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**INTRODUCTION<sup>2</sup>**

Democrats generally have a positive view of government as a vehicle through which we continuously reformulate national, state, and local goals for our society and establish policies through which we achieve these goals. We strongly urge our elected officials to continue to promote the ideals, principles, and philosophy of the Democratic Party even in the face of intransigent opposition.

We should all work to create an economic, political, social, cultural, and physical environment in which individuals have the freedom and opportunity to achieve their individual goals and to pass on to the next generation an enhanced environment in its multiple dimensions.

**CIVIL RIGHTS AND PERSONAL LIBERTIES**

**Equality Under Law**

1. We believe that the rights of individuals as enumerated in the Constitution and the Bill of Rights must be protected and respected, and that violations must be more aggressively prosecuted to protect those rights, regardless of age, race, ethnicity, religion, income level, sexual orientation, gender or gender identity, marital or family status, disability, credit history, criminal record, or political affiliation.
2. We support enforcement of legislation to ban discrimination in employment, housing, and public accommodations.
3. We support passage of the Equality Act, which amends the Civil Rights Act to prohibit discrimination based on an individual’s sexual orientation or gender identity in public and private employment, housing, and provision of goods and services.
4. We oppose racial profiling.
5. We support the principle that personal liberties under the Bill of Rights should apply only to natural persons, not corporations.
6. We condemn indefinite detention without due process as unconstitutional and a violation of human rights.
7. We believe in the fundamental right of self-determination and the constitutional right to privacy for each individual to manage their own reproductive rights and decisions

<sup>2</sup> Please note that the organization of this document, including numbering, does not indicate hierarchy of any kind, but rather is meant as a reference tool only.

regarding sexuality, and decisions regarding with whom they enter into a marriage contract - all without government interference.

8. We support affirmative action.
9. We support the Commission on Minority Affairs in Nevada.
10. We support statehood for Washington, D.C.
11. We support statehood for Puerto Rico.
12. We support the Black Lives Matter movement.
13. We support efforts to end violence against the LGBTQIA+ community, which disproportionately affects transgender women of color.
14. We encourage accurate data collection, analysis, and research to develop training and educational initiatives aimed at ending violence against LGBTQIA+ individuals.
15. We support the enforcement and expansion of sex discrimination provisions provided in Section 1557 of the ACA to include LGBTQIA+ and non-gender conforming individuals in seeking and receiving healthcare services.
16. We support a national ban on conversion therapy.
17. We support amending the Nevada Constitution to remove the language defining marriage as between a man and a woman.
18. We support a fair and accurate census.
19. We oppose all efforts to intimidate hard-to-count communities in responding to the census.
20. We oppose the action of Nevada agencies providing any data not available to the public to the Department of Homeland Security for the purpose of collecting citizenship and immigration information through administrative records.
21. We believe that Women's Rights are fundamental Human and Civil Rights.
22. We support "The Landmark Declaration", adopted by the United Nations General Assembly on 10 December 1948, that "everyone is entitled to all the rights and freedoms set forth in this Declaration, without distinction of any kind, such as race, color, sex, language, religion, birth, or other status."
23. We support the ACLU Women's Rights Project, which through litigation, advocacy, and public education, advances change and systemic reform in institutions that perpetuate discrimination against women.

24. We support the adoption of the Equal Rights Amendment (ERA) to the United States Constitution that guarantees equal legal rights for all American citizens regardless of gender.
25. We support the right of all individuals to live free from violence, slavery, and discrimination; to be educated, own property, vote, and to earn a fair and equal wage.
26. We support all public and private efforts to eliminate gender bias and inequity in government service and corporate structures.
27. We support an individual's right to bodily integrity and autonomy for their own reproductive rights and freedom from sexual violence.
28. We support requiring employers to provide paid, long-term family leave for birthing and child rearing.
29. We support all domestic and global efforts that eliminate child marriage, sex trafficking, forced labor and all types of slavery.
30. We support the fundamental right to privacy and reproductive freedom of choice as established by Roe v. Wade and believe individual people, not government, can best take responsibility for making personal decisions about their own reproduction.

### **Health Care**

31. We believe that health care is a right.
32. We stand for and support affordable and accessible universal health care.
33. We oppose discrimination in health care based on age, race, gender, ethnicity, socioeconomic status, sexual orientation, gender identity, disability, religious affiliation, or pre-existing condition.
34. We support access to not only health and medical care for all, but also preventive care, general physical and mental health care, elder care, long-term care, dental care, vision care, and hearing care, regardless of the ability to pay or any pre-existing conditions.
35. We support the continued maintenance and improvement of public health efforts.
36. We support the expansion of health education and information to the general public, including but not limited to such topics as preventive care, exercise, nutrition, advance directive, living will, and end-of-life decisions.
37. We support the expansion of scientific research into all areas of health and medicine.
38. We oppose partisan-based efforts to prevent scientific research into public health issues related to gun violence, safety, and ownership.

39. We believe women's health must be protected against policies that devalue women, such as defining fetal "personhood" at a woman's expense or policies that would remove or limit access to the full range of health care and decisions.
40. We continue to support comprehensive health care regulation that ensures affordable health care coverage for women, guarantees access to free birth control, the right to reproductive freedom, affordable preventive screenings for cancer and other life-saving tests, and protects women against gender discrimination by private insurers.
41. We support the fundamental right of women to safe, legal, affordable, and accessible reproductive health care, including contraception; pregnancy termination; and preventive health screenings, education, and support programs.
42. We support the restoration of patient protections established by the *Patient Protection & Affordable Care Act*. We further support the expansion of the *Patient Protection & Affordable Care Act*, with continued review of available health care plans to ensure true affordability for both individuals and families.
43. We support efforts to eliminate health disparities, particularly among racial and ethnic minorities.
44. We support expanded and improved Medicare and Medicaid services, benefits, and administration, including inclusion of dental, vision, and hearing care.
45. We support the use of health care best practices and standards as included in the *Patient Protection & Affordable Care Act*, the *Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act* (HIPAA), and the *Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health Act* (HITECH) mandating electronic health records, privacy, and security.
46. We support the development of a government-run option for health insurance, as originally conceived by the *Patient Protection & Affordable Care Act*.
47. We support expansion of services and funding for adults requiring caregivers.
48. We support expansion of services and funding for individuals requiring highly specialized care throughout their lives.
49. We support greater funding for senior-related diseases and conditions.
50. We believe substance use disorders (substance abuse) should be regarded as a public health issue, not a criminal offense, and support expansion of services and funding.
51. We encourage the expansion of mental health resources in the State of Nevada.

52. We support greater funding for research into and care of those with complex disorders of brain development and brain functionality loss.
53. We support Medicare and Medicaid's right to negotiate for less expensive, high-quality prescription drugs to be facilitated by prescription pricing transparency.
54. We support medical research aimed at preventing and curing disease and alleviating suffering of humans, while minimizing the use of animal experimentation or vivisection.
55. We oppose the use of animals in non-humane ways during development and testing of products.
56. We support continued regulation of the medical marijuana industry.
57. We support removing Federal and state barriers to medical cannabis research and replacing them with a regulatory and funding structure enabling research by public and private institutions.
58. We support allowing Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) medical and health care professionals the ability to discuss cannabis as an alternative to other medications without reprisal or penalty.
59. We support and encourage designating the opioid epidemic as a national emergency and fully funding effective programs and grants to assist communities mitigating the opioid epidemic.
60. We strongly support locally and nationally expanded training programs in proper application of Naloxone (also known as NARCAN®) for individuals who work with populations at risk for opioid addiction.
61. We believe that religion or personal ideologies should belong to the human person only (not to include the legal construct of a corporate "person"). The state and the law should maximize freedom of access and available options for health care, including abortion care and end-of-life decisions.
62. We support the expansion of access to health care through the use of technologies, including tele-medicine programs.
63. We support parity in access to mental health and behavioral health in all public and private funding of health care.
64. We oppose high-risk insurance pools and short-term insurance policies that disqualify individuals based on pre-existing conditions.
65. We support repeal of the Hyde Amendment, the Helms Amendment, the Domestic Gag Rule, and the Global Gag Rule.

66. We support allowing Nevada residents to buy into the Medicaid program in Nevada.
67. We support elimination of the “donut hole” in Medicare’s prescription drug coverage gap.
68. We support the elimination of vaccination exemptions for public school students without a documented medical reason.
69. We oppose parental notification requirements that put an unnecessary burden on young people to access reproductive health services.
70. We support training medical students in the full spectrum of reproductive healthcare, including the provision of abortion services.
71. We support the establishment of a state license in Nevada for Certified Professional Midwives.
72. We support medically accurate, inclusive, consent-based, and developmentally appropriate sexual education in public schools.
73. We support legislation to lower prescription drug costs in Nevada and nationwide.
74. We support all public and private efforts and strongly encourage increased funding to end the spread of HIV/AIDS through prevention and treatment.

## **Housing**

75. We support enforcement of legislation that bans discrimination in employment, housing, and public accommodations,
76. We recommend that residential zoning should focus first on urban infill areas and reduce further urban sprawl.
77. We support affordable housing for low-income and middle-income residents.
78. We support an overall expansion of rental housing stock in the community.
79. We support legislation to prohibit deficiency judgments in the event of real property short sales.
80. We support a requirement that, in any foreclosure proceeding in Nevada, the foreclosing party must produce proper documents, including each valid assignment of the deed of trust and each valid endorsement of the promissory note, proving the status of its right to enforce.
81. We oppose the granting of building permits for housing developments, especially low-income housing developments, on known flood plains without adequate flood mitigation plans.

82. We oppose requiring people to disclose if they are an ex-offender on housing applications (“banning the box”).
83. We support a Tenants’ Bill of Rights to protect Nevadans from predatory landlords.
84. We acknowledge that houses are healthcare and support the construction of social housing units and permanent supportive housing.
85. We support reparations for years of housing segregation.
86. We oppose overdevelopment and sprawl that leads to overextension of available resources.
87. We oppose gentrification, displacement, and homelessness.
88. We support the democratization of development so communities can decide their future.
89. We oppose any effort to criminalize Nevadans without homes or facing housing insecurity.
90. We support limiting rental increases to a specific percent after contracts expire.
91. We support requiring renewable energy sources in all new housing developments.

## **Justice**

92. We believe in a fair and just application of the civil and criminal justice systems regardless of race, national origin, sexual orientation, gender identity, or socio-economic status.
93. We believe in civil and criminal justice systems that protect victims and defendants, promote fair sentencing and appropriate safeguards for juvenile offenders, and ensure safe prisons.
94. We support a comprehensive rehabilitation system to enable released prisoners to become productive members of society and to have their civil rights restored.
95. We support national decriminalization of marijuana and that its use be regulated on an equivalent basis as alcohol.
96. We support expunging from an individual's criminal record convictions solely for personal possession or personal use of marijuana.
97. We support abolition of the death penalty.
98. We oppose privatization of the penal system.
99. We oppose mandated sentencing guidelines.

100. We support sentencing guidelines that emphasize education, rehabilitation, and re-socialization.
101. We support reduction in incarceration that will result in savings that can be used for education, rehabilitation, and re-socialization.
102. We support enforcement of the three-day waiting period and the requirement of criminal background checks for all gun purchases in Nevada, including gun shows and private sales. Background checks must include information on felony convictions, domestic violence and or animal abuse complaints/convictions, and temporary restraining orders.
103. We support the immediate implementation of the Nevada Revised Statute prohibiting, except in certain circumstances, a person from selling or transferring a firearm to another person unless a federally licensed dealer first conducts a federal background check on the potential buyer or transferee.
104. We support additional resources for defendants in mental health courts and other specialty courts.
105. We oppose the "War on Drugs" as presently constituted at all levels of government because of its disparate impact on disadvantaged communities.
106. We support funding to ensure full implementation of the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA), the Victims of Crime Act (VOCA), and the Family Violence Prevention Services Act (FVPSA).
107. We support the use of alternative sentencing for non-violent offenders.
108. We support the use of body cameras by police officers, as cameras protect both citizens and officers.
109. We support the 21st Century Community Policing model.
110. We oppose militarization of police departments except SWAT.
111. We support intervention, education, counseling, medical services, mental health services, and shelter services for victims of crimes, including but not limited to any kind of abuse and/or human trafficking.
112. We support reformation of our current cash bail system so that it no longer functions as a modern-day debtor's prison.
113. We support development and implementation of protocols to eliminate individuals with extremist ideologies from law enforcement.
114. We support the establishment of civilian review boards for incidents where police shoot or kill unarmed individuals.

115. We oppose Stand Your Ground laws for instances outside of an individual's home or vehicle.

## DOMESTIC GOVERNANCE

### Cyber Security and Technology

116. We support the creation and use of an Internet Security Agency, for creation and maintenance of a public database of known viruses, and operation of a public virus library/database, available without charge to any entity and requiring only that the subscribing entity submit to the database any new virus it becomes aware of.
117. We support increased investment in research in fields including but not limited to medicine, technology, transportation, agriculture, and energy, with licensing fees required from profit-making entities for use of inventions covered by patents derived from government-backed basic research.
118. We support the development of secure source identity verification extensions to the Internet Protocol.
119. We support codifying strong net neutrality provisions through legislation, not regulation.
120. We support regulating Internet Service Providers (ISP's) as utilities.
121. We support robust government funding of public broadcasting.
122. We support increased government funding for internet access in rural and underserved urban areas.
123. We support absolute individual personal data ownership and a secure verifiable facility for the individual to authorize the sharing of their personal data, selectively and temporarily.
124. We support the European Union General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR).

### Economic Policy

125. We support, as means to stimulate economic growth, spending on infrastructure, education, clean energy, and scientific research as elements of fiscal policy that represent long-range investments.
126. We support fully funding and strengthening, as well as complete implementation of, regulations as required by the *Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act* and urge Congress to ensure that the spirit and intent of the Act are maintained.
127. We support resuming the strenuous enforcement of the *Sherman Anti-Trust Act of 1890* and the *Clayton Anti-Trust act of 1914* to restore meaningful competition to the market.

128. We support breaking apart those banks with the largest revenues into separate commercial banks and investment banks.
129. We support anti-trust action in any industry or market where the top 5 entities together are more than 50% of the market and a competitive price market does not exist.
130. We support the *Consumer Protection Act* and urge Congress to ensure that the spirit and intent of the Act are maintained.
131. We support increased prosecution of fraud in the financial services industry, with employees and agents at all levels held personally accountable.
132. We support a jobs program where the government is the employer of last resort, superseding the minimum wage and unemployment insurance.
133. We urge that all sources of funding of all public projects be clearly identified and prominently displayed to the public at the project site.
134. We support a license fee on patents created by government-financed research.
135. We support the right of municipalities to operate publicly owned internet infrastructure.
136. We support re-establishing postal banking.
137. We support prevailing wage standards on any construction project that receives any type of incentive from state or local government.
138. We believe tax abatements and other incentives should not be used to attract a new business to the community when that business will thereby have a damaging competitive advantage over an existing business.
139. We believe that tax abatements and other incentives used to attract businesses to the community should be structured to provide revenue to agencies such as schools incurring unbudgeted expenses providing mandated services to incoming employees during the abatement period.
140. We support maintaining and fully funding the United States Postal Service.
141. We support federal aid going to states, municipalities, school districts, and other sub-governmental entities prioritized over supporting private banking entities.

### **Elections and Voting Rights**

142. We support online voter registration.
143. We oppose photo identification requirements for voting.

144. We support free and widely available facilities to comply with any government requirement for voting.
145. We support changing the Nevada presidential caucus to a primary system and maintaining the First in the West presidential primary status.
146. We support all in-person votes in all elections in Nevada being cast using electronic machines with a verifiable paper trail.
147. We support the creation of a public campaign finance system for elections at the local, state, and national levels.
148. We support overturning the *Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission* (558 U.S. 310 (2010)) decision.
149. We support a minimum of two-week early voting periods and no-excuse absentee ballot procedures.
150. We support developing and expanding an absentee process in all elections and caucuses.
151. We support efforts to ensure that the voting process is accessible to all people, including but not limited to ensuring the availability of sign language interpreters, ballots in Braille, language translators, and providing electronic access to ballot text.
152. We support restoration of the *Voting Rights Act of 1965* as it existed prior to 2017.
153. We support transparency at every stage with voting system software by maintaining the official source code on deposit with the Nevada Secretary of State's office and making it available for public review.
154. We support fully funding and implementing automatic voter registration throughout Nevada for all eligible individuals and implementing automatic notification to previous voting jurisdiction.
155. We support making transparent all campaign contributions the same day, from all sources including but not limited to 527s, Political Action Committees (PACs), super PACs, bundlers, et cetera.
156. We oppose the use of recall petitions to remove duly elected officials unless specific allegations of malfeasance or dereliction of duties are stated on the recall petition.
157. We support placing the top two (2) candidates from a primary election onto the general election ballot when there are no other candidates for a given partisan office.
158. We support the elimination of gerrymandering.

159. We support the passage of HR1, the For the People Act of 2019, which addresses voter access, election integrity, election security, political spending, and ethics for the three branches of government.
160. We support restoring and codifying in Federal law the 'Fairness in Broadcasting Doctrine' by restoring its enabling legislation and codifying into law rather than relying on administrative rule.
161. We support eliminating the Permanent Reapportionment Act of 1929.
162. We support legislation to establish security standards for all states and territories to conduct fair elections electronically. Legislation must provide that the States may obtain the non-interfering cooperation of national agencies in assisting the States with any and all security issues without interfering with States Rights on election management.
163. We support a government funded fact-checking agency as a way to mitigate misinformation in paid social media advertising and to verify the truthfulness of any claim made in such advertising. Additionally, any social media company not in compliance will face financial penalties and unlimited liability.
164. We support the restoration of voting rights for people with felony convictions after the terms of their sentences have been fulfilled.
165. We support voting in jail for Nevadans being held who cannot pay bail and who are not convicted of a crime.

### **Gun Safety**

166. We support background checks for all purchases of firearms and full implementation of the Nevada Background Checks Measure that was passed by Nevada voters in 2016
167. We support gun violence restraining orders also known as high-risk protection orders, extreme risk protection orders, and/or red flags legislation, which allow firearms to be temporarily removed from high risk individuals by court order.
168. We support a waiting period of at least three (3) days for all firearms purchases and mandatory background checks for all purchases of firearms, including those at gun shows, over the internet, and between private parties.
169. We support the mandatory surrender of firearms when extended protection orders against domestic violence are issued.
170. We support closing the domestic violence "boyfriend loophole" existing in federal law, which allows stalkers to buy and possess guns and allows domestic abusers to have guns simply because they are not married to their victims.
171. We support a federal assault weapons ban.

172. We support the implementation of a nationwide voluntary buy-back of assault rifles.
173. We support a ban on the sale, ownership, or possession of armor-piercing ammunition, bump stocks including “cranks”, and any other after-market devices that convert semi-automatic firearms into fully automatic firearms, and high capacity magazines with capacities greater than ten (10) rounds.
174. We support requiring firearm manufacturers to include IDENTILOCK™ or equivalent technology for all firearms sold to the public by 2022.
175. We support mandatory gun safety and responsibility education from a certified instructor prior to purchasing a firearm.
176. We support the establishment of a federal database, updated in real-time, tracking the purchase of firearms and ammunition.
177. We support holding gun owners responsible for subsequent use of their firearm in the commission of a crime or resulting in injury or death if they have not reported the loss, theft, or transfer of ownership to law enforcement or other appropriate agency.
178. We support gun-free zones in all K-12 schools and institutions of higher learning.
179. We support evidence-based research concerning public health issues related to gun violence and gun safety issues, including appropriate funding in support of such research.
180. We support overturning the Dickey Amendment which places a federal ban on government funded evidence-based research from being used to advocate or promote gun control.
181. We support allowing medical professionals to engage in discussions with their patients concerning gun violence and gun safety issues.
182. We support raising the age at which an individual can legally purchase firearms to 21.
183. We support the repeal of Nevada’s preemption law, which currently limits the ability to create ordinances to prevent gun violence within local jurisdictions.
184. We support the right to bear arms in a responsible manner.
185. We support outlawing guns on college campuses and keeping guns out of public and government buildings.
186. We support licensing requirements for firearms and removing legal protection from gun manufacturers when their products are used to commit violent crime.

187. We support technology and legislation aimed at keeping children safe and ensuring that firearms are stored safely in gun owners' homes.
188. We support requiring gun dealers to have a code of conduct to prevent strawman purchasing and to take specific steps to make sure they are secure enough to not be susceptible to theft.
189. We support Nevada's right to determine concealed carry reciprocity on a state-by-state basis.

## **Immigration**

190. We support practical, fair, and comprehensive immigration reform, and strong border security
191. We oppose the separation of families at the border or people of any age being kept in cages.
192. We support providing all necessary health care and social services to families in the process of gaining citizenship. Use of these services should not negatively impact the path to citizenship.
193. We support the Development, Relief, and Education for Alien Minors Act (DREAM), the Deferred Actions for Parents of Americans and Lawful Permanent Residents (DAPA), and Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA).
194. We support accessible, affordable paths to citizenship for immigrants to the United States that take place in not more than seven (7) years and credit time spent as a DREAMer.
195. We oppose abuse of the H-1B (specialty occupation) and H-2B (temporary non-agricultural workers) work visa programs.
196. We support immigration reform that allows families to stay together in the United States while they apply for citizenship.
197. We support the State of Nevada allowing public services to be utilized without fear of reprisal based on immigration status.
198. We welcome refugees as classified by the United Nations.
199. We support the right of municipalities in the State of Nevada to declare themselves to be Welcoming or Sanctuary Zones.
200. We support immediate citizenship for DREAMers who have acquired lawful permanent residence and are actively seeking citizenship.
201. We oppose non-governmental groups patrolling our borders.

202. We oppose the inhumane treatment of immigrants and asylum-seekers at the border.
203. We oppose efforts to criminalize people providing humanitarian aid at the border.
204. We support removing the Immigration Courts from the Department of Justice and moving them under the Judicial Branch and to fully fund and staff the immigration courts for the processing of case backlogs.
205. We oppose programs that allow collaboration between local law enforcement and federal immigration officials that deport non-violent individuals and separate families.
206. We support Nevada's role in refugee resettlement and acceptance of refugees throughout the state.

### **Tax Policy**

207. We support a territorial Unitary Tax whereby multinational corporations are taxed based upon their worldwide profits allocated to individual countries by the fraction of the corporation's business footprint in each country.
208. We support a Nevada mining depletion tax, the proceeds from which will be invested in a state trust to be spent on environmental remediation.
209. We urge Congress to enact legislation creating a carbon tax on industry as an incentive to reduce carbon emissions.
210. We urge Congress to fund IRS compliance enforcement.
211. We support removal of the payroll tax caps under the *Federal Insurance Contributions Act* (FICA) and Medicare.
212. We support the restoration of the Senior Citizens Property Tax Assistance program.
213. We oppose any move towards regressive tax structures.
214. We support requiring commercial trailers operating in the State of Nevada for more than thirty (30) days per year to be registered in the State of Nevada.
215. We strongly encourage the State government to staff and enforce the collection and auditing of mining taxes.
216. We support restoration of the corporate Alternative Minimum Tax.
217. We support gradual elimination of Nevada's property tax depreciation.
218. We support the creation of a system of means-tested property tax relief for low income homeowners at risk of foreclosure for inability to pay their property tax bill.

## EDUCATION

### Students' Rights

219. We believe a full, well-rounded education for all people is essential for success in life.
220. We believe that every student has the right to equal access to educational resources regardless of race, gender, ethnicity, socio-economic status, sexual orientation, gender identity, disability, or religious affiliation.

### K-12 Curricula

221. We support per student funding for Nevada public schools at a level equal to or exceeding the national average.
222. We support limiting class size, with the goal of being no more than equal to the national average, based on the type of students and subject area content.
223. We support long-term planning and sufficient funding for new public-school buildings and preventive maintenance of existing public-school buildings.
224. We believe all Nevada students deserve the opportunity to develop social and critical thinking skills; understand the principles of preventive health care; and participate in and appreciate sports, civic activities, and a multicultural education.
225. We support teaching medically accurate, evidence-based, and accessible reproductive health care education; as well as the provision of medically accurate, science-based resources in Nevada schools.
226. We support educational initiatives and curricula that develop and promote sound environmental policies and green technologies, leading to public awareness and new careers.
227. We support the inclusion of labor and social movement studies in the K-12 Social Studies standards and curriculum.
228. We support the implementation of age-appropriate and comprehensive anti-bullying programs in Nevada schools, to include cyber-bullying.
229. We support the teaching of evidence-based science, unimpeded by ideological distortions, as the source of understanding of all life forms, including our own.
230. We support the teaching of climate science.
231. We oppose the teaching of any religious doctrine in Nevada public schools.
232. We support the teaching of the United States Constitution and the Nevada State Constitution, the protections that they confer, and the responsibilities of citizenship to Nevada students.

233. We support the Statewide Curricular Standards to the extent that it is supported, modified, and endorsed by the professional educational community in Nevada.
234. We support early childhood education programs meeting educational, physical, social, mental, emotional, and nutritional needs of children.
235. We believe that English Language Learners (ELLs) have unique needs and should receive appropriate instruction until English proficiency is achieved.
236. We support a greater emphasis on and funding for Science, Technology, Engineering, the Arts, and Mathematics (STEAM) in our schools.
237. We support full-day, publicly funded, mandatory kindergarten for all children.
238. We support a revitalization of computer literacy classes to include an emphasis on coding education.
239. We support a fact-based multicultural history curriculum that includes but is not limited to the topics of social justice, gender studies, race/ethnicity studies, the Holocaust, and technological innovation.

#### **K-12 Specialized Programs/School Choice**

240. We support the continuance and funding of Zoom schools, and certain non-Zoom schools in rural areas, which provide intensive services to Nevada's English language learners and those who experience low academic achievement.
241. We support the further funding and development of the Victory Schools Program, which appropriates funds to schools with high percentages of students in poverty and the lowest academic achievement in Nevada.
242. We support increased funding for the Weighted Formula Measures program, which allots increased per-year funding for children with learning disabilities and special needs.

#### **Public/Private School Issues**

243. We support the mandate of the State Public Charter School Authority to regulate and provide oversight regarding the fiscal health, academic accountability, demographic diversity, and overall success of these schools based on approved strict measurement standards reported to the public on a required basis.
244. We support proficiency testing for private-schooled and home-schooled students to ensure they remain on-track with their public-school peers.
245. We oppose the distribution of public funds to private, tuition-based K-12 educational institutions or to the families of students attending said institutions.
246. We oppose efforts to privatize the K-12 education system, including any taxpayer support of private schools.

247. We support the elimination of for-profit charter schools.
248. We oppose the continuation of the voucher-like “Opportunity Scholarship Program,” which diverts money from public schools.
249. We support every effort to help engage parents/guardians in their children’s education, including helping parents/guardians to understand what material is being taught, how it is being taught, and how they can help their child(ren) learn.
250. We support the recommended student-to-counselor ratio of 250:1 as proposed by the American School Counselor Association.
251. We believe that preparations for standardized testing should not take away from the pursuit of a well-rounded education.
252. We support having a librarian and library in every K-12 school.
253. We support increased funding for school nurses and Speech Language Pathologists.
254. We support continued parental education programs such as Linked Learning and Parent University.

### **Higher Education**

255. We support investment in vocational and technical education financially supported through the education budget and by education, labor, and business partnerships
256. We believe in the necessity of providing affordable and accessible higher education opportunities for both new high school graduates and adults.
257. We support increasing funding for community colleges and the opportunity for trade school and business preparedness classes for all.
258. We support senior citizens’ attendance at state-supported college classes without charge under institutionally defined provisions.
259. We support the maintenance and enhancement of Nevada’s post-secondary academic programs.
260. We support the identification of students who may be candidates likely to enter institutions of higher learning and likely to be required to complete support courses in English and mathematics not later than the end of their third year in high school so that students can achieve these skills prior to graduation.
261. We support the construction of more parking spaces for students, faculty, and guests of the University of Nevada, Reno.
262. We support improved college affordability with expansion of the Nevada Promise

Grant program to Nevada Universities.

263. We support increased state funding for the Kenny C. Guinn Millennium Scholarship to ensure continuation of the program.

### **Teacher Education, Preparedness, Training, and Evaluation**

264. We support opportunities for continuing education for all of Nevada's education professionals in order to enhance their teaching capability and to increase their pay.
265. We believe that educators in the State of Nevada deserve to be paid competitive salaries, at or above the national average sufficient to attract qualified teachers and to help alleviate the teacher shortage.
266. We believe that starting salaries of public K-12 schoolteachers should consider abilities in languages in addition to English and/or in highly technical fields.
267. We believe that Nevada's teachers should be evaluated in accordance with newly instituted measures.
268. We support the training of all school officials in suicide intervention and prevention skills.
269. We support the development of dedicated, professional teacher mentoring programs.
270. We support programs to improve teacher retention and training.
271. We support efforts to recognize all educators for their dedication to the profession.
272. We oppose the privatization of school services traditionally provided by school support staff including but not limited to custodians, transportation specialists (bus drivers), or clinical aides.

### **Funding**

273. We support long-term planning and sufficient dedicated funding for new school buildings and preventative maintenance of existing school buildings
274. We support the new education funding formula that accounts for evolving demographic changes and that appropriately funds the needs of Nevada students.
275. We support the use of new revenue sources, such as the marijuana tax and room tax, to increase public education funding rather than to fill budget holes in other areas.
276. We support increased education funds that come with accountability, stability, and resources to ensure a return on the investments and their academic success.
277. We support exploring alternative, creative sources of funding for special programs,

such as arts, music, and physical education in the absence of state funding for such programs.

- 278. We support the restriction of funds mandated via Initiative Petitions to their proposed use as passed by voters.
- 279. We support the continued funding of the Nevada Institute on Teaching and Educator Preparation.
- 280. We believe the Nevada Superintendent of Public Education should be appointed by the State Board of Education and not by the Governor.
- 281. We believe that the U.S. Secretary of Education must have a broad background in education and familiarity with national education issues, programs, and the myriad of funding resources, in addition to an acute awareness of methods, current professional standards, and current trends that are achieving success or failure in our nation's schools.

### **School Safety**

- 282. We believe that Nevada schools must remain gun-free and drug-free zones.
- 283. We support improving school safety by limiting entry to school facilities through staffed doors.
- 284. We strongly oppose any requirement to arm teachers or any professional staff members, including librarians, coaches, or individuals hired for positions other than strictly as safety and protective officers.
- 285. We support the Interim School Safety Task Force school safety program.

## **ENERGY AND THE ENVIRONMENT**

### **Clean Air and Water**

- 286. We support sustainable water use and water rights policies that protect streams, riparian zones, wet meadows, springs, lakes, and ponds
- 287. We oppose the inter-basin transfer of surface water and groundwater where hydrologic analysis reveals a potentially significant detrimental environmental impact on the original habitat and water uses.
- 288. We support effective regulation for groundwater protection including disposal of fracking fluids; injection of any fluids, including infiltration fluids; and require full disclosure of any chemical constituents used in these fluids.

### **Energy Independence**

- 289. We support the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Clean Power Plan of 2015 and urge enactment of its provisions in Nevada by State and local agencies.

290. We support the production and consumption of renewable energy, including solar, wind, and geothermal, as the primary sources of energy for Nevada, with a Nevada renewable energy portfolio standard of 100% by 2040.

### **Environmental Protection**

291. We support programs and policies that address global climate disruption, and we acknowledge that human-induced climate change and global warming are settled science that should be the basis of sound public policy

292. We support reengagement with the international community in significantly reducing greenhouse gas emissions through rejoining the Paris Climate Accords and/ or joining other appropriate international efforts.

293. We strongly support full funding for agencies and laws that are critical to environmental protection, including the Environmental Protection Agency, the US Department of Interior, the National Environmental Policy Act, the Endangered Species Act, the Clean Air Act, the Clean Water Act, the Land and Water Conservation Fund and others that can affect the environment; and furthermore, we support restoration of regulations and standards to those in effect prior to 2017.

294. We support the adoption of measures to ensure the safety of our workers and communities affected by the transportation, handling, distribution, and disposal of hazardous materials.

295. We support legislation to combat climate change that aligns with our goals of fighting racism and economic inequality, as environmental damage disproportionately affects communities of color and low-income areas.

296. We oppose projects like the Yucca Mountain Project that designate Nevada as a literal dumping ground for nuclear waste, mercury, and other toxic substances.

297. We support mining regulation reform that supports environmental remediation.

298. We support reforms that strengthen consultations with tribal nations by requiring memoranda of understanding prior to issuing permits for mining.

299. We support programs to encourage the use of sustainable materials to reduce waste.

### **Fossil Fuels**

300. We support the continued phasing-out of fossil-fueled power plants in Nevada.

301. We support an increase in the motor vehicle fuels tax to provide funds for energy conservation, transportation infrastructure, and to encourage vehicles not dependent upon fossil fuels.

302. We oppose permitting of fossil fuel extractions via hydraulic fracturing ("fracking") in Nevada.

303. We support strengthening vehicle emission standards and oppose recent action to reduce them.
304. We support the mission of Environmental Climate Justice to keep Earth free of pollutants and green building as prescribed by Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) standards.

### **Funding**

305. We support increased general funding for the Nevada Department of Wildlife, particularly to support its work pertaining to non-game species, the Nevada Department of Water Resources, Nevada State Parks and other state agencies that support environmental protections.

### **Inclusion**

306. We support the inclusion of more members of the general public from diverse backgrounds, including women, on the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners, the Washoe County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife, and other planning and management agencies as a general approach.

### **Public Lands**

307. We support legislative action to amend the Nevada Revised Statutes so that the Nevada Division of Environmental Protection will have the authority to deny an operating permit for a Class 1 landfill in areas clearly unsuitable for such projects.
308. We support local and regional planning that preserves open space and agricultural lands in a manner that collectively conserves wildlife habitat, maintains habitat linkages, protects water quality, maintains agricultural productivity, and reduces flood risk.
309. We strongly support the *Antiquities Act of 1906* in the way that it has been used by Presidents of both political parties to protect and expand public lands and public treasures.
310. We support maintaining national stewardship of our federal public lands, and we oppose privatization of public lands via interim transfer to the States and local agencies.
311. We support policies and investment that will keep public lands public, protect native plant species and wildlife, strengthen protection for natural resources, and increase access for all Americans.
312. We support adequate funding for the management of public lands for recreation, watershed values, scenic resources, cultural resources, open space, and parks.
313. We support the full, original designations of National Monuments as established prior to 2017 in order to preserve their unique cultural, scenic, and biological resources while balanced with meaningful public access for recreation and education.

314. We recommend that the proposed *Truckee Meadows Public Land Management Act* should feature a refined, appropriately subdivided urban disposal boundary that protects cultural and natural resources and discourages urban sprawl from land transfers at locations remote from existing urban services.
315. We recommend that the proposed *Truckee Meadows Public Land Management Act* should stipulate that Federal lands released from status as Wilderness Study Areas, if not designated as Wilderness Areas, should be designated permanently to maintain their current rural character for ranching, public access for hunting and recreation, and conservation of habitat for bighorn sheep, mule deer, pronghorn, sage-grouse, and other wildlife.
316. We recommend that the proposed *Truckee Meadows Public Land Management Act* should include clear language that assures the avoidance of future development for industrial uses, such as for utility corridors, wind energy development, mining, and oil and gas leasing, on public lands released from status as Wilderness Study Areas.
317. We support transparency in the development of the Truckee Meadows Public Land Management Act, including participation by all interested parties including environmental, recreational and public use perspectives.
318. We support the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service having primary jurisdiction, rather than other federal agencies, over management of the Desert National Wildlife Refuge.
319. We oppose the military's attempt to take over primary control from the Bureau of Land Management of public land in the Stillwater Range and nearby areas.

### **Renewable Energy Funding**

320. We support public funding for development of distributed solar energy on houses, businesses, and public buildings.
321. We support income-based subsidies for energy efficiency and alternative energy projects on private residences.
322. We support public funding for development of new technologies and approaches for developing renewable energy production in Nevada.

### **Sustainable Transportation**

323. We support safe and affordable communities based upon sustainable energy and environmentally sound public policies.
324. We support transportation systems that include bus (including local, regional and inter-city), rail (local, regional, inter-city, and high-speed), and bicycle travel (bike lanes, dedicated bike paths, and bike-accessible public transit), as well as safe walkways and road crossings for pedestrians, including those with disabilities.

325. We support incentives for expanded consumer access to electric vehicles; to cleaner, more fuel-efficient vehicles; and to alternative fuels.
326. We support proactively addressing incipient high-traffic corridors, such as from Cold Springs to Reno and from Interstate 80 to U.S. Highway 50, by providing mass transportation instead of waiting until such congestion occurs that mandates the widening of existing roads, which will create even more traffic disruption, more collisions, and greater cost.
327. We support increased support for funding for public transportation based on renewable energy.

### **Trapping**

328. We support strengthening enforcement and penalties for those who violate Nevada trapping laws.

### **Waste Reduction and Recycling**

329. We support providing recycling collection services to all residents including those in apartments and multi-unit dwellings. Materials should be collected in a manner that ensures they go to their highest and best use.
330. We support recycling of construction and commercial waste with the resultant revenue directed to subsidize residential recycling rates.
331. We support reexamining the approach to recycling to assure maximum capture of recyclable materials and their appropriate disposition.
332. We support development and implementation of approaches to reduce or eliminate single use plastics such as plastic grocery bags, plastic water bottles, Styrofoam, etc.
333. We support development of a county-wide education program to promote the 5R approach (Refuse, Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, Rot).

### **Wildlife Conservation**

334. We believe that wild or feral equine populations in Nevada should be reduced and maintained at a scientifically based, ecologically sustainable population level, and public agencies should be fully funded to manage equine populations on public lands.
335. We support the Greater Sage-Grouse conservation plans as approved by Federal agencies in 2015. We encourage further collaborative efforts of governmental agencies and private stakeholders to maintain and increase sage-grouse populations by conserving, enhancing, and restoring these bird populations within our iconic Nevada sagebrush ecosystems.
336. We support the scientific management of healthy habitats and sustainable wildlife populations, including predators, in Nevada.

337. We support legislation that requires use of bear-proof garbage containers in communities within bear habitats.

#### **INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AND TRADE POLICY**

338. We believe that the most practical approach to foreign relations generally is to make our own democratic, regulated, free enterprise system function as effectively and efficiently as possible, and in doing so, to serve as a beacon to the world worthy of emulation by other nations.

339. We recommend that United States foreign policy encourage countries throughout the world to share economic gains with all their citizens as opposed to centralizing economic gains in the hands of entrenched elites.

340. We support the United States' working through the United Nations to achieve international goals of expanding access to safe drinking water, eliminating slum conditions, achieving parity in primary school enrollment between boys and girls, and expanding access to comprehensive, medically accurate health care.

341. We urge the United States to provide leadership in developing international standards and protections to eliminate fraudulent cyber activity of all types.

342. We urge every possible action be taken to ensure that any use of drones by and for the United States for any purpose be consistent with our values as a nation.

343. We urge the United States to continue to discourage the spread of nuclear weapons.

344. We urge the United States to work with other developed countries to help emerging nations eradicate extreme poverty and hunger; achieve advances in education; promote gender equality and empowerment of women; assist with birth control information, education, and supplies; reduce child mortality; improve maternal health; combat HIV/AIDS, malaria, and other diseases; ensure environmental sustainability; forge global partnerships among different countries and actors to achieve development goals; and work toward solutions to climate change, land degradation, ocean management, and air pollution.

345. We urge the United States to ratify the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS III) as a legal basis for settling maritime boundary disputes and enacting safe passage standards for international shipping.

346. We encourage the United States to continue its efforts to improve relations with Cuba.

347. We urge the United States to include in our trade agreements: wage, hour, and working standards; the right to organize; and to include enforced fire and building safety codes.

348. We support trade agreements that maintain the national sovereignty of the participating nations.
349. We support the United States government working toward an agreement among China, the United States, Japan, South Korea, and other South China Seas nations about rules of behavior when encountering each other by land, air, sea.
350. We support diplomacy as the first tool of choice in resolving differences before military intervention.
351. We strongly support programs that strive to abolish all forms of human trafficking and support organizations that work toward helping its victims. Nations that condone any form of human trafficking and/or harbor its perpetrators should face strict sanctions.
352. We support transparency of non-military foreign aid given by the United States.
353. We support a full staff of experts in the State Department to intelligently guide international relations.
354. We support the 29-member North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO).
355. We support US actions to keep the South China Sea open for navigation by all nations.
356. We support sanctions on any nation interfering in US elections.
357. We support calling a treaty conference to update existing expiring agreements limiting nuclear weapons.

## **LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT**

### **Business Policy**

358. We support business activities, including manufacturing, in the United States, and buying local in Nevada and its communities; we oppose outsourcing.
359. We support the right of workers to form and join unions in both the public and private sectors and to engage in collective bargaining.
360. We oppose all so-called "right to work" laws and support the repeal of "right to work" in Nevada.
361. We support the strengthening of the National Labor Relations Board and urge the enactment of the *Employee Free Choice Act*, both of which are aimed at protecting workers' right to organize.
362. We oppose the misclassification of workers as independent contractors.

- 363. We support raising the minimum wage and indexing it to cost of living increases.
- 364. We support apprenticeship programs, retraining and re-education for the people in our society whose current skills are not consistent with constantly changing workplace requirements.
- 365. We support Project Labor Agreements, Prevailing Wage and Community Benefits Agreements for all workers employed on taxpayer-funded or subsidized projects.
- 366. We oppose the use of state dollars to fund or subsidize companies that send jobs out of state or overseas.
- 367. We believe that public policy should be aimed at creating an economy from the bottom up and not just the top down.

### **Employee Rights**

- 368. We support Unemployment Earned Benefits Programs.
- 369. We oppose employment discrimination based on credit history.
- 370. We support the right to privacy for job applicants, thus prohibiting an employer from requiring passwords for social media accounts as a condition for employment.

### **Pay Equity and Wealth Inequality**

- 371. We support enforceable legislation to protect workers from wage theft and to guarantee paycheck fairness.
- 372. We support subsidizing employers who hire individuals with disabilities at or above the minimum wage.
- 373. We support subsidizing employers who hire disadvantaged individuals and those exiting the criminal justice system.
- 374. We support business incubators and mentoring opportunities for minority and/or female-owned businesses.
- 375. We oppose predatory loan practices and support limits on the interest rates for all loan instruments.
- 376. We support strengthening union participation, the restoration of overtime protections for all workers, the right to form and join a union, and the freedom to bargain collectively.
- 377. We support paid sick leave, parental leave, family leave, and medical leave, as well as the current provisions of the *Family Medical Leave Act* (FMLA).

378. We support labor protections for immigrants.

### **Retirement Security**

379. We support repeal of the *Windfall Elimination Act* and the *Government Pension Offset Act*, and all attempts to short-change government employees.

380. We support protecting, expanding, and improving Medicare and Medicaid services, benefits, and administration.

381. We believe in the preservation, integrity, and expansion of the Social Security program, which enables a dignified life for the elderly, disabled, and dependent.

382. We support defined benefit pension plans, which provide the greatest security for retirees and should be the preferred policy for both public and private sector employees.

383. We support, as an addition to the charter of the Social Security Administration, the creation of a national Retirement Trust and that this Trust would take control of all employee retirement accounts so that employers may not defund retirements to pay for adverse conditions affecting their operations.

384. We support a national strategy to stabilize pension funds.

385. We support the elimination of the income cap on contributions to the Social Security program.

386. We support a state-managed retirement account savings program that gives Nevadans a path to financial security in retirement by providing a simple, portable, low-cost way for workers to invest in their futures.

### **UNIFORM SERVICES, VETERANS, AND MILITARY FAMILIES**

387. We support every service member being paid a living wage sufficient to support their family.

388. We support continued benefits for family members of those who die or are permanently disabled in the service of this country.

389. We support zero tolerance of sexual assault in the military.

390. We support the right of LGBTQIA+ individuals to serve openly in the military.

391. We support zero tolerance of sexual, physical, and emotional assault and/or abuse of members of veterans' families and military families, where those families are subject to military jurisdiction.

392. We support providing veterans and previously deployed reservists with prompt and appropriate help reintegrating into their communities, including but not limited to,

counseling services, suicide prevention, education benefits, and disability payments for those who return with physical injuries and/or mental health problems.

393. We support the protection of the civil rights of all active duty and reserve members of the United States' armed forces, as well as all of the protections afforded to them under the *Servicemember's Civil Relief Act (SCRA)*.
394. We support efforts to protect active duty personnel and veterans from unlawful and unethical lending practices and unlawful seizures.
395. We support funding and staffing increases to allow the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to accomplish its mission of serving our veteran community.
396. We support the extension of VA services to rural areas.
397. We support medically necessary services and care for all veterans, regardless of the location of the nearest Veterans Administration hospital or the ability to pay. No veteran should be denied or delayed medical or mental health care based on rank.
398. We support expansion of and greater access to GI Bill educational benefits to our veterans, their spouses, and dependents.
399. We support the VA's efforts to reduce or eliminate homelessness among veterans.
400. We strongly urge the VA to take immediate steps to improve the processing of veterans' benefit claims.
401. We support reform of the VA to identify and eradicate any substandard care of veterans at VA health facilities.
402. We support efforts to improve the capability of the VA to deliver services to veterans and their families.
403. We oppose privatization of veterans' services.
404. We support the extension of benefits to the surviving spouse of a veteran, regardless of whether marriage occurred before or after discharge.