



Johnson County Democratic Convention Booklet

**Saturday, March 24, 2018
Liberty High School**

1400 Dubuque St. NE, North Liberty, Iowa 52317

Registration: 7 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.

Call to order: 8 a.m.

Please PRINT and BRING THIS BOOKLET WITH YOU TO THE CONVENTION.

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CONVENTION CALL TO JOHNSON COUNTY DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION

Saturday, March 24, 2018

1400 Dubuque St NE, North Liberty
Johnson County, Iowa

Registration will start at 7 a.m. and close at 8:30 a.m.

The convention will convene at 8 a.m., for these purposes:

1. Continue the procedures begun at the Caucuses, giving people the means to directly affect the political process, sustaining, and enhancing participatory democracy.
2. Provide a forum for brief appearances of Democratic candidates for office.
3. Discuss and adopt a County Platform of desirable legislative proposals.
4. Elect a county Affirmative Action Chairperson.
5. Elect Delegates (75) and Alternates to the 2nd District Convention on Saturday, April 28, 2018 in Fairfield, and the State Convention in Des Moines on Saturday, June 16, 2018.
6. Elect committee members to each of the District convention committees: fourteen (14) each to Platform, Credentials, Rules and Nominations, and Arrangements.

District and State Delegates

If you are elected as a District Delegate, you are automatically a State Delegate.

Proportional Representation

All conventions of the Iowa Democratic Party shall assure that they include women, men, various age groups, and economic groups in reasonable relationship to the proportions to which these groups are found in the community they represent.

Donations and Lunch

Donations are always appreciated from any Democrat at any time. However, no delegate's right to participate and vote shall be denied for inability to donate. A \$10 fee for a box lunch is payable to cashiers in the food service area during the lunch period. You are welcome to bring your own lunch. To expedite the lunch fee, please plan to pay for lunch with exact funds or by check (made out to "Johnson County Democrats").

Arrangements Report and General Information

The Arrangements Committee would like to thank everyone for their assistance with setup and cleanup of the Convention. We would like to maintain a positive relationship with the School District, so we ask that you be courteous and help clean up after yourself and others.

Parking:

Parking is located in front of Liberty High School, with plenty of accessible parking spaces. Please be considerate to those less abled, by parking further away. If you require assistance with parking, please contact a JCDems volunteer.

Food:

Breakfast:

A light breakfast catered by Hy-Vee will be available starting at 7 a.m. in the Commons Area, with several items available including pastries, fruit, coffee, water, and tea.

Suggested donation is \$1 per item.

Lunch:

A boxed lunch catered by New Pioneer Co-op will be provided at the Convention.

Lunch includes one half sandwich, salad, chips, and a drink.

Gluten free and vegan options will be available.

Lunch tickets will be available for \$10 each.

Please purchase lunch tickets at the Arrangements Table during morning registration

You are welcome to bring your own food or eat at a local restaurant off-site. However, please keep food in the commons area, **as no food or drink (other than bottled water) is permitted in the Auditorium.**

Signs and Tables:

Signs are not permitted in the auditorium.

Sign Limitations:

Signs outside the building will be limited to official Convention signs only.

Signs will be permitted inside the building and limited to your table (see below for tabling details) and must be **hung with blue painter's tape only and must be removed after the convention.**

Table/flyer limitations for Candidates:

Your candidate or organization may reserve a **full table (14ft) for \$50**, or a **half-table (7ft) for \$25**. Reservation forms can be accessed on www.jcdems.org, and should be sent to leahhoogejesse@gmail.com by March 23. Please bring payment and get table assignments at the Arrangements Table by 8:30 a.m. the morning of the convention. You may arrive by 6:30 a.m. to set up table.

Flyers may be distributed beginning at 7 a.m. and distribution restricted to outside the auditorium.

Accessibility:

Both the auditorium and commons area (lunch) are fully ADA compliant. Handicap parking is available in the main parking lot, and, there is a drop off area in front of the High school for direct access for those who need to use it (Dropping off only). All bathrooms are fully accessible and ADA compliant.

Smoking:

Per state law, smoking is not permitted in any public space in the school; this includes the parking lot.

Accommodations:

If attendee requires accommodations, please contact Leah Jesse, Arrangements Chair, leahhoogejesse@gmail.com, or call 319-337-VOTE. Please use the attached accommodation form (Appendix).

2018 Arrangements Committee Members

Loren Brumm
Margaret Brumm
Danielle Benford
Paul Deaton
Iris Dement
Eileen Fisher
R. Scott Finlayson
Janna Lawrence
Connie Lee McCall
Lenda Zelinskas

Leah Jesse, Chair

Special thanks to our volunteers who gave time on their Saturday to do setup, lunch distribution, and cleanup. Without their assistance, along with the assistance of our committee members, this convention would not be possible.

NOMINATIONS FOR ARRANGEMENTS COMMITTEE AT DISTRICT CONVENTION

Paul Deaton
Scott Finlayson

CREENTIALS COMMITTEE REPORT

2018 JOHNSON COUNTY DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION

1. The registration period for both delegates and alternates is from **one hour before** the start of the convention until **one half hour after** the scheduled start of the convention. All delegates and alternates must register during this time period.
2. Delegates who are unable to attend the convention may arrange for a replacement by selecting an alternate that was elected at the precinct caucus and certified by the Credentials Committee. First consideration should be given to alternates from the same precinct as the delegate they are replacing. The delegate assignment form, which was included with the convention call, must be completed and signed by both the delegate and the alternate. Any alternate presenting this signed delegate assignment form to the Credentials Committee, will be allowed to register at the convention as a delegate.
3. At the end of the registration period, certified alternates will be seated in any unfilled delegate seat. Alternates will be seated in same order in which they registered at the convention (first registered, first seated). The Credentials Committee will maintain control of the alternate registration list and will facilitate the seating of alternates.

DELEGATE REGISTRATION PROCEDURE

1. Registration will begin **one hour before** the scheduled start of the convention and continue until **one half hour after** the scheduled start of the convention.
2. Credentials will be sorted in alphabetical order according to delegates last name. A Credentials Committee Member will direct delegates to the correct table to receive their credentials.
3. The Credentials packet will contain a delegate badge, a District and State Convention delegate candidacy form, railroad ballots and 3 delegate selection forms. Delegates **must** complete and return their District and State Convention delegate candidacy form to the Credentials Committee before leaving the registration table.

ALTERNATE REGISTRATION PROCEDURE

1. Alternate registration will begin **one hour before** the scheduled start of the convention and continue until **one half hour after** the scheduled start of the convention.
2. One registration table will be marked as alternate registration. Alternates should proceed to this table when directed by a Credentials Committee Member.
3. Alternates will be provided with District and State Convention delegate candidacy form. This form **must** be completed and returned to the Credentials Committee before leaving the registration table.
4. Upon the completion of Delegate registration, the Credentials Committee Co-Chair will inform the convention that alternates are now being seated in open delegate seats. **To be considered for seating as delegate, alternates must return to the registration area at this time.**
5. A Credentials Committee Member will direct each alternate seated as a delegate to the correct registration table to receive their credentials.

YOUTH DELEGATES

1. Youth Delegates will register at the alternate registration tables.
2. Proceed to the youth delegate seating area.

2018 CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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| Alex Anderson | Joyce Bernardy |
| Kendra Bogert-Baird | Martha Ann Crawford |
| Jan Dallas | Meghann Foster |
| Margery Jensen | Kiran Patel |
| Vicki Siefers | Scott Smith |
| Karla Smith | Hunter Staszak-Donnel |
| Nan Trefz | |
| John Deeth – Co-Chair | Tom Larkin – Co-Chair |

The Credentials Committee nominates the following individuals to serve on the District Credentials Committee.

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| Jan Dallas | Meghann Foster |
| Marge Jensen | Leah Jesse |
| Kim Patel | Nan Trefz |

2018 Johnson County Democratic Convention

Order of Business

March 24, 2018

- I. Call to Order.**
- II. Appointment of Temporary Officers.**
- III. Temporary Rules Report.**
- IV. Speakers to the Convention.**
 - a. City and County Office Holders & Candidates – up to 3 minutes each
 - b. State Legislative Office Holders & Candidates – up to 3 minutes each
 - c. Statewide Office Holders & Candidates – up to 4 minutes each
 - d. Invited Guest Speakers – up to 4 minutes each
 - e. Federal Office Holders or Candidates – up to 7 minutes each
 - f. Representatives of Presidential Candidates – up to 7 minutes each
- V. Credentials Report.**
- VI. Permanent Officers Election.**
- VII. Rules Report.**
- VIII. Constitutional Amendments.** Amendments to the Constitution of the Johnson County Democratic Party.
- IX. Delegate Selection.** Per the Delegate Selection Plan, the nomination and election of delegates and alternates to the District and State Conventions. This shall include election of District Committee members
- X. Affirmative Action Chair Election.**
- XI. Platform Report.**
- XII. Ratification of Elections.**
- XIII. New Business.** Other business to come before the Convention.
- XIV. Adjournment.**

NOTE: At 10:55 a.m. the convention will recess for brief remarks and a demonstration led by party chair Chris Taylor.

Johnson County Democrats 2018 Convention Rules and Nominations Committee Report

The Rules and Nominations Committee offers the following rules, and nominations of officers, for the 2018 Johnson County Democrats Convention.

Respectfully submitted,

Ed Cranston and Mika Covington, Co-Chairs

and the members of the rules and nominations committee:

Sue Biederman
Angela Briggs
Sue Bryant
Linda Campion
Margaret Cretzmeyer
Tony Currin
Elisa Elizalde
Sam English
Shawn Harmsen
Melva Hughes
Mike Jesse
Jennifer Patel
Kate Revaux
Maya Sheybani
Ellie Zupancic

The Rules and Nominations Committee nominates the following people as officers for the 2018 Johnson County Democrats Convention:

Chair – Janet Lyness
Parliamentarian(s) – Tom Larkin and Mike Jesse
Secretary – Shawn Harmsen
Timekeeper – Margaret Cretzmeyer
Sergeant-at-Arms – Lonny Pulkrabek

The Rules and Nominations Committee nominates the following people for the District Rules & Nominations Committee:

Sue Biederman
Angela Briggs
Sue Bryant
Linda Campion
Mika Covington
Ed Cranston
Tony Currin
Elisa Elizalde
Sam English
Shawn Harmsen
Melva Hughes
Jennifer Patel
Kate Revaux

Johnson County Democratic Convention

Report of Rules and Nominations Committee

2018

Article I. Opening Activities

§ 1. The Convention shall be called to order no later than fifteen (15) minutes after the time announced in the official call. If the Chair(s) does not call the Convention to order within this time limit, any delegate may call the Convention to order.

§ 2. An official Timekeeper shall be appointed by the Chair(s), prior to the introduction of the first speaker, to assist the Chair(s) in enforcing the time limits on speakers. Time limits shall be strictly enforced. Any delegate may call upon the Chair(s) to enforce the time limit.

§ 3. Declared Democratic candidates for office within Johnson County, including state legislative candidates, shall be introduced and allowed to address the Convention for no more than three (3) minutes. Candidates for statewide office, and guest speakers invited by the Johnson County Central Committee, shall be introduced and allowed to address the Convention for no more than four (4) minutes. Candidates for federal office shall be introduced and allowed to address the Convention for no more than seven (7) minutes. No substitute or representative speakers shall be permitted.

Article II. Committee Reports

§1. Credentials Committee: In the event of a delegate challenge, the Committee on Credentials shall include in its report the name of the delegate or alternate who it believes is entitled to participate in the Convention. The Committee on Credentials shall report on each challenge in the alphanumeric order by the precinct in which the challenged delegates or alternates reside.

§ 2. Rules and Nominations Committee: The nomination and delegate-selection process shall be in accordance with the Delegate Selection Procedure approved by the State Central Committee and with the supplementary recommendations of the Rules and Nominations Committee as adopted by the Convention. Business or reports from the Rules and Nominations Committee shall have preference over other items of business.

§ 3. Platform Committee: The Platform Committee reports shall consist of a Statement of Principles and a Statement of Issues. These reports shall be taken at the discretion of the Chair(s) after all the alternates are seated.

- A. Changes to the Statement of Principles and the Statement of Issues shall be considered only under the following circumstances:
- 1) Amendments to the Statement of Principles or Statement of Issues must be
 - a. in writing,
 - b. legible,
 - c. accompanied by a petition in support thereof, signed by at least fifteen percent (15%) of the seated delegates to the convention,
 - d. submitted to the Platform Committee by 10:00 a.m. or 30 minutes after the Credentials committee issues its report, whichever is later, the day of the convention, and
 - e. posted in the designated area of the convention hall 15 minutes after the acceptance by the Platform Committee.
 - 2) Petitions for separate debate and vote may be submitted to the Chair(s) of the Platform Committee until the respective Platform section is brought to the floor.
 - 3) Except for simple grammatical corrections, no amendments to a proposed amendment submitted to the convention for consideration shall be permitted unless submitted in writing to the Platform Committee by 1 hour after the acceptance by the Platform Committee on the day of the Convention. Each amendment to an amendment must be accompanied by the signature of at least fifteen percent (15%) of the seated delegates and must be germane to the initial amendment.
- B. No amendments to a proposed amendment, except simple grammatical fixes, submitted to the convention for consideration shall be permitted unless submitted in writing to the Platform Committee by 11:00 am on the day of the Convention. Each amendment to an amendment must be accompanied by the signature of at least fifteen percent (15%) of the seated delegates and must be germane to the initial amendment.
- C. Debate on the platform shall be conducted in the following order:
- 1) The Chair(s) of the Convention shall recognize the Chair(s) of the Platform Committee to move adoption of the platform.
 - 2) The Chair(s) of the Platform Committee or his or her designee shall present The Statement of Principles and the full Statement of the Issues and move for their immediate adoption.
 - 3) The Statement of Principles and the whole Statement of Issues shall be debated and voted on as a whole except:
 - i) Minority reports from the Platform Committee. Minority reports are automatically debatable.

ii) Amendments submitted as in B and C (above). Amendments are automatically debatable.

iii) Paragraphs that have been reserved for separate debate and vote under Art. II §3.A.

4) Debate on the Platform shall be conducted under the rules outlined in Article IX and shall not exceed 1 hour.

§ 4. Minority reports of a committee shall not be considered by the Convention unless adopted by at least two (2) persons or ten percent (10%) of the members of that committee (whichever is greater) present and voting at a committee meeting. The minority shall provide the Convention Chair(s) with a written copy of their report, signed by the members of the minority, before or concurrent with the report of the committee to the convention.

Article III. Special Orders of Business

§ 1. It shall be in order at any time for the Committee on Rules and Nominations to report to the Convention a resolution providing a Special Order of Business for the consideration of any matter for which provision is not made by these rules.

Article IV. Powers and Duties of the Chair(s)

§ 1. It shall be the responsibility of the Chair(s) to conduct and expedite the business of the Convention and to preserve order and decorum in its proceedings.

§ 2. The Chair(s) may:

- A. appoint additional officers, to assist in conducting the business of the Convention, giving reasonable consideration to affirmative action and minority representation;
- B. appoint any seated delegate to temporarily perform the duties of the Chair(s);
- C. control the timing, agenda, and debate of the convention;
- D. take such lawful action as may be necessary and appropriate to preserve order throughout the Convention hall.

Article V. Voting

§ 1. Except as otherwise required, voting shall be by voice vote, or at the discretion of the Chair(s), by standing division.

§ 2. All questions, except as otherwise specified by these rules, shall be determined by a majority vote of the seated delegates present and voting.

§ 3. Once a question has been put to vote, the vote shall not be interrupted for any purpose, except to move for a ballot vote, or direct a point of order.

§ 4. A non-secret ballot may be ordered following a motion, which must be seconded, and supported by a vote of the majority of seated delegates present.

§ 5. During the counting of ballots the Chair(s) may continue with convention business.

Article VI. Appeals

§ 1. The Chair(s) shall decide all questions of order, subject to an appeal by any seated delegate. Appeals may be debated for no more than four (4) minutes, to be equally divided between the delegate appealing and a delegate in favor of sustaining the ruling of the Chair(s). Before the question is put on any appeal, the Chair(s) shall be entitled to briefly state the reasons for its ruling. Upon completion of debate, the convention shall decide by majority vote of the delegates present and voting whether to sustain or overrule the decision of the Chair(s).

§2. An appeal shall not be in order:

- A. during another appeal;
- B. to challenge decisions of recognition;
- C. during a ballot; or
- D. on a question on which an appeal has been denied.

Article VII. Motion to Suspend the Rules

§ 1. The Chair(s) may entertain a motion to suspend the rules for a stated purpose. If seconded, debate shall be allowed for no more than four (4) minutes, to be equally divided between those in favor and those opposed, with no more than two (2) minutes allowed per speaker (i.e., one (1) delegate in favor and one (1) delegate opposed).

§ 2. The Chair shall recognize the Rule and Nominations Committee chair, or their designees, before any debate or vote to present a recommendation to the convention on the motion.

§3. Passage of a motion to suspend the rules shall require an affirmative standing vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the seated delegates present and voting.

Article VIII. Motions (not including amendments to Platform - see Article II, Section 3)

§ 1. Any delegate may offer a non-procedural motion or resolution to the Convention if it is legible, signed by at least five (5) delegates, and submitted to the Chair(s) before motion introduction.

§ 2. Amendments to motions and resolutions may be offered from the floor by any delegate. Amendments may be offered orally but shall be subsequently submitted to the Chair(s) in writing prior to voting on said amendment.

§ 3. No motion, resolution, or amendment thereto shall be considered by the Convention until seconded from the floor.

§ 4. No motion, resolution, or amendment thereto shall be considered by the Convention if inconsistent with, or repugnant to, a motion or resolution previously adopted, unless the prior motion or resolution has been either rescinded or reconsidered and rejected.

§ 5. A motion to recess shall be in order at any time, except when the question has been called or during a vote in progress., and shall be decided without debate. The Chair(s) shall not entertain a motion to recess when it closely follows another such motion if, in the opinion of the Chair(s), the motion is dilatory.

§ 6. A motion to recess shall be for a period of no more than fifteen minutes, except for a single hour-long recess for lunch or as otherwise specified in the Delegate Selection Procedure.

§ 7. A motion to adjourn shall not be in order until the convention has completed all duties imposed by law or by the rules of the Democratic National Committee, the Iowa Democratic Party, or the Johnson County Democratic Party.

Article IX. Debate

§ 1. Initial debate on any question, except as otherwise provided by these rules, shall be limited to ten minutes, with proponents and opponents alternating in speeches that shall not exceed two minutes each.

§ 2. At the end of the initial debate time, the Convention may extend, by a majority vote of the seated delegates, the debate for a period not to exceed eight additional minutes.

§ 3. Debate may be closed before the expiration of the allotted time with the approval, of a majority of the delegates present.

§ 4. A motion to suspend the rules, or to appeal the decision of the Chair(s), for the purpose of extending debate shall not be in order.

§ 5. On motions relating to debate time, the ruling of the Chair(s) shall be final.

Article X. Quorum

§ 1. The Chair(s) of the credentials committee shall announce that a quorum exists for the purpose of conducting business when at least forty percent of the elected delegates have been seated. For 2018, 40% of 251= 101 delegates seated.

§ 2. No motion or point of order questioning a quorum shall be in order following the final credentials report.

Article XI. Rules of Order

§ 1. These rules shall be interpreted so as to be consistent with the Charter of the Democratic Party of the United States, the Constitution of the Iowa Democratic Party, the approved Delegate Selection

Procedure, the report of the County Rules and Nominations Committee, and applicable state and federal laws.

§ 2. Any point of order not covered by these rules shall be determined by reference to the most recent edition of Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised.

Johnson County Democratic Convention

Delegate Selection Procedure

Introduction

At the precinct caucuses on February 5, 2018, delegates to the County Convention were elected in each precinct. At the County Convention, delegates will be elected to the 2nd District Convention (75 delegates are allotted to Johnson County in 2018). Delegates to the District Convention are automatically delegates to the State Convention. From the delegates or alternates selected to the District convention, committee members will be selected to serve on the District level committees (seventeen positions for each of the four committees: platform, arrangements, credentials, and rules and nominations, that are allotted to the county in 2018).

Article I. Registration

§ 1. The delegate must register upon arrival at the County Convention. Upon completion of registration the delegate will receive his or her delegate credentials and be designated as “seated.” In addition to the credentials, each seated delegate will receive:

- (a) an official series of ballots marked with the delegate number assigned to the delegate.
- (b) three (3) delegate selection ballots : ballot “A” for the First Ballot , ballot “B” for the Second Ballot, and ballot “C” for the Third Ballot. Each ballot shall be marked with the delegate number assigned to the delegate.

§ 2. At registration, the delegate must indicate if the delegate wishes to be considered for election as a delegate to the district and state conventions. The delegate **must** so indicate on the form supplied by the credentials committee.

§3. If a registered Democrat who is not a delegate to the County Convention wishes to be a delegate to the District and State Conventions, the individual must obtain, complete and sign a delegate nomination form from the Johnson County Democrats website. The form may be submitted to the credentials committee by any seated delegate, before the convention is called to order.

Article II. Selection of Delegates, Committee Members, Affirmative Action Chair

§ 1. The selection of delegates to the District and State Conventions cannot commence until after all of the following events have taken place:

- (a) the close of registration;
- (b) the adoption of the report of the Credentials Committee; and
- (c) the announcement, by the Chair(s) of the Rules and Nominations Committee, of the approved delegate-selection procedures.

§ 2. At an appropriate time, the Chair(s) will announce the start of the delegate selection and shall read the statement:

All caucuses, conventions, committees, and Democratic Party officials shall take such practical steps as may be within their legitimate power to assure that all caucuses, conventions, and committees shall include: men, women, various age groups, racial minority groups, economic groups, and representatives of identifiable geographically defined populations - all in reasonable relationship to the proportions in which the groups are found in the populations of the respective constituencies. In the spirit of the above, all caucuses, conventions, and committees will also endeavor to include citizens of all national origins, ethnic identities, religions, sexual orientations, gender identities, and disabilities.

§ 3. Delegates to the County convention may nominate themselves to be delegates to the District and State conventions by so indicating on registration card. If less than 75 nominees are nominated at registration, additional nominations from the convention floor may be solicited. Nomination of additional candidates may be made only after the provisions set out in subsection 1 of this article have been fulfilled and only at the time designated by the Chair(s).

§ 4. Upon close of nominations, the Rules and Nominations Committee will compile a list of those persons who have been self-nominated as District and State Convention delegates with their delegate numbers. The list of nominees shall be posted in at least four different sites of the Convention Hall. At this time, the Rules Committee Chair(s) will announce the posting of the nominees. In 2018, Johnson County is allotted 75 delegates to the District and State Convention. If the list of nominees contains 75 or fewer names then the convention may elect all nominees by a single majority vote. If the list contains more than 75 names, the first round of delegate selection will begin for a period not to exceed one (1) hour.

§ 5. If balloting is required for delegate selection, the first round of selection will be done using the **ballot “A” delegate selection form** supplied at the time of registration. No more than fifty percent (50%) plus one (1) of the delegates may be selected in the first round. In 2018, that means 38 delegates may be selected in the first round. On the first round each delegate must vote for **at least 23 but not more than 38** of the nominees. Failure to do so will invalidate the entire ballot. Voting shall be by circling the delegate number of the selected delegate on the delegate selection ballot. A nominee must receive a **minimum of three (3) votes** to be selected. Delegates will be selected in the order of the number of votes received. Those delegates receiving the highest number of votes (but with a minimum of 3) will be selected until 38 delegates are chosen in the first round.

- a. "Bullet voting" is prohibited--i.e., a delegate must vote for a valid candidate on each and every ballot during a round of voting, or the delegate's entire set of ballots will be invalidated for that round;
- b. "Plunking" is prohibited--i.e., a delegate must vote for a different candidate on each and every ballot during a round of voting, or the delegate's entire set of ballots will be invalidated for that round.
- c. If, during a round, less than the allowed number of delegates are elected because of the operation of the above rules, during the following round the previously allowed delegates may be elected, in addition to the current percentage, so long as not other rules are violated.

§ 6. After each round of balloting, results shall be posted with vote counts.

§7. The Rules and Nominations Committee will compile a list of the nominees not elected on the first round. The new list of nominees will be posted in at least four different sites of the Convention Hall. At this time, the Rules Committee Chair(s) will announce the posting of the nominees, and voting will begin for a period not to exceed 30 minutes. The second round of selection will be done using the **ballot “B” delegate selection form** supplied at the time of registration. On the second round each delegate must vote for **at least 23 but not more than 37 or the number of delegates needed to reach a total of 75 delegates**. Nominees must receive **3 votes** to be selected. Delegates will be selected in the order of the number of votes received. That is those delegates receiving the highest number of votes will be selected until the remaining delegates are chosen.

§ 8. A third round of voting will take place if, after selecting all delegates with highest vote totals in the second round, there remain two or more nominees, who reach the **three vote** threshold, receive the same number of votes in the second round, and there are too few openings remaining to select all of them. The third round of selection will be done using the **ballot “C” delegate selection form** supplied at the time of registration. The Rules and Nominations Committee will compile a list of the remaining eligible nominees. The list of nominees will be posted in at least four different sites of the Convention Hall. At this time, the Rules Committee Chair(s) will announce the posting of the nominees, and voting will begin for a period not to exceed 30 minutes. Delegates will be selected in the order of the number of votes received, but must still meet the **three vote** minimum.

§ 9. If two or more candidates reach the three vote threshold and receive the same number of votes in round three, the remaining openings will be filled by a game of chance selected and administered by the Chair(s) or the Chair(s)'s designee.

§ 10. In all rounds of balloting, ballots must be returned to members of the Rules Committee or the Sergeant(s)-at-Arms within the specified amount of time in order to be counted.

§ 11. In advance of the convention, the Rules and Nominations Committee will request nominations from each of the county convention committees for a slate of candidates to represent the County on the corresponding committees for the District Convention. During the convention, the Convention Chair(s) will call upon the Chair(s) of **each** County committee (or designee) to present the slate of nominees to the corresponding District convention committee. Additional nominations may be received from the floor. If the number of candidates is equal to, or less than, the number allotted for a District committee, the slate may be moved for adoption as a whole. If the number of candidates exceeds the number allotted for a District committee, then voting shall proceed as standing votes for each candidate, with the available slots filled by the candidates with the highest vote count. Committee member selection will proceed until all committee positions are filled (fourteen (14) positions for each of the four committees: platform, arrangements, credentials, and rules and nominations, that are allotted to the county in 2018) or the convention agrees to allow some positions to remain empty.

§12. Alternates for delegates and committee members may be nominated and elected by majority vote. Any number of alternates may be elected.

§13. The Convention will also elect an Affirmative Action Chair. Nominations and self-nominations for one (1) person to serve as the District Affirmative Action committee member. This person is also the chair of the County Affirmative Action Committee. When there are no further nominations, the Convention Chair shall, after giving any nominee the opportunity to decline their nomination, proceed with the election of the County Affirmative Action Chair by voice vote, show of hands, or a single ballot vote.

Article III. Ratification and Verification

§1 The entire Convention must ratify the election of the entire slate of delegates, alternates, and committee representatives. Ratification means only that it is the sense of the Convention that the procedures used in the elections were in accordance with the rules of the Convention and the procedures required by the Constitution of the Iowa Democratic Party. The standard rules concerning challenges and minority reports are applicable, with such being carried first to the District Affirmative Action Committee and then to the District Convention Credentials Committee.

§ 2. The Chair(s) of the Rules and Nominations Committee shall take possession of all ballots used during the Convention and preserve them for one year.

Article IV. Alignment Procedure for Preference Groups

Introduction.

If the County Convention as a whole passes a motion to divide into preference groups, which is determined by a vote of at least 15% of seated delegates, then the District and State delegate selection process shall proceed with alignment and delegate selection by preference group.

§ 1. First Alignment.

- (a). The First Alignment period cannot take place until after all of the following events have taken place:
 - (i) the close of registration;
 - (ii) the adoption of the report of the Credentials Committee;
 - (iii) the announcement, by the Chair(s) of the Rules and Nominations Committee, of the approved delegate-selection procedures (ie adoption of the Rules Committee Report).
- (b). In order to be considered aligned during the First Alignment period, a show of hands will be requested for each preference group. A delegate must indicate his or her preference. The selected preference group may be 'uncommitted'. A visual count will be taken for each preference group and each delegate will indicate on a railroad ballot their preference and those ballots will be picked up by members of the Rules and Nominations Committee.
- (c). To be viable, a preference group must have at least fifteen percent (15%) of the seated delegates.

§ 2. Second Alignment (if needed)

- (a). The Second Alignment period cannot take place until after all of the following events have taken place:
 - (i) the close of registration;
 - (ii) the adoption of the report of the Credentials Committee;
 - (iii) the announcement, by the Chair(s) of the Rules and Nominations Committee, of the approved delegate-selection procedures;
 - (iv) the announcement, by the Chair(s) of the Rules and Nominations Committee, the viability status of each preference group.
- (b). At an appropriate time, the Chair(s) will announce the start of the Second Alignment period, which will not exceed forty-five (45) minutes. During the Second Alignment period any delegate may realign with a different preference group.

- (c). In order to be considered realigned during the Second Alignment period, a delegate must indicate his or her preference by joining a preference group. The selected preference group may be 'uncommitted'.
- (d). At the end of the Second Alignment period, a visual count will be taken for each preference group and each delegate will indicate on a railroad ballot their preference and those ballots will be picked up by members of the Rules and Nominations Committee to determine viability. To be viable, a preference group must have at least fifteen percent (15%) of the seated delegates. The Rules and Nominations Committee Chair(s) will then report to the Convention the viability status of each preference group.

§ 3. Third Alignment: Non-viable groups only (if needed)

- (a). If any non-viable preference group remains at the end of the Second Alignment, the Chair(s) will announce the start of a final, Third Alignment period, not to exceed one-half hour (30 minutes) during which the delegates in non-viable groups may realign. Delegates already in viable groups may not realign during this period.
- (b). The delegates in non-viable groups must align with an existing viable preference group. No new preference groups may be formed during the Third Alignment.

§ 4. Delegate apportionment

- (a). At the end of the final alignment period, a visual count will be taken for each preference group and each delegate will indicate on a railroad ballot their preference and those ballots will be picked up by members of the Rules and Nominations Committee to determine viability. To be viable, a preference group must have at least fifteen percent (15%) of the seated delegates. The Rules and Nominations Committee Chair(s) will then report to the Convention the viability status of each preference group.

Article V. Election of Delegates with preference groups

§ 1 The Chair(s) of the Rules and Nominations Committee will announce the number of delegates to the District and State Conventions which each preference group is to elect. The number of delegates allocated to each preference group will be determined by multiplying the number of county convention delegates in each viable group by the total number of delegates to the district and state convention, and then dividing by the total number of seated county convention delegates. Where fractions exist, the group(s) with the largest remainder after subtraction of greatest integer will receive the delegate(s) in question. Where fractions are equal, delegates to district and state convention will go to the preference group(s) winning a game of chance conducted by the Chair(s) of the Rules and Nominations Committee.

§ 2. Each preference group will begin by electing a Chair(s). The first action of the group Chair(s) will be to read the following statement:

All caucuses, conventions, committees, and Democratic Party officials shall take such practical steps as may be within their legitimate power to assure that all caucuses, conventions, and committees shall include: men, women, various age groups, racial minority groups, economic groups, and representatives of identifiable geographically defined populations - all in reasonable relationship to the proportions in which the groups are found in the populations of the respective constituencies. In the spirit of the above, all caucuses, conventions, and committees will also endeavor to include citizens of all national origins, ethnic identities, religions, sexual orientations, gender identities, and disabilities.

§ 4. The chair of each preference group will open the floor to nominations for district- and state delegates. If the number of nominated delegates is equal to or less than the number of apportioned delegate seats (or a number of nominated individuals are willing to serve as alternates), a vote by acclamation to elect the entire slate of candidates is in order.

§ 5. If there are more candidates than available delegate seats, each preference group will elect its allocated delegates in no fewer than three rounds of balloting. The Rules and Nominations Committee representative in each preference group will announce the maximum number of delegates that may be elected from the preference group during each round. During the first round no more than fifty percent (50%) plus one of the allocated delegates may be elected; during the second round no more than thirty percent (30%) of the delegates may be elected; during the third and subsequent rounds the remaining delegates will be elected, subject to the restrictions enumerated in §6 below.

§ 6. The exact number of delegates elected during each round will be controlled by the following restrictions mandated by the rules of the Iowa Democratic Party:

- (a) No more than fifty percent (50%) plus one of the positions may be determined by the results of one round of balloting;
- (b) no delegate may be elected with less than three (3) votes;
- (c) all candidates receiving the same number of votes must, without violating any other rule, be either defeated as a group or else elected as a group;
- (d) "bullet voting" is prohibited--i.e., a delegate must vote for a valid candidate on each and every ballot during a round of voting, or the delegate's entire set of ballots will be invalidated for that round;
- (e) "plunking" is prohibited--i.e., a delegate must vote for a different candidate on each and every ballot during a round of voting, or the delegate's entire set of ballots will be invalidated for that round.
- (f) If, during a round, less than the allowed number of delegates are elected because of the operation of the above rules, during the following round the previously allowed delegates may be elected, in addition to the current percentage, so long as not other rules are violated.

§ 7. At the start of each round of balloting, the group Chair(s) will direct the delegates to circle the delegate numbers of the persons they wish to elect from the list of nominees for delegates to the District and State Conventions. The first round of balloting will use delegate selection ballot A. The second round of balloting will use delegate selection ballot B. The third round of balloting will use delegate selection ballot C. Any additional balloting required will use railroad ballots.

§ 8. Each delegate will submit a delegate selection ballot directly to a representative of the Rules and Nominations Committee for each round of balloting, who will collect and count the ballots. After each round, the Rules and Nominations Committee will report to each preference group the number and names of delegates elected on that round. If any positions remain to be filled, the preference group will then proceed with the next round of balloting.

§ 9. Balloting will continue until all positions are filled. If the last round of balloting would fill less than five (5) positions, the remaining delegates may be elected by division.

§ 10. If the number of nominees for District delegate positions is less than or equal to the number of positions allotted to the preference group, the nominees may be elected en mass by division.

§ 11. When election of delegates is completed, each preference group will proceed to elect its alternates. Any number of alternates may be elected.

§ 12. When election of alternates is completed, each preference group will return to the main convention area to elect representatives to District convention committees, as specified in Delegate Selection Procedure, Article II, § 11 and also elect the Affirmative Action Chair.

Proposed Amendments to the JCDems Constitution (March 2018)

Amendment 1

A new section shall be added to Article III, following Section 3:

“Sec. 4. The Johnson County Democratic Party shall establish standards and rules of procedure to afford all members of the Johnson County Democratic Party full, timely and equal opportunities to participate in decisions concerning the selection of candidates, the formulation of policy, and the conduct of other Party affairs, without prejudice on the basis of sex, race, age (if of voting age), color, creed, national origin, religion, economic status, gender identity, sexual orientation, ethnic identity or physical disability, and further, to promote fair campaign practices and the fair adjudication of disputes.”

Amendment 2

Article VII, Section 2 shall be amended to include gender identity as follows:

“Sec. 2. Inclusiveness. To the maximum extent possible, all committees shall include men, women, persons of various age groups, persons with disabilities, persons with different sexual orientations, **persons with various gender identities**, and economically disadvantaged persons in reasonable relationship to the proportional membership of these groups in the Johnson County Democratic Party.”

Amendment 3

A new section shall be added to Article VI as follows, to follow Section 4:

“Sec. X. New Alternates. Alternates may be elected by a majority vote of the Central Committee at a properly called meeting. Notice of the meeting shall state that Alternate members for the Central Committee of the Johnson County Democratic Party may be elected. Any person elected as an Alternate by the Central Committee shall hold that role until the precinct caucuses during the next even numbered year, or until elected into a vacancy in their Precinct.”

Amendment 4

Article IV, Section 3 shall be amended to insert the following after the sentence ending “...or national Democratic Party.”:

“Members removed for inattention to duty will automatically be made Alternates to their respective Precinct. As such, they will be eligible for election to full membership as outlined in Article IV, Section 4.”

Amendment 5

Article IV, Section 2 shall have the following language added to the end of the section:

“On the completion of each Central Committee meeting, the Secretary shall, prior to the next Central Committee meeting, produce a report of all unnotified absences, specifically highlighting any members who have accumulated 2 or more consecutive absences. This report will be presented to the Central Committee at the next meeting for its acceptance, as well as be provided directly to the Chair, and made available generally similar to the minutes.”

Within Article IV, a new section (to be inserted after Section 3, renumbering as appropriate) shall be created with the following language:

“Sec. X. Inattention to Duty. Inattention to duty shall be defined as, at minimum, any member of the Central Committee who has missed 3 consecutive full regularly scheduled and properly noticed meetings without any notice provided to the Chair or Secretary of their impending absence. Upon acceptance of the attendance report noting 3 consecutive unnotified absences at prior meetings of a member, that member is found as being Inattentive to Duty, and is automatically removed, in adherence to procedures outlined in Section 3. Procedures for notification of members at risk for being found Inattentive to Duty shall be as provided in the Bylaws”

Amendment 6

Any provision in the existing or newly adopted constitutional sections specifically referencing any re-numbered or otherwise modified reference by any amendments adopted will have the incorrect reference stricken and replaced by the correct, new numbering.

Amendment 7

Article VII, Section 1 shall be amended to strike and remove all language following the list item “1. Public Relations”.

2018 Johnson County Democratic Platform Committee Report

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PREAMBLE

We, the members of the Democratic Party of Johnson County, Iowa, are committed to creating a better future for the present generation and for generations to come. This platform is a guide to the principles and positions by which we intend to fulfill that commitment.

We recognize our rights, and our responsibilities, as citizens of our local communities, our state, our nation, and the world at large. We hold that every person is guaranteed the rights to life, liberty, equity, and the pursuit of happiness.

As Johnson County Democrats, we assert that, as citizens of Iowa and the United States, *we* are the government, and promise to uphold the protections granted to us by our state and national constitutions. We stand firmly against to any attempt to hinder those rights and liberties in the name of governmental overreach, greed or convenience. Where those rights and liberties are not fully realized, we pledge to help everyone within our borders to regain them. We invite all Americans to join with us to affirm our republic as a beacon of opportunity, inclusion, and freedom admired throughout the world.

Agriculture and Environment

We demand that our governing bodies develop policies and laws promoting sound energy practices, permanently protecting our environment, and addressing the problems of global warming. We cherish our land and family farms and deplore the concentration of food production in the hands of a few corporations. We recognize the fundamental right of all peoples to safe and healthy food sustainably produced.

Environment (I.i)

The environment is a resource which is often taken for granted, and something we must protect. With regard to the preservation of our environment, we stand for:

1. A state constitutional amendment for environmental protection.
2. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) as a cabinet position.
3. Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for new commercial construction.
4. Vigorous enforcement of environmental protection programs/pollution standards.
5. Monarch/pollinator habitat preservation.
6. Restoration of air, water, soil, public lands, Public Trust Law.
7. Integrated pest management to reduce pesticide use.
8. Endangered Species Act (ESA).
9. Dime bottle redemption including all beverage containers.
10. Integrated watershed management including buffer zones and water retention basins.
11. Fully funding Resource Enhancement and Protect (REAP) and National Resources and Outdoor Recreation Trust Fund (NRORTF).
12. Local regulation of lawn chemicals.
13. Time restrictions for grandfathering pollution standards for existing power plants.
14. Including environmental and health cost in economic cost/benefit calculations.
15. Loess Hills as National Preserve.

Fighting for our environment leads us to oppose the following:

1. Single-use plastic bags.
2. Clean Air Act (CAA), Clean Water Act (CWA), Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) exemptions.
3. Mountaintop Removal mining (MTR).
4. Clear-cutting on public lands.
5. Publicly subsidized logging, mining.
6. Fossil fuel extraction.
7. Light, noise pollution.
8. Hunting mourning doves and Eurasian-collared doves.
9. Lead shot.
10. Contamination and non-sustainable drawdown of aquifers.
11. Increasing funding & enforcement for water quality.
12. Strengthening and enforcing prevention of animal abuse.

Energy and Climate Change (I.ii)

The current, largest threat to our environment is the threat of climate change. To ensure that we address this threat while ensuring our society continues to thrive, we stand for:

1. Keeping global heating under 1.5°C.
2. Intensified nation-wide energy conservation/efficiency programs.
3. Net zero carbon /Greenhouse Gas (GHG) emissions.
4. Increased R&D, installation and subsidizing of carbon-neutral/renewable energy alternatives including wind/solar energy.
5. Revenue-neutral carbon fee and dividends, with border adjustment to ensure domestic industry competitiveness.
6. Eliminating threats to the climate, developing resilient/adaptive technology.
7. Retraining fossil-fuel workers.

8. 80% renewable Energy by 2030, 100% by 2050.
9. Adhering and supporting the Paris Agreement.
10. Immediate enforcement/continuous tightening of Corporate Average Fuel Economy (CAFE) standards.
11. Increased R&D into nuclear waste storage.
12. Full nuclear plant review, deficiency mitigation, and obsolete plant closure.
13. Environmental justice.
14. Carbon tax to fund planting trees.
15. Converting impermeable to absorbent green watersheds.
16. Supporting more ambitious state-level environmental policies and regulations that meet or exceed federal-level.

To fight the threat of climate change, we stand against:

1. Subsidizing nuclear, oil, and natural gas industries.
2. New nuclear or fossil fuel power plants.
3. Fracking.
4. Offsite storage of nuclear waste.
5. Keystone XL, Bakken, all tar-sands/oil pipelines.
6. Utility company fees on solar panel installation.

Zoning and Building (I.iii)

We support societal and communal growth while ensuring our environment remains protected. To this end, we support:

1. Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) design and construction standards for all publicly financed projects.
2. County-level zoning.
3. Land-use planning to restrict sprawl, promote sustainable communities, retain farmland, and protect natural spaces.
4. Local control of CAFO location, maintenance, and operations.
5. Banning the use of eminent domain by privately owned companies.
6. Require standard conservation practices on all rented lands

Agriculture (I.iv)

Since its founding, Iowa has been synonymous with Agriculture. To ensure agriculture's longevity and social good in our state, we support:

1. Organic farming.
2. Crop diversification.
3. Funding local soil conservation districts.
4. Financing local sources for international food assistance.
5. Revitalizing local food systems.
6. Phase-out and moratorium on new construction of Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations (CAFOs).
7. Legalizing hemp farming.
8. Reducing subsidies for large farms/unengaged landowners.
9. Limiting hydrogen sulfide and ammonia emissions.
10. Increased Nutrient Reduction Strategy (NRS) funding to protect our water quality.
11. Incentivizing regenerative agriculture.
12. Increased public funding of sustainable ag education, research, community involvement, etc.
13. Enforcing and strengthening regulation & accountability for CAFOs

To protect this heritage, we oppose:

1. Artificial hormone and prophylactic antibiotic use in farm animals.
2. Farm consolidation.
3. Commodity dumping as US food aid.
4. Neonicotinoid pesticides.
5. Mass aerial application of pesticides.

Food Supply (I.v)

"Sustainability" is a word that applies not just to agriculture and environment, but to our society, its people, and our future. To this end, we stand for:

1. The fundamental right to safe, healthy food and water.
2. Anti-trust regulation prohibiting concentrated control of seed supply, food production, processing, retailing.
3. Banning meat-packer ownership of livestock feeding operations.
4. Independent, transparent, credible evaluation of Genetically Modified Organisms (GMO)s' environmental and health effects before approving use or consumption.
5. Accurately labeling all foods, including GMO and cloned animal ingredients.

We stand against:

1. Fresh food irradiation.
2. Agri-business influencing nutrition recommendations.

Economy, Labor, and Commerce

We believe in a society in which fairness and community are guiding values, where every person has an equal opportunity.

A healthy American economy depends on the dignity with which the American worker is treated. We affirm the right of all workers to bargain collectively and support organized labor. A sustainable economy and job growth depend on a positive climate for small business development. We support a progressive system of taxation.

Wealth & Fair Taxation (II.i)

To ensure our society is just and fair, we must handle our revenue in the same manner. To ensure this, we stand for:

1. Progressively taxing capital.
2. Property tax credits for lower-income veterans, elderly, and disabled people.
3. Increasing the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) dependents' exemption.
4. Treating investment earnings as income.
5. Tax credits for renewable energy.
6. Tax credits for absorptive photosynthetic watersheds.
7. Upholding an estate tax on estates of \$10 million or more.

We stand against the following injustices:

1. Concentrated wealth's attack on democracy.
2. Deficit scare-mongering.
3. Tax deferment and credits for foreign subsidiary profits.
4. Tax inversion.

Job Security & Workers' Rights (II.ii)

We cannot call ours a free society if an individual is forced to leave their liberty at the door when they enter a place of employment, or if they are so poorly compensated for their work they have no opportunity to pursue happiness. Thus, we stand for:

1. Equal pay for equal work.
2. The Employment Non-Discrimination Act (ENDA).
3. A paid leave and expanded benefits amendment to the Family Medical Leave Act (FMLA).
4. Proportional benefits for part-time and contingent employees.
5. Expanded job security and flexibility for all parents/guardians.
6. Paid parental leave.
7. Improving occupational safety.
8. The right to choose one's medical evaluator for job injuries.
9. Collective bargaining.
10. The Employee Free Choice Act (EFCA).
11. Statutory recognition of unions formed through majority sign-up.
12. The right of all workers to unionize and to strike.
13. "Fair Share."

14. Protection, health and unemployment benefits for those involved in labor disputes.
15. Employee protection during and following plant/business closure or bankruptcy.
16. Whistleblower protection for all subordinates.
17. Restoring Chapter 20 protections for all public workers.
18. Restoring balance between workers and businesses in worker's compensation system.

To ensure workers are not exploited, we stand against:

1. Wage theft.
2. Pension theft.
3. Privatizing public sector jobs.
4. Mandatory overtime.
5. Overtime pay limits.
6. Employment-at-will.
7. Replacing permanent employees with "temps" or independent contractors.
8. Employee/independent contractor misclassification.
9. Right-To-Work laws and Constitutional amendments.
10. Exploitation of prisoner and former prisoner labor.
11. Displacement of union labor by prison labor.
12. Surrender of credit information, bank records, genetic material, polygraph tests, and drug tests as pre-conditions for employment.
13. Unpaid internships.

Sustainable Livelihood (II.iii)

Individuals must be compensated fairly for their labor, and be able to sustain themselves and their families. To this end, we stand for:

1. A \$15.00/hour minimum wage; indexed to the federal cost-of-living.
2. The prevailing wage in all employment.
3. Student debt forgiveness for 4 year college graduates.
4. Basic income.
5. The ban of piecework rates.
6. Rejection of policies that impoverish any American.
7. Restoring home rule on wages.

Pension & Insurance (II.iv)

Individuals are entitled to security, in the present and in the future; because of this, we support:

1. Timely pension distributions.
2. Long-term and retirement savings incentives.
3. Expanding unemployment benefit eligibility.
4. Including the Iowa Public Employee's Retirement System (IPERS)-member-elected positions on the IPERS investment board.
5. Opposing the United States Postal Service's (USPS) counter-intuitive pensions' pre-funding mandate.
6. Legislation that will support retirement systems for public employees.

Banking & Finance (II.v)

The integrity of our financial institutions must be maintained. To that end, we stand for:

1. Affordable community lending.
2. Relaxed lending standards for small banks.
3. Statutory accounting transparency standards.
4. Statutory pre-foreclosure mediation between borrowers and mortgage servicers.
5. Breaking up “Too-Big-To-Fail” Banks.
6. Lifetime bans on former regulators working for institutions they have policed.
7. Student loan interest rate match London Interbank Offered Rate (LIBOR).
8. Banning predatory lending practices.
9. Current treatment of credit unions.

Economic Development & Entrepreneurship (II.vi)

Ingenuity strengthens and develops our economy as well as our society. To encourage such growth, we support:

1. Growing the middle class.
2. Recognizing nature’s value as the foundation of prosperity.
3. Economic participation for every American.
4. Small business loans and grants for local enterprises.
5. Community-focused job and job-training programs.
6. Local sourcing for public works.
7. Opposition to weakening environmental and consumer protection laws.
8. Economic advancement in rural communities through tax incentives for improving housing stock and commercial buildings.

Business, Commerce, & Intellectual Property (II.vii)

A fair and free economy is good for everyone. To promote this, we stand for:

1. Net Neutrality.
2. Fair Use Doctrine.
3. Right to repair.
4. Restoring “public domain” in copyright law.
5. Legalizing the formation of Benefit Corporations in Iowa.
6. Strengthening the National Labor Relations Act (NLRA), Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA), and child labor laws.

7. Full funding and staffing for Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH), National Labor Relations Board (NLRB) and Department of Labor (DOL).
8. Increasing NIOSH participation for employer, union and Center for Workers' Justice (CWJ).
9. Requiring satisfactory contractor safety records for bid submission on government contracts.
10. Project Labor Agreements (PLAs) on public works construction.
11. Global regulations of intellectual property.
12. Legalizing cannabis.
13. Restoration of rigorous antitrust law

We stand against predatory and rigged practices such as:

1. Profligate executive compensation.
2. Internet gambling.
3. Digital Restrictions Management (DRM).
4. Two-tiered internet access for consumers.

International & Domestic Trade (II.viii)

Iowa's economic impact spans throughout the country and beyond. We support fair trade, as well as environmental and human rights standards in all trade agreements. We reject any trade agreement which cancels local, state, and national jurisdictions. We stand against wage exploitation of foreign or domestic workers, and outsourcing jobs to other countries.

Education

An informed citizenry is essential for a democratic society. We are strongly committed to free public education and providing accessible, affordable, and lifelong quality education to all, at all educational levels. We support equal access to all educational services and resources that maximize learning potential for all students.

Funding (III.i)

Adequate funding is essential to providing quality education. To ensure this, we stand for:

1. Ensuring that class sizes are conducive for optimal learning.
2. Increasing the salaries of public school teachers.
3. Providing living wages and benefit parity to educational support personnel.
4. Ensuring an allowable growth rate of 3-6% annually, and increasing funding to Regents' institutions.
5. Enforcing penalties for non-compliance with current budgetary reporting laws.
6. Increased student loan forgiveness.
7. Sufficient funding of the Area Education Agencies (AEA), competency training for school staff, universal preschool in all school districts, students in special education, Talented and Gifted (TAG), and English Language Learners (ELL) programs, and regent universities and community colleges.
8. Two years of tuition-free education at community colleges.
9. Reduced tuition rates at state public colleges and universities, and increasing subsidization.
10. In-state tuition rates apply for all Iowa residents regardless of citizenship or immigration status.

11. Interest free Perkins and Stanford loans.
12. Education support programs for U.S. Veterans.
13. Open access to publicly funded Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) research.
14. Strong policy support for teacher unions, including restoring teachers' collective bargaining rights.
15. Adequate funding for transportation costs in rural school districts.
16. Gardens, greenhouses for schools.

We oppose diverting public education money from public education, and all other efforts to privatize public education.

Accountability (III.ii)

Education is crucial to a well-functioning society, and thus allows little room for error. To ensure accountability among our educators and administrators while allowing them room to do their job, we stand for:

1. Teacher evaluation systems designed and implemented at the state and local level with the educator input.
2. State and school district accountability for improving performance and assessing progress of all Iowa students—at home or in school—based on multiple assessment tools.
3. Using the Common Core as a descriptive tool instead of a legal mandate.
4. State-provided resources for districts to improve achievement in low performing schools.
5. Holding school administrators to the same conflict of interest disclosure laws as public officials.
6. Ensuring that at least one member of the Board of Regents is not a political appointment.

We stand against arbitrary measures such as:

1. Standardized tests as the primary measure of performance, curriculum, instruction, funding allocation, and teacher evaluation.
2. Funding for regents institutions based on enrollment criteria.

Education Curricula (III.iii)

A robust and diverse curriculum is necessary for students to reach their full potential. Thus we stand for:

1. Expanded standards for physical fitness, fine arts, social studies and languages.
2. Mandatory teaching social studies including Native American, black, Latino, women's history.
3. Giving districts permission/funding to expand the school year.
4. Local control of state standards application.
5. Comprehensive evidence-based health and sex education that include Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgender Queer/Questioning (LGBTQ) education presented by qualified personnel.
6. Integrating voluntary community service in the high school curriculum.
7. Increased opportunities to vocational education including apprenticeship programs and college credits.
8. Increased citizenship education.
9. Transition support from STEM to Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics (STEAM).
10. Training in cultural competency for teachers and administrators.
11. Opposition in teaching faith-based content (such as creationism) in public schools.

Optimal Learning Environment (III.iv)

Finally, students must have an environment which meets their needs and allows for them to learn. To achieve this, we support:

1. Global, multicultural, and gender fair education.
2. Ensuring all students access to a nutritional lunch.
3. Equitable access for all students to support staff, including nurses, counselors, library/media specialists, and coordinated family services.
4. Providing meals including fresh, locally produced, and organically grown food.
5. Healthier foods in school vending machines.
6. Behavior programs focusing on restorative discipline instead of punitive discipline.
7. Trauma-informed care in education supporting students with adverse childhood experiences.
8. Bullying/harassment education and resources for LGBTQ youth.
9. Prevention and intervention in bullying in all its forms including religious.
10. Age-appropriate conflict resolution training.
11. Mitigating toxins in schools.
12. Funding for weekend food backpack programs.

We oppose zero-tolerance discipline, and any racial disparity in school discipline.

Government and Law

We believe the purpose of government is to act on behalf of the public good, to create and execute policies and laws that promote and protect everyone's human rights equally, to protect our shared environment, to promote justice, safety and security and to oversee the equitable distribution of resources, affording all citizens the opportunity to attain their highest level of social, cultural, economic, mental, and physical well-being.

We are committed to honest and open government. The complexities of crime and violence demonstrate the need for multifaceted solutions involving legislation, education, community action, and personal responsibility.

Government Structure (IV.i)

For government to function effectively, it needs a strong foundation. To this end, we support:

1. A fair, independent judiciary.
2. Iowa's judicial merit selection system
3. Expanding accessibility to caucus participation.
4. Addressing the need for rural public services
5. Fair representation of rural areas in county government.
6. Amending the Iowa Constitution to require full funding for the co-equal judicial branch.
7. Member of the Board of Regents shall be elected by State Representatives.

Participation in Government (IV.ii)

Civic participation is essential in a functioning democracy. To encourage such participation, we stand for:

1. Fair juror compensation.
2. Government transparency.
3. The use of filibuster at end of debate, not beginning.
4. Lowering Iowa Democratic Party (IDP) viability thresholds to 5%.
5. Increased funding for legal services and public defenders.
6. Statehood for District of Columbia (DC).
7. Statehood for Puerto Rico.
8. Voting rights for felons, including caucusing.
9. Making Election Day a Federal holiday.
- 10. Vote-by-mail legislation THIS PLANK IS RECOMMENDED TO THE CONVENTION FOR A VOTE**

We reject anything that might discourage participation in government, such as Voter ID laws, injection of religion into political discourse, and non-talking filibusters.

Civil Rights & Civil Liberties (IV.iii)

To ensure that every person in American is able to live freely in our society, we stand for:

1. Enforcement of Civil Rights Act (CRA) and Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).
2. Universal habeas corpus.

3. The Surveillance State Repeal Act (SSRA).
4. Equal Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgender Queer/Questioning (LGBTQ) rights, including parenting and adoption.
5. Expanding gender options on government forms.
6. Revising eminent domain laws to prevent use for private gain.
7. Restoration of Voting Rights Act (VRA).

We stand against anything infringing on these rights and liberties, such as:

1. Retaliation or discrimination for political views.
2. “Ag-gag” laws.
3. Mandatory religious phraseology in swearing in public officials.
4. Warrantless searches and electronic and drone surveillance.
5. “Enemy detainee” status.
6. Excessive collection or retention of personal or surveillance data by government or private business.

Racial Justice (IV.iv)

To continue to dismantle institutional and structural racism in our society, we stand for:

1. De-escalation policies & bias training for law enforcement.
2. Community policing.
3. Reforming criminal justice training for greater equity.
4. Department of Justice (DOJ) investigation of police related deaths.
5. Slavery reparations to African-American descendants.
6. A citizen’s review board identifying and developing solutions to end profiling.
7. Increased community relations and training with Police department.
8. Fair and equitable protection under the law, and fair and equitable opportunities for people of color living in or visiting Iowa.
9. Repealing the Iowa law making English the official language.

We oppose brutalities such as the death penalty, prison privatization, racial profiling, and mass incarceration.

Criminal Justice (IV.v)

To ensure integrity and equity within our justice system, we stand for:

1. Specialty courts and community-based alternatives to incarceration.
2. Cannabis legalization.
3. Hate Crimes Prevention Act (HCPA).
4. Prisoners’ human rights.
5. Binding plea bargains.
6. Revising residential restrictions for sex offenders.

7. Sentencing reform, especially different penalties for aiding and abetting versus commission of the felony crime.
8. Body cameras for law enforcement.
9. Support for compassionate release.
10. Limiting incarceration for non-violent offenders.

We oppose barbaric practices such as:

1. Capital punishment.
2. Mandatory sentencing.
3. Indefinite detention.
4. Solitary confinement.
5. Detaining/incarcerating juveniles with adults.
6. Civil forfeiture.
7. Police militarization.
8. Unnecessary detention of low risks youths

Gun Legislation (IV.vi)

As gun violence continues to be an epidemic in our country, we stand for the following to combat it:

1. Firearm licensing, mandatory safety training, national background checks, registration, waiting periods, and county sheriff discretion with just cause when issuing weapon permits.
2. Eliminating gun law loopholes.
3. Banning assault weapons, rate-of-fire modifications (such as bump stocks and clip size extensions), and silencers.
4. Banning firearm possession or purchase by abusers under a protection order.
5. The eradication of “stand your ground” laws.

We oppose reciprocity of state gun laws.

Military & Veterans (IV.vii)

To support our servicemen-and-women, we stand for the following:

1. Prompt disability and pension payments.
2. Sufficient pay, training, equipment, and benefits to sustain the armed forces.
3. Fully funding veterans' healthcare at VA medical centers.
4. Hiring additional caregivers at VA medical and Outreach Centers.
5. Additional Veterans Affairs (VA) Outreach Centers.
6. Additional funding for National Guard units.
7. More funding for Government Issue (GI) Bill.
8. Impartial investigations of sexual misconduct, including harassment.
9. Veteran eligibility for more than \$10,000 life insurance.
10. Auditing military spending.
11. One-year mandatory military/civil service.

12. Conscientious objector status.

We oppose outsourcing US funds for combat functions.

Within the military, we oppose prejudices such as LGBTQ discrimination and religious coercion.

Marriage (IV.viii)

We support marriage and parenting equality. We oppose maternal bias in custody decisions. We stand against a constitutional convention—or any other measures—to limit marriage equality.

Immigration (IV.ix)

The United States is a nation of immigrants; to continue to be so, we support:

1. Human rights/open hearings for all immigrants.
2. Immigration rights for foreign nationals legally married to US citizens.
3. Development, Relief and Education for Alien Minors (DREAM) Act.
4. Judicial review of visa denials, removal orders.
5. Increased priority for family reunification.
6. Path to citizenship for resident immigrants (such as those in DACA).
7. Immigration reform, including amnesty.
8. Moratorium on detentions and deportations.
9. Restricting local law enforcement from collaborating with ICE to detain anyone, excepting judicial warrants.

We stand against injustices such as:

1. Limiting admissions for humanitarian refugees.
2. Three- and ten-year bars to re-entry.
3. Mass raids, related enforcement practices.
4. The immigrant detention quota.
5. Barring immigration based on religion.
6. Border wall between US and Mexico.
7. Permitting local police to stop, search, or arrest anyone based on their immigration or citizenship status.

Campaigns & Elections (IV.x)

Fair and open elections are essential to any democracy. To ensure this we support:

1. Limiting, public disclosure of campaign contributions.
2. Publicly-financed elections.
3. Optical scan balloting.

4. Statistically valid routine hand audits.
5. Amending the US Constitution to eliminate corporate personhood.
6. Iowa model for demographic determination of congressional districts.
7. Approval voting in elections to allow for voters' true intent.
8. Automatic voter registration.

We oppose anything which undermines democracy, such as gerrymandering, Citizens United, and delaying hearings on judicial nominees.

Government Services (IV.xi)

We wish to increase social services, dependent care, and food stamps funding; partly by capping military expenditures at 40% of the federal discretionary spending. We support expanding postal banking services. To keep services accessible and fair, we oppose privatizing government functions, services, and property, as well as no-bid government contracts. We also stand for full disaster preparedness and response for all natural disasters on US territories and territorial waters.

Taxes & Social Security (IV.xii)

Taxes and social security are necessities of a civil society. To this end, we stand for:

1. Addressing the inequality between the 1% and 99%.
2. Progressive income taxation.
3. Expanding college tuition and student loan interest tax credits.
4. Closing corporate tax loopholes.
5. Taxpayer Empowerment Agenda.
6. Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) for Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC), at minimum cost of living.
7. Limiting and regulating Tax Incentive Financing (TIF).
8. Raising Social Security (SS) Benefits minimums, tied to Cost of Living (COL) for sustainable living standards.
9. Maximum SS Benefits at four times annual minimum.
10. Repayment with interest by US Treasury of all SS monies used to fund other projects & programs.
11. A higher floor, no caps for SS taxes.
12. Restricting tax credits to large corporations that don't provide significant numbers of jobs, and mandating corporations provide a living wage to receive tax credits.

We oppose measures such as privatizing SS, cutting SS (raising retirement age, reducing benefits, removing COLA, etc.), including SS in the Unified Federal Budget, and classifying unemployment, worker compensation, or SS benefits as income.

Transportation (IV.xiii)

To ensure effective transportation, we stand for:

1. Safe, reliable, and maintained roadways.
2. Transportation safety education and awareness.
3. Funding for bicycle-friendly communities, separated trails.
4. Complete Streets.
5. Improved public transit funding and availability.
6. High-speed rail/hyperloop.
7. Strengthening the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA).
8. Full support of National Air Traffic Controllers Association (NATCA) and air traffic control staff, facilities, and equipment.
9. Helmet laws for mopeds, motorcycles, and motor scooters.
10. Increasing spending for transportation infrastructure, subsidized train services.
11. Intra-Iowa and interstate rail transport.
12. Making driver's licenses available to undocumented immigrants.
13. Mandatory ADA compliance in public transportation and walkways.
14. Driverless autos.
15. Back seat passenger seat belt law.
16. A minimum age of 16 for operating adult ATV's.

We oppose infrastructure and FAA privatization, and unmanned cameras as traffic control.

Consumer Protection (IV.xiv)

To protect consumers, we support reenacting Glass-Steagall, regulating and taxing derivatives markets, prosecuting corporate crime, and foreclosure safety nets.

Patent & Copyright Reform (IV.xv)

We oppose patents on plant and animal organisms or genes. We oppose illegal or abusive treatment of animals, in particular puppy mills.

Internet & Telecommunications (IV.xvi)

The internet and advancement of telecommunications have been invaluable tools in recent times. To ensure their continued prosperity, we support:

1. Online privacy rights.
2. First Amendment protection for all electronic media.
3. Publicly-owned broadband networks.
4. Affordable access to broadband and broadcast media.
5. Net Neutrality.
6. Update the Fairness Doctrine to apply to modern media channels.
7. Removing the “UHF Discount” rule by the FCC that allows near monopolies of TV stations.

We stand against any attempt to undermine this, such as:

1. Censoring the internet.
2. National Security Agency (NSA) bulk data collection.
3. Online predatory sexual practices.
4. Coercing telecommunications companies to release private data.

Health and Human Services

Universal Healthcare (V.i)

We believe access to quality health care is a human right that should be guaranteed to all, and to that end, we stand for:

1. Mental health, brain injuries/disorders, chemical dependency parity
2. Comprehensive, evidence-based, universal, single-payer healthcare, including: Comprehensive reproductive health services; mental health, chemical dependency, Holistic medicine services; Dental, hearing, vision care; Acute/long-term care, community-based services access; Wellness/prevention efforts.
3. Funding increase for neurodevelopmental, neurodegenerative brain disorders.
4. We oppose legislation that destroys the protection afforded by Americans with Disabilities Act. This includes shifting the burden of protecting the right to access a public place of accommodation to a person with a disability. Recent legislation weakens the ADA.

We oppose any compromise to single-payer.

Mental Health (V.ii)

As mental health continues to be an issue for our state and our nation that needs to be addressed, we support:

1. Funding increase for neurodevelopmental, neurodegenerative brain disorders.
2. Establishing local centers to deal with emergency needs and long-term support and state facilities that provide adequate beds for patients in need of more extensive inpatient care.
3. Creating wellness/recovery centers.
4. Substance abuse/mental illness jail diversion programs.
5. Fully funding state-wide Community Mental Health Services (CMHS).
6. Increasing suicide awareness/prevention programs.
7. Mental health training/awareness for 911 response.
8. The creation of an Iowa Statewide children's mental health system that ensures access to core services throughout the state (which currently only exists for adults in Iowa.)
9. Funding children's mental health at the local, state, and federal levels.

Disability and Elder Services (V.iii)

To ensure these members of our community shall be supported so they may continue to be valuable citizens of our society, we stand for:

1. Family/community support services, including transportation to/from services.
2. Wage parity.

3. Program flexibility/funding to permit home living choices and accommodation maintenance.
4. Service/therapy animals training/expense funding.
5. Vocational Rehabilitation funding increase.
6. Area Agencies on Aging (AAA).

Reproductive Rights (V.iv)

To ensure an individual's right to autonomy, regardless of their reproductive organs, we support:

1. Preserving Roe-v-Wade.
2. Comprehensive universal access to family planning, including Sexually Transmitted Disease (STD) screening and abortion services.
3. Legal/accessible abortion/emergency contraceptives without parental consent.
4. Safeguarding doctors, clinics, and clients from harassment/violence.
5. Federal funding for Planned Parenthood (PP).

We firmly stand against any legislative barriers to abortions, personhood for fetuses and coercive or misleading counseling prior to abortion services.

Medical Research (V.v)

Advancements in medicine have saved both lives and the quality of life. To ensure this continues, we support:

1. Increasing funding for the Public Health Service agencies that directly support medical and health care research.
2. Stem-cell research, including embryonic.
3. Economic valuation of prevention strategy.
4. Due to public health emergency in the area of opiates and other controlled substances, we support funding research as well as design and assessment of interventions.

Patient Rights and Consumer Protection (V.vi)

To ensure no individual is exploited while in a vulnerable state of health, we stand for:

1. Adequate funding of the Iowa Department of Public Health (IDH)
2. Removal of the casino exemption from the Smoke Free Air Act.
3. Patients/health professionals controlling care, medication, end-of-life decisions.
4. Independent direct caregivers.
5. Legally accessible Medical Marijuana.
6. Evidence-based education for medical providers regarding Medical Marijuana (MMJ) and derivatives, e.g. cannabidiol.
7. Legalizing physician assisted death with dignity.

8. Effective Food and Drug Administration (FDA) drug-approval.
9. Regulated prescription drug importation.
10. Vitamins/supplements labeling for side-effects/drug interactions.
11. Safe staffing standards in healthcare facilities.
12. Increasing nursing homes/independent living facilities inspections.
13. Development/funding of mandatory training programs for direct caregivers.
14. Student loan-forgiveness for health professionals in high-need geographic/specialty areas.
15. Requiring healthcare providers who write prescriptions for opioid medications to do so electronically rather than by paper.
16. Legislation to address the opiate epidemic in Iowa that includes measures such as prescription drug monitoring programs (PMP) for use by physicians prescribing opiates; a syringe exchange program; insurance coverage for medication assisted treatment (MAT); immunity for those calling 911 in the event of an overdose (“Good Samaritan Legislation”).

We oppose health care discrimination and privatization of public social healthcare services including Medicare and Medicaid.

Child Services (V.vii)

Affirming that part of our responsibility in our mutual society is caring for those in need, we take the following positions:

1. Child health/safety laws applying equally.
2. Affordable, regulated daycare.
3. Subsidized child care reimbursement increase.
4. Before/after school programs funding increase.
5. Enforcement of child support payment/collection for both parents.
6. Supporting foster children until age 25.
7. Kinship care/foster care parity including child support.
8. Women, Infants and Children (WIC) funding increase.
9. Placement of children at-risk in best environment for the child.
10. Health professionals providing gun safety information.
11. Continued state support of the court appointed special advocate and foster care review board programs.

We firmly stand against “conversion” therapy.

Abused Persons (V.viii)

To help individuals escape emotional, physical, and mental violence we support:

1. Funding victims’ services.
2. Programs to end sexual violence, abuse/neglect.

3. Investigating all abuse reports.
4. Full Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) funding.

Medicare, Medicaid, Food Stamps (V.ix)

It is our belief that no one should starve or suffer sickness for lack of funds. To realize this, we support:

1. A Medicaid system that is adequately funded and demonstrates how it achieves outcomes.
2. Expanding eligibility.
3. Increasing funding for assistance.
4. Removing geographic inequities and increasing provider reimbursement.
5. Hospice care availability.
6. Expanding Medicare part B enrollment to year-round.
7. Federal funding for Durable Medical Equipment (DME).

Assistance for Food, Housing, and Homelessness (V.x)

We recognize that for a society to function at its full potential, every individual must be accounted for. We

Support:

1. Negotiated prescription drug prices, supplier competitive bid system, maintaining quality standards.
2. Safe, decent, affordable housing for all.
3. Increase non-discretionary funding for food assistance programs.
4. Expanding Housing Trust Fund, Section 8 and 42 federal housing programs.
5. Mixed-income zoning.
6. Increasing Homeless Shelter block grants.
7. Family-friendly pet-friendly shelters.
8. “Wet” and “Dry” shelters.
9. Job/life skills training.
10. Transition and permanent housing programs.
11. Domestic Violence Shelters.
12. Fair and lower prices of prescription medications.

We stand firmly against predatory fees by landlords against the disabled and those on fixed income.

International Affairs

We affirm the ideal of a world in which all peoples live peacefully with tolerance and good will toward others. United States foreign and domestic policy decisions should promote that ideal. To that end, we take the following positions:

United Nations (VI.i)

We support:

1. Implementation of International Bill of Human Rights (IBHR) and subsequent human rights instruments.
2. US participation in the UN and its agencies, full dues payment, without preconditions.
3. Full participation in Human Rights Council (HRC)

International Law, Treaties and Agreements (VI.ii)

We support:

1. Adherence to all international law.
2. Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW).
3. United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC).
4. Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban Treaty (CTBT), which is increasingly critical in light of the heightened tensions with Russia and North Korea.
5. Biological Weapons Convention (BWC).
6. Rome Statute of the International Court of Criminal Justice (RSICCJ).
7. Chemical Weapons Convention (CWC).
8. UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC).
9. Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention (APMBC).
10. Arms Trade Treaty (ATT).
11. Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD).
12. Paris Climate Agreement (PCA).
13. UN Security Council Resolutions (UNSCR) 1325*, 1888*, and 242*.
14. Adherence to Geneva and Vienna Conventions.
15. Cessation of child sex trade, human and organ trafficking.
16. Severe sanctions for using rape as a weapon of war.

We oppose:

1. US-sponsored coups and military juntas.
2. Oppression, forced marriage, genital mutilation, rape and sexual assault against women and gender/sexual minorities.

Developmental Assistance (VI.iii)

We support:

1. United Nations Millennium Development Goals (UNMDG).
2. Fair trade initiatives connecting worker rights and environmental protection.
3. Reproductive health and family planning organizations' assistance based solely on best available science.
4. Prevention and treatment of pandemic and endemic diseases funding, including Human Immunodeficiency Virus /Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (HIV/AIDS) and World Health Organization (WHO) critically named diseases.

5. Foreign aid policies promoting human rights.

National Security (VI.iv)

We support:

1. Cooperative US diplomacy.
2. Cultural understanding programs
3. Human rights education.
4. Peaceful multilateral solutions to international problems including poverty, famine, genocide and conflict.
5. International collaboration for human-rights guided political and economic development over armed conflict; redress with current and former combatants through political and economic development.
6. Maintaining security alliances (North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO), others).
7. Stricter enforcement of Foreign Agent Registration Act (FARA).
8. Dismantling Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD) stockpiles.
9. Closing Guantanamo Bay Detention Camp.
10. UN sanctions on WMD development.
11. Consistent programs to improve and maintain critical infrastructure cybersecurity.
12. Regular independent Pentagon audits.

We oppose:

1. Torture and extraordinary rendition.
2. Violence, suicide bombing, human shields, collective punishment perpetrated by state or non- state actors in support of US economic interests.
3. Military training and financial support for repressive regimes.
4. US military over-reliance on private contractors.
5. USA Patriot Act (UPA).
6. Assassinations and weaponized drones without a state of war.
7. 2001 and 2003 Authorization for the Use of Military Force (AUMF).

Israel/Palestine Conflict (VI.v)

We support:

1. US effort to reach a 2-state solution to the Israel/Palestinian conflict.
2. Israel's and Palestine's right to live within secure borders.
3. Health and welfare of the Israeli and the Palestinian people.
4. The Right of Return or just compensation for displaced Palestinians.
5. US pressure to end Israel's settlement activity on territory occupied in the Six-Day War, including sanctions on products/investments from settlements.

We oppose:

1. The US Embassy moving from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem before final resolution
2. The Separation Barrier precluding Palestinian freedom of movement.
3. Israel's military detention of Palestinian children.
4. Any anti-BDS (Boycott, Divestiture, Sanction) legislation.

Afghanistan (VI.vi)

We support:

1. US mission transition to supportive role.

2. International multilateral humanitarian efforts.

Iran (VI.vii)

We support:

1. Diplomatic engagement with Iran.
2. Iran Nuclear Agreement.
3. We oppose military actions against Iran.

Syria/Iraq (VI.viii)

We support:

1. Peaceful conflict resolution.
2. International multilateral humanitarian effort.
3. Accepting 100,000 refugees annually until settlement.

We oppose US military Syrian intervention.

Saudi Arabia/Yemen Conflict (VI.ix)

We oppose U.S. military involvement in Yemen, including the supply of military aid and arms to Saudi Arabia in its conflict with Yemen

Africa (VI.x)

We support funding economic development and believe that African agricultural and natural resources should be controlled by Africans.

We stand against exploitive practices by American companies.

Central & South America and the Caribbean (VI.xi)

We support:

1. Organization of American States (OAS).
2. Closing Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation (WHISC).
3. Investigation of any U.S. government's (overt or covert) involvement in the 2009 coup in Honduras and subsequent oppression and killing of activists.

We stand against Amazon rainforest clear-cutting.

Europe (VI.xii)

We oppose Russian aggression toward former Soviet states.

Asia (VI.xiii)

We support:

1. Peaceful status resolution of disputed Pacific islands.
2. A free Tibet.

*UNSCR 242 UN Security Council Resolution (1967) --- establishes principles for negotiations for Arab-Israeli peace settlement.

*UNSCR 1325 UN Security Council Resolution (2000) --- calls for equal and full participation of women in conflict-resolution, peace-building and post-conflict reconstruction.

*UNSCR 1888 UN Security Council Resolution (2006) --- mandates UN peacekeeping missions to protect women and children from sexual violence during armed conflict

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2018 will be an important year and the leadership of the JC Dems looks forward to working with you all to elect Democrats who will strive to achieve progressive goals and who will uphold the ideals that make the Democratic Party strong.

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Robert's Rules of Order Summary

Robert's Rules of Order Motions Chart

Based on *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised (10th Edition)*

Part 1, Main Motions. These motions are listed in order of precedence. A motion can be introduced if it is higher on the chart than the pending motion. § indicates the section from Robert's Rules.

| § | PURPOSE: | YOU SAY: | INTERRUPT? | 2ND? | DEBATE? | AMEND? | VOTE? |
|-----|--|--|------------|------|---------|--------|----------|
| §21 | Close meeting | I move to adjourn | No | Yes | No | No | Majority |
| §20 | Take break | I move to recess for ... | No | Yes | No | Yes | Majority |
| §19 | Register complaint | I rise to a question of privilege | Yes | No | No | No | None |
| §18 | Make follow agenda | I call for the orders of the day | Yes | No | No | No | None |
| §17 | Lay aside temporarily | I move to lay the question on the table | No | Yes | No | No | Majority |
| §16 | Close debate | I move the previous question | No | Yes | No | No | 2/3 |
| §15 | Limit or extend debate | I move that debate be limited to ... | No | Yes | No | Yes | 2/3 |
| §14 | Postpone to a certain time | I move to postpone the motion to ... | No | Yes | Yes | Yes | Majority |
| §13 | Refer to committee | I move to refer the motion to ... | No | Yes | Yes | Yes | Majority |
| §12 | Modify wording of motion | I move to amend the motion by ... | No | Yes | Yes | Yes | Majority |
| §11 | Kill main motion | I move that the motion be postponed indefinitely | No | Yes | Yes | No | Majority |
| §10 | Bring business before assembly (a main motion) | I move that [or "to"] ... | No | Yes | Yes | Yes | Majority |

Robert's Rules of Order Summary (Cont.)

| § | PURPOSE: | YOU SAY: | INTERRUPT? | 2ND? | DEBATE? | AMEND? | VOTE? |
|---|------------------------------|---|------------|------|---------|--------|-----------------------------|
| §23 | Enforce rules | Point of Order | Yes | No | No | No | None |
| §24 | Submit matter to assembly | I appeal from the decision of the chair | Yes | Yes | Varies | No | Majority |
| §25 | Suspend rules | I move to suspend the rules | No | Yes | No | No | 2/3 |
| §26 | Avoid main motion altogether | I object to the consideration of the question | Yes | No | No | No | 2/3 |
| §27 | Divide motion | I move to divide the question | No | Yes | No | Yes | Majority |
| §29 | Demand a rising vote | I move for a rising vote | Yes | No | No | No | None |
| §33 | Parliamentary law question | Parliamentary inquiry | Yes | No | No | No | None |
| §33 | Request for information | Point of information | Yes | No | No | No | None |
| Part 2, Motions That Bring a Question Again Before the Assembly. No order of precedence. Introduce only when nothing else is pending. | | | | | | | |
| § | PURPOSE: | YOU SAY: | INTERRUPT? | 2ND? | DEBATE? | AMEND? | VOTE? |
| §34 | Take matter from table | I move to take from the table ... | No | Yes | No | No | Majority |
| §35 | Cancel previous action | I move to rescind ... | No | Yes | Yes | Yes | 2/3 or Majority with notice |
| §37 | Reconsider motion | I move to reconsider ... | No | Yes | Varies | No | Majority |