

2020 CLARK COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY PLATFORM

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The Clark County Democratic Party recognizes we are on indigenous land of the Southern Paiute People, we recognize honor and respect the value of every individual's existence in our community. The platform is a statement of beliefs and policy positions held by the Clark County Democratic Party.

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Considering the current economic downturn and the 2008 Recession, we urge the state of Nevada to:

- Diversify the current economy.
- Reinforce and expand the infrastructure resources on a regular basis.
- Prepare for future downturns with the development of a Department of Disaster Preparedness.
- Always follow the science during any natural disaster.
- Prepare for work displacement.

Human Rights

Diversity and inclusion are the greatest strengths of our nation and our party, but diversity is not achieved by doing the bare minimum. We support inclusion and freedom for individuals including equal respect, equal rights, and equal protection under the law. We support equal rights for all people without regard to gender, color,

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age, race, national origin, legal status, religion, physical or mental disability, marital status, sexual orientation, or gender identity or expression. Therefore;

- We support affirmative action.
- We support the rights of indigenous peoples to maintain cultural autonomy in their economy, sovereignty, religion, language, customs, and land holdings.
- We support the right of tribal citizens to use their federally recognized tribal identification without harassment. This includes supporting those responsible for checking identification in public places to be trained on the use of federally recognized tribal identification so as not to cause a strain on these citizens.
- We support a substantive national measure, and we fully support current and any subsequent Congressional resolutions, and/or Commissions enacted, or convened to study and develop the Reparation Proposals for African American Act.
- We support constructive measures examining and calling for the restitution to the descendants of those African slaves, who are the legacy of the Trans-Atlantic Slave Trade.
- We support the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.
- We support both state and national measures to study and develop reparation proposals for Native Americans, as well as the return of public lands to their respective original inhabitants.
- We support the removal of ethnic and indigenous referenced logos, mascots, and names from educational institutions to eliminate racial and ethnic stereotyping.
- We support the removal of monuments, artwork, names, and other public recognition of Confederate military leaders, Nazis, neo-Nazis, white supremacists, white nationalists, and proponents of slavery.
- We call for a two-state solution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, negotiated by both parties, that guarantees equality, security, economic freedom, and democracy for all.
- We believe that equality of rights shall not be denied or abridged on account of gender identity or expression.
- We support the release of all disaster relief monies allocated for Puerto Rico, to ensure the protection and public investment in public services.
- We support the expansion of the rights of all United States territories to include voting for the president of the United States.
- We support the ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment to the Constitution.
- We support the elimination of loopholes that allow for child marriage in Nevada.
- We support the protection of marriage equality for all adults regardless of gender or sexual orientation.
- We support the passing of a Crown Act law that protects individuals from discrimination due to ethnic or religious hair styles or head coverings.
- We support equal treatment and protection under the law for all Nevadans regardless of sexual orientation or gender expression.

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- We support amending the Nevada Constitution to remove all discriminatory language in terms of marriage equality and all associated rights guaranteed by our constitution.
- We support the codification of the right of all people to adopt or act as foster parents, regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity.
- We support transgender individuals, of all ages, in all public facilities.
- We support the decriminalization of polygamy in Nevada.
- We believe in the need for equality for all people regarding public accommodations and in public spaces, including increased accessibility for disabled persons.
- We oppose torture and enhanced interrogation techniques in any form.
- We support the separation of church and state as envisioned by our Founding Fathers and incorporated into the Constitution of the United States.
- We support the immediate and permanent closure of the Joint Task Force Guantanamo detention center as it is a threat to national security.
- We oppose the use of conversion therapy anywhere in the state of Nevada.
- We support common sense comprehensive immigration reform.
- We oppose detention centers that incarcerate migrant children. We believe that children should not be incarcerated for civil penalties.
- We support comprehensive immigration reform that keeps families together and provides an affordable pathway to citizenship for undocumented individuals and their families.
- We support the use of executive action to ensure families are not torn apart by deportation including the Deferred Action for Childhood and Deferred Action for Parents of Americans and Lawful Permanent Residents programs, until Congress enacts comprehensive immigration reform.
- We support the reform of our border policy to ensure the rights of border communities and tribal nations situated on the border, and we oppose the criminalization of humanitarian aid to border crossings.
- We support the abolition of the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement.
- We oppose the use or endorsement of unregulated, or unsanctioned militia-style groups to patrol our borders.
- We support the ability of every immigrant to attain driving privileges.
- We support the ability of every immigrant to attain in-state tuition rates, regardless of their status.
- We support the immediate closure of all immigration detention centers and oppose all policies that separate children from their parents.
- We support reparations and mental health access to all families separated at the border.
- We oppose Congressional and/or taxpayer funding for the construction of any border wall.
- We oppose any efforts by local law enforcement to train officers to perform federal immigration officer duties.

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- We oppose efforts to ban sanctuary cities.
- We oppose the ban of any person to immigrate due to religion, ethnicity, national origin, sexual orientation, or gender identity.
- We oppose any and all efforts to legislate punitive damages for criminal activity on the backs of immigrants.
- We oppose any efforts by white nationalist, white supremacist, and neo-Nazi groups and their affiliates to change any immigration laws, in an effort and with the purpose and intent to limit family migration, visa lotteries, and immigration from countries where the majority of citizens are most likely to be non-white.
- We support giving anyone, regardless of citizenship status, the Social Security benefits for which they are eligible if they have worked in the United States and contributed to the system.
- We support removing the 60-month ban on new Americans receiving public benefits for which they are eligible.
- We support health care, clean water, and clean air as human rights.
- We support replacing Columbus Day with Indigenous Peoples Day.

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Community Health and Welfare

We support families and communities through strengthening social programs and community services. We support a universal health care plan such as Medicare or Medicaid for all. Every person has a right to: single-payer, high-quality health care; affordable housing; affordable and reliable public transportation; and a safe and healthy environment. We oppose the privatization of core and public services and support responsible, transparent, targeted spending that prepares our country for the future. Therefore;

- We support the continued funding and improvement of vital social programs, such as rent support, low-income housing, Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, the Women Infants and Children Program, State Children's Health Insurance Program, Medicare, Medicaid, and Social Security.
- We oppose means testing for applicants seeking public assistance and commit to improving access and transparency of public programs through the removal of barriers and qualifying measures.
- We support a review of the foster care system and finding ways to support young people who age out of the system.
- We support a family judicial system that is non-discriminatory regarding child custody decisions and upholds the Indian Child Welfare Act in cases involving Native American Children. Further, our executive and judicial branch must adhere to the ICWA when Native American Children are involved in custody proceedings

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- We support programs that eliminate barriers to housing for all individuals including, but not limited to, the homeless, elderly, disabled, formerly incarcerated, and low- to middle-income populations.
- We support homes, not handcuffs. Specifically, we oppose any and all efforts by the Las Vegas City Council to unjustly criminalize poverty, and to fine and/or jail homeless Nevadans.
- We oppose the criminalization of homeless Nevadans, especially our most vulnerable populations: seniors, youth, people with disabilities, gender non-conforming, and veterans.
- We oppose the forced relocation of vulnerable populations and support the continued funding of infrastructure to meet the needs of the homeless population.
- We support programs that provide relief for Nevada's homeowners still struggling with the 2008 housing crisis, as well as the economic fallout from the COVID-19 pandemic.
- We support expanding programs aimed at first-time home ownership, which do not include predatory lending.
- We support the development of increased diverse affordable housing options.
- We support the building of affordable housing and public housing through investing public monies. We support the repeal of the Faircloth Amendment, which limits the construction of low-income public housing.
- We support keeping tax monies in our communities by ending Opportunity Zones.
- We support the expansion of tenants' rights by including Just-Cause Eviction Protections, Warranty of Habitability, Code Enforcement, and Right to Council.
- We support the implementation of rent control policies to ensure affordable housing that protects vulnerable populations, including low-income and fixed-income occupants.
- We support allowing the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to study the effects of gun violence.
- We support banning bump stocks or any other device that makes a semiautomatic weapon fire like an automatic weapon.
- We support the purchase of liability insurance for every gun purchased in the State of Nevada.
- We support investing in Nevada's infrastructure. A robust transportation system is necessary for prosperity and commerce in Nevada. By committing to update our roads, highways, bridges, and other transportation projects, we can invest in the future, create jobs, and increase efficiency in our economy.
- We support an increase in federal investment dedicated to safe active transportation networks.
- We support integrating health, environmental, efficiency, and safety concerns into transportation decisions.

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- We support improving, expanding, and increasing the safety of multi-modal transportation that includes, but is not limited to bicycling, walking, environmentally responsible buses, and light rail.
- We support the creation of new and expanded roadway infrastructure to reduce traffic congestion as the top priority of the Nevada Department of Transportation.
- We support the establishment of high-speed rail between California and Northern Nevada in order to increase tourism and commerce.
- We support maintaining safe rail transportation by ensuring adequate staffing.
- We support the use of rail for long distance freight hauls.
- We support the belief that every American deserves a secure, healthy, and dignified retirement. Social Security is a promise that has been kept for generations; making it financially sound for current and future generations must be a top priority.
- We support ensuring that a retirement with dignity is the right and expectation of every American, starting with pension reform, expanded saving incentives, and preventing the privatization of Social Security. We recognize that Americans rely on more than just Social Security for a secure and dignified retirement; therefore, we will continue to fight for genuine pension reform that protects employees' financial security from future abuse.
- We support making Social Security benefits tax exempt.
- We support maintaining or lowering the age for Social Security benefits eligibility.
- We support raising or eliminating the Social Security payroll tax cap.
- We support the cost-of-living adjustments that are tied to the consumer price index and COLA for Social Security and Public Employees Retirement System that are tied to CPI.
- We support equal and fair access for tribal citizens to Indian Health Care Services and Systems in accordance with trust and treaty responsibilities.
- We support creating access to hospital care for the tribal citizens of Nevada.
- We support affordable medical care and insurance for public employees who retire and do not qualify for Medicare.
- We support a health care system that ensures high-quality health care for all.
- We support an affordable State Retired Employee Health Insurance System.
- We support universal single-payer health care that is not tied to employment and the immediate option for any citizen to buy into Medicaid.
- We support improving access to services through Medicare and Medicaid programs, including dental, mental health, and vision services and emergency housing.
- We support adding prescription drug benefits to Medicare and requiring drug manufacturers to provide rebates for low-income Medicare enrollees equivalent to the rebates offered to Medicaid enrollees.
- We support increasing the availability of medical treatment in rural and underserved areas.
- We support requiring health insurers to cap monthly covered, out-of-pocket drug expenses.

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- We support the Prescription Drug Affordability Act of 2015 and urge Congress to pass it.
- We support mental health parity as part of any health care plan, so coverage of mental illness is provided on the same terms as other illnesses and diseases.
- We support the creation of a national mental health hotline so that Americans in distress can dial 511 and speak to a mental health professional.
- We support an increase in funding for mental health services and family support as well as improving access to mental health awareness and education services.
- We support decriminalizing mental health issues.
- We support early mental health screening for children as a preventative measure.
- We support continued funding for HIV/AIDS prevention, education, research, health care, and counseling. We support ensuring access to pre-exposure prophylaxis medications that are both affordable and convenient.
- We support universal screening programs for infants to detect disabling or life-threatening conditions, as well as re-screening for young children for developmental disorders.
- We support increased funding for medical research, including stem cell research.
- We support lowering the nurse/patient ratio to meet nationally recommended nursing standards.
- We support increasing funding for home- and community-based services that provide direct-care services for elderly and indigent patients.
- We support a living wage for caregivers and home-care workers.
- We support inclusive health care coverage for the LGBTQI community.
- We support the abolition of personal vaccine exemptions for students in Nevada.
- We support strengthening childhood obesity regulations and policies.
- We support funding for public health services to meet or exceed the national average.
- We support the right of all patients to know the estimated costs of their care before it is delivered.
- We support the creation of a Death with Dignity law in Nevada.
- We support women's healthcare and reproductive freedom, including the constitutional right to privacy and reproductive freedom of choice established in the 1973 U.S. Supreme Court decision of Roe vs. Wade and affirmed in Nevada Revised Statutes, Sec. 442.50.
- We support requiring that insurance companies cover a full range of reproductive health care, including coverage for 12-month birth control and fertility treatments.
- We support the coverage of gender confirmation surgery and hormone replacement therapy by both private and public insurance companies.
- We support state and federal funding for reproductive health providers including funding to organizations such as Planned Parenthood under Title X.
- We support providing pre- and post-natal care for all pregnant women and their infants.

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- We support eliminating unnecessary obstacles to women obtaining reproductive health care, including contraception and abortions.
- We oppose laws that force people to give birth.
- We support the repeal of the Hyde Amendment, which prohibits the use of federal funds to pay for abortions, except to save the life of the mother, or if the pregnancy was caused by rape or incest.
- We oppose parental notification requirements that put an unnecessary burden on young people (minors) to access reproductive health services.
- We support students' privacy in public schools and oppose any restrictions on a student's ability to express their gender, including restrictions on a student's right to use the bathroom or locker room based on the gender with which they identify.
- We support making training available to medical students in the full spectrum of reproductive healthcare, including the provision of abortion services.

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Criminal Justice Reforms

We support a criminal justice system that promotes accountable and transparent policing, increased educational services for law enforcement, the incarcerated, and tangential service providers; unbiased prosecution; fair sentencing; safe prisons; and comprehensive rehabilitation to help released prisoners become productive members of society. Therefore:

- We oppose law enforcement profiling and the illegal search and seizure by law enforcement of any citizen based on ethnicity, religion, gender, sexual orientation, sexual identity, origin, or socio-economic status.
- We support the use of body cameras on all peace officers, including correctional officers.
- We support and recognize the work of the law enforcement officers as members of our first responder community, and we will continue to hold public servants accountable for their actions.
- We support services that create justice for missing and murdered indigenous women, including expanding the domestic violence exception to *Oliphant* found in the Violence Against Women Act, which recognizes Tribal Nations' inherent criminal jurisdiction over non-Natives who commit certain forms of domestic violence on tribal lands.
- We support increased law enforcement training and educational services that are culturally competent and culturally sensitive to reduce police brutality and institutional racism.

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- We support hiring peace officers that reflect the diversity of the communities they serve.
- We support local and state programs offering solutions to gang violence and alternatives to incarceration.
- We support reporting statistics on arrest-related injuries or deaths occurring while in police custody.
- We support requiring officers to collect information such as race, ethnicity, and gender for all contacts they initiate that leads to arrest or ticketing.
- We support the Federal legalization of cannabis. We further support the decriminalization of drugs and the treatment of addiction as a disease, not as a crime.
- We support the release from incarceration and the expunging of criminal records for all Nevadans who have been arrested for cannabis possession, growth, or distribution.
- We support monetary compensation, without exceptions, from the state for all Nevadans who were wrongly imprisoned, fully exonerated, and released.
- We support legislation that prohibits overcharging alleged offenders, a practice used to force plea bargains and gain convictions.
- We support racial- and gender-neutral sentencing.
- We support continuing or instituting citizen oversight review boards that have subpoena power for the district attorney, police, parole, prisons, courts, and social services.
- We support the imposition of civil or criminal penalties on prosecutors who knowingly hide or withhold evidence in criminal cases.
- We support flexible forms of sentencing for non-violent offenders, so that they can continue to provide for themselves and their dependents, while reducing the cost to society.
- We support the maintenance and expansion of the Veterans Court, Mental Health Court, Drug Court, and other specialty diversionary courts.
- We support expanding Nevada's pre-prosecution diversion program to include individuals being prosecuted for some Category C, D, E class felonies.
- We oppose the privatization of jails and prisons and law enforcement programs and activities driven by profits or income support.
- We support the expansion of paid work, educational, counseling, and recreational programs, both in and out of the institutional setting.
- We support the expansion of compassionate release programs for incarcerated people who are facing life-threatening medical conditions or who are extremely elderly.
- We support a Constitutional Amendment which would limit a federal judge's term to 10 years with the ability to reappoint one time only.
- We support amending the Constitution to end slavery in the nation's prisons.
- We oppose capital punishment.

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- We support an immediate moratorium on all executions until such legislation has been enacted.
- We oppose pre-trial sentencing for non-violent offenders.
- We support the decriminalization of sex work.
- We oppose forcing victims of sex trafficking to register as sex offenders.
- We oppose the use of condoms and contraception as evidence of sex work in criminal prosecutions.
- We oppose the Stop Enabling Sex Traffickers Act and Allow States and Victims to Fight Online Sex Trafficking Act and call for their repeal and replacement with legislation that more effectively combats sex-trafficking while protecting the rights of sex workers.
- We oppose the jailing and fining of those committing low-level offenses such as jaywalking or poverty.
- We support the medical needs and rights of incarcerated transgender persons.
- We believe ability to pay should be assessed before assigning bail and that bail be assessed commensurate to the crime.
- We support the elimination of the cash bail system.
- We support programs that help victims of crime.
- We oppose law enforcement monitoring, surveillance, or harassment of civil rights or social justice organizations such as Black Lives Matter. We support investing in law enforcement programs to eradicate white supremacists and neo-Nazis from our state.
- We support the expansion of ban-the-box legislation, which eliminates the check box that asks job applicants if they have a criminal record, and the automatic sealing of criminal records after a predetermined period with no further infractions.
- We support the creation of a statewide list of law enforcement officers and prosecutors who have been found by their respective agencies or a court to be biased, untrustworthy, or not credible.
- We believe if someone is arrested, but not convicted, the arrest should not appear on their record.
- We believe in the decriminalization of immigrants. We believe resources used to train officers as federal officers should be redirected to defending Nevada from federal overreach.
- We believe that the targeting of immigrants by federal immigration authorities including ICE, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, the U.S. Coast Guard, and other U.S. Department of Homeland Security components has no place in our prisons, jails, or communities.
- We believe federal funding for immigration enforcement is better spent on deportation defense and legal support.
- We support the use of tasers, rubber bullets, or other non-lethal weapons for non-life-threatening arrests. We further call for the suspension of the 1033 program,

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which transfers excess military surplus equipment to civilian law enforcement agencies.

- We oppose police departments investigating themselves without an external audit of the investigation.
- We support the internal and external investigation of all incidents of police violence.
- We support treating simple illicit drug use as a civil matter, instead of a criminal matter.
- We support the complete restoration of citizenship, including the right to serve on a jury, to felons that have completed their sentences.
- We support the decriminalization of mental health issues and the incarceration of individuals with mental health issues by utilizing licensed medical professionals to determine if psychiatric facilities are more appropriate.
- We support increased funding of intervention, education, counseling, medical services, mental health services, and shelter services for victims of crimes including, but not limited to, child abuse, elder abuse, domestic abuse, sexual abuse, and victims of sex trafficking.
- We support violence-prevention and anti-bullying programs in all public, private, and charter schools.
- We support ending the rape kit backlog in both Nevada and the entire United States.
- We support efficient, timely, and accurate counting, tracking, and testing of every rape kit booked into evidence, as well as accountability of our law enforcement agencies, to ensure that our rape kit testing backlog never reoccurs.
- We support common-sense gun safety regulations and gun violence prevention.
- With great rights comes great responsibility:
 - We support the right to bear arms in a responsible manner.
 - We support the banning of bump stocks and other methods of converting from semi-automatic to fully automatic weapons.
 - We support the banning of large capacity magazines.
 - We support the prohibition of guns on in all public and government buildings, including K-12 schools and institutions of higher education.
 - We support technology aimed at keeping children safe and ensuring the safe and secure storage of firearms in gun owners' homes.
 - We support efforts to reduce gun violence.
 - We support the full implementation and enforcement of the ballot initiative to expand gun background checks that was approved by the voters in 2016.
 - We support the legislation that was passed by the Nevada Legislature that makes it difficult for convicted domestic abusers, violent criminals, stalkers, and those lawfully adjudicated to have a mental illness to have access to weapons.
 - We support strict standards on reciprocity laws in Nevada that protect our families and visitors.

- o We support reporting gun injuries and deaths as community health issues and the gathering and studying of gun violence statistics as a public health issue.

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Education

Public education is the foundation of a strong and healthy society. Our party is committed to supporting and funding strong public schools across our state, so every Nevada student has access to a high-quality public education. To accomplish this goal, we believe that school communities — including educators, parents, and students — must be at the heart of every major decision affecting public education.

Therefore:

- We believe that all children should have equal access to a free, high-quality public education, and we support fully investing in pre-kindergarten education.
- We support the development and implementation of a new funding formula that is equitable for funding for pre-k education in Nevada, regardless of location.
- We further support that money earmarked for education must be used as intended.
- We support increasing education funding to at least the national average.
- We support fully investing in pre-k education, including Head Start, FullDay Kindergarten, reading readiness programs, and child nutrition programs, and their expansion statewide as these programs have been proven to increase academic success for our students.
- We support further investment in pre-k English Language Learners programs.
- We support fully funding and protecting ZOOM and Victory schools.
- We support an increase in special education funding for all schools that receive public funds.
- We support measures to properly classify multiracial, tribally enrolled members, and all eligible descendants so they receive the Office of Indian Education services required according to federal trust agreements and treaties still standing.
- We oppose the privatization of any element of public education.
- We oppose any public funding of private educational institutions, including voucher/scholarship programs or any other system that segregates students, purposefully or not, based on race, religion, or income.
- We oppose any attempt to break up or reorganize any school district in the State of Nevada.
- We support full integration of STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art/Design, and Mathematics) education in the pre-k curriculum in order to prepare students for 21st century jobs.

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- We support teaching a culturally competent and age-appropriate curriculum for pre-k that includes health, economics, state, U.S. and world history, geography, arts education, and foreign language.
- We support culturally competent and age-appropriate civic education that teaches students how elections and federal courts work.
- We support the creation of specialized learning academies/schools with union apprenticeship programs or industrial partnerships.
- We support an investment in new learning materials, when appropriate, in all Nevada classrooms; to ensure curriculum and information is in line with the technological advancements of the 21st century.
- We believe every curriculum must include ethnic studies, such as the history of Black migration in Nevada and the history of Indigenous Nevadans.
- We oppose any effort to censor or rewrite American history through selective textbook writings, including any effort to impose religious doctrine on students, erase the true details of slavery, or ignore the genocide of existing indigenous communities prior to European colonization.
- We oppose rigid curriculum standards that emphasize a one-size-fits-all approach to learning.
- We support a longer school day and school year in order to enrich the current curricula.
- We support a minimum of one hour of daily physical activity for all students.
- We support public funding for remedial summer school.
- We support the funding of high-quality, nutritious, and balanced school breakfast and lunch programs for all children with adequate time to eat.
- We support medically accurate, inclusive, consent-based, and developmentally appropriate sexual education in publicly funded Nevada schools.
- We believe homeless and transient children should be able to register for a home school and be provided with transportation to that school in order to facilitate their ability to graduate from high school, despite their unstable circumstances.
- We support equal and fair access for tribal citizens to the Indian Education System in accordance with trust and treaty responsibilities.
- We support ensuring that the enrollment of students in the Indian Education System is equal to the data of the number of eligible students; currently, less than half of identified students are enrolled.
- We support the ability of runaway children to register for school without parental information or consent.
- We believe charter schools should be regulated and overseen in the same manner as private schools.
- We believe charter schools should never receive public money intended for public schools, nor should public schools have to compete with charter schools for resources.
- We support the elimination of charter schools.

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- We believe all students have the right to use safe, clean restroom, free from scrutiny and bullying.
- We believe in breaking the inequities that cause what is referred to as the school-to-prison pipeline.
- We believe the diversity of our K-12 students should be reflected in those teaching them.
- We believe all teachers, education support professionals, and administrators should receive implicit bias training.
- We oppose arming teachers with weapons.
- We support our public schools partnering with trade unions and local organizations, such as Nevada Partners for internship and apprenticeship programs.
- We support reexamining the reorganization of the Clark County School District.
- We support comprehensive, multi-tiered systems of support for social-emotional and behavioral health.
- We support a mandated culturally competent, age-appropriate, social-emotional behavioral health curriculum for pre-k through 12 education.
- We support public educators and education support professionals.
- We support increasing the pay and benefit package, that is competitive or better than the regional/national averages, for our teachers, education-support professionals, and student instructional support personnel.
- We support making high-quality professional development programs available for all education professionals throughout their careers.
- We support a system of peer assistance and review to support our educators and improve instructions for students.
- We oppose any system of using student test scores to determine teacher evaluation and retentions.
- We support funding of mentoring programs for new teachers and principals.
- We support funding for school districts to pay teachers for extra teaching time. We also support educators receiving a daily rate of pay for any extension of the instructional day
- We support adequate funding for all supplies used in the classroom and reimbursement for any supplies purchased by teachers and education-support professionals.
- We support lowering the teacher-to-student ratio to a manageable size that allows teachers, education support professionals, and student instructional support personnel sufficient time with each student.
- We support all efforts to protect pre-k and k-12 students from sexual misconduct from teachers, staff, and other adults on campus, as well as other students.
- We support fully investing in a strong higher education system that enables all qualified high school graduates to get a high-quality college education without incurring crippling debt.

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- We support the development and implementation of a new funding formula that is equitable for higher education across Nevada.
- We support legislation to fund the university and community college system at a level sufficient for excellent education without increasing tuition.
- We support continued funding of the Millennium Scholarship Fund for Nevada's students.
- We support providing more opportunities to low-income Nevada law students by allowing students in paid positions to qualify for their student practitioners certificate.
- We support the continued investment in the development of the medical school in Southern Nevada.
- We support the availability of no-cost higher education options.
- We support state and federal legislation to fully forgive all state and federal tuition loans and financial assistance to those students who enroll and complete programs or degrees at all recognized and accredited public and private educational institutions throughout the United States.
- We support forgiveness programs to help students escape crushing student loan debt.
- We support paying a living wage to adjunct instructors and professors and their ability to form and join a union or collective bargaining unit.
- We support that educational institutions' staffing should reflect the diversity of the students.
- We support the establishment of fully functional online degree programs at all public colleges and universities in Nevada that will enable veterans and military families to better utilize GI Bill and Department of Defense tuition assistance programs.
- We support a national service proposal that includes establishing educational benefits for any person who serves in any capacity in the service of the U.S. Government including, but not limited to, Peace Corps, U.S. Forest Service, Environmental Protection Agency, and Federal Emergency Management Agency, or any other community service that prevents, provides aid for, mitigates, or cleans up natural disasters.
- We support the ability of Native students to wear eagle feathers on their graduation caps.

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Elections, Voting Rights, and Government Ethics

Democracy in our state and nation depends upon fair and free elections. We believe that government should operate in an ethical manner without undue influence from vested financial or ideological interests. Therefore:

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- We support the protection of voter rights so that qualified voters are not denied the opportunity to cast their votes.
- We support eliminating inequities in the voting process by mandating equal voter access in the designation of polling places and facilities; regulating the distribution and type of voting machines; and providing for same day registration using a secure electronic system.
- We support modernizing our election system through measures such as digitizing Election Day poll books.
- We support protecting permanent early voting sites, across racial and socio-economic boundaries, as well as maintaining the 14 days of early voting, which allow all voters to exercise their right to vote.
- We support permanent and portable voter registration tracking system that follows voters as they move.
- We support increasing absentee ballot access and making absentee voting excuse free.
- We support increased access to electronic and Braille ballots in order to ensure that disabled individuals can fully participate in the process and exercise their right to vote.
- We support pre-voter registration for 16-year-olds.
- We support expanding and improving online voter registration.
- We support automatic voter registration when at age 18.
- We support voting rights for all persons, including convicted felons. We recognize that many incarcerated persons have been victimized by systemic racism and poverty, and that depriving such persons their right to vote only perpetuates disenfranchisement and oppression.
- We support the elimination requirements that all court fees, fines, and restitutions be paid in order to cast a ballot. Such requirements are tantamount to a poll tax.
- We support a robust digital voter registration process for all public agencies.
- We support defending, restoring, and enhancing the Voting Rights Act.
- We oppose onerous and burdensome photo ID requirements for voting and/or any other efforts aimed at voter suppression.
- We support making Election Day a state/national holiday.
- We support one person, one vote and the abolition of the Electoral College.
- We support the redistricting process to be completed by a nonpartisan panel with judicial review before approval.
- We support vote-by-mail initiatives.
- We support additional accommodations to ensure that people with disabilities can vote. We support amending the U.S. Constitution to provide for election of the president by popular vote. We support open primary elections to choose presidential candidates.
- We support abolishing Super Delegates.

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- We support the modern equivalent of the Federal Communications Commission's Fairness Doctrine, which required the holders of broadcast licenses to both present controversial issues of public importance and to do so in a manner that was honest, equitable, and balanced. The FCC eliminated the policy in 1987 and removed the rule that implemented the policy from the Federal Register in 2011.
- We support the highest ethical standards for all public officials and full transparency and accountability for all local, county, and state government and elected representatives, regardless of their political party or affiliation.
- We support amending the Nevada Constitution to have a full-time legislature that effectively addresses the needs of a growing and prosperous state.
- We support continuing the ban on registered lobbyists on the floor of the Nevada Legislature.
- We support amending the Nevada Constitution to remove the two-thirds majority requirement for enacting any revenue, spending, or taxation laws.
- We support having a fully staffed, qualified, unbiased federal judiciary with vetting by the American Bar Association for all judicial positions.
- We support diversity of thought and background to our federal courts through the appointment of qualified justices.
- We oppose the privatization of the U.S. Postal Service.
- We oppose any efforts to delay justice for Americans in the judicial process simply because of partisan bickering and we oppose efforts to stop all procedural delays and obstruction in the judicial confirmation process.
- We support holding both elected and appointed government officials fully accountable for violation of laws and regulations.
- We support the appointment of a bipartisan Nevada State Inspector General and Deputy Inspector General, with full subpoena power and law enforcement authority, in order to investigate and hold government agencies fully accountable for fraud, waste, abuse, and misconduct, and to ensure regulatory compliance.
- We believe any entity wishing to recall a public official must disclose — before they can collect signatures — committee members, funding source, and detailed reasons.
- We support amending Nevada law to allow recalls only in the instance of unethical or illegal behavior, not for ideological differences or to increase political majorities.
- We support comprehensive campaign finance reform that seeks to eliminate corruption and provides for full transparency in financing political campaigns.
- We support overturning the Citizens United decision, and we believe that corporations are not people and money is not speech.
- We support campaign finance reform and public funding of elections.
- We support full, complete, and timely public disclosure laws for all sources of political contributions for all candidates and elected officials for any local, state, or federal office.
- We support a Constitutional Amendment confirming Congress' right to ensure fair and honest elections by curtailing the excessive influence of money in politics.

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- We support requiring political action committees to register, be clearly identified, fully identify donors, and declare their intention publicly in order to ensure transparency.
- We support real-time financial disclosure for lobbyists who spend money on/for elected officials and/or their staff.
- We support bold regulatory reform necessary for economic growth. We believe it is important to ensure that the industries that provide service to Nevadans are properly regulated to ensure the safety of the general public.
- We support reforming the appointment process for all regulatory commissions in order to ensure that the voices of the people are heard.
- We support that all regulatory commissions follow the Open Meeting Law.

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Energy, Environment, and Land Use

The future of our nation and our state depends on policies that will provide energy independence and sustainability, protect our environment, preserve our lands, and provide for the health and economic well-being of our present and future citizens.

Therefore:

- We support the adoption of all facets of the Green New Deal.
- We support Nevada joining/adopting the Paris Climate Agreement and urge the federal government to do the same.
- We support a carbon tax to both discourage the use of fossil fuels and fund renewable energy projects and programs.
- We support the promotion of energy efficiency and conservation, and the development of renewable resources in an environmentally sound manner while ensuring that every possible action is taken to combat climate change and transition away from fossil fuels.
- We support Nevada becoming an international leader in the research, development, education, and production of renewable energy on already disturbed lands.
- We support end users' ability to have solar panels on their private residences and to sell the excess power they produce back to the grid at fair market rates.
- We support requirements that all new homes built in Nevada be equipped with solar panels.
- We support regulating the installation and maintenance of roof-top solar panels in order to ensure that the technology is installed safely and reliably by unionized, licensed, skilled, and knowledge Nevada workers.
- We support increasing Nevada's renewable portfolio standard to 100 percent of our energy needs no later than 2030.
- We support large-scale renewable energy projects, sited with minimized ecological conflicts, within zones designated by federal and state agencies.

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- We support Nevada legislative action to require that all new public buildings meet the highest energy environmental design standards, such as the EPA's ENERGY STAR® Program or the U.S. Green Building Council's Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design Program, and develop a plan for the conversion of existing public buildings to meet those standards.
- We support local government in taking steps to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, promote energy efficiency and conservation, develop mass transit and other technologies, and provide educational programs aimed at reducing our carbon footprint and eliminating our dependence on fossil fuels.
- We support extending the Fuel Tax Revenue Indexing for Clark County.
- We support the immediate renewal of the EPA's Clean Power Plan and America's return to participation in the Paris Climate Agreement.
- We support progressive planning, tree planting, de-paving and other actions to reduce the urban heat island effect in the Las Vegas metropolitan area.
- We support an end to all federal public lands' fossil fuel production and mining.
- We support the ban of hydraulic fracturing or "fracking" within the state of Nevada.
- We support a scientifically based public education campaign on climate change.
- We oppose power plants that consume fossil fuels.
- We support policies which ensure sustainability and accountability for polluters.
- We support focusing the Office of Economic Development on the recruitment and retention of green businesses to Nevada.
- We support the opportunity to recycle for all business and individuals regardless of location or living situation, must fully recycle. This would mean full access to recycling bins and sanitation company pickup in all multi-family, multi-dwelling, and multi-use facilities including, but not limited to, office buildings as well as condominium and apartment complexes.
- We support holding companies responsible for remediation costs, including long-term costs, due to pollution.
- We recognize that the hard rock mining industry is the dirtiest and most destructive industry in the world. The mining industry's tax protections must be removed from Nevada's constitution and a royalty tax must be enacted in its place so Nevada can prepare financially for environmental damage.
- We support passing the Hardrock Leasing and Reclamation Act of 2019 sponsored by Sen. Thomas Udall and Rep. Raul M. Grijalva, and the elimination of the outdated General Mining Act of 1872, which codified the acquisition and protection of mining claims on public lands.
- We believe the mining industry must be required to limit the amount of water resources it takes from Nevadans.
- We believe the mining industry must be 100 percent financially responsible for clean-up and restoration after mine decommissioning.
- We support clean, safe, adequate water as a human right.

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- We support a water resource management policy that promotes conservation, sound impact analysis, and the management of the waters of the state in a manner that provides sustainable water supplies for wildlife and future generations.
- We support protection, conservation, and restoration of riparian areas.
- We support water conservation efforts, including harvesting water from rooftops.
- We oppose inter-basin water transfers.
- We encourage federal investment to lower the cost of desalination, which must be explored as a realistic option for future water supplies.
- We oppose the transportation and disposal of high-level nuclear waste in the state.
- We urge all state agencies and elected representatives to continue to vigorously oppose the licensing, construction, and operation of Yucca Mountain as a nuclear waste repository.
- We urge the federal government to designate the Nevada Test Site as a Superfund Site.
- We oppose any effort to use nuclear power as an energy source until a viable, consent-based solution is achieved for the permanent storage of high-level nuclear waste.
- We support land use management policies that provide for the enhancement of wilderness areas; recreational opportunities; and wildlife, woodland, water resource, and land protection.
- We support the conservation, protection, and recovery of the desert tortoise, sage grouse, and all endangered animals and plants and critical habitat in Nevada.
- We recognize that what is currently known as Nevada exists on stolen land. Native Americans must be the leading voices on all public land issues.
- We support keeping public lands in public hands.
- We support limiting urban sprawl and oppose transfer of public lands for development that increases the footprint of the Las Vegas metropolitan area.
- We support biologically sound, ethical, and sustainable land management policies, and adequate funding for the agencies that manage Nevada's lands.
- We support environmental whistleblowers.
- We support the continued permanent protection of Nevada's Gold Butte, and Basin and Range National Monuments.
- We support federal protection for the Spring Mountains.
- We support the immediate removal of all of Bundy's cattle on or near Gold Butte National Monument.
- We support the military's mission of providing for our national security, but we oppose the transfer of public lands to the Department of Defense for bombing range expansions at Fallon Naval Air Station and the Nevada Test and Training Range.
- We support the legislature to designate a state network of bicycle, equestrian and non-motorized trails and to provide funds for the construction and maintenance of this network.

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- We support the cooperation of local, state, and federal agencies to better manage and enforce specific limited areas for the use of off-highway vehicles.
- We support the Nevada Department of Wildlife managing wildlife populations with a primary goal of long- term ecological balance, including restoring Nevada's native carnivore populations and guarding bighorn sheep from diseases passed by livestock.
- We oppose the barbaric practice of commercial fur trapping in Nevada.
- We support making animal cruelty a felony.
 - We oppose the cruel practice of feline declawing.
 - We oppose elective cosmetic surgeries for animals in Nevada including but not limited to ear cropping and tail docking.
 - We support mandatory spay and neuter laws for domestic animals in Nevada.
- We support the creation of legislation that would require all domestic animals sold in Nevada to be from licensed animal rescues.
- We oppose the sale of egg products that do not come from cage-free animals.
- We support a ban on the private ownership of exotic animals in Nevada.
- We support the continued investment into green city technologies including, but not limited to, solar highways and increasing the number of electric vehicle charging points.
- We support legislation that would require vehicles registered in Nevada to have a minimum fuel efficiency of at least 35 miles per gallon.
- We support comprehensive transportation reform, through improving and expanding multi-modal transportation that includes the following: walkable streets; bike lanes, dedicated bike paths and bike accessible transit, and environmentally conscious local, regional and inter-city buses and rail systems.
- We support incentives for expanded consumer access to electric vehicles, to cleaner, more fuel-efficient vehicles, and to cleaner fuels.
- We support government agencies divesting their investment portfolios of fossil fuel companies.
- We oppose the utilization of single-use plastics and plastic foam in Nevada.

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Labor, Working Families, Economic Justice, and Job Security

We support protecting the fundamental rights of all workers because Nevada, and the rest of America, is built by hard-working and dedicated individuals. A failure to protect and support our workers is a failure to protect and support our nation and ourselves. It is the government's responsibility to protect consumers and workers, promote fair business practices, and provide for the public good. Therefore:

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- We support collective bargaining and binding arbitration for all public and state employees with legislation that requires non-members of the bargaining units to provide payment to the bargaining agent if those non-members benefit directly from the negotiated agreements.
- We support workers' rights to form or join a union without employer retaliation or intimidation.
- We support reclassifying employees to match their true skill and job responsibilities to combat predatory business practices.
- We oppose any legislation that seeks to weaken the power of our unions.
- We support repeal of Nevada's right-to-work legislation.
- We support calling on employers to acknowledge the rights of employees to organize. Further, we support calling on employers to negotiate fairly with those workers and enforce collective bargaining agreements or applicable state/federal labor laws.
- We support campaign, state party, and substitute education workers in their right to organize and form a union.
- We support strengthening prevailing wage standards and the protection of Project Labor Agreements.
- We support strengthening private and public pensions, including Nevada PERS.
- We oppose the privatization of Nevada PERS including, but not limited to, changing it from a defined benefit to a defined contribution.
- We oppose wage and benefit theft through the misclassification of workers—including seasonal employees—as independent contractors and the creation of permanent part-time positions.
- We support paid parental, family, and medical leave, regardless of the size of the company.
- We support high-quality, universal childcare for all families, including early learning and after-school programs, which provide a safe and educational program to children whose parents, care givers, or guardians actively participate in the workforce.
- We believe it is imperative that childcare workers are compensated fairly and have a voice in the funding-planning process.
- We support strong labor protections for domestic workers and farm workers.
- We support equal pay for equal work, regardless of gender or race.
- We support protecting and granting paid release time for union advocates.
- We support the elimination of the tax exemption for companies, or their sub-contractors, who employ non-resident, non-union workers.
- We support all resort and convention corridor workers and their efforts to join a union.
- We support maintaining a work environment that is free from sexual and gender harassment.
- We support the full implementation of the Nevada Pregnant Workers Fairness Act.
- We support requiring employers to provide health coverage to all employees.

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- We believe if an employer uses work time to discourage union involvement, labor unions should be given equal time and access to explain the benefits of union membership.
- We support a living wage and fair compensation and benefits for all workers; every Nevadan deserves a fair shot at the American Dream.
- We support efforts to eliminate poverty by increasing the minimum wage to a living wage of at least \$15 an hour and linking the minimum wage to the consumer price index.
- We support making unemployment compensation tax exempt.
- We support tax exemptions for worker co-operatives and consumer co-operatives, as well as legislation to foster and support democratically owned and operated businesses.
- We support additional funding for the workers compensation system in Nevada so that benefits will be distributed sooner and in increased amounts.
- We support the protection of federal Davis-Bacon Act, the federal law that protects prevailing wages, and Nevada's own "Little Davis-Bacon" law.
- We support the establishment of a six-month residency requirement for workers employed on taxpayer funded or subsidized jobs to keep Nevada money in the state.
- We support the protection of workers from unsafe working environments.
- We support efforts to fully fund the Nevada Division of Occupational, Safety, and Health Agency and the Mine Safety and Health Agency.
- We support requiring skilled labor training and certification for all crafts performing life-threatening activities, preventing potential loss of life, and/or injury to self and others.
- We support economic justice for all.
- We support the elimination of sub-minimum wages for people with disabilities.
- We support a revised tax code that is progressive and fair and that closes corporate loopholes.
- We oppose the Trans-Pacific Partnership and other trade agreements, programs, or incentives that encourage companies to outsource and offshore their jobs and profits.
- We support adequately funding education, social services, health services, and infrastructure, to make Nevada a national leader by 2030.
- We support policies that ensure that businesses cover the true social and environmental costs of their products and services instead of shifting the costs to the community or future generations.
- We oppose predatory lending practices that prey on low-income Nevadans, people of color, and active-duty military.
- We support, as proposed by Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., the provision of a minimum income to alleviate poverty.
- We support regulation of markets and commerce to ensure the fair treatment of business owners.

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- We support effective government policies to foster small businesses.
- We support public policies that level the playing field for all Nevada businesses, including equitable taxes and regulation, fair and equal access to capital, and support for business innovation and technology, regardless of size.
- We support the creation of business incubators and mentoring opportunities for minority-, veteran-, and woman-owned business.
- We support consumer rights to safe products, equitable dealings, and fair prices.
- We support the reinstatement of usury laws in Nevada to protect consumers and include limits on credit card interest rates.
- We oppose predatory loan practices and support limits on the interest rates for all loan instruments.
- We support the establishment of a postal banking system.
- We support steps to guarantee safety of all domestic and imported products sold in U.S. markets.
- We support laws that bar businesses and other organizations from collecting and selling consumers' personal information.
- We support net neutrality and ensuring that the Internet remains a space for the open exchange of ideas and information, free of discrimination and corporate control.
- We support increased research and regulation on all genetically modified foods to ensure safety for humans, animals, and the environment.

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Taxes, Revenue, and Spending

We support the fair assessment of taxes. Corporations and wealthy individuals should pay their fair share in order to provide funding for programs that support success for Nevada's families and individuals. We also recognize that capitalism can function only with fair, regulated, and transparent markets. Therefore:

- We support the closing of tax loopholes that enable corporations to pay lower taxes than working-class families.
- We support reinstating and strengthening of the Glass-Steagall Act, which prohibited commercial banks from engaging in the investment business and was partially repealed in 1999.
- We support strengthening the regulation of Wall Street and big banks, prohibiting any special treatment of too-big-to-fail institutions, and giving regulators more authority to force overly complex or risky firms to reorganize, downsize, or break apart.
- We support to the removal of the cap on Social Security taxes.

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- We support full and immediate funding of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau and other agencies in charge of regulating commodities speculation and financial markets.
- We support the removal of the cap on mining taxation in Nevada. We support amending the Nevada Constitution to eliminate the cap on mining taxation.
- We oppose raising property taxes until all businesses operating in the state are paying property taxes.
- We support revenue collection to fully fund the local, state, and federal government, including education.
- We believe no worthwhile government program should suffer cuts as a result of the failure to collect enough tax revenue.
- We support the collection of revenue for the full funding of fundamental public services including, but not limited to, education, environmental protection, law enforcement, veterans and military families, public housing, social services, and public transportation.
- We support the creation of a vacancy or “empty-home” tax, designed to discourage property speculation and increase affordable housing.
- We support finding additional sources of revenue in order to continue the much-needed funding increases to Nevada schools. We do oppose a regressive sales tax increase to achieve this goal.
- We support taxing corporations, such as the mining industry, that do not pay their fair share in taxes.
- We support an increase in taxes on gaming establishments until their tax rate is more in line with the tax rate of similar establishments in other jurisdictions.
- We support finding additional sources of revenue in order to continue the much-needed funding increases to Nevada schools. We oppose raising sales taxes, property tax, or any other forms of regressive taxation that disproportionately affects low-income Nevadans.
- We believe no worthwhile government program should suffer cuts as a result of the failure to collect enough tax revenue.
- We support adequate funding for scientific and medical research, the State Department, and the United Nations.

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Veterans, National Defense, and Military Families

We believe that a strong and flexible military is essential to protect our country and its citizens. We must understand that in order to maintain our military we must protect and support all the personnel that make up that military whether active,

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reserve, or national guard, as well as those families that support the troops, at home or abroad. We must also be proactive for those who served and must ensure that all benefits be in place and supported for those veterans. Thus, we pledge to always stand with ALL military personnel, veterans, and their families as they serve as well as when they return home. Therefore:

- We support all members of our Armed Forces of the United States to include, active duty, reserve, and National Guard, as they defend our state and nation.
- We pledge to always stand with military personnel, veterans, and their families as they serve as well as when they return home.
- We support additional help for Nevada's veterans as a way to honor their service to our nation. Nevada's veterans deserve world-class health care and benefits programs. American service members must not be denied the right to serve because of their sexual orientation or gender identity/expression.
- We support the Remove the Stain Act which would rescind the 20 Medals of Honor awarded to those who participated in the murder of 200 Lakota during the Wounded Knee Massacre in order to honor all the other Medal of Honor recipients who earned their honors in combat, not genocide.
- We support the use of military readiness and diplomacy to deter war. Only when those avenues have been exhausted, should military force be used and always in accordance with the Geneva Conventions.
- We support that any immigrant who has honorably served in the U.S. Military be granted citizenship for themselves and their immediate family.
- We oppose the privatization of the Northern Nevada Veterans' Home.
- We believe that veterans are entitled to the full complement of benefits and services that they have earned. This includes, but is not limited to, educational, job placement, vocational training, financial management counseling, housing, employment, and legal benefits.
- We support increases in both programs and funds for at-risk veterans including extra support for elderly and homeless veterans.
- We support requiring mandatory counseling for all service-members returning from a combat deployment within two weeks of arriving home.
- We support expanding and providing easier access to service members, military families and veterans' health services and assistance programs, including, but not limited to pharmacies, psychological, psychiatric, addiction, prosthetic, palliative care, reproductive and contraceptive services, as well as rehabilitative care. We also advocate for an emphasis on programs for veterans with post-traumatic stress disorder and traumatic brain injury. We support legislation that provides proactive measures to protect service members from domestic violence and sexual assault.
- We support adopting more holistic approaches to treatment for veterans to include alternative therapies such as mindfulness, exercise, and cannabis.

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- We support codifying protections to keep former service members who use cannabis legally from losing their Veterans Affairs health care benefits.
- We demand that the federal government fully fund the VA, including full staffing, so that there are no backlogs in providing service in the Veterans Health Administration, Veterans Benefits Administration, Military Health System, or National Cemeteries Administration.
- We oppose the privatization of VA health care, but support programs such as Veterans Choice.
- We support extending greater protections to military survivors of sexual harassment and assault.
- We support making training that focuses specifically on military and veterans' healthcare available to medical students.
- We support directing the VA to train doctors on the use of medical marijuana and to conduct a study on how veterans use cannabis.
- We support ensuring reciprocal professional certifications and licensure for veterans and military families.
- We support hiring Veterans Advocates in the Nevada Department of Veterans Services to ensure that our veterans receive the full benefits to which they are legally entitled, in a timely manner without exploitation or harassment.
- We support the establishment of a Nevada Veterans Fund to provide short-term, refundable financial assistance to veterans and military families awaiting their VA benefits.
- We support the expansion of the U.S. Department of Energy's Solar Ready Vets® program to Nevada to train veterans and military families for work in the solar energy field.
- We support the granting of no less than honorable discharge to veterans and other military service personnel who were or will be separated because of their sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression.
- We support equal and inclusive services to LGBTQI veterans and their families.
- We support the full vestment of veterans in PERS after one year of public sector employment.

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