the State Building Code;
 - 698 • Phase out new natural gas connections;
 - 699 • Reducing runaway plastic waste by encouraging replacement of single-use items with reusable and
 - 700 compostable materials.

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702 **We call on the Federal government to:**

- 703 • To re-enter and take a leadership role in the Paris Climate Accord;
- 704 • Require management to minimize the development of antibiotic resistant pathogens in aquaculture,
- 705 poultry, and livestock production;
- 706 • Review and update all farm programs; rapidly phase-out federal farm subsidies for large-scale and
- 707 publicly traded corporate farms; and vigorously enforce of antitrust laws that apply to agribusiness ;
- 708 • Reinstate the Superfund Tax requiring polluters to pay cleanup costs;

- 709 • Reinstatement of all environmental regulations that have been repealed or are in the process of being
- 710 repealed by the Trump Administration;
- 711 • Regularly increase Corporate Average Fuel Economy (CAFE) standards to levels that challenge
- 712 automakers to improve fuel efficiency.

713 **We call for both the State and Federal government to:**

- 714 • Issue an immediate executive order to end crude oil exports and ban fracking on public lands;
- 715 • Fix and update critical infrastructure, in particular, fully fund the Drinking Water State Revolving
- 716 Fund and Clean Water State Revolving Fund to ensure all have access to safe, clean water;
- 717 • Divest from carbon risks in State and Federal pension funds and instead invest in positive impact
- 718 investments which include climate solutions and a just transition to a low-carbon economy;
- 719 • Clearly label food in support of consumer choice, including date packaged, full and complete
- 720 disclosure of nation of origin, genetically modified organism status, irradiation, and organic
- 721 certification;
- 722 • Prioritize funding of research and extension for climate mitigation and adaptation methods for
- 723 agriculture, aquaculture, fishery and forestry at Washington state universities;
- 724 • Increase support for development of renewable and sustainable energy programs to supply
- 725 electricity to the power grid to meet statutory climate goals for Washington State and the Paris
- 726 Climate Accord globally;
- 727 • Establish a near term, intermediate term and long-term national energy policy that achieves or
- 728 exceeds Green House Gas reductions that will limit global temperature rise as agreed upon under
- 729 the Paris Climate Accord;
- 730 • Establish and implementing a price on carbon-based pollution to account for the costs of increased
- 731 air pollution and climate change from fossil fuels;
- 732 • Meet climate goals we call for phase out of oil and gas exploration, transportation, extraction and
- 733 investment in future new fossil fuel infrastructure in Washington State and offshore of the
- 734 Washington Coast to the Coastal Zone Management Act (200mi offshore);
- 735 • Support energy research including development of utility scale energy storage, distributed
- 736 generation, next generation nuclear, localized commercial geothermal (heat pumps), and smart-grid
- 737 technology to support baseload;
- 738 • Take aggressive action now to reduce the emission of greenhouse gases in order to immediately
- 739 slow, and ultimately prevent, further global climate change and ocean rise and acidification;
- 740 • Build an integrated American rail system, in electrifying passenger and rail throughout the country,
- 741 expanding existing rail lines, and offering federal investments to further develop ultra-high-speed
- 742 rail. This will create jobs, save time and money for working families, and connect disparate rural and
- 743 urban population centers with more convenient, carbon-free inter-regional transportation;
- 744 • Massively increase annual federal investment in public transit systems, include new funding and
- 745 rebalancing between federal highways and transit spending, to incentivize expansion of transit
- 746 networks throughout America to give Americans cleaner transportation choices, and reduce vehicle
- 747 miles traveled. These investments themselves will support millions of construction and operations
- 748 jobs;
- 749 • Make investments and develop industrial policies that can rapidly scale domestic manufacturing to
- 750 reduce greenhouse gas emissions, cut waste and inefficiency, and catalyze deployment and
- 751 innovation in industrial technologies and processes that will sustain globally competitive American
- 752 manufacturing jobs;
- 753 • To invest in building energy efficiency, affordable housing, and sustainable local community
- 754 infrastructure, to put people to work eliminating pollution, protecting clean water, and building
- 755 healthier communities, which will thereby address the over one-third of America’s greenhouse gas

- 756 pollution originating from buildings.
- 757 • To incorporate Traditional Environmental Knowledge (TEK) from local Tribal organizations in the
- 758 planning and execution of land and water restoration activities;
- 759 • Fully fund cleanup of the Hanford Nuclear Reservation pursuant to Hanford Cleanup Agreement
- 760 milestones, and end efforts by the Trump Administration to rename and abandon High- Level
- 761 Nuclear Wastes, in order to protect the Columbia River, prevent catastrophic releases and respect
- 762 Treaty rights;
- 763 • Hold manufacturers responsible for the true costs of pollution through waste-stream management
- 764 in production including the collection, cleanup and disposition of their products and packaging at
- 765 the end of their useful lives, such as batteries and prescription medications;
- 766 • Enhance protection of riverine and marine ecosystems from tanker and cargo-vessel collisions and
- 767 derelict vessels;
- 768 • Enhance protection of riverine and marine ecosystems from tanker and cargo-vessel collisions and
- 769 derelict vessels unlawful discharges and spills of petroleum-based products, and bilge water
- 770 pumping operations containing invasive aquatic species, requiring that all fossil-fuel tankers be
- 771 required to be double-hulled, and enforcing penalties for violations;
- 772 • Balance the environmental, social, and economic benefits and costs of proposed dam removal using
- 773 guidance from the upcoming Environmental Impact Statement being developed by the Columbia
- 774 River System Operations (CSRO) Project, using best available science, and including input from
- 775 everyone who relies upon the river;
- 776 • Protect wild salmon and all other native marine life;
- 777 • Enact new laws and enforcing current regulations to eliminate pollution, and protect the health of,
- 778 Washington, and all state, waters at the source, including point source and nonpoint source
- 779 discharges;
- 780 • Correct the disproportionate effects on health and well-being of environmental degradation
- 781 pollution on low-income and minority communities;
- 782 • Implement a gradual phase out of most new internal combustion vehicles for personal
- 783 transportation, beginning in 2030 and when technology makes it economically and practically
- 784 possible for the majority of Washingtonians, realizing that exceptions will be needed for jobs and
- 785 distance;
- 786 • Re-start the I-5 Portland to Vancouver Bridge project, to benefit each of those communities and
- 787 encourages efficient transit between them by road, public transit, and bicycle;
- 788 • Use innovative practices and extend resources to engage hard to reach and underrepresented
- 789 communities, to receive their input into major transportation projects and programs;
- 790 • Enact policies and expand government support for making travel as safe and efficient as possible for
- 791 all modes of transportation, whether motorized or non-motorized;
- 792 • Expand and enhance accessible, safe, affordable and efficient public transportation, including bus,
- 793 rapid transit, light rail, commuter rail, conventional rail, regional and long distance rail, and on-
- 794 demand “last mile”;
- 795 • Require transportation and transit agencies to use sustainability rating tools, such as INVEST,
- 796 Envision, Greenroads, or LEED, to evaluate all of their programs, policies, and projects, to aid them
- 797 in improving their practices to reduce their environmental footprint, social impacts, and financial
- 798 costs;
- 799 • Hold meaningful consultation with Tribal Governments on environment, climate and sustainability
- 800 policies and prioritize their needs;
- 801 • Set and implement aviation CO2 emissions standards at a national level that surpass the
- 802 International Civil Aviation Organization’s (ICAO) standards;
- 803 • Aggressively regulate toxics in commerce, using a precautionary approach to minimize harm, under

- 804 laws such as TSCA;
- 805 • Place a moratorium on new or expanded nuclear power, including small nuclear reactors that
- 806 produce high level nuclear waste;
- 807 • Require analyses of whether reliance on decades old nuclear reactors cost consumers far more than
- 808 available carbon free electricity that does not add to Washington’s waste and contamination
- 809 burdens or pose catastrophic risks as they age well beyond original licensing.

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811 **We Oppose:**

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- 813 • Production of fossil fuels and natural minerals through destructive techniques such as, but not
- 814 limited to, suction dredge mining, hydraulic fracturing, mountaintop removal, gravel mining, open
- 815 pit mining and offshore drilling;
- 816 • Transport and storage of fossil fuels and hazardous materials without meaningful environmental
- 817 safeguards;
- 818 • The continuation of massive subsidies to the fossil fuel and nuclear energy industries;
- 819 • New fossil-fuel terminals at any Washington State ports;
- 820 • On-going or future construction of tar sands oil pipelines anywhere in North America;
- 821 • Coal-fired generating plants everywhere, and transportation of coal anywhere;
- 822 • Shortsighted irresponsible policies and market incentives that result in environmental damage
- 823 without remediation and without accounting for economic, social, and environmental costs;
- 824 • Weakening or eliminating environmental laws such as the Clean Water Act and the Clean Air Act and
- 825 weakening or eliminating the Environmental Protection Agency;
- 826 • Privatization of any and all public water holdings or diversion of agricultural water for private
- 827 commercial use;
- 828 • "Ag-gag" bills which restrict whistleblowers in the agricultural industry;
- 829 • Tariffs that negatively impact local agriculture;
- 830 • Monopolistic practices in agriculture, such as extreme consolidation of farms and food processing
- 831 because it jeopardizes food security and results in a loss of family farm income;
- 832 • Infringement of existing senior appropriated certified water rights;
- 833 • Privately owned utilities;
- 834 • Privatization of transportation infrastructure;
- 835 • Regressive funding of transit, such as flat-rate car tabs and fares;
- 836 • All attempts to diminish Tribal treaties, Tribal Natural Resources, or the general welfare of the
- 837 tribes;
- 838 • Exporting waste to be disposed of in countries with less stringent environmental standards;
- 839 • We oppose the premature shutdown of carbon free electricity producing nuclear power plants
- 840 currently in operation, unless required for safety reasons.

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Government

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844 Government derives its legitimacy from the people, to whom it must be answerable. It serves as their
845 instrument to achieve ends that the people could not achieve individually. Our representative
846 democracy requires full participation by an informed citizenry, a voting process that is fair and
847 transparent, and public officials who are accountable to society. Maintaining the separation of power
848 between the three co-equal branches of government is of paramount importance and has been since
849 the founding of our nation. In order for democracy to flourish, we require a persistently inquisitive
850 media and the free flow of information. The United States should lead by example and from a position
851 of strength. We must work with the world community in a spirit of peace, cooperation, and generosity
852 to support human welfare, freedom, and democracy. We must ensure that diplomacy and nonviolent
853 conflict resolution are the primary tools of our foreign policy. The decision to go to war must include
854 that the cost of war is horrific, calculations must include the devastation of economies, on all parties,
855 civilian and military lives, the disruption to surrounding nations due to refugee displacement. Military
856 force should be non-preemptive and used only as a last resort. The core task of the U.S. military is to
857 provide for the common defense and must never be open to abuses of power by any branch of
858 government. We will always support our troops and honor our veterans who act in the service of our
859 country.

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861 **We believe:**

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863 Foreign Policy

- 864 • The United States must provide assistance and work cooperatively with other nations to build a
865 more peaceful, sustainable, and stable world by addressing root causes of conflict, including
866 poverty, inequitable access to natural resources, economic injustice, and environmental
867 degradation;
- 868 • We must protect our nation from external threats without suppressing human rights at home and
869 abroad;
- 870 • The United States must work closely and persistently with other countries to prevent or stop
871 genocide wherever it occurs;
- 872 • Diplomatic re-engagement throughout the world will lead to the peaceful resolution of ongoing
873 conflicts;
- 874 • Serious, full, constructive, and persistent United States engagement to promote negotiations and
875 other actions that will lead to a peaceful, sustainable resolution of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict,
876 based on mutual recognition and ensuring security, economic growth, and quality of life for the
877 peoples of the sovereign state of Palestine and the sovereign state of Israel.

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879 Media Reform

- 880 • Democracy relies upon citizenry informed by a free press, which is essential and valuable for
881 democracy, for governance, and for human development;
- 882 • The public airwaves and the Internet must serve everyone within the United States of America and
883 must not be controlled by a few corporations;
- 884 • Access to all forms of media transmission should be provided for everyone within the United States
885 of America;
- 886 • Journalists who report on news and events should be legally protected from public and

887 governmental abuse, retaliation, and from being compelled to reveal their sources;

888 • Whistleblowers must be protected from retaliation.

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890 **Military and Veterans Affairs**

891 • It is the task of the military to execute orders issued by the civilian Commander in Chief except when
892 such orders are unlawful;

893 • Under the Constitution, it is the duty of Congress to declare war, appropriate funds, provide
894 oversight, and act to prevent the misuse of the military;

895 • Our military service members are entitled to serve with a clear mission and adequate resources;

896 • Military personnel and all others who rely on Tricare and military medical facilities have the right to
897 make their own reproductive decisions, with the same rights accorded to civilians regardless of
898 gender;

899 • Government contracts should be awarded based on fair and competitive bidding, with preference
900 given to U.S. companies and veteran-, minority-, women-owned small businesses.

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902 **Government and Political Reform**

903 • All Americans must have equitable access to the political process, regardless of health, place of
904 residence, economic status, race, religion, disability, criminal status, Legal Financial Obligation
905 repayment status or gender;

906 • Presidential candidates must reveal all their financial obligations and vested interests,

907 • Government officials must be held to the highest standards of ethical conduct and that there be
908 consequences for misconduct;

909 • Elected officials are employees of the people and are responsible to society as a whole;

910 • Government actions should support the common good, and taxes should be levied fairly and spent
911 responsibly;

912 • Government should be protected from undue corporate and foreign influence;

913 • Government should enact policies that promote job creation in the U.S. such as funding
914 infrastructure projects and promoting the Green New Deal;

915 • To remain viable as a self-sustaining public service operated without tax dollars, the USPS must be
916 given the latitude by Congress to set postage rates as needed to cover its costs, to maintain its
917 buildings, to avoid cutting services, and to fully fund employee pensions that are owed to long-
918 serving postal workers;

919 • The U.S. Postal Service is part of the essential infrastructure of the United States.

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921 **We Call For:**

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923 **Foreign Policy**

924 • [National] Full support and funding of our State Department as the primary foreign policy arm of the
925 U.S. Government;

926 • [National] Upholding the rights, welfare, and healthy environment of all indigenous peoples;

927 • [National] Freezing the assets of leaders of repressive regimes and banning military exports to such
928 countries;

929 • [National] Participation in and funding of multilateral peacekeeping missions;

930 • [National] Cooperative and fully funded participation in international organizations including the
931 United Nations, the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, and the World Health Organization provided
932 that the national security interests of the United States are protected;

933 • [National] The United States to honor and ratify international treaties that protect civilian

- 934 populations, refugees, and human rights, address climate change and prevent genocide;
- 935 • [National] Working with other nations to pursue law enforcement action against terrorist networks,
- 936 rather than acting through military intervention;
- 937 • [National] Passage of a law prohibiting any US first use of nuclear weapons;
- 938 • [National] Effective foreign aid to reduce poverty and improve access to clean air, clean water,
- 939 adequate food and shelter;
- 940 • [National] Supporting programs for voluntary forms of evidence-based, safe, and effective family
- 941 planning worldwide;
- 942 • [National] International fair trade agreements that strengthen human rights, respect the rights of
- 943 indigenous peoples, raise global standards for labor rights, and promote environmental strategies,
- 944 as part of a sustainable global economy and contain meaningful enforcement mechanisms to
- 945 protect people and the planet;
- 946 • [National] Rebuilding the civilian infrastructure and economy in Iraq and Afghanistan, using
- 947 international agencies and local labor;
- 948 • [National] Detailed and public accounting of all reconstruction funds spent in “Operation Iraqi
- 949 Freedom” and “Operation Enduring Freedom”;
- 950 • [National] Political and economic self-determination for the Cuban people and normalization of our
- 951 relations with Cuba, including an end to the United States-imposed embargo and travel ban;
- 952 • [National] International cooperation to reduce nuclear arsenals, both at home and abroad,
- 953 strengthen international control of fissile material including “depleted” uranium, and limit the use of
- 954 fissile material to peaceful purposes;
- 955 • [National] Using foreign aid to offset or forgive the onerous debt of countries forced to choose
- 956 between debt repayment and essential services;
- 957 • [National] Encouraging struggling economies worldwide to engage in regenerative economic policies
- 958 without compelling privatization of government services or natural resources as a way to refinance
- 959 their nations’ debts;
- 960 • [National] Restoration of our historic full adherence to the Geneva and Vienna Conventions;
- 961 • [National] Allowing developing nations more influence in the running of the International Monetary
- 962 Fund (IMF) and the World Bank;
- 963 • [National or State] International agreements that expand opportunity and employment for
- 964 Washington workers and businesses;
- 965 • [National] The United States to honor the United Nations Declaration of Human Rights;
- 966 • [National] The United States to ratify the United Nations Conventions on the Elimination of All
- 967 Forms of Discrimination Against Women and on the Rights of the Child;
- 968 • [National] The United States to ratify the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with
- 969 Disabilities;
- 970 • [National] The United States to sign and ratify the United Nations agreement creating the
- 971 International Criminal Courts.

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973 **Government and Political Reform**

- 974 • [National] For the repeal of Citizens United v. FEC through specific legislation;
- 975 • [National] A constitutional amendment that corporations are not people, money is not speech, and
- 976 all elections be publicly funded;
- 977 • [National] The repeal of the Patriot Act;
- 978 • [National] Stronger Whistleblower protection and mandatory stiff penalties for those who “out” the
- 979 whistleblower;
- 980 • [National] Taxpayer-funded scientific research that becomes part of the public domain and informs

- 981 policy and regulatory decisions affecting our health, safety, and environment;
- 982 • [National] Timely responses to Freedom of Information Act requests to ensure transparent, open,
983 and honest government;
- 984 • [State] Transparency in sessions that discuss and make public policy through strict enforcement of
985 the Public Records Act and the Open Public Meetings Act;
- 986 • [State] Requiring paid voter signature gatherers for ballot initiatives to prominently display who they
987 work for and who is paying them;
- 988 • [National] Automatic voter registration for all eligible voters by the first election in which they are
989 eligible to vote;
- 990 • [National and State] Limits on direct and indirect private and corporate financial and in-kind
991 contributions to political activities;
- 992 • [National] Elections in which all votes are cast on carefully monitored, secured human-readable
993 paper ballots;
- 994 • [National] Mandatory auditing of the election process and results that is open to the public to
995 witness;
- 996 • [National] Legislative clarification of the Emoluments Clause of the US Constitution and expansion to
997 make clear that neither a US President nor presidential appointee, nor any other elected official,
998 judge, or federal or state employee may receive current or promises of future financial, business, or
999 media favors that could introduce a conflict of interest in the execution of their duties, nor use the
1000 power or perks of their office to favor any private person or entity for personal, business, or political
1001 gain;
- 1002 • [National] Federal leadership, funding, guidance, and support for vote-by-mail in all national
1003 elections with same-day registration and optional in-person voting;
- 1004 • [State] Legislative district boundaries that do not violate tribal boundaries by splitting or "cracking"
1005 reservations in separate districts;
- 1006 • [National and State] Public financing of campaigns;
- 1007 • [State] State funding of inclusive public debates for statewide offices and ballot measures;
- 1008 • [National] Federal leadership, funding, guidance, and support for redistricting states through a data-
1009 driven process to create districts that are fair and representative of the people they serve;
- 1010 • [State] Guaranteeing the Washington State Re-districting process is effective, transparent and
1011 accountable, and maximizes public input;
- 1012 • [Local] Moving conservation district elections onto regularly scheduled ballots, administered by
1013 county election offices;
- 1014 • [National] The direct election of the United States President and Vice President;
- 1015 • [National] Restricting former state and federal elected officials from paid lobbying for at least five
1016 years after leaving office;
- 1017 • [National and State] Prosecution of government employees (elected or non-elected) who violate
1018 laws under the guise of doing their job including judges;
- 1019 • [National] To legislatively address the unworkable doctrine of Qualified Immunity to permit citizens
1020 to sue for redress in cases where civil rights have been violated with the purpose of holding public
1021 officials accountable and increasing public trust in our government institutions, law enforcement in
1022 particular;
- 1023 • [National and State] Adequate funding and staffing for all regulatory agencies;
- 1024 • [National and State] Adequate and equitable funding of public service options for all in need of work
1025 or work experience, including AmeriCorps, Peace Corps, Job Corps, and other avenues of service;
- 1026 • [State] Enactment of revenue measures by simple-majority votes in the Washington State
1027 Legislature, as specified in the State Constitution;

- 1028 • [State] Automatic legislative review of state tax exemptions on a five-year rolling interval;
- 1029 • [National] Inclusion of all military funding in open Congressional budgets;
- 1030 • [State] Establishment of a state bank to handle and profit from state revenues;
- 1031 • [National] Disclosure-in-advertising of the top 5 donors to Federal PACs and Non-Candidate
- 1032 Committees;
- 1033 • [National] Full Congressional representation and statehood for the District of Columbia and any U.S.
- 1034 Territory that votes for it;
- 1035 • [National and State] Publicly owned and operated utilities for the provision of potable water,
- 1036 sewage disposal, drainage management, transportation infrastructure, energy, and
- 1037 telecommunications;
- 1038 • [National and State] Adequate time to be given to legislators to review bills before they are voted
- 1039 on;
- 1040 • [National] Counting the incarcerated, for census purposes, as residents of their last home address,
- 1041 rather than their place of imprisonment;
- 1042 • [National] Adequately funding the census to accurately count all people living in the U.S. and U.S.
- 1043 government employees and their dependents living outside the country;
- 1044 • [National] Adequately counting Queer, LGBTQ+, and those who otherwise identify, by households
- 1045 and individuals in the US Census;
- 1046 • [National] Massive investment in modernizing our infrastructure nationwide in partnership with our
- 1047 unions that will create jobs;
- 1048 • [National] Investing in job training and retraining programs that build partnerships between unions,
- 1049 career and technical institutions, and business;
- 1050 • [National] Adequately funding the US Postal Service to deliver to every address in the US by
- 1051 subsidizing the pension mandate set by the US Government;
- 1052 • [National] Making Election Day a Federal Holiday.

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1054 **Media Reform**

- 1055 • [National] Reinstating station ownership caps to limit the number of news outlets that any media
- 1056 conglomerate may own and operate;
- 1057 • [National] Aggressively applying antitrust laws to prevent the formation of monopolies in the
- 1058 wireless and broadband service industries;
- 1059 • [National] Promoting community-level, non-profit and non-commercial radio and TV;
- 1060 • [National] Ample funding, free of political pressure, for public broadcasting to promote
- 1061 independence and discourage reliance on corporate sponsorships;
- 1062 • [National] Protecting Net Neutrality through federal legislation;
- 1063 • [National] High-quality Internet access for all in every region in the country especially the expansion
- 1064 of affordable, broadband Internet and high-speed wireless coverage into rural areas;
- 1065 • [National] Protection, Privacy, and Ownership of data created through a person's online presence
- 1066 and activity;

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1068 **Military and Veterans Affairs**

- 1069 • [National] Military members who declare themselves conscientious objectors to be given due
- 1070 process without fear of reprisal;
- 1071 • [National] Increased funding for investigative units under the Uniform Code of Military Justice
- 1072 (UCMJ) for full prosecution of all sexual assaults, and of harassment based on gender, religion,
- 1073 ethnicity, or sexual orientation, by military personnel;
- 1074 • [National] Removing jurisdiction, in cases of alleged sexual assault between members of the US

- 1075 military, from the direct chain of command over either the complainant or the accused;
- 1076 • [National] Revise the military basic training program to include respect the common dignity and civil
- 1077 rights of human beings;
- 1078 • [National] Troops to be accorded mandatory breaks between overseas tours;
- 1079 • [National] Providing financial assistance, childcare assistance, and no-cost life insurance for
- 1080 dependents of all military personnel deployed to hostile or combat areas;
- 1081 • [National] Ensuring that military personnel retain full enlistment bonuses if they are discharged for
- 1082 service-related and/or combat-related disabilities;
- 1083 • [National] Enforcement of the Geneva Conventions, through all levels of command, in the treatment
- 1084 of all prisoners of war, enemy combatants, and detainees, regardless of the location of their
- 1085 incarceration;
- 1086 • [National] A public accountability process for military leaders and senior civilian leaders for the
- 1087 orders they give and the consequences of those orders;
- 1088 • [National] Protection of military personnel from reprisals for refusing to follow illegal orders;
- 1089 • [National] The cessation of “enhanced interrogation” techniques;
- 1090 • [National] Providing all veterans with full, timely, and no-cost treatment at local military or VA
- 1091 medical facilities, regardless of the nature/character of their discharge, and providing retraining for
- 1092 those who are disabled;
- 1093 • [National] Fully funding VA services;
- 1094 • [National] Modernizing the VA hiring process in particular, and USA Jobs in general, to match
- 1095 private-sector practices for applicant processing and hiring completion while maintaining equal
- 1096 employment opportunity, nondiscrimination, and veteran’s preferences currently in place;
- 1097 • [National] Adequate funding for physical and mental rehabilitation and long-term care and
- 1098 treatment of veterans, including treatment for Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder and Traumatic Brain
- 1099 Injury;
- 1100 • [National] Active outreach to provide access to housing and services for homeless veterans, and to
- 1101 enable homeless veteran communities to be established through alternative shelter opportunities;
- 1102 • [National] Dedicated job training and apprenticeship programs for veterans, that will partner with
- 1103 labor and industry to provide an immediate transition into guaranteed employment;
- 1104 • [National] Veterans preference in hiring, and requiring employers with government contracts to
- 1105 have a veteran’s set-aside in hiring to fulfill those contracts;
- 1106 • [National] Federally-funded environmental and impact cleanup from landmines, cluster munitions,
- 1107 and the development, deployment, and use of nuclear, biological, chemical, or “depleted” uranium
- 1108 (dU) weapon systems;
- 1109 • [State] The use of gender-neutral language in the state constitution;
- 1110 • [National] The United States to sign and ratify the United Nations Convention on Cluster Munitions,
- 1111 and to sign the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty.
- 1112 • [National] Fast tracking pending VA and Veterans support programs including:
- 1113 • Expanding Agent Orange presumptive condition list;
- 1114 • Pass mental health and suicide prevention legislation;
- 1115 • Expand Veteran Homeless definition;
- 1116 • Expand Veteran Caregive program;
- 1117 • Fully fund DPPA (POW recovery teams).

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1119 **We Oppose:**

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1121 **Foreign Policy**

- 1122 • [National] Preemptive war;
- 1123 • [National] Exportation of offensive weapons systems, such as “depleted” uranium, chemical,
- 1124 nuclear, or biological weapons, and the use of militarized or weaponized drones that contribute to
- 1125 destabilization in international relations and the international arms race;
- 1126 • [National] Torture and extraordinary rendition, the abduction of persons of any nationality and their
- 1127 detention in secret prisons;
- 1128 • [National] Trade agreements negotiated in secret without public-interest representation;
- 1129 • [National] Foreign policies that put the interests of corporations above the rights, laws, and interests
- 1130 of governments and workers;
- 1131 • [National] Forced austerity measures, including privatization of government services, as a condition
- 1132 of U.S. aid and U.S. support for loans through the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and the World
- 1133 Bank;
- 1134 • [National] The United States’ involvement in violent extremism, radicalization, and regime change;
- 1135 • [National] The use of United States tax money to fund, train or sponsor military or police forces that
- 1136 suppress human and civil rights in foreign countries;
- 1137 • [National] Any efforts to destabilize other nations’ governments;
- 1138 • [National] The use of artificial intelligence (AI) in weapons of war whereupon AI can act without the
- 1139 intervention of a human;
- 1140 • [National] Further offensive militarization of space.

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1142 **Media Reform**

- 1143 • [National] Foreign nations undermining trust in media.

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1145 **Military and Veterans Affairs**

- 1146 • [National] Further production and stockpiling of nuclear, biological, chemical, or “depleted” uranium
- 1147 (dU) weapon systems;
- 1148 • [National] The use of active sonar in inland and U.S. coastal waters at levels that endanger wildlife;
- 1149 • [National] Unregulated use of civilian areas for military training; [National] Discrimination within the
- 1150 United States Armed Forces based on gender, gender identity, or sexual orientation;
- 1151 • [National] Religious indoctrination of service members;
- 1152 • [National] Privatization of the Department of Veterans Affairs, except where essential to provide
- 1153 care in rural clinics and other situations covered under the Veterans Choice Act;
- 1154 • [National] increasing military spending beyond current levels;
- 1155 • [National] Military contractors being used for combat duty;

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1157 **Government and Political Reform**

- 1158 • [National] Any attempts to interfere with voting, recording, storing, and tallying votes;
- 1159 • [National] Laws that criminalize free speech and peaceful assembly, regardless of the economic
- 1160 impact of those protected actions;
- 1161 • [National] Any attempt to hobble or starve the USPS until it can no longer meet its mission, in order
- 1162 to provide a justification for privatization;
- 1163 • [National] Any attempt to privatize or dismantle the USPS.

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Health Care, Human Services, and Gun Safety

Healthcare is a basic human right. Our government should guarantee accessible, high-quality, free at the point of use healthcare for all by law. Patients must have the right to access and choose between all lawful medical treatment options, without hindrance by institutions exercising religious doctrine and regardless of ability to pay. A strong public health system is essential to the well-being of all residents and the health and economic security of this country. As a caring community, we must provide a safety net of social services that meets the basic needs of ALL people, so we can attain their full potential. The right to own firearms is subject to reasonable regulation and laws should protect the lives of all people, especially vulnerable populations, such as our school children, from gun violence.

We believe:

- Health care is a basic human right;
- Health care and human services enable a productive workforce, reduce crime and promote the common welfare;
- Government should create social, physical and cultural environments that promote good health for all; An affordable universal single-payer system is essential to provide the most equitable and effective health care, serving both individual and public health needs;
- Health care systems, public health and emergency response plans must not deny or restrict access to health care or triage lifesaving care on the basis of disability;
- Health care options should not be hindered by religious or economic ideology;
- Health care coverage should be comprehensive;
- A strong public health system promotes conditions leading to better health for the entire population;
- Public health is a governmental responsibility and should ensure access to clean air, water, and food;
- Our government must act to protect us against pandemics, providing adequate support and funding of our public health institutions, and safety net of medical supplies when a quick reaction is necessary;
- Gun violence is a public health crisis causing trauma, injury, and death;
- Social services must be integrated, culturally competent, linguistically & physically accessible, lacking faith-based requirements, and based on the needs of the individual;
- Access to health care and human services must not be denied on the basis of immigration or residency status;
- Measures to ensure the long-term sustainability of our earned benefit safety-net programs – Social Security and Medicare – are urgently needed now;
- all individuals have the right to access healthcare services that are gender and sexuality affirming;
- That no one should be pushed into bankruptcy and financial ruin due to health care costs;
- Our elders are valued members of our society, who have a basic right to health, comfort, dignity, respect, and a vibrant life.

1208 **We Call For:**

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1210 **Washington State to:**

- 1211 • Establish a universal single payer healthcare system for Washington residents, regardless of
- 1212 immigration status, until such time as a single-payer system is enacted nationally;
- 1213 • Provide sustained, non-Medicaid funding to protect the vulnerable populations not covered by
- 1214 Federal Medicaid;
- 1215 • Provide medically accurate and comprehensive sex education in schools, including education on
- 1216 healthy relationships and models of consent;
- 1217 • Support a patient’s right to decision-making and other provisions of the Death with Dignity Act;
- 1218 • Fund the Washington State Health Professionals Loan Repayment Program (HPLRP) to support
- 1219 underserved communities in recruiting and retaining primary care providers;
- 1220 • Institutionalize practices that identify, analyze and address racial disparities in healthcare access,
- 1221 provision and outcomes;
- 1222 • Develop and expand Safe Consumption Sites and require first responders to be trained and
- 1223 equipped for overdose response;
- 1224 • Provide easy access to all Washington Residents to opiate dependence maintenance therapy.

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1226 **The Federal Government to:**

- 1227 • Establish a universal single payer healthcare system for United States residents regardless of
- 1228 immigration status;
- 1229 • Pass a comprehensive "Patients’ Bill of Rights" law that:
 - 1230 ○ Ensures medical decisions are patient-centric and made primarily by patients, their families
 - 1231 and providers;
 - 1232 ○ Affirms freedom of choice in health care;
- 1233 • Empower the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services or an equivalent future agency to
- 1234 negotiate prices for medical devices and drugs;
- 1235 • Ensure prompt Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approval of new treatments based on solid data
- 1236 from reputable clinical trials that demonstrate both safety and effectiveness;
- 1237 • Close regulatory loopholes for “generally recognized as safe” food additives and dietary
- 1238 supplements, bringing them back under full FDA regulation to ensure the safety, legitimacy, and
- 1239 consistency of products;
- 1240 • Allow the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and National Institutes of Health (NIH) to operate
- 1241 autonomously within their mandate, without politically motivated limitations;
- 1242 • Provide expanded funding of basic science and clinical research under the NIH, based on scientific
- 1243 merit;
- 1244 • Overturn the Hyde Amendment which prevents government funding for abortion and abortion
- 1245 related services;
- 1246 • Create Federal statutory rights that parallel the constitutional rights established in Roe v. Wade to
- 1247 prohibit states from interfering with the ability of:
 - 1248 ○ A health care provider to provide medical services;
 - 1249 ○ A patient to access medical care, including abortion services, from a provider that offers
 - 1250 them;
- 1251 • Continue funding to support HIV/AIDS research and to expand awareness, prevention and treatment
- 1252 services in all communities across the nation;
- 1253 • Prohibit child welfare service providers from discriminating against children, families and individuals
- 1254 based on their religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, disability, immigration status and

- 1255 marital status and ensure that children and youth in foster care receive the identity-affirming,
 1256 culturally competent care they deserve;
- 1257 • Provide adequate assistance to meet the needs of children of low-income families, including but not
 1258 limited to:
 - 1259 ○ The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP);
 - 1260 ○ The Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP);
 - 1261 ○ Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC);
 - 1262 ○ Earned income tax credit;
 - 1263 ○ Child tax credit;
 - 1264 ○ Housing;
 - 1265 ○ Childcare;
 - 1266 • Authorize and fund the CDC to investigate the causes of gun violence;
 - 1267 • Ensure the infrastructure, materials and supplies necessary to address a pandemic be produced in
 1268 the USA, with minimal outsourcing to other countries;
 - 1269 • Improve Social Security benefits by:
 - 1270 ○ Expanding these earned benefits to immigrant populations;
 - 1271 ○ Providing Social Security benefits that address inequities for low-income families, women,
 1272 people with disabilities, public sector workers, and people of color;
 - 1273 ○ Crediting individuals serving as caregivers of dependent relatives with deemed wages;
 - 1274 ○ Ensuring that the annual cost of living adjustments keep pace with the actual costs that
 1275 seniors face – especially those related to health care and basic needs;
 - 1276 ○ Removing the cap on Social Security payroll taxes.

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1278 **Both the State and Federal Government to:**

- 1279 • Provide comprehensive health care coverage to all resident populations, including asylum seekers,
 1280 tribal communities, and incarcerated individuals. This shall include, but not be limited to:
 - 1281 ○ Outpatient and inpatient services;
 - 1282 ○ Acute and long-term care;
 - 1283 ○ Home care, palliative care, end-of-life counseling & hospice;
 - 1284 ○ Behavioral and mental health care and substance-use programs, including successful
 1285 treatment for drug & alcohol addiction;
 - 1286 ○ Dental, vision & hearing services;
 - 1287 ○ Preventative services;
 - 1288 ○ Develop a comprehensive plan to recruit, train, and adequately compensate in-home
 1289 caregivers;
 - 1290 ○ Prescription drugs, medical supplies, durable medical equipment & medical technology;
 - 1291 ○ Full coverage of transgender medical costs;
 - 1292 ○ Rehabilitation;
 - 1293 ○ Full coverage for alternative health care including osteopathic, structural integration,
 1294 acupuncture;
- 1295 • Provide adequate funding for the recruitment, education and training of healthcare and human
 1296 service professionals including those working in underserved areas;
- 1297 • Develop a comprehensive plan to recruit, train, and adequately compensate in-home caregivers;
- 1298 • Fund transition assistance for any employee who loses their job as a result of the establishment of a
 1299 single-payer system;
- 1300 • Provide a safety net for rural hospitals and community health centers;

- 1301 • Require health insurance programs, both private and public, to cover all forms of legal reproductive
- 1302 services and methods in accord with the principles of reproductive parity;
- 1303 • Provide adequate and continued funding for providers of reproductive and family planning services
- 1304 such as Planned Parenthood;
- 1305 • Provide education grants and student-debt forgiveness for primary care providers, in exchange for
- 1306 service to underserved populations;
- 1307 • Provide early intervention and preventative services for behavioral and mental health including
- 1308 medically appropriate crisis care and community reintegration services;
- 1309 • Expand Medicaid benefits to adequately cover home and community-based and facility-based care
- 1310 services;
- 1311 • Improved access to medical marijuana and replacing Schedule I status with a classification reflecting
- 1312 marijuana’s relative risks and medicinal benefits;
- 1313 • Aggressively pursue antitrust and patent law violations by pharmaceutical companies that lead to
- 1314 artificially high drug prices;
- 1315 • Decriminalize the importation of non-opioid prescription drugs from Canada that are for personal
- 1316 use;
- 1317 • Provide adequate funding of social services programs including but not limited to:
 - 1318 ○ Establish and support school-based healthcare and clinics;
 - 1319 ○ Early childhood education;
 - 1320 ○ Health education and training;
 - 1321 ○ Nutrition;
 - 1322 ○ Medical, behavioral & rehabilitative care;
 - 1323 ○ Protection and oversight for underserved groups;
 - 1324 ○ Preventative health services, including vaccinations;
- 1325 • Ending the open carry status of Washington State;
- 1326 • Implement common sense gun safety measures including but not limited to:
 - 1327 ○ Comprehensive gun-sale background checks, addressing criminal, mental health, and
 - 1328 domestic violence history;
 - 1329 ○ Reasonable waiting periods for *all* gun sales whether private or for profit;
 - 1330 ○ Mandatory registration and licensing;
 - 1331 ○ Raise the age requirement to 21 years of age for the purchase of firearms;
 - 1332 ○ Requiring approved safe gun storage;
 - 1333 ○ Safety training for all gun owners;
 - 1334 ○ A limit on volume buys of firearms and ammunition by an individual;
 - 1335 ○ A total ban on private ownership, sales and distribution of assault style weapons and high
 - 1336 capacity ammunition magazines larger than 10 rounds as well as accessories such as bump
 - 1337 stocks, which convert non-automatic guns to automatic capacity;
 - 1338 ○ Enforcement of criminal negligence laws that hold adults responsible for safeguarding guns
 - 1339 around children;
 - 1340 ○ Mandatory liability insurance for gun owners;
 - 1341 ○ Criminalize 3-D printing of firearms and bump stocks;
 - 1342 ○ Concealed carry permits to be valid only in the state of issuance or other states with equal
 - 1343 or higher standards.
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1350 • Privatizing, rationing or increasing eligibility requirements for Medicare and other vital safety net
1351 programs;

1352 • For-profit medical insurance;

1353 • Lack of transparency in prescription drug pricing and medical services;

1354 • Direct-to-consumer advertising of prescription drugs and devices;

1355 • Denial of legal medical treatment or prescription purchase based on the personal philosophy or
1356 religious beliefs of medical and/or pharmaceutical personnel;

1357 • “Conversion Therapy,” which seeks to change sexual orientation;

1358 • Agencies that provide false or misleading medical information, or deliberately omit information to
1359 prevent abortions;

1360 • All modes and methods of denying in practice a person’s right to autonomy over their own body,
1361 including restricting:

1362 ○ Abortions;

1363 ○ Contraceptive sterilizations;

1364 ○ In vitro fertilization;

1365 ○ Prescribing or dispensing contraceptives and contraceptive devices such as IUDs,
1366 diaphragms, emergency contraception, and condoms;

1367 ○ End-of-life decision making;

1368 • Arming teachers, administration, and faculty members or other attempts to introduce or increase
1369 the presence of firearms in the classroom;

1370 • Resale of guns seized by law enforcement.

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Labor and Economic Justice

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1374 The pandemic has thrown a harsh light on the failures of our current economic policies.

1375 In the USA, one of the wealthiest nations in the world, no child should go to sleep hungry; no family
1376 should have to choose between housing and health care; no worker should have to fear for their health
1377 when going to work.

1378 We the people have the right to government that works for all of us, over the long term, as opposed to
1379 government ruled by greed for short-term profit at the expense of our health, our security, and our very
1380 lives. The historical exploitation of all working people by the wealthy has gone unchecked by our
1381 government for too long; this has harmed underrepresented, misrepresented, and disadvantaged
1382 people the most. Income inequality is worse than ever before, with many corporate executives making
1383 more than 600 times the pay of their lowest-paid employees. Wealth inequality is similarly extreme,
1384 with the top 10% of families holding nearly 80% of America's wealth and the bottom half only 1%. We
1385 recognize just as President Franklin D. Roosevelt recognized nearly 90 years ago, that the natural
1386 tendency of economic capital is to concentrate into fewer and fewer hands, to the point where the very
1387 structure of society will collapse. It is therefore necessary to have in place governmental policies that
1388 will counter this tendency towards collapse by ensuring that all people have the opportunity to share in
1389 our nation's abundance.

1390 Many laws designed to correct these injustices already exist, but a sorry majority have become toothless
1391 laws, laws that lack oversight or enforcement, or both. Every law, every contract, every trade deal – in
1392 short, every agreement – must contain funding and mechanisms to ensure justice; to make these words
1393 on paper a living reality. We believe comprehensive tax reform is required to fix Washington state's
1394 regressive tax codes. Sufficient taxation is required for a functioning government that provides
1395 necessary infrastructure and services. Taxation also has a role in driving and realizing societal goals.
1396 Complexity in our current tax code creates opportunities for the wealthy and powerful to exploit
1397 loopholes to their advantage.

1398 To recover from the economic crisis created by the coronavirus pandemic, we support embracing the
1399 Just Transition from an extractive economy based on a worldview of consumerism and colonialism, an
1400 economic and political model of perpetual growth of economic and political power to the few based on
1401 resource extraction and worker exploitation, and a military model of world domination; to a
1402 regenerative economy based on a worldview of sustainability and sacredness of all life and cultures, a
1403 local-centric economic model of resource regeneration, a democratic political model of social justice,
1404 cooperation and well-being.

1405 Finally, public investment should have goals beyond GDP (Gross Domestic Product) growth, we should
1406 ensure that equal access to basic human necessities such as housing, health care, and healthy food is
1407 prioritized over simple economic growth We are the music we make, the songs we sing, the stories we
1408 tell. We are the ideas we study and share, the bridges and communities we build, in uniquely human
1409 ways.

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We Believe:

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1413 • End income inequality;

1414 ○ An end to personal debt that crushes opportunity;

1415 ○ Legislate pay ratios of CEOs to lowest-paid employee equal to 1965 levels: 20 to one, not

- 1416 over 600 to one as now;
- 1417 ○ Extreme wealth harms our society's health; current levels of income inequality are toxic to
- 1418 our democracy;
- 1419 ● Equality of opportunity;
- 1420 ○ Legislation to end the digital divide;
- 1421 ○ Protect public investments by opposing and reversing the privatization of public assets;
- 1422 ○ Universal Family Care, a public fund to support affordable child and elder care, parental and
- 1423 sick leave, early childhood education and other family care needs;
- 1424 ○ [Steady funding for all public schools](#);
- 1425 ● Legislation establishing that money is not speech and corporations are not persons;
- 1426 ○ Human beings, not corporations, are persons entitled to constitutional rights;
- 1427 ● Overturn citizens United and Buckley v. Buckley v. Valeo as driving forces behind income inequality;
- 1428 ● Government regulations that put our society's well-being first, over corporate profit;
- 1429 ○ Regulation and taxation as a normal price of doing business;
- 1430 ○ Reinstate Glass-Steagall to separate commercial from investment banking;
- 1431 ○ Enforce Dodd-Frank;
- 1432 ○ Restore the enforcement power of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB);
- 1433 ○ Continue funding of the Workforce Investment Opportunity Act to increase the self-
- 1434 sufficiency of young adults and adults with disabilities by providing career counseling, job
- 1435 training, information, and referral services;
- 1436 ○ Strengthen antitrust laws like the Clayton Act;
- 1437 ● A fair and just tax system for all;
- 1438 ○ Create a progressive wealth tax; tax the highest incomes and unearned income from stocks,
- 1439 capital gains, etc.;
- 1440 ○ Workers must have a say in safety practices, decisions, PPE equipment supply, usage and
- 1441 policies during emergencies, disasters, and pandemics;
- 1442 ○ Tax financial transactions to restrict financial speculation;
- 1443 ● Investing in credit unions and co-ops over banks and large corporations;
- 1444 ○ Including the establishment of a state bank of Washington;
- 1445 ○ Public banking options for local, state, and federal government;
- 1446 ○ Provide financial services to all who lack bank accounts, such as postal banking;
- 1447 ○ Break up big banking systems;
- 1448 ○ Preserve and strengthen the U.S. Postal Service to include banking services;
- 1449 ● Transparent, readily accessible accounting in governments and corporations;
- 1450 ● Public and cooperative ownership of all utilities;
- 1451 ○ Privately-owned utilities work for shareholders. Publicly owned utilities work for the people;
- 1452 ○ Internet service is a utility like electricity; therefore, it too should be publicly owned;
- 1453 ● Fund expansion of broadband internet to all Americans, especially in rural areas;
- 1454 ● Create a modern Works Progress Administration to renew public investment in education,
- 1455 technology, essential health care infrastructure; and transportation infrastructure and sustainability;
- 1456 ○ Invest in reopening hospitals and clinics in rural and underserved areas;
- 1457 ○ Modernize public buildings such as schools, post offices, and libraries, especially in
- 1458 underserved areas, and co-locate affordable housing on these public lands;
- 1459 ○ Prioritize funding for public research institutions;
- 1460 ● Equal pay for equal work for all;
- 1461 ○ Especially for underrepresented, misrepresented, and disadvantaged people;
- 1462 ○ All people deserve a living wage;

- 1463 ○ End minimum wage exemptions or subminimum wages for disabled people;
- 1464 ○ Set a livable minimum wage tied to the median market housing rate;
- 1465 • Guaranteed income for all, i.e, guaranteed basic income;
- 1466 ○ Every person in the US should receive enough income to support life;
- 1467 ○ a federal jobs guarantee;
- 1468 • Affirmative action: a workforce should reflect local demographic with quantifiable goals;
- 1469 ○ Latest census data used to define local population’s make-up;
- 1470 ○ Quantifiable goals to fill government positions and contractor hiring to produce a workforce
1471 typical of local area;
- 1472 • Import taxes and tariffs to be based on the country of origin’s environmental regulations, wage and
1473 labor laws, and their enforcement;
- 1474 • Disincentivize outsourcing or offshoring in all trade deals and government contracts, at every level –
1475 fair and/or direct trade, not free trade;
- 1476 ○ Labor, environmental, emissions, and human rights standards of the US or better are
1477 required and binding in all such agreements;
- 1478 • Buying local, regional, US, union-made, required in all government contracts;
- 1479 ○ Legislate incentives to buy local goods and services;
- 1480 ○ Labor, environmental, and human rights standards of the US are required and binding in all
1481 such agreements;
- 1482 ○ Increase opportunities for small family- operated farms, US manufacturing, and small
1483 businesses in government contracting over large corporations by capping firm size in bidding
1484 through the use of anti-trust to break up large monopolies and create an agricultural sector
1485 that serves the nations health and security;
- 1486 ○ Remove the exemption of agricultural workers from overtime pay requirements
- 1487 • Guarantee the right to unionize and other collective bargaining rights for ALL workers, especially
1488 those historically excluded from labor protections, e.g., migrant and domestic workers, formerly
1489 incarcerated people, and any other underrepresented, misrepresented, or disadvantaged people;
- 1490 • Pass federal legislation to eliminate “right to work” laws;
- 1491 • Legislate respect for workers;
- 1492 ○ Government protection for workers in the gig economy as employees, not contractors;
- 1493 ○ Healthy & harassment-free workplaces;
- 1494 ○ Predictable scheduling;
- 1495 • Assistance and training for all workers displaced by societal change, e.g., automation, age, plant
1496 closures, climate crisis, and other changes we cannot now foresee;
- 1497 • Government requirements for, and protection of, union hiring, organizing, and affirmative action in
1498 apprenticeships and subsequent hiring processes;
- 1499 • Enforce protections for whistle-blowers & workplace organizers: no intimidation, no retribution;
- 1500 ○ Enforce protections against discrimination in hiring where reasonable accommodation can
1501 be made;
- 1502 • Increase inheritance taxes and wealth transfer taxes on the very rich to reduce the concentration of
1503 wealth in families across multiple generations;
- 1504 • Stronger antitrust laws that regulators and private parties can use to meaningfully prevent
1505 anticompetitive mergers, end abusive contracting practices, and constrain monopoly power;
- 1506 • Expansion of corporate fiduciary duties to require consideration for the environmental and social
1507 justice impacts of business operations;
- 1508 • Enact protections for workers and union members participating in wildcat strikes;
- 1509 • An economy that prioritizes real goods and services over a wall street gambling economy featuring

- 1510 high risk financial derivatives trading;
1511 • Reducing the full-time work week before overtime applies to a 32-hour work week, as a 40-hour full-
1512 time work week does not promote a balanced life and is less efficient.

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1514 **We Oppose:**

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1516 • Federal contracts to companies that pay poverty wages, outsource jobs overseas, engage in union-
1517 busting, deny good benefits, and pay CEOs outrageous compensation packages;
1518 • undue harm to family farmers;
1519 • Free trade agreements and trade agreements of any kind that do not protect American
1520 manufacturing jobs and do not enforce and international human, economic, and environmental
1521 rights;
1522 • Subsidies to oil, gas, chemical, agricultural and pharmaceutical companies;
1523 • “Carried Interest” loopholes in Capital Gains Taxes for financial partnerships and similar firms;
1524 • Mega-Mergers and wealth consolidation;
1525 • Bailouts of corporations, religious organizations, lobbyists, big banks, health care executives, and
1526 Wall Street;
1527 • Using deficit fear-mongering to drive budgetary decisions;
1528 • Reducing SNAP benefits and forcing families into a one-size-fits-all option that removes consumer
1529 choice;
1530 • Importing commodities below their true production and transportation costs, i.e. dumping.

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Social Justice

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1534 The inherent dignity and equal and inalienable rights of all human beings are foundations of freedom,
1535 justice, and peace. Our democracy rests on the rights and responsibilities set forth in the United States
1536 Constitution, the International Bill of Human Rights, the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of
1537 Indigenous People, and the Washington State Constitution. We are a nation of diverse cultures.
1538 Immigrants strengthen the United States of America. All immigrants should be afforded full human
1539 rights and a fair, safe, and timely path to legal status or citizenship. We believe that safe, quality,
1540 affordable and physically accessible housing is a basic human right, and the foundation for success in
1541 life, education, and employment. Easy access and frequent exposure to the arts, and to the elements
1542 that comprise all the world's diverse cultures, are essential for the enrichment, health, and well-being of
1543 our greater society.

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Human Rights and Civil Rights

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1548 Human rights apply to all humans regardless of immigration status and include access to safe food, air,
1549 water, and shelter, as well as freedom of speech, freedom of religion, economic opportunity, personal
1550 safety, health care, education, employment, legal aid, and equitable due process;

- 1551 • The reinstatement of the Civil Rights Division of the US Department of Justice and enforcement of
- 1552 civil rights laws;
- 1553 • In the study of reparations to address the systemic racism that persists across our institutions today;
- 1554 • Congress to pass the LGBTQ Essential Data Act to help collect a wide variety of critical data about
- 1555 anti-trans violence and the factors that drive it;
- 1556 • As Democrats, we are, and will remain, at the forefront of the struggle to extend and ensure social,
- 1557 political, economic, legal, and cultural rights to all persons;
- 1558 • It is our responsibility to protect the rights and welfare of all people within our borders;
- 1559 • In a transparent, impartial application and equitable enforcement of law;
- 1560 • Black lives matter;
- 1561 • The disproportionate surveillance and enforcement of people of color has led to unnecessary death,
- 1562 loss of respect and public trust and damage to the community;
- 1563 • That underlying conditions give rise to the glaring inequalities around us;
- 1564 • The high number of missing and murdered indigenous women is a human health and welfare crisis
- 1565 that requires immediate and aggressive action to eliminate further harm to native families and
- 1566 communities;
- 1567 • Free and open voting is a civil right and expresses the will & consent of the people;
- 1568 • Privacy is a fundamental right; our private lives and personal information must be protected from
- 1569 intrusion by government, corporations, or others;
- 1570 • People's lives are more important than our economy;
- 1571 • Each person has the right to sovereignty over their own body;
- 1572 • Disabled people have the right to full access to all facets of society and to live with dignity and
- 1573 independence;
- 1574 • The right to marry, as a legal union of consenting adults, without regard to sexual orientation or
- 1575 gender-identity, must be preserved;
- 1576 • The right of working people to unionize is a fundamental civil right;

- 1577 • The right of an individual to practice their religion does not extend to the denial of the constitutional
- 1578 rights of others;
- 1579 • In the separation of church and state, and that no entity has the right to impose its religious doctrine
- 1580 on others;
- 1581 • Those who benefit from unearned privilege must actively listen to marginalized communities and
- 1582 step back to provide space for members of such communities to be heard by society at large;
- 1583 • The right to protest and demonstrate are constitutionally protected rights;
- 1584 • People’s right to be free of government, corporate, or religious interference in their reproductive
- 1585 decisions, including contraception and abortion, and to have safe, legal, protected, affordable and
- 1586 accessible universal health care that enables them to make informed choices;
- 1587 • In honoring the rich diversity of society and efforts to reflect that diversity in our Party, including
- 1588 special consideration to be paid to the rights of currently and historically marginalized communities,
- 1589 including individuals with disabilities, immigrants, peoples of color, indigenous people, the very
- 1590 poor, and religious minorities and atheists; those who face discrimination should be afforded the
- 1591 legal means and economic opportunities to overcome such injustice;
- 1592 • In equal pay for equal work.

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- The United States Congress to certify ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment;
- The Federal Government to ratify the Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Discrimination Against Women;
- Policies at all levels of government that will strengthen our country by affirming the value of all individuals, and by eliminating the systemic conditions that perpetuate inequality, oppression, and lack of equitable access to opportunities;
- All levels of government to enforce and monitor the Americans with Disabilities Act, the Students with Disabilities Act, and the Rehabilitation Act;
- The United States Congress to pass and enforce the Disability Integration Act;
- The Federal Government to ratify the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities;
- The Washington State Legislature to pass a state version of the Disability Integration Act;
- All levels of government to fully enforce the Matthew Shepard and James Byrd Jr. Hate Crimes Prevention Act;
- The United States Congress to pass and enforce the Equality Act for all members of the LGBTQ+ community;
- Legislation at all levels of government that will end human trafficking for the sex trade, labor trade, and all other forms of involuntary servitude but while respecting the rights of sex workers;
- Legislation that leads to ending child and slave labor worldwide;
- Strong legislation, treatment programs and education designed to reduce harassment, intimidation, domestic or sexual violence, gun violence, and bullying;
- A commitment to Free Speech which carries an obligation to speak out in defense of values of democracy and inclusivity against the evil forces of racism and other hate speech;
- Policies and practices to be adopted by the State in consultation with tribal leaders and experts to properly address the human rights crisis of missing and murdered American Indian and Alaska Native womxn and move beyond recognition to action.

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- 1627 • Organized prayer in taxpayer-funded institutions and the use of government funds for religious
- 1628 purposes;
- 1629 • Discrimination against LGBTQ+ people on parenting rights;
- 1630 • The use of the term “illegal” to refer to any human being;
- 1631 • The use of for-profit prisons or detention centers by Immigration, Customs and Enforcements (ICE)
- 1632 used for the detention of immigrants;
- 1633 • Forcing immigrants seeking asylum back across our southern border into unsafe and inhumane living
- 1634 conditions while they indefinitely await the processing of their asylum claims;
- 1635 • All modes and methods of denying in practice a person’s right to reproductive choice over their own
- 1636 body, including:
- 1637 ○ Defunding Planned Parenthood;
 - 1638 ○ Requiring complete hospital surgical facilities for abortion;
 - 1639 ○ The legal doctrine of “fetal personhood”;
 - 1640 ○ Hyde Amendment restrictions on federal funding of abortions;
 - 1641 ○ Construing religious freedom of a church-owned hospital or religiously affiliated employer-
 - 1642 or school-provided insurance to deny access to an abortion or personal choice to have
 - 1643 sterilization;
- 1644 • Demands for immediate presentation of documents regarding one’s status in the United States;
- 1645 • Involuntary sterilization of persons with disabilities;
- 1646 • Refusing access to gender-affirming health care, services, and surgery;
- 1647 • Discrimination toward individuals by continued misgendering and refusal to use their pronouns after
- 1648 being informed;
- 1649 • The practice of “conversion therapy,” which seeks to change sexual orientation;
- 1650 • Any level of government barring access to public restrooms that correspond with an individual’s
- 1651 gender identity.

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1653 **Housing Justice**

1654 **We Believe:**

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- 1656 • Housing is a human right; That exclusionary zoning policies and the private housing market have
- 1657 failed to adequately provide for those at low to middle income ranges and those requiring physically
- 1658 accessible housing; It is the right and proper role of the government to provide permanent stable
- 1659 housing to people experiencing housing insecurity or are under-housed, to expand the stock of
- 1660 supportive, low income, and affordable housing, and to use all tools available to control the
- 1661 astronomic explosion of the cost of housing;
- 1662 • Every community should include a variety of housing types in order to preserve important societal
- 1663 connections while also accommodating people’s changing needs and household sizes throughout
- 1664 their lifetime;
- 1665 • That access to affordable and accessible housing should not be denied on the basis of race, country
- 1666 of origin, religious or non-religious status, gender or gender identity, disability, sexual orientation,
- 1667 veteran status, immigration status, source of income, age, political beliefs, parental, or relationship
- 1668 status;
- 1669 • In respecting the rights of all adults, including seniors and persons with disabilities, to direct their
- 1670 own lives in housing, education, medical, financial, and all other life choices;
- 1671 • We must make room for refugees, including climate refugees, within our communities.
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1673 **We Call For:**

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- 1675 • All levels of government to use creative solutions and progressive revenue sources to ensure all
- 1676 people have permanent, sanitary, stable, secure, safe, and livable housing and to assist homeowners
- 1677 at risk of foreclosure;
- 1678 • The Washington State Legislature to enact a major increase in funding for assistance and
- 1679 construction of affordable and accessible low-income housing as part of its COVID-19 recovery plan
- 1680 and on an ongoing basis;
- 1681 • Improving and implementing Washington State and local property tax breaks on primary residences
- 1682 of low-income homeowners, small, and micro-businesses;
- 1683 • Repeal of Washington State’s prohibition on rent control;
- 1684 • Just-cause eviction protections;
- 1685 • Reducing the maximum allowable interest and penalties assessed for delinquent real estate taxes on
- 1686 a homeowner’s primary residence;
- 1687 • Changes to county and city zoning laws to incorporate and incentivize mother-in-law, over-garage
- 1688 apartments, tiny houses, trailers, tents, cars, and other low-cost and accessible housing in low-
- 1689 density residential neighborhoods;
- 1690 • Development of public properties under public administration to create long term, sustainably-built,
- 1691 union-constructed, low-income housing;
- 1692 • Transitional housing for residents experiencing homelessness who need support services to prepare
- 1693 for a stable lifestyle in-line with Housing First principles;
- 1694 • Funding for supportive services within shelters and permanent supportive housing to support
- 1695 individuals to achieve lifelong stability;
- 1696 • Funding for new construction of permanent supportive housing for individuals exiting homelessness,
- 1697 farmworker housing, and workforce housing;
- 1698 • Relocation assistance for households living in areas at high risk of flooding, wildfire, and other
- 1699 natural disaster risks heightened by climate change;
- 1700 • Greater, equitable investments in public green spaces, community gardens, and street trees,
- 1701 especially in under-treed and under-parked neighborhoods;
- 1702 • Legislation that addresses the practices that resulted in residential re-segregation, including
- 1703 redlining by financial institutions and the 1949 Housing Act;
- 1704 • All levels of government to end de facto housing segregation and discrimination on the basis of race,
- 1705 income, and other identities;
- 1706 • Robust grant programs to remediate lead paint, lead plumbing, asbestos, and other hazards in
- 1707 existing homes and buildings.

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1709 **We Oppose:**

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- 1711 • Conversion of public property into private ownership without oversight;
- 1712 • Predatory practices such as discounting foreclosures, deceptive, coercive or exploitative loan terms,
- 1713 as well as balloon loans;
- 1714 • Restrictions on locating supportive housing, such as shelters and transitional housing, in residential
- 1715 zones;
- 1716 • Policies and practices that dehumanize and criminalize neighbors experiencing homelessness,
- 1717 including sweeps, hostile urban architecture, and anti-nuisance ordinances;
- 1718 • Bans on low-cost, accessible housing types in all residential neighborhoods, including accessory
- 1719 dwelling units, backyard cottages, duplexes, triplexes, fourplexes, and bungalow courts;
- 1720 • Environmental racism and classism that restricts low-cost housing to areas along highways, arterials,

1721 industrial zones, and other locations that expose residents to high pollution levels and other
1722 hazards.

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Immigration

1725 **We Believe:**

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1727 • It is our responsibility to protect the rights and welfare of all people within our borders regardless
1728 of citizenship or immigration status;

1729 • All people, regardless of their country of origin or their immigration status, deserve to be treated
1730 fairly, respectfully, and with dignity, and that all people have a right to equitable treatment under
1731 the law;

1732 • All children regardless of immigration status are entitled to education to provide them the
1733 knowledge and skills to be productive members of society;

1734 • In access to healthcare and human services without regard to immigration status; withholding those
1735 services is discriminatory and inhumane;

1736 • Immigration is not a matter of homeland security;

1737 • No child should be caged;

1738 • All detainees should have the right of habeas corpus, to humane treatment, safe facilities, adequate
1739 medical care, nutrition, clothing, shelter, freedom of religious practices, disability access, family
1740 unity, legal defense, a living wage for their work, and access to basic education services, interpretive
1741 services, and an accounting of their location;

1742 • In sanctuary jurisdictions adopting sanctuary policies;

1743 • In legal residents having the same rights as American citizens concerning waiting time for their legal
1744 spouses to join them in the U.S.;

1745 • In the proper issuance of identification documents and driver's licenses to immigrants regardless of
1746 status.

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1748 **We Call For:**

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1750 • Abolishing ICE;

1751 • The United States Congress to pass comprehensive reform of United States immigration policy;

1752 • All levels of government to recognize the basic human rights of immigrants and protect them with
1753 transparent due process in all proceedings and a clear and equitable pathway to documented status
1754 and citizenship if desired;

1755 • The Federal Government to increase family unification, including families of domestic partners and
1756 bi-national couples, by granting legal status with the same standards as spouses of citizens;

1757 • The Federal Government to allow undocumented immigrants brought to the United States as
1758 children who have attained the age of majority to apply for U.S. citizenship without first being
1759 required to return to their country of origin;

1760 • The Federal Government to sign and ratify the International Convention on the Protection of the
1761 Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of their families;

1762 • Federal and State government to extend temporary residency to children of undocumented
1763 immigrants to allow them to pursue higher education or national service and to be given an
1764 opportunity to earn permanent residency;

1765 • A more comprehensive WA state "Dream Act" for young adults to enter a path of achievement that
1766 can lead to United States citizenship;

1767 • The United States Congress to pass a more comprehensive "Dream Act" for young adults to enter a
1768 path of achievement that can lead to United States citizenship;

- 1769 • All levels of government to enforce all existing laws which penalize employers who knowingly
- 1770 employ undocumented immigrants;
- 1771 • The Federal Government to provide legal access for employers to an immigrant workforce, such as a
- 1772 guest worker program;
- 1773 • A law that allows undocumented workers the right to unionize or otherwise assert grievances about
- 1774 labor conditions, failure to pay what is owed, provide safe and adequate housing if they are required
- 1775 to live at or near the work-site etc. all without fear of being reported to immigration authorities;
- 1776 • All levels of government to enact policies that fully integrate and support immigrants as equal
- 1777 members of our communities, including programs offering instruction in English, interpretative and
- 1778 translation services of governmental documents and services, and preparation for citizenship;
- 1779 • The Federal Government to enact policies that encourage foreign students to remain in the United
- 1780 States and give them opportunity to earn permanent residency;
- 1781 • The Federal Government to dramatically increase the number of qualified immigration judges to
- 1782 clear the immigration backlog and avoid lengthy detentions for adults and children;
- 1783 • An end to deportation or detention of family members of natural-born and naturalized U.S. citizens;
- 1784 • An end to deportation or detention without due process of law; Streamlining and expediting
- 1785 procedures for granting asylum to persons fleeing from areas of war, genocide, and political
- 1786 oppression, drug and human trafficking, fleeing religious and ethnic oppression, civil strife and
- 1787 violence, subject to appropriate security concerns;
- 1788 • An end to internationally destabilizing American foreign policies, such as the drug war, which force
- 1789 so many immigrants to flee their homelands;
- 1790 • All levels of government to enact policies that prevent discrimination in wages and working
- 1791 conditions for immigrant workers, including access to safe and adequate housing, medical care and
- 1792 educational opportunities;
- 1793 • Using diplomacy and sustainable development to improve the social, economic and environmental
- 1794 conditions that contribute to undocumented immigration into the United States;
- 1795 • Qualified foster care services for undocumented, unaccompanied minors;
- 1796 • A right to counsel in all immigration related legal proceedings, regardless of immigration status;
- 1797 • The federal government to reinstate domestic violence as an accepted reason for asylum status, to
- 1798 offer protection to people fleeing countries where there is no protection for victims of domestic
- 1799 violence.

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1801 **We Oppose:**

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- 1803 • Separating families of undocumented immigrants and people seeking asylum;
- 1804 • State or local agencies' involvement in the enforcement of federal immigration laws, including
- 1805 providing information, access, and/or assistance to ICE;
- 1806 • Border Patrol checkpoints away from the border and the engagement of Border Patrol agents in
- 1807 ordinary law enforcement activities, including providing routine translation services for other
- 1808 agencies;
- 1809 • Forced labor of detainees;
- 1810 • Automatic detention and/or deportation of asylum-seekers;
- 1811 • Attempts to establish English as the sole official language of the United States;
- 1812 • Unjust and arbitrary quotas, limits, and other immigration rules that have the primary purpose of
- 1813 preventing new immigration;
- 1814 • Creation or enforcement of any "public charge" rules that disproportionately limit or prohibit
- 1815 immigration of people with disabilities;
- 1816 • The use of work visas, such as H(1)(b) and H(2)(a) visas, as a substitute for hiring U.S. residents;

- 1817 • Policies that exclude or demean immigrants based on religion or country of origin;
- 1818 • Judging the merits of asylum seekers based on U.S. geopolitical and/or economic interests;
- 1819 • Border patrol activities disrupting other civic duties like attending court hearings;
- 1820 • The “Remain in Mexico” policy, which has led to thousands of kidnappings of asylum seekers;
- 1821 • Private prison companies profiteering from our broken immigration system.

Culture and The Arts

We Believe:

- 1826 • Freedom of expression is a fundamental human right which is expressed through culture and the arts;
- 1828 • Culture, the arts & humanities are core expressions of the values that make our country great;
- 1829 • Government should sponsor programs that celebrate and promote the cultural diversity of our country;
- 1831 • Programs dedicated to Culture and the Arts should encourage improved public knowledge through honest portrayal of our diverse cultures and histories;
- 1833 • Multi-media public broadcasting, including community-based public radio and public access television are vital to the development of a healthy society;
- 1835 • Public art enhances the livability of public spaces, from parks to schools to libraries, and should be available in every community;
- 1837 • Artists should be paid for the use of their intellectual property including on the internet;
- 1838 • Artists and cultural organization workers should be involved in the planning and implementation processes of artistic endeavors.

We Call For:

- 1843 • Federal, State, and Local governments to include a substantial commitment to public funding for the arts and arts education in their budgets;
- 1845 • Federal, State, and Local libraries, performing arts centers and museums to be well-funded, accessible, and diverse in their offerings;
- 1847 • Federal and State Government to make cultural and arts education available and accessible to all as a core subject in our K-12 public schools;
- 1849 • Federal, State, and Local governments to provide easy, equitable access to public art events, performances, exhibits, and installations for all communities, featuring diverse artists.

We Oppose:

- 1854 • Efforts to cut public funding of the arts by Federal, State, and Local Government;
- 1855 • Any use of public funding of the arts to promote a religious agenda;
- 1856 • Federal, State, and Local governments asking artists to work for free.

Tribal Relations and Sovereignty

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1859 **Washington State Democrats** recognize the unique and valuable history and cultural relationships of the
1860 lands, waterways, usual and accustomed areas regionally and internationally which are highly valued
1861 among Tribal Nations. We must maintain a lasting and respectful relationship with Tribal Nations and
1862 oppose all attempts to diminish tribal sovereignty, tribal culture, natural resources, or the general
1863 welfare of tribes. We recognize this is essential to open and meaningful government-to-government
1864 relations. We recognize the status of Urban Indian populations, and that the Federal Trust responsibility
1865 expands beyond Tribal Reservation borders to Urban Indian populations. We call for fulfilling the
1866 implementation of meaningful tribal consultation of all issues at all levels of the Local, State and Federal
1867 Government.

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1869 **We Believe:**

1870 **Sovereignty and Government**

- 1872 • In recognizing that all Treaties signed under the authority of the United States with the Tribal
1873 Nations, are the Supreme Law of the land;
- 1874 • In upholding the Treaties, Executive Orders and Agreements made between Tribal Nations and the
1875 Federal Government, secured specific rights and privileges to sustain the future of Tribal Nations;
- 1876 • In recognizing that not all treaties were signed in good faith or upheld by the United States;
- 1877 • In improving the social, economic, and health status of all Native American people by local, state,
1878 and federal governments;
- 1879 • In continuing consultation with state, local and federal government agencies and Tribal Nations;
- 1880 • In acknowledging that Tribal Nations' languages, histories and cultures are an integral part of our
1881 national identity, wellness and heritage;
- 1882 • In sovereign Tribal Nations and their Reservations lands are geographically contiguous and should
1883 not be gerrymandered under redistricting practices aimed to weaken the power of Tribes.

1884 **Natural Resources**

- 1886 • Engaging tribes in meaningful discussions and actions regarding climate change, water
1887 appropriation, land management plans, fisheries, mining, air quality, and culvert maintenance and
1888 repairs;
- 1889 • Fulfilling the implementation of meaningful tribal consultation of all issues at all levels.

1890 **Law and Justice**

- 1892 • Respecting the natural law and human dignity of all Native citizens;
- 1893 • Fulfilling the implementation of meaningful tribal consultation of all issues at all levels.

1894 **Health**

- 1896 • Advancing the health, safety and well-being of tribal communities by funding primary health,
1897 behavioral health, and culturally responsive care;
- 1898 • Fulfilling the implementation of meaningful tribal consultation of all issues at all levels.

1899 **Education**

- 1900 • Upholding the vision and goals of Indian Education and Self-Determination in preschool through
- 1901 higher education and lifelong learning;
- 1902 • Continuing Indian Education consultation with state, local, tribal and federal governments;

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1904 **Urban**

- 1905 • Recognizing the rights of Tribal members living in non-rural areas;
- 1906 • Acknowledging Urban Indians who are enrolled in Federally Recognized Tribes across the United
- 1907 States;

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1909 **Economic Development**

- 1910 • Recognizing tribal self-governance and economic sovereignty by supporting and investing in Tribal
- 1911 communities as they achieve the goals of self-sufficiency and sustainability.

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1913 **We Call For:**

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1915 **Sovereignty and Government**

- 1916 • Upholding the principles of Indian Self-Determination and Education throughout state government;
- 1917 • Removing policies and practices that create barriers in upholding Native voting rights at all levels of
- 1918 government;
- 1919 • Elevating the Governor’s Office of Indian Affairs to a Cabinet level agency with adequate funding in
- 1920 respect of the inherent sovereignty of Tribal Nations;
- 1921 • Amending the federal regulations to streamline the recognition process of Tribal Nations, and
- 1922 providing regulations for recognition of a Native Hawaiian Nation;
- 1923 • Establishing and maintaining tribal consultation prior to proposing or supporting legislation or
- 1924 policies that impact Tribal Nations;
- 1925 • Increasing efforts to appoint tribal citizens to Tribal liaison positions, boards and commissions at all
- 1926 levels of government to provide equitable and distinct representation in policies and decisions
- 1927 impacting Tribal Nations;
- 1928 • Eliminating the harmful legacy of “Indian Mascots” in sports;
- 1929 • Declaring the second Monday in October as “Indigenous Peoples Day”;
- 1930 • Recognizing the principles in the United Nations Declaration of the Rights of Indigenous People;
- 1931 • Tribal consent to be a prerequisite before granting permits for construction projects on tribal treaty
- 1932 lands;
- 1933 • Providing access for tribal members to state employment sites and training opportunities.

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1935 **Natural Resources**

- 1936 • Recognizing legislation that reaffirms the Congressional intent of the Indian Reorganization Act,
- 1937 which authorizes the Secretary of the Interior to take land into trust for all federally recognized
- 1938 Tribal Nations;
- 1939 • Supporting the rights of tribes to regulate and manage their own environment and natural
- 1940 resources, including the right to hunt, fish and gather in their traditional usual and accustomed
- 1941 places;
- 1942 • Continuing efforts to maintain and restore salmon runs and protect shellfish resources critical to
- 1943 Tribal Nations’ cultures and economies;
- 1944 • Having access to natural resources requires those resources to exist and there is an obligation to
- 1945 protect and improve the environment to ensure usual and accustomed access.

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1947 **Law and Justice**

- 1948 • Expanding the rights of Tribal Nations to exercise criminal jurisdiction over non-tribal and non-Native citizens committing a domestic violence or dating violence and protection order violations on Tribal lands consistent with the Violence Against Women Act;
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- 1951 • Supporting other legislation in Congress to combat violence against Native women such as Savanna’s Act and the Not Invisible Act;
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- 1953 • Joint collaboration by all Washington Tribes to insist that an Elected Tribal Official be seated on the Washington Redistricting Commission following the 2020 Census to realign unfair voting districts and avoid partisan gerrymandering of Tribes;
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- 1956 • Improving state-federal-tribal relations to avoid bias and discriminatory community policing through law enforcement training and cross-cultural education with Tribal Nations;
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- 1958 • Maintaining and authorizing the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) to fund and expand the specific Tribal Nations’ provisions, such as judicial training;
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- 1960 • Providing judicial training on the Indian Child Welfare Act of 1978 and the Washington Indian Child Welfare Act of 2013 to eliminate the loss of Native children’s ties and identities to their families, cultures and homelands;
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- 1963 • Recognizing and reversing the distorted representation of Native women in the mainstream media, stereotypes, and bias which is a contributing factor in the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women in the United States;
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- 1966 • Affirming that the murdered and missing Indigenous Peoples’ and their families’ rights have been violated due to their Native identity and race;
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- 1968 • Acknowledging the harmful impact of all levels of law enforcements’ disregard of missing and murdered Indigenous Peoples.
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1971 **Health**

- 1972 • Funding the American Indian Health Commission for Washington State and its work with state agencies and the Health Benefit Exchange;
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- 1974 • Implementing the state law licensing mid-level dental professionals, such as dental health aide therapists, to address the lack of access to dental care;
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- 1976 • Supporting the construction of one or more tribal specialty care facilities to address the lack of access to medical specialists and shifting the costs from the state to the federal government in fulfillment of its trust responsibility;
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- 1979 • Continuing funding of programs that combat social, economic and behavioral health problems such as homelessness, food insecurities and substance abuse;
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- 1981 • Increasing and expanding community health centers and behavioral health services for Native youth within Tribal communities and school systems.
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1984 **Education**

- 1985 • Supporting Native elders with resources to train and educate Native youth in their Tribal identity, history and cultural resiliency;
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- 1987 • Implementing the essential role of Native families and parent committees in the decision-making process of their children’s education, health and well-being as defined by the Indian education legislation;
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- 1990 • Continuing the implementation and increased funding for the state mandated “Since Time Immemorial” Tribal Sovereignty curriculum, that is expanded upon in Washington State, U.S. and World history courses;
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- 1993 • Improving and aligning government policies and efforts, including data collection, to appropriately
- 1994 identify and classify American Indian/Alaska Native and multi-racial students to adequately support
- 1995 the distinct education criteria, funding and programs;
- 1996 • Continuing the development and improvement of Tribal Compact Schools;
- 1997 • Supporting and funding housing for Native youth attending schools, youth groups, and living within
- 1998 Tribal communities;
- 1999 • Improving the disproportionate rate of drop-out, expulsion and suspension rates of Native students
- 2000 at the K-12 level;
- 2001 • Expanding access to Tribal Colleges and Universities, as well as Indian Studies programs within
- 2002 mainstream Colleges and Universities, in their recruitment and retention of Native students towards
- 2003 earning undergraduate and graduate degrees in a learning environment in which culture, traditions
- 2004 and Native experience is emphasized;
- 2005 • Providing access for tribal members to continuing education in state schools and universities.
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Urban

- 2008 • Maintaining funding of Urban Indian health organizations to enable them to address the health
- 2009 needs of Native Americans in urban areas who may not have access to Tribal health facilities;
- 2010 • Developing an Urban Indian Liaison as part of the Governor’s Office of Indian Affairs to improve
- 2011 community relations with Urban Indians;
- 2012 • Funding Indian Health Service’s (IHS) trust responsibility for Urban Indians; whereby, IHS funds
- 2013 should never be taken from the Federally Recognized Tribal allotment to fund Urban Indian Health
- 2014 Care;
- 2015 • Urging Congress for 100% matching funds with the Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP)
- 2016 for the Urban Indian Health Program’s payments for encounters with Urban Natives as part of the
- 2017 trust responsibility; FMAP funding would save on State Medicaid spending that could be reinvested
- 2018 into the Indian Health Service, Tribal 638 Contracts, or the Urban Indian Health system;
- 2019 • Acknowledging Indians, children lost to adoption under the Indian Relocation Act of 1952, Tribal
- 2020 members who are dis-enrolled and the United States policy to terminate Indian Tribes from mid-
- 2021 1940 thru mid-1960, prior to the enactment of the Indian Child Welfare Act of 1978 and require
- 2022 reunification with their tribes and families;
- 2023 • Acknowledging that some Urban Indians have been systematically disenfranchised from the Federal
- 2024 trust responsibility and support, and must not remain invisible to local, state and federal
- 2025 governments;
- 2026 • Recognizing that Urban Indians make up a disproportionate percentage of the homeless population;.
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Economic Development

- 2029 • Increasing funds and programs that support tribes with the flexibility to develop and sustain their
- 2030 own economic sovereignty and self-sufficiency;
- 2031 • Working with tribes to remove economic barriers, such as state taxation, to increase capital
- 2032 development funds for Tribal Nations.

We Oppose:

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- 2035 • Abrogating of any tribal treaty or tribal agreement by any party;
- 2036 • Forcing assimilation and the distortion of state, U.S. and world history;
- 2037 • Attempting to diminish Tribal sovereignty or Tribal treaty rights of the 29 Federally recognized tribes
- 2038 in the state;

- 2039 • Fossil fuel infrastructure built on Indigenous lands;
- 2040 • Implementing Public Law 280, which *“establishes a method by which states can assume jurisdiction over reservation Indians”*;
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- 2042 • Continuing to treat Urban Natives as invisible due to forced assimilation by government through
- 2043 prior discriminatory Acts of Congress and racist policies throughout U.S. history;
- 2044 • Using the harmful legacies of “Indian mascots” in all sports.