



JOHNSON COUNTY
DEMOCRATS

Johnson County Democratic Party County Convention Booklet

Saturday, March 23, 2024, at
City High School – Opstad Auditorium
1900 Morningside Drive, Iowa City, IA 52245

Registration shall begin at 8:00 a.m.
Call to order at 9:00 a.m.
Registration Closes at 10:00 a.m.

Press and Visitors are welcome to observe the convention. Disruptive behavior or interference with the proceedings will not be tolerated.

This event is free to all attendees. Please consider a donation to help support convention costs. Donate online at jcdems.org.

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General Information

Directions and Parking

From Downtown Iowa City: Take Burlington St East to Muscatine Ave. Turn right on Muscatine and then left on Court St. Stay on Court for about 3 blocks to Morningside Drive. Turn left on Morningside and take the first right into the City High Parking lot. Take the second right out of the circle to the Visitor Parking on the south side of the lawn or continue around the circle and go north to the Staff Parking area.

From Interstate 80: Take Exit 246/Hwy 1 south on N. Dodge. Turn left on Scott Blvd. At the traffic circle take the first right onto 1st Avenue. Take 1st Avenue to Court Street and turn right. Turn right on 4th Avenue and enter the City High parking lot from the south. The Visitor Parking is right there, or continue to the Staff Parking lot north of the lawn.

Both parking lots are wheelchair accessible to the auditorium on the north end of the building. Enter through Door 3.

Food

A light breakfast and snacks will be offered starting at 8:00 a.m. in the Commons including pastries, fruit, coffee and bottled water. We suggest a minimum donation of \$5 or \$1-2 per item. Please bring cash.

Boxed lunches will be available for \$15, catered by Royceann Porter. Boxes will include a wrap, a side, and a desert, plus coffee, lemonade or bottled water. Vegan and gluten free options available. To ensure availability of your first choice, we recommend pre-ordering on ActBlue [here](#) or by scanning this QR code with your phone camera.



Pre-orders due by midnight on Tuesday, March 19. You are welcome to bring your own food or leave the site for lunch. Please keep all food in the Commons. **No food or drink (except bottled water) is permitted in the Auditorium.**

Smoking is not permitted in any public space at City High. This includes the parking areas.

Internet access will be available on the City High Wifi network.

Signs and Tables

Signs are not permitted in the Auditorium. Signs outside the building will be limited to official Convention signs only. Signs inside the building are allowed only in the Commons and may not be affixed to the building in any way.

Due to space limitations, we are not offering tables in the area near the Auditorium. If your organization wishes to bring literature for sharing with delegates, you may set up an attended table in the Commons for no charge.

Literature, flyers, etc. may not be distributed in the Auditorium.

Accessibility and Accommodations

Both Opstad Auditorium and the Commons area are fully ADA compliant. Handicap parking is available. Fully accessible and ADA compliant restrooms are available. A Gender Inclusive restroom is also available.

Please contact Suzanne Doershuk, suzanne.doershuk@gmail.com or call Ed Cranston at (319) 400-7573 for assistance. An **Accommodation Request form** is available at the end of this document.

2024 Arrangements Committee Members


Suzanne Doershuk, Chair
Bonnie Anderson
Tony Currin
Christopher Munoz
Royceann Porter
Edythe Thompson

Paige Gabriel, Secretary
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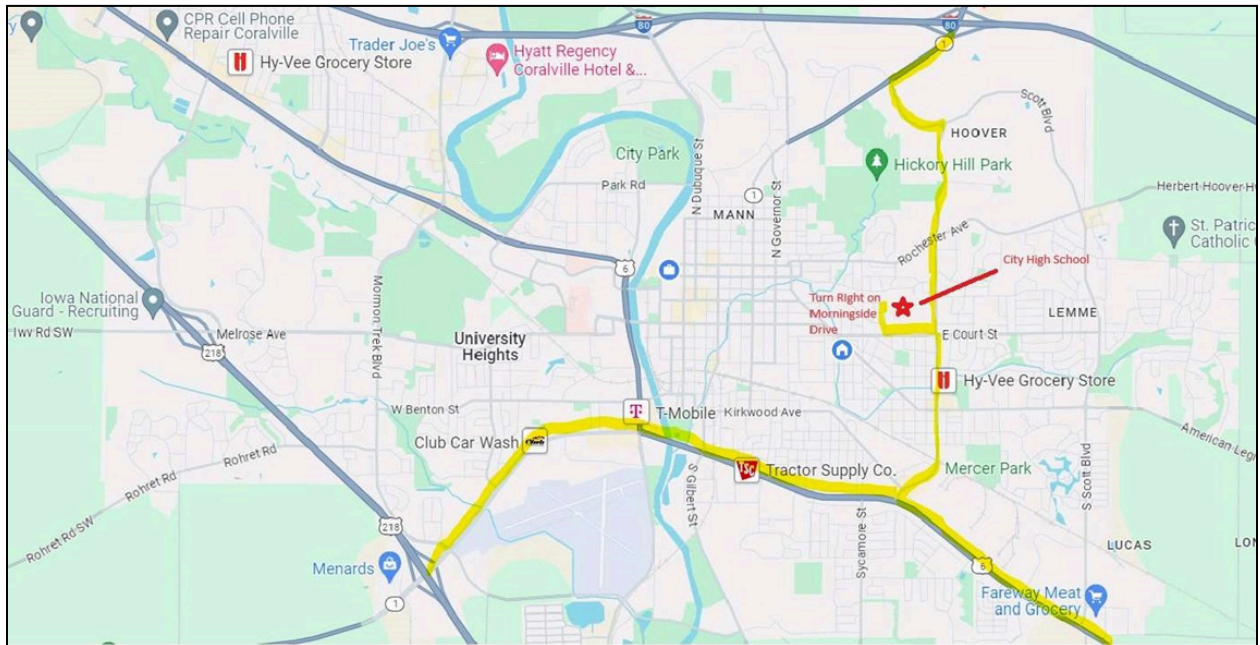
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The Arrangements Committee would like to express our gratitude to everyone, and especially thanks all of our great volunteers  for helping to make this event successful. Please be respectful and courteous and help clean up after yourself and others.

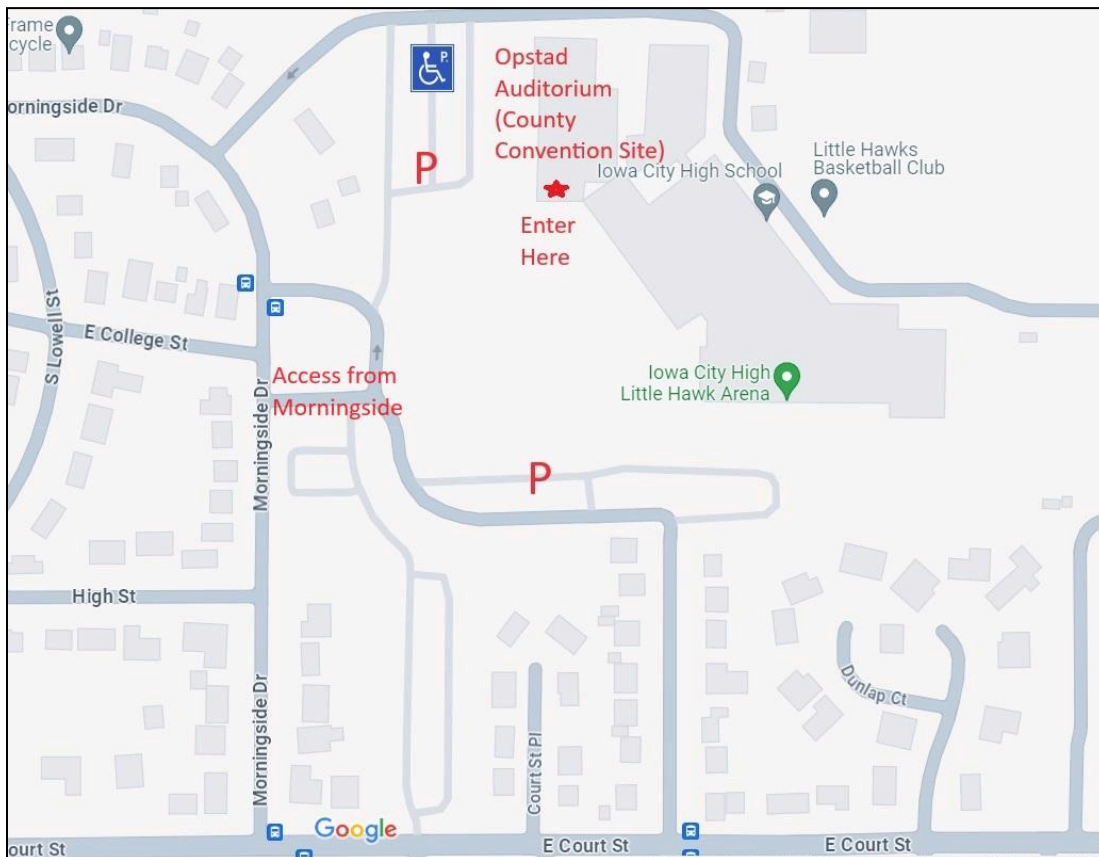
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Maps

Driving



Parking



Credentials Committee Report

1. The registration period for both delegates and alternates is from **one hour before** the start of the convention until **one hour after** the scheduled start of the convention. All delegates and alternates must register during this time period.
2. If a delegate is unable to attend the convention, an alternate may take their place. Delegates may select their own alternate from among duly elected alternates by completing the Alternate Designation Form which was included with the convention call. Alternates who present this signed form to the Credentials Committee during the normal registration period will be seated immediately as a delegate.
3. If a delegate fails to name their own alternate, the Credentials Committee shall seat an alternate in this seat based on the following priority order:
 - a. Duly elected alternates who are from the same precinct as the delegate on a first registered, first seated basis.
 - b. Duly elected alternates who are from a geographically similar precinct as the delegate on a first registered, first seated basis
 - c. Duly elected alternates from any precinct on a first registered, first seated basis
4. Seating of alternates selected using the method described in Step 3 of this report will commence immediately following the registration period described in Step 1 of this report.

Delegate Registration Procedure

1. Registration will begin one hour before the scheduled start of the convention and continue until one hour after the scheduled start of the convention.
2. A Credentials Committee Member will direct delegates to the correct table to receive their credentials.
3. Delegates must declare a Presidential preference at registration. Any Delegate who refuses to declare a Presidential preference will be registered as Undecided.
4. The Credentials Committee will provide Delegates with a District/ State Convention Delegate Candidacy Form which must be completed and returned to the Credentials Committee prior to receiving their credentials packet.
5. Delegates will then proceed to the Convention area.

Alternate Registration Procedure

1. Alternate registration will begin one hour before the scheduled start of the convention and continue until one 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. The Credentials Committee will provide Alternates with a District/State Convention Delegate Candidacy Form. This form must be completed and returned to the Credentials Committee prior to leaving the registration table.
4. Alternates will proceed to the alternate seating area.
5. Upon the completion of Delegate registration, the Credentials Committee Chairman will inform the convention that alternates are now being seated in open delegate seats. Alternates will then return to the registration area and await directions from the Credentials Committee

Youth Delegates, Press, Visitors

1. Youth Delegates, Press, and visitors must register at the alternate registration tables.
2. Proceed to the Youth Delegate, Press and Visitor seating area.

2024 CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Norman Anderson	Joyce Bernardy	Martha Ann Crawford
Adam DeLuca	Meghann Foster	Pat Higby
Aldo Loya	Mat Matthes	Kiran Patel
George Rickey	Karla Smith	Eddie Zuniga
John Deeth Co-Chair		Tom Larkin Co-Chair

The Credentials Committee nominates Meghann Foster, Kiran Patel, and Karla Smith to serve on the District Convention Credentials Committee.

Order of Business

This planned Order of Business is subject to change.

- I. Call to Order
- II. Appointment of Temporary Officers
- III. Temporary Rules Report
- IV. Certification of Delegates and Announcement of Committee Chairs
- V. Speakers to the Convention
 - a. 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 (or surrogates) – up to 4 minutes each
 - d. Invited Guest Speakers – up to 4 minutes each
 - e. Federal Office Holders or Candidates (or surrogates) – up to 5 minutes each
 - f. Representatives of Presidential Candidates – up to 5 minutes each
- VI. Credentials Report
- VII. Nomination and Election of Permanent Chair(s) of Convention and appointment of Permanent Secretary, Parliamentarian, Timekeeper and Sergeant-At-Arms.
- VIII. Rules Report
- IX. Youth Delegate Attendees breakout
- X. Announcement of number of appointments for the District Convention Committees and Delegates/Alternates for the District Convention
- XI. Explanation of provisions for division of the Convention into Preference Groups
- XII. Second Alignment
- XIII. Delegate Selection by Preference Groups
- XIV. Ratification of Delegates/Alternates elected by Preference Groups
- XV. Nominations, election, and ratification of District Members/Alternates to serve on District Convention Committees
- XVI. Election of the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Chair
- XVII. Report of the Platform Committee
- XVIII. Constitutional Amendments to the Constitution of the Johnson County Democratic Party
- XIX. Unfinished business
- XX. Adjournment

Rules and Nominations Committee Report

The Rules and Nominations Committee offers the following rules, and nominations of officers, for the 2024 Johnson County Democrats Convention.

Respectfully submitted by Lisa Williams, Chair, and the members of the Rules and Nominations Committee:

Sue Bryant	Jeffrey Fields
Ashley Kuse	Liz O'Hara
Jennifer Patel	Harry Ruth
Mazahir Salih	Shannon Starch

The Rules and Nominations Committee nominates the following people as officers for the 2024 Johnson County Democrats Convention:

Co-Chairs – Rachel Zimmermann Smith & Ed Cranston
Parliamentarian(s) – Tom Larkin
Secretary – Gerene Denning
Sergeant-at-Arms – Brad Kunkel
Timekeeper - Andy Kuse

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

Sue Bryant	Jeffrey Fields
Ashley Kuse	Liz O'Hara
Jennifer Patel	Harry Ruth
Mazahir Salih	Shannon Starch

Rules of the Convention

Article I. Opening Activities

§ 1. Registration shall begin at 8:00 a.m. The Convention shall be called to order at 9:00 a.m. or no later than fifteen (15) minutes after that time. If the Chair(s) does not call the Convention to order within this time limit, any delegate may call the Convention to order. Registration shall be closed at 10:00 a.m.

At Registration, delegates must declare a presidential preference group or declare Uncommitted. Delegates wishing to be elected as a District/State voting delegate must complete a form provided by the Credentials Committee. All delegates shall be provided with voting credentials plus three ballots to be used in Presidential Preference Groups or the Uncommitted Preference Group for electing District/State voting delegates.

The Credentials Committee shall provide a separate registration table for registering all alternate delegates who wish to be credentialed voting delegates to the County Convention. If they wish to be elected as a District/State voting delegate, they must complete a form provided by the Credentials Committee. These alternate delegates will be directed to the alternate seating area on the Convention floor.

To the extent that voting positions are available, after the registration is closed, the Chair of the Credentials Committee will notify the Convention what alternate delegates can be seated in open delegate seats. These delegates will be directed to the Registration area where they will be provided with voting credentials and three ballots to be used in the Presidential Preference Groups or Uncommitted Preference Group to elect District/State delegates. The Credential Committee shall add these delegates to the list of registered delegates.

§ 2. Prior to the introduction of the first speaker, an official Timekeeper shall be appointed by the Chair(s) 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, as well as current office holders, 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 and current office holders for statewide office, their surrogates, 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 and current office holders for federal office, including that of President, shall be introduced and allowed to address the Convention for no more than **five (5) minutes**. Substitute or representative

speakers shall be permitted in place of the candidates themselves, but no more than one may speak for each candidate.

Article II. Convention Committees

§1. Credentials Committee: The Credentials Committee shall notify the Chair(s) as soon as a quorum exists so that the Convention may transact official and binding business. For purposes of this section, a quorum shall mean forty percent (40%) of the total delegates elected to the Convention. For 2024, 40% of 168 is 68 delegates seated.

Once registration has closed, the Credentials Committee shall submit its Report to the Chair(s) with the stated Presidential Preference of the seated delegates expressed at Registration, and number of delegates currently aligned with each Presidential Preference Group.

In the event of a delegate challenge, the Credentials Committee shall include in its report the name of the delegate or alternate who believes they are 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.

The Credentials Committee shall supervise the first and second alignment of delegates into Presidential Preference Groups. First alignment of delegates shall take place during the registration process. Second alignment of delegates shall take place following the explanation of provisions for division of the Convention into Preference Groups by the Chair of the Rules Committee. Delegates who wish to participate in the second alignment shall complete the form included in their registration packet. This process may take up to sixty (60) minutes.

§ 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.

Representatives of the Rules and Nominations Committee will conduct and document the election of delegates and alternates to the District Conventions for each Preference Group.

§ 3. Platform Committee: The Platform Committee reports shall consist of a Statement of Principles and a Statement of Issues. These reports shall be included in the Convention Booklet. 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 **11:00 a.m. or thirty (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 **fifteen (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.

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 **12:00 pm** 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 their 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 **one (1) hour**, except that the convention may vote, by simple majority, to extend debate an **additional 30 minutes**. No further extension shall be in order.

§ 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. However, resolutions not germane to the Order of Business, as provided for above, shall not be considered at the County Convention.

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 a 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. However, any motion or resolution not germane to the Order of Business, as provided for above, shall not be recognized at the Convention.

§ 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 2024, 40% of 168 is 68 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 and Bylaws 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. A copy of the Roberts' Rules of Order Summary is attached as [Appendix A](#).

Article XII. Delegate Selection Plan

§ 1. Introduction

At the precinct caucuses on January 15, 2024, unbound delegates and alternates to the County Convention were elected in each precinct. At the March 23, 2024, County Convention, eighty-three (83) delegates will be elected to the 1st District Convention.

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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. (fifteen positions for each of the four committees: platform, arrangements, credentials, and rules and nominations, are allotted to the county in 2024).

The delegate selection process is governed by the Charter and Bylaws of the Democratic Party of the United States, the Delegate Selection Rules for the 2024 Democratic National Convention, the Call for the 2024 Democratic National Convention, the Regulations of the Rules and Bylaws Committee for the 2024 Democratic National Convention, the rules of the Democratic Party of Iowa, the Iowa election code, and this Delegate Selection Plan.

Based on the results of the balloting conducted by presidential preference card, a presidential candidate must achieve a minimum viability threshold of 15% at the county level to be considered viable for the purposes of electing delegates from the County Convention to the State and District Conventions.

The Iowa Democratic Party will release preliminary results of at least the following information, by county, congressional district, and statewide, on March 5, 2024:

raw expression of presidential preference (and percentage) at the county, congressional district and statewide.

Results of the mail-in presidential preference will be the only information used to determine the allocation of district/state delegates elected at the county conventions, the district-level national delegates, Party Leader and Elected Official (PLEO) delegates, and at-large national delegates.

The State Central Committee will certify the mail-in caucus results on March 16, 2024.

§2. Registration

A. All delegates must register upon arrival at the County Convention. At registration, the delegate must:

- i. 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.
- ii. Designate their preference group at the time of their registration. A delegate who refuses to designate a presidential preference group shall be registered by the Credentials Committee as uncommitted.

B. Upon completion of registration the delegate will receive their delegate credentials and be designated as “seated.” In addition to the credentials, each seated delegate will receive a sufficient number of ballots, designated to that delegate by number, to participate in all convention elections.

(1) An official series of ballots marked with the delegate number assigned to the delegate; and

(2) 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.

C. 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.

D. Registration shall remain open for one (1) hour after the convention is scheduled to convene to accommodate late-arriving participants.

E. The convention may transact official and binding business when the Credential Committee reports to the convention that a quorum of delegates has been seated. A quorum for purposes of this section shall mean forty percent (40%) of the total delegates elected to the convention.

§3. Seating of Alternates

A. If a delegate is unable to attend all or part of the convention, an alternate may take their place.

B. A delegate may choose an alternate from those elected from the same precinct. They must provide in writing the name and contact information of their designated alternate to the credentials committee.

C. If a delegate fails to name an alternate, the Credentials Committee shall seat an alternate based on the following priority order:

1. Alternates of the same precinct as the delegate on a first come, first served basis

2. Alternates of a geographically similar precinct as the delegate on a first come, first served basis

3. Alternates in any precinct on a first come, first served basis

D. When an alternate has been designated by a duly elected delegate, they shall do so only until the originally elected delegate shall appear at the convention and request of the Credentials Committee chair their right to be seated. At such time, the alternate shall turn over their credentials and balloting material to the duly elected delegate. However, if the alternate has been selected by the Credentials Committee per the above rules, and the duly elected delegate has failed to select an alternate, the alternate shall have the right to retain their position as a delegate despite the presence of the duly elected delegate.

§4. Balloting Procedure for Selection of Delegates and Selection of Committee Members, Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Chair

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

- (1)** the close of registration;
- (2)** the adoption of the report of the Credentials Committee;
- (3)** the announcement, by the Chair(s) of the Rules and Nominations Committee, of the approved delegate-selection procedures; and
- (4)** Second Alignment.

B. 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.

C. Upon the close of nominations, the Rules and Nominations Committee will compile a list of those persons who have been nominated as District and State Convention delegates with their delegate numbers sorted by preference group. 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 number of appointments per viable preference group for the Delegates/Alternates for the District Convention. In 2024, Johnson County is allotted a total of **eighty-three (83)** delegates to the District and State Convention. The distribution of these eighty-three (83) delegates among viable

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preference groups will not be determined until the results of the March 5, 2024 Presidential Preference vote are released.

D. After the publication of the list of nominees is posted, Delegates shall break into their preference groups and elect Delegates to the District and State Convention as outlined in Article IV below.

E. 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 the first round each delegate must vote for at least **thirty percent (30%)** of the total allocated delegates but not more than **fifty percent (50%) plus one (1)** of the total allocated delegates. Failure to do so will invalidate the entire ballot. For example, if the total delegate selection is 83 delegates, then during the first round of balloting not more than 42 delegates will be selected. A voter must vote for at least twenty-five (25) but not more than forty-two (42) of the nominees. 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 three (3)) will be selected until fifty percent (50%) plus one (1) delegates are chosen in the first round.

1. "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;

2. "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.

3. 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 no other rules are violated.

4. If the number of positions to fill is fewer than five (5), each elector shall vote for the number of candidates equal to the number of positions to be filled.

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

G. 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 **thirty (30) minutes**. The second round of selection will be done using the **ballot "B"**

delegate selection form supplied at the time of registration. In the second round, voting shall be conducted in the same manner as in the first round.

H. 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 **one half-hour (30) minutes**. Delegates will be selected in the order of the number of votes received, but must still meet the three vote minimum.

I. 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.

J. All 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.

K. The procedure for election of District Convention Committee members shall be as follows:

- 1.** The number of members to be elected by each county convention to the District Convention committees has been apportioned in a manner using a proportional representation system based on the most recent presidential and gubernatorial results. In 2024, Johnson County has been allocated fifteen (15) positions for each of the four committees: platform, arrangements, credentials, and rules and nominations.

- 2.** Committee members shall be elected by the convention at large.

- 3.** In advance of the convention, each of the county convention committees shall nominate individuals to serve on the corresponding committee at the district conventions. 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.

- 4.** Additional nominations may be made from the floor.

- 5.** When there are no further nominations, or upon adoption of a motion to cease nominations, the Convention Chair(s) shall, after giving any nominee the opportunity to decline the nomination, conduct an election to fill the allotted Positions.

6. 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 or the convention agrees to allow some positions to remain empty.

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

M. The Convention will also elect a Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Chair. Nominations and self-nominations for **one (1) person** to serve as the District Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion committee member will be taken. This person is also the chair of the County Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion 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 Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Chair by voice vote, show of hands, or a single ballot vote.

§5. Delegate Selection Procedure for Preference Groups

A. District/State convention delegates will be allocated to presidential preference groups based on the results of the mail-in Presidential Preference Cards. After March 5, 2024, IDP will release information regarding the specific allocation of County Convention delegates to any presidential preference group.

B. At the time of registration, delegates must align with a preference group. Because all delegates elected at the caucus were elected as unbound delegates, delegates may align with any preference group, including uncommitted, at registration. This process will be known as the “First Alignment.”

C. The Credentials Committee shall have the responsibility of determining the initial number of delegates within each presidential preference or uncommitted group. The Credentials Committee will also prepare a report, prior to registration, which informs the convention of the existence or absence of viable preference groups, based on delegates earned through the mail-in Presidential Preference Cards. Preference group viability will not be determined by the number of delegates who attend the county convention.

D. After the First Alignment is complete, all delegates will be provided a reasonable time (however, not more than 30 minutes), as determined by the rules adopted by the county convention, in which to realign with a viable preference group. This process will be known as the “Second Alignment.” Delegates may choose to remain in their nonviable

group but will therefore not be able to vote for delegates to the District/State convention. Delegates at the county convention who realign with a different presidential preference group shall then sign a statement that states: "I now support _____ for the Democratic nomination for President." This statement of support shall be signed prior to voting for District/State convention Delegates.

E. Prior to Second Alignment, the Chair(s) of the Rules and Nominations Committee shall announce the number of delegates each preference group is entitled to elect to the district and state conventions. After Second Alignment, the convention will then divide into its respective preference groups - each seated delegate going to the preference group with which they are aligned.

F. Each preference group shall elect a chair. All elections relating to selection of district/state delegates will be supervised and monitored by the appropriate county Rules Committee Chair(s) or designee.

G. The first formal action of the preference group chairs shall be to read the following statement: "All public meetings at all levels of the Democratic Party in Iowa shall be open to all members of the Democratic Party regardless of race, sex, age, color, creed, national origin, religion, ethnic identity, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, economic status, or disability. In order that the Democratic Party at all levels be an open Party, which includes rather than excludes people from participation, a program of effective affirmative action has been adopted by the Iowa Democratic Party. Discrimination on the basis of 'status' in the conduct of Iowa Democratic Party affairs is prohibited."

H. The procedure to be used within a presidential preference or an uncommitted group to elect District/State delegates is as follows:

- 1.** All delegates and party members who desire to run for District/State delegate positions shall inform the appropriate preference group chair. This business must be done prior to the start of the election of delegates. Candidates for the delegate positions shall be listed on a ballot and lettered or numbered. Persons need not be present to be elected but all delegates must be present to vote. Additional names may be submitted for nomination from the floor of the preference group. A candidate for a District/State delegate position need not be a delegate or alternate to the county convention but must be 18 years of age by Election Day, Tuesday, November 5, 2024, be registered as a Democrat within the county from which they are seeking election, and must support the purposes of the Iowa Democratic Party.
- 2.** Each delegate or alternate who is an authorized member of a preference group empowered to vote on the election of the candidate or candidates, shall do by utilizing the procedures described above in Article III. In accordance with the National Party Charter, delegates will vote using a signed or identified ballot.

3. The ballots shall be collected and counted under the authority of the Rules and Nominations committee.
4. When those elected have been tabulated, their names shall be read.
5. Balloting shall continue until all delegate positions have been filled.
6. The rules and nominations committee chair shall take possession of all the ballots. The ballots shall be preserved for a period of one year.
7. Each preference group shall then proceed to elect its alternates. Any number of alternates may be elected.
8. The contact information for all duly elected delegates and alternates shall be collected by the preference group chair and provided to the Credentials Chair(s) of the convention no later than 30 minutes after the conclusion of the Convention.

§6. Ratification and Verification

- A.** 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 Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee and then to the District Convention Credentials Committee.
- B.** 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.

Platform Committee Report

Officers

Jackson, Brian, Chair

Persons, Julie, Assistant Chair

Platforms

Agriculture

Berkowitz, Holly
Kaufman, Dhyana
McCue, Maureen

Berkowitz, Daniel
Kiekhaefer, Margaret
Paulson, Virginia
Strohmer, Gerhard

Finley, Michael
Larew, James
Phillips, Daniel

Economy

Berkowitz, Holly
Pollard, Janet

Berkowitz, Daniel
Persons, Julie

Dicamillo, Paul
Strohmer, Gerhard

Education

Covington, Mika

Hobert-Mellecker, Melody
Lehman-Engledow, Christine

Hellman, Mallory

Environment

Berkowitz, Holly
Kaufman, Dhyana
McCue, Maureen

Berkowitz, Daniel
Kiekhaefer, Margaret
Paulson, Virginia
Strohmer, Gerhard

Finley, Michael
Larew, James
Phillips, Daniel

Government

Butler, Carol
Oltman, Christine

Hurt, James
Young, Susan

Josephson, Maher

Healthcare

Armstrong, Michelle
Goslin, Lianne

Covington, Mika
Hobert-Mellecker, Melody

Denning, Gerene

Human Services

Armstrong, Michelle
Remington, Amanda

Goslin, Lianne
Steckel, Gregory

Lehman-Engledow, Christine

International

Abudagga, Jinann
Dicamillo, Paul
Minor, Patricia
Pollard, Janet

Abudagga, Yaser
Hellman, Mallory
Paulson, Virginia
Saba, Osama

Abuissa, Newman
Josephson, Maher
Phillips, Daniel
Swisher, Sarah

Labor

Covington, Mika

Jackson, Brian

Strohmer, Gerhard

Proposed Platform of the Johnson County (IA) Democratic Party

Statement of Principles

1. We believe in a society in which fairness and community are guiding values, where every person has an equal opportunity to pursue happiness.
2. We believe the purpose of government is to act on behalf of the public good, oversee the equitable distribution of resources, and create and execute policies and laws that equally promote and protect human rights, our shared environment, justice, safety, and security. This affords all citizens the opportunity to attain their highest level of social, cultural, economic, mental, and physical well-being.
3. We recognize the fundamental right of all people to safe, healthy, and sustainably produced food. We cherish our land and family farms and deplore the concentration of food production and distribution in the hands of a few corporations.
4. We believe a sustainable economy is dependent on job growth and a positive climate for small business development. We support a progressive system of taxation.
5. We support an informed citizenry, which is essential for a democratic society. We are committed to providing free, accessible, high-quality education at all levels.
6. We believe a full and rewarding life includes access and opportunity to participate in and support the arts and humanities.
7. We demand policies and laws that address the climate crisis by promoting sound energy practices to permanently protect our environment.
8. We are committed to social and economic justice. When the rights of any citizen are threatened, the rights of all are endangered. We are resolute in our obligation to uphold the Constitution and the Bill of Rights; we commit to preserve, protect, and secure human rights, and civil rights and liberties. We affirm the separation of church and state as established in the Constitution.
9. We demand an honest and open government that is accountable to its constituents.
10. We demand a fair justice system that employs multifaceted solutions involving legislation, education, community action, and personal responsibility.
11. We believe all people have a right to accessible, affordable, quality health care and to the benefits of continued medical research.
12. We value diversity. We are committed to the inclusion and full participation of diverse populations in our society, in the Democratic Party, and in the democratic processes of government regardless of status within any protected class such as but not limited to race, ethnicity, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, physical characteristics, ability, age, illness, associational preference, economic status, religion, beliefs, or language.
13. We believe all families should be supported and empowered. We, alongside the government, share the responsibility to assist families who cannot adequately provide for all their members.

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14. We affirm the ideal of a world in which all people live with tolerance and goodwill toward others. United States foreign and domestic policy decisions should promote that ideal.
15. We believe a healthy U.S. economy depends on ensuring the respect, dignity, safety, and security on the job that all workers deserve. We affirm the right of all workers to collectively bargain and support organized labor.
16. We support candidates running as Democrats in Johnson County who adhere to this Johnson County Democratic Platform.
17. We support Upholding international law.
18. We support the ICJ.
19. We support Human rights.
20. We support self-determination for all peoples, including those not represented by sovereign states.
21. We support fully funding and staffing US diplomatic efforts, such as embassies to achieve peaceful resolution for conflicts.
22. We support a general reduction of the military budget and spending.
23. We support the establishment of a Cabinet-level Department of Peace.
24. We oppose US military intervention and occupation without congressional approval.
25. We oppose immigration and international intervention policies that are discriminatory.

Statement of Issues

Agriculture/ Environment

Support

1. Organic farming.
2. Crop diversification.
3. Funding local soil conservation districts.
4. Financing local sources - international food assistance.
5. Revitalizing local food systems.
6. Legalizing hemp farming.
7. Strengthening regulation - CAFOS.
8. Reducing subsidies - large farms/ unengaged landowners.
9. Limiting hydrogen sulfide/ ammonia emissions.
10. NRS funding.
11. Incentivizing regenerative agriculture.
12. Funding sustainable agriculture.
13. Department of Agriculture climate adaptation report.
14. Animal abuse prevention.
15. Iowa Constitutional Amendment ensuring right to healthy environment.
16. 2010 NRORF.
17. Clean energy jobs/ expanded renewable energy.
18. Subsidize nature-based environmental solutions.
19. Catastrophic climate collapse prevention policies.
20. Public ownership, protection, regulation of all water sources.
21. 50 percent pollution reduction by 2030.
22. Disaster relief.
23. Shift tax credits to renewable energy by 2030.
24. Age-appropriate environmental education/ climate literacy.
25. Promoting circular economy/ banning single use plastics.
26. Polluters paying mitigation/ repair costs.

Oppose

27. Artificial hormone/ prophylactic/ antibiotic use in farm animals.
28. Farm consolidation.
29. US food aid commodity dumping.
30. Neonicotinoid pesticides.
31. Aerial pesticide application.
32. State pre-emption:
 - a. Public health.
 - b. Safety.

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- c. Climate change.
- d. Environment.
- 33. CCS related CO₂ / oil pipelines/ eminent domain exploitation.
- 34. Restricting conservation/ recreation land purchase, land donor benefits.
- 35. Limiting ability of citizens/ government to sue polluters.
- 36. Construction environmental impact statement waivers.
- 37. Construction - Coal Fired/ Nuclear power.

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Economy

Economic Development/ Entrepreneurship

Support

- 38. Abolition of domestic poverty.
- 39. Guaranteed basic income.
- 40. Recognizing nature/ health as foundation of prosperity.
- 41. Small business loans/ grants - local enterprises.
- 42. Local sourcing- public works.
- 43. Incentivizing farmers to reduce overproduction.
- 44. Investigating price gouging.
- 45. Restore natural diversity/ ecology.
- 46. Education- resourcefulness/ reuse of resources.

Oppose

- 47. Weakening environmental/ consumer protection laws.
- 48. Overuse of pollutant pesticides/ fertilizer.
- 49. Reducing abilities of nature to sustain life.
- 50. Farm subsidies encouraging overproduction/ toxic run-off.

International/ Domestic Trade

Support

- 51. Fair trade.
- 52. Protective environmental/ human rights trade standards.

Oppose

- 53. Trade agreements superseding local, state, national jurisdictions.
- 54. Wage exploitation of foreign/ domestic workers.

Wealth/ Fair Taxation

Support

- 55. Progressive income taxation.
- 56. Wealth tax.
- 57. Ultra millionaire tax.
- 58. Increased IRS funding/ technology.
- 59. Enhanced IRS auditing - top 0.01%.
- 60. Property tax credits - lower-income veterans, elderly, disabled.
- 61. Increasing IRS dependents' exemption.

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- 62. Treating investment earnings as income with inflation allowance.
- 63. Tax credits - low emission renewable energy.
- 64. Tax credits - greening cities.
- 65. Free automated tax filing options.
- 66. Simplifying tax code.
- 67. Fair taxation - companies that use public services.
- 68. Reducing risks of financial institutions.
- 69. Fairness in capital gains/ tax deductions.

Oppose

- 70. Concentrated wealth's attack on democracy.
- 71. Deficit scaremongering.
- 72. Tax deferment/ credits - foreign subsidiary profits.
- 73. Tax inversion.
- 74. Bailouts - financial institutions without financial oversight.
- 75. Rent gouging.

Business, Commerce/ Intellectual Property

Support

- 76. Net Neutrality/ right to access information.
- 77. Fair Use Doctrine.
- 78. Right to repair.
- 79. Restoring "public domain" in copyright law.
- 80. Utilities/ services adopting public not-for-profit business models.
- 81. Green New Deal.

Oppose

- 82. Profligate executive compensation.
- 83. Unimpeded AI training on copyrighted materials.

Banking/ Finance

Support

- 84. Affordable community lending.
- 85. Breaking up "Big" banks.

Oppose

- 86. Predatory lending.

Education

Book Banning

Support

- 87. Teachers/ librarian choice of ALA compliant material.

Oppose

- 88. Book banning in schools/ public libraries.
- 89. SF 496.

Funding Support- Iowa Public Schools/AEA

Support

- 90. Public School/AEA, special education, TAG, ELL, regent universities.
- 91. Increasing teacher salaries.
- 92. Para-educator wage, benefit, unemployment parity.
- 93. Tuition-free community colleges/ reduced state university tuition.
- 94. State-provided resources- low-performing schools.
- 95. School-based vocational education.
- 96. SSA per pupil school budget minimum of 4.5%.
- 97. Increasing funding - TLPs/ dropout retention programs.
- 98. Increase qualified personnel to national professional organizations' recommended ratios.
- 99. In-state tuition for Iowa residents.
- 100. Eliminate public private school funding.
- 101. Expand preschool access.
- 102. Physical restraint/ seclusion room reform / training.
- 103. SEBTC.

Oppose

- 104. Vouchers/ tax credits - private/ for-profit education.
- 105. Education reorganization plan.
- 106. Armed personnel within schools.
- 107. Forced busing elementary students outside of local neighborhoods.

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LGBTQIA+ Student/ Staff Support

Support

- 108. Requiring public schools use of student's names/ pronouns.
- 109. Bathroom choice based on student gender identification.
- 110. Sport participation aligning with student's gender identity.

Oppose

- 111. Outing students without consent, including parents/ guardians.
- 112. Anti LGBTQIA+ Legislation that seeks to deny right-to-live.

Anti-bullying

Support

- 113. Bullying prevention/ intervention, providing marginalized student resources.
- 114. Age-appropriate conflict resolution training.

Government

Campaigns/ Elections

Support

- 115. Publicly financed elections.
- 116. Public disclosure/ limitation - campaign contributions.
- 117. Automatic universal voter registration.
- 118. Paper ballots, optical scanning, hand-count audits.
- 119. Eliminating corporate personhood.
- 120. Iowa demographic determination model - congressional districts.
- 121. Abolishing Electoral College.
- 122. Election Day Voter registration.
- 123. Preserving felon voting rights.
- 124. Ranked-choice presidential primary.
- 125. Vote by mail.
- 126. Greater voter participation.
- 127. Easily accessible, open, safe precinct voting locations.
- 128. Non-partisan redistricting.
- 129. National Election Day, paid.
- 130. Iowan Democratic Presidential Primary.
- 131. Election process/ worker protection.

Oppose

- 132. Gerrymandering.
- 133. Citizens United.
- 134. Delaying hearings on judicial nominees.
- 135. Online voting.
- 136. Death threats/ intimidation.

Government Participation

Support

- 137. Transparency.
- 138. Modified US Senate filibuster rule.
- 139. Increased legal service/ public defender funding.
- 140. District of Columbia Statehood.
- 141. Puerto Rico Statehood.
- 142. County Auditor law - election report, line analysis.
- 143. State party/ candidate fact checking.

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Oppose

- 144. Voter ID laws.
- 145. Religion in political discourse.
- 146. Non-talking filibusters.

Government Structure

Support

- 147. Fair, independent judiciary.
- 148. State Boards/ Commission diversity in representation.
- 149. Expanding caucus participation accessibility.
- 150. Addressing rural public service needs.
- 151. Fair county government rural representation.
- 152. Governor term limits.
- 153. Returning Home Rule authority.

Oppose

- 154. Tax-exempt status for politically active organizations.

Civil Rights/ Liberties

Support

- 155. Equal LGBTQIA+ rights, parenting/ adoption.
- 156. Expanding gender options on government forms.
- 157. Revising eminent domain laws.
- 158. VRA Restoration.
- 159. Equal Rights Amendment.
- 160. Individual control over personal healthcare decisions.
- 161. PRO.
- 162. FNA.
- 163. Peaceful, unarmed citizen protest.
- 164. Protecting government buildings.
- 165. Improved good Samaritan laws.

Oppose

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- 166. Retaliation/ discrimination- political views.
- 167. Ag gag laws
- 168. Mandatory religious public service oath phraseology.
- 169. Warrantless searches/ electronic/ drone surveillance.
- 170. Enemy Detainee status.
- 171. Excessive personal/ surveillance data collection.
- 172. Religious Freedom Restoration Acts.
- 173. Christian nationalism.
- 174. Insurrection.

Racial Justice

Support

- 175. Law enforcement de-escalation policies/ bias training.
- 176. Community policing.
- 177. Reforming criminal justice training.
- 178. DOJ investigation of police related deaths.
- 179. Slavery reparations to African American descendants.
- 180. Citizens review board identifying/ developing solutions ending profiling.

Oppose

- 181. Racial profiling.

Criminal Justice

Support

- 182. Specialty courts/ community alternatives to incarceration.
- 183. Cannabis legalization.
- 184. HCPA 70 prisoners' human rights.
- 185. Binding plea bargains.
- 186. Sentencing reform.
- 187. Law enforcement body cameras.
- 188. Raising statute of limitation on sexual assault.
- 189. Decriminalization of natural psychedelics.
- 190. Prison staffing/ funding.
- 191. State court funding.

Oppose

- 192. Capital punishment.
- 193. Mandatory sentencing.

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- 194. Indefinite detention.
- 195. Solitary confinement.
- 196. Detaining/ incarcerating juveniles with adults.
- 197. Civil forfeiture.
- 198. Police militarization.
- 199. Mass incarceration.
- 200. Lobbying/ influence of private prison corporations.
- 201. Death penalty.
- 202. Prison privatization.

Taxes/ Social Security

Support

- 203. Progressive/ equitable taxation.
- 204. Expanding college tuition/ student loan interest tax credits.
- 205. Closing corporate tax loopholes.
- 206. COLA- Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC).
- 207. Limiting/ regulating Tax Incentive Financing (TIF).
- 208. Raising SS Benefits minimums.
- 209. Reimbursement by US Treasury – redirected SS funds.
- 210. Enforcing laws regarding tax-exempt status - religious institutions.
- 211. Higher floor/ no caps- FICA taxes.
- 212. Estate taxes on all estates valued over \$99 million.

Oppose

- 213. Privatizing SS.
- 214. Classifying unemployment, worker compensation, SS benefits as income.
- 215. SS cuts, raising retirement age, removing COLA.
- 216. Including SS in Unified Federal Budget.
- 217. Student Loan bankruptcy priority.
- 218. Flat income tax.
- 219. Fossil fuel company tax breaks/ subsidies.

Government Services

- 220. Social services, dependent care, food stamps.
- 221. Postal banking services.

Oppose

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- 222. Privatizing government functions/ services/ property.
- 223. No-bid government contracts.

Internet/ Telecommunications

Support

- 224. Online privacy rights.
- 225. First Amendment protection - all electronic media.
- 226. Publicly owned broadband networks.
- 227. Affordable access to broadband/ broadcast media.
- 228. Net Neutrality.
- 229. Public Cybersecurity Education.
- 230. Restoring the Fairness Doctrine.
- 231. Internet publication of all public documents.
- 232. Anti-trust legislation to reduce media consolidation.

Oppose

- 233. Censoring internet content.
- 234. Commercial bots, robocalls, call spoofing.

Consumer Protection

Support

- 235. Reenacting Glass-Steagall.
- 236. Regulating/ taxing derivatives market.
- 237. Prosecuting corporate crime.
- 238. Foreclosure safety net.

Patent/ Copy Right Reform

Support

- 239. AIPR.
- 240. Protections - creators against AI theft.

Oppose

- 241. Patents on plant/ animal organisms/ genes.
- 242. Patents on computer software.

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Gun Legislation

Support

- 243. Mandatory firearm safety training / licensing, background checks, waiting period.
- 244. Eliminating gun law loopholes.
- 245. Banning assault weapons/ extended magazines.
- 246. Red Flag laws.

Oppose

- 247. Stand Your Ground.

Marriage

Support

- 248. Marriage/ parenting equality.

Oppose

- 249. Maternal biases in custody decisions.
- 250. Constitutional Convention limiting marriage equality.

Military/ Veterans

Support

- 251. Prompt disability/ pension payments.
- 252. Sufficient armed forces pay/ benefits/ conditions.
- 253. Additional caregivers/ staff at VA medical/ Outreach Centers.
- 254. Additional VA Outreach Centers.
- 255. Increasing GI funding.
- 256. Impartial sexual misconduct / harassment investigations.
- 257. Veteran eligibility life insurance exceeding \$10,000.
- 258. Auditing military spending.
- 259. One-year mandatory civil/ military service.
- 260. Conscientious objector status.
- 261. GAO VA recommendations.
- 262. Adopting TPNW.
- 263. Banning non-public news organizations from public institutions.

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Oppose

- 264. LGBTQIA+ discrimination.
- 265. Religious coercion in the military.

Immigration

Support

- 266. Human rights/ open hearings - all immigrants.
- 267. Immigration rights - foreign nationals legally married to US citizens.
- 268. DREAM.
- 269. Judicial review of visa denials, removal orders.
- 270. Increased priority - family reunification.
- 271. Path to citizenship.
- 272. Immigration reform, amnesty.
- 273. Moratorium on detentions/ deportations.
- 274. Refugee/ detainee rights.
- 275. Increased immigration quotas.
- 276. ICE reform.

Oppose

- 277. Limiting admissions - humanitarian refugees.
- 278. Three/ ten-year bars to re-entry.
- 279. Mass raids, related enforcement practices.
- 280. The immigrant detention quota.
- 281. Barring immigration based on religion.
- 282. Border wall between US/ Mexico.

Transportation

Support

- 283. Safe, reliable, maintained roadways.
- 284. Transportation safety education/ awareness.
- 285. Improved public transit funding/ availability.
- 286. High-speed rail/ Hyperloop.
- 287. Strengthening FAA.
- 288. NATCA/ air traffic control staff, facilities, equipment.

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- 289. Helmet laws- mopeds, motorcycles, motor scooters.
- 290. Transportation infrastructure, subsidized train services funding.
- 291. Intra-Iowa/ interstate rail transport.
- 292. Driver's license accessibility - undocumented immigrants.
- 293. Mandatory public transportation/ walkways ADA compliance.
- 294. Research on driverless vehicles.

Oppose

- 295. FAA Privatization

Healthcare

Support

- 296. Worker right to justice/ compensation from pesticide companies.
- 297. Legalized/ accessible syringe programs/ services.
- 298. Harm reduction Initiatives, fentanyl test strip/ naloxone access.
- 299. Comprehensive fentanyl/ substance overdose risk reduction policy.
- 300. Medical euthanasia access.
- 301. Healthcare facility confidentiality mandate- gender-affirming/ reproductive care.
- 302. Allowing minors gender affirming care access.
- 303. Eliminating barriers to marriage access for the disabled.
- 304. Increasing mental healthcare/ substance abuse services funding.
- 305. Increased access to substance abuse treatment/ economic/ physical/ mental health needs.
- 306. Repeal Helms Amendment.
- 307. Healthcare as a human right.
- 308. Unfettered access:
 - a. Healthcare services: safe procedurally/ medically induced abortion.
 - b. Gender affirming care.
- 309. Obstetric/ gynecological physicians be consulted in rewriting Iowa legislation.
- 310. Addressing mental health needs of students/ staff.

Oppose

- 311. LGBTQIA+ community restrictions imposed on gender identity.

Human Services

Childcare

Support

- 312. Universal quality childcare.
- 313. Court-appointed special advocates.
- 314. Kinship/ foster care parity.
- 315. Tapering foster services from 18-25.

Oppose

- 316. Conversion therapy.

Elder/ Disability Care

Support

- 317. Home living choices/ accommodation maintenance.
- 318. Family/ community services, including transportation.
- 319. Service animal/ therapy animal training/ expense funding.
- 320. AAA

Food Assistance, Housing, Homelessness

Support

- 321. Safe transition/ permanent housing.
- 322. Mixed-income zoning, shelters.
- 323. Food assistance.
- 324. Homeless shelter:
 - a. Family shelters.
 - b. DV shelters/ safe houses.
 - c. LGBTQIA+ shelters.
 - d. Pet-friendly shelters.
 - e. Vocational training.

Oppose

- 325. Separating families.
- 326. Criminalizing homelessness.
- 327. Hostile architecture.

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Victim/ Survivor Services

Support

- 328. Investigating/processing all:
 - a. Abuse reports.
 - b. Rape kits.
- 329. Eliminating SOLs - sexual assault
- 330. Services expansion for sexual assault/ harassment/ stalking survivors.
- 331. VAWA.
- 332. SANE training.

Oppose

- 333. Evidentiary requirements - rape/ sexual assault.

Persons Arrested, Detained, Charged, Incarcerated

Support

- 334. Evidence-based substance abuse diversion programs.
- 335. Educational/ vocational training during incarceration.
- 336. Gender identity-oriented placement of detainees.

Oppose

- 337. Cash bail.

International

Immigration

Support

- 338. Need-based asylum.
- 339. Streamlining asylum.
- 340. Open Immigrant hearings/ human rights.
- 341. Immigration rights - foreign nationals married to US citizens.
- 342. DREAM.
- 343. Judicial review of visa renewal denials, removal orders.
- 344. Equitable, accessible pathways to citizenship.
- 345. Immigration reform, amnesty.
- 346. Moratorium - immigration status-based detentions/ deportations.
- 347. Refugee/ detainee rights.
- 348. Addressing immigration root causes.

Oppose

- 349. Limiting admissions - humanitarian refugees.
- 350. Three-/ ten-year bars to re-entry.
- 351. Mass raids/ related enforcement practices.
- 352. Poor treatment of refugees/ detainees.
- 353. Immigrant detention quotas.
- 354. Barring immigration based on religion.
- 355. Border wall between US/ Mexico.
- 356. Militarization of ICE.
- 357. Family separation.
- 358. Forced interstate transfer of immigrants.

United Nations

Support

- 359. Implementation of IBHR/ subsequent human rights instruments.
- 360. US participation in UN/ its agencies, US full dues payment.
- 361. Full participation in HRC.
- 362. Full funding - dispensation of UNRWA.

Oppose

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- 363. US veto of UN resolutions against Israel.
- 364. US unilaterally blocking ceasefire resolutions.
- 365. Inflammatory rhetoric/ threats against UN treaty nations.

International Law, Treaties/ Agreements

Support

- 366. Adherence to international law/ rulings of the ICJ.
- 367. Ratification/ participation:
 - a. ICJ.
 - b. CEDAW.
 - c. UNCRC.
 - d. CTBT.
 - e. BWC.
 - f. RSICCJ.
 - g. CWC.
 - h. UNFCCC.
 - i. APMBC.
 - j. ATT.
 - k. CRPD.
 - l. PCA.
 - m. UNSCR 1325, 1888, 242, 338, 2334.
 - n. Geneva/ Vienna Conventions.
 - o. US signing of CCM.
 - p. UN CLS.

Oppose

- 368. US-sponsored coups/ military juntas.
- 369. US participation in war crimes.

Developmental Assistance

Support

- 370. UN MDG.
- 371. Fair trade initiatives.

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National Security

Support

- 372. Prioritizing diplomacy/ cultural/ human rights education.
- 373. Peaceful multilateral solutions.
- 374. International collaboration - human-rights guided economic development.
- 375. Maintaining security alliances (NATO/ others).
- 376. Stricter enforcement of FARA.
- 377. Eliminating WMDs.
- 378. Closing GTMO.
- 379. Prioritizing infrastructure cybersecurity.
- 380. Pentagon financial accountability.
- 381. Repeal AUMF.
- 382. Minimize reliance on military private contractors.
- 383. Addressing root causes of emigration to the US abroad.

Oppose

- 384. Torture/ extraordinary rendition/ suicide bombing/ human-shields/ collective punishment.
- 385. Military training/ financial support- repressive regimes.
- 386. US-PATRIOT ACT.
- 387. Election Interference.

Israel/Palestine Conflict

Support

- 388. Immediate/ permanent ceasefire in Gaza (including US HR 786).
- 389. BDS.
- 390. Peaceful return of hostages/political prisoners/detainees in Gaza/ Israel.
- 391. Ensuring the safety of civilians in Palestine.
- 392. Israel/ US compliance with international law/ Leahy Law/ USAEA.
- 393. Equal rights/security/democracy- Palestinians/ Israelis.
- 394. Restoration of funding to UNRWA.
- 395. Protecting/ allowing unconditional humanitarian aid to Palestinians.
- 396. Right of return or just compensation- Palestinians.
- 397. 6/4/1967 Palestinian/Israeli borders.

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- 398. Full UN membership- Palestine.
- 399. Palestinian asylum in US.
- 400. Reopening Palestinian Authority office in Washington, D.C.
- 401. Reopening US consulate in East Jerusalem to Palestinians.
- 402. AIPAC registration to FARA.
- 403. Israel's acknowledgement of nuclear weapons possession, consent to inspection

Oppose

- 404. Israel/ Egypt's blockades of Gaza.
- 405. Israel's apartheid.
- 406. Attacks on civilians in Palestine/ Israel.
- 407. Israel's genocide.
- 408. Israel's settlements in Gaza/East Jerusalem/West Bank/Golan Heights.
- 409. Israeli occupation/ separation wall/ blockades/ checkpoints.
- 410. Anti-BDS legislation.
- 411. Unconditional aid to Israel.
- 412. The US Embassy in Jerusalem.
- 413. Antisemitism/ Islamophobia/ anti-Arab racism.
- 414. Israel's nuclear weapons.
- 415. US use of veto power to protect Israel.

Syria/ Iraq

Support

- 416. Withdrawing troops/ peaceful conflict resolution.
- 417. International multilateral humanitarian efforts.

Iran

Support

- 418. Resumed diplomacy.
- 419. Iran Nuclear Agreement.

Oppose

- 420. Military actions.

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Yemen

Oppose

- 421. U.S. military involvement

Saudi Arabia

Oppose

- 422. Assassinating journalists.
- 423. Facilitating materiel transfer.

Africa

Support

- 424. Funding economic development/ autonomy.
- 425. African agricultural autonomy.

Oppose

- 426. Exploitation by American companies.
- 427. Corruption/ misuse of IMF funds.

Central/ South America/ the Caribbean

Support

- 428. Economic development.
- 429. OAS.

Oppose

- 430. Rainforest clear-cutting/ burning.

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Ukraine

Support

- 431. Humanitarian aid to Ukraine.
- 432. Negotiated resolution to conflict.

Oppose

- 433. Ongoing war between Russia/ Ukraine.

Asia

Support

- 434. Resolution of Chinese/Uyghur conflict.
- 435. Passage of Afghan Adjustment Act.
- 436. Peaceful status resolution of disputed Pacific islands.
- 437. Autonomy of: Tibet, Kashmir, Taiwan, Hong Kong.

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Labor

Support

- 438. Right to a living wage with comprehensive benefits.
- 439. Strengthen retirement systems - public employees.
- 440. Allowing worker medical provider choice - worker compensation injuries.
- 441. State child labor laws meet/ exceed federal standards, end exemptions.
- 442. Restoring state role enforcing child labor laws.

Oppose

- 443. Barriers interfering with worker equal opportunity.

Collective Bargaining

Support

- 444. Right to organize unions/ bargain collectively.
- 445. Amending NLRA - private sector unions/bargaining.
- 446. Repealing 2017 changes to Chapter 20.
- 447. Protecting federal worker rights.
- 448. Independent contractor consideration to bargain collectively.
- 449. Fair Share.
- 450. Project Labor Agreements.
- 451. Responsible bidder laws.

Oppose

- 452. Right to Work.
- 453. Public job privatization.
- 454. Exploitative labor of incarcerated persons.
- 455. Temps replacing permanent workers.
- 456. IRAP.

Workers' Rights/ Job Security

Support

- 457. Expanding/ strengthening:
 - a. ADA.
 - b. Civil Rights Act.
 - c. ADEA.

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- d. FMLA, paid leave.
- e. Equal Pay.
- f. WARN Act.
- g. OSHA.
- h. Whistleblower protection.
- i. Privacy in the workplace.

Oppose

- 458. Mandatory overtime.
- 459. Employment at will.
- 460. Broad minimum wage/ overtime exceptions in FLSA.

Living Wages

Support

- 461. Worker rights to:
 - a. \$15/hour minimum wage.
 - b. Repeal of local pre-emption.
 - c. FLSA.
 - d. Limits on piecework.
 - e. Wage theft protections.
 - f. Unemployment compensation.
 - g. Prevailing wages.

Oppose

- 462. Wage theft.
- 463. Uncompensated internships.

Benefits

Support

- 464. Economic security in work/ retirement
- 465. Eliminating pre-funding requirement - USPS retirement system
- 466. Protecting existing pension systems, improvements to:
 - a. Savings incentives.
 - b. IPERS/ 411.
 - c. ERISA.
 - d. FERS.
 - e. Mandatory employer provided health insurance.

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- f. Federal guarantee of Taft-Hartley plans.
- g. Protection of retiree health insurance plans.

Oppose

- 467. Employer bankruptcy, religious exemption avoidance of pension/ insurance obligations.

Addendum

Acronyms

AAA – Area Agencies on Aging

AIPR – American Innovators for Patent Reform

AMF – Authorization for Use of Military Force

APMBC – Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention

ATT – Arms Trade Treaty

AUMF – 2001 and 2002 Authorization for the Use of Military Force

BDS – Boycott Divestment Sanctions

BWC – Biological Weapons Convention

CAFO - Concentrated animal feeding operation, typically 1000+ animals

CCM – Convention on Cluster Munitions

CCS – Carbon Capture and Storage

CEDAW – Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women

COL – Cost of Living

COLA – Cost of Living Adjustment

CRPD – Convention on the Rights of Person with Disabilities

CTBT – Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban Treaty

CWC – Chemical Weapons Convention

DREAM – Development, Relief and Education for Alien Minors

DOJ – Department of Justice

DV – Domestic Violence

FAA – Federal Aviation Administration

FARA – Foreign Agent Registration Act

FNA – Freedom to Negotiate Act

GAO – Government Accountability Office

GI – Government Issue

GTMO – Guantanamo Bay Detention Camp

HCPA – Hate Crimes Prevention Act

HRC – Human Rights Council

IBHR – International Bill of Human Rights

ICJ – International Court of Justice

IRAP – Industry Recognized Apprenticeship Programs

LGBTQIA+ – Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgender Queer Intersex Asexual Plus

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NATCA – National Air Traffic Controllers Association

NATO – North Atlantic Treaty Organization

NRORTF – Natural Resources Outdoor Recreation Trust Fund

OAS – Organization of American States

PCA – Paris Climate Agreement

PRO – Protecting Right to Organize act

RFUNWA – The Restricting First Use of Nuclear Weapons Act of 2017

RSICCJ – Rome Statute of the International Court of Criminal Justice

SANE – Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners

SS – Social Security

SOL – Statute of Limitations TPNW – Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons\

TPNW – Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons)

UN CLS – UN Convention on the Laws of the Sea

UNCRC – United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child

UNFCCC – UN Framework Convention on Climate Change

UN MDG – United Nations Millennium Development Goals

UNSCR – UN Security Council Resolutions *1325, *1888 and *242

USAEA – US Arms & Export Act

US- PATRIOT – Uniting and Strengthening America by Providing Appropriate Tools Required to Intercept and Obstruct Terrorism

VA - Veterans Affairs

VAWA – Violence Against Women Ac

VRA – Voting Rights Act

WHISC – Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation

WMD – Weapons of Mass Destruction

**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*

Exploratory

Environment

1. Cradle-to-cradle design is a biomimetic approach to the design of products and systems that models human industry on nature's processes, where materials are viewed as nutrients circulating in healthy, safe metabolisms. The design is about making community and product development function in the same way as a healthy ecological system where all resources are used effectively, and in a cyclical way.
2. Land Stewardship - (Economic) Conservation of topsoil, native watersheds, and photosynthesis reservoirs.
3. Ultra Millionaire Tax
 - a. Zero additional tax on any household with a net worth of less than \$50 million (99.9% of American households),
 - b. 2% annual tax on household net worth between \$50 million and \$1 billion (about \$3 per person in the US)
 - c. 4% annual Billionaire Surtax (6% tax overall) on household net worth above \$1 billion (about \$3 per person in the US) (Warren's Ultra Millionaire Tax)
4. Materiel – The equipment, apparatus, and supplies of a military force or other organization.
5. SSA - Supplemental State Aid, formerly known as Allowable Growth.
6. Fair Share – required people represented by unions who did not choose to be members of these unions to pay fees to cover the cost of the unions' collective bargaining activities.
7. Senate File (SF) 496 – covers topics such as age-appropriate, sexual orientation and gender identity, school library materials, surveys, bullying and harassment, and publication requirements.
8. TLP – Transitional Living Programs.
9. SEBTC – Summer Electronic Benefits Transfer for Children.
10. Passage of Afghan Adjustment Act – a path to permanent residence and citizenship for all refugees from Afghanistan.
11. Helms Amendment - forbids foreign assistance funds that might be used

Constitutional Amendments

1. Article V, Sections 2 and 4, Article VII Sections 1A and 3

Change “Affirmative Action” to “Diversity, Equality, and Inclusion”. This is done to conform with changes made by the Iowa Democratic Party.

Submitted by Tom Larkin

2. Article V, Section 3

Delete the last paragraph of this section as it is no longer needed.

Sec. 3. Election of Officers. The Johnson County Democratic Central Committee shall meet and organize at the biennial organizational meeting, which shall be held within the month of March in odd-number years, or as specified in the Constitution of the Iowa Democratic Party or in appropriate state statute. The exact date shall be set by the Chair with the approval of the Central Committee. Notice of this meeting shall be provided to the Central Committee members no later than 20 days before the meeting using meeting notice procedures as specified in the Bylaws. The outgoing Parliamentarian shall preside over the meeting until the election of a new Chair.

The first order of business of this meeting shall be the adoption of rules governing the election of officers, following which shall be the election of officers by majority vote. Officers shall take office immediately upon election. Following election of officers, the Central Committee shall next elect one or more Chairs of each Standing Committee by majority vote, except as specified in Sections 4 and 5 of this Article.

~~Upon ratification of this section by the Johnson County Convention, all Officers previously elected by the Central Committee shall continue to serve in their positions until the next reorganization meeting which shall happen in March 2007, at which time the Central Committee shall reorganize as specified in this section.~~

Submitted by Tom Larkin

3. Article V

These amendments in Sections 2 and 7 should be voted on together as they are related.

Section 2 -- Rewrite and add new language (underlined) and delete “2nd” from 2nd District Central Committee, as we are no longer in the 2nd District.

Current – Section 2. Executive Committee. The Officers of the Johnson County Democratic Party, along with the Chairs of the Standing Committees specified in this Constitution, the County Convention Platform Chair, the Affirmative Action Chair, and a voting member of the 2nd District Central Committee as specified in Section 10 of this Article shall constitute the voting members of the Executive Committee. The President or Chair of any College Democrats organization in Johnson County shall be a non-voting member of the Executive Committee. The Parliamentarian shall be a non-voting member of the Executive Committee.

New -- Section 2. Executive Committee. The Officers of the Johnson County Democratic Party, along with the Chairs of the Standing Committees specified in this Constitution, the County Convention Platform Chair, the Diversity, Equality, and Inclusion Chair, and a voting member of the District Central Committee as specified in Section 10 of this Article shall constitute the voting members of the Executive Committee. The President or Chair of any College Democrats organization in Johnson County, the Parliamentarian and the Caucus/Convention Facilitator shall be non-voting members of the Executive Committee.

Add a new Section 7 Caucus/Convention Facilitator

The Chair shall appoint a Caucus/Convention Facilitator. This individual need not be a voting member of the Central Committee to serve. The Facilitator shall attend all Executive Committee and Central Committee meetings but is not a voting member of the Executive Committee. The duties of this position will include, but are not limited, to the following.

1. Secure locations for precinct caucuses.
2. Recruit temporary caucus chairs and coordinate caucus chair training.
3. Coordinate the assembly, distribution, retrieval, and processing of the caucus packets.
4. Work with the County Chair to ensure that the precinct caucuses are conducted in a manner that complies with federal, state and county election laws, the Iowa Democratic Party Constitution and Bylaws, the current Iowa Democratic Delegate Selection Plan, and the Johnson County Democrats Constitution and Bylaws.
5. Working with the County Chair and the Chair of the Arrangements Committee will help secure locations for the Johnson County Democrat’s County Convention and any Special Nominating Conventions that may occur.

The remaining sections in Article V will be renamed/renumbered to reflect the addition of new Section 7

Submitted by Tom Larkin

4. Article II

Current:

Sec. 1. Purpose. The purposes of the Johnson County Democratic Party shall be:

- A. To function as an integral part of the Iowa Democratic Party;
- B. To establish and perpetuate a representative, effective, and responsible party organization;
- C. To help advance the interests of the Democratic Party in Johnson County, Iowa, in the First District of Iowa, in the State of Iowa, and nationally;
- D. To sustain and advance principles of social justice and democracy; and
- E. To uphold civil rights, civil liberties, and constitutional government generally.

Sec. 2. General Authority. The Johnson County Democratic Party is authorized to adopt such bylaws, resolutions, or other measures otherwise consistent with this Constitution as may be necessary and proper to carry out those purposes articulated in Section 1 of this Article.

Proposed:

Sec. 1. Purpose. The purpose of the Johnson County Democratic Party is:

- A. To provide foundational support necessary for Democratic Party nominees to be elected to office;
- B. To advocate for the implementation of county party platform policy preferences at the local, state, and federal levels of our government; and
- C. To be indispensable to the success of the Democratic Party in Iowa.

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Submitted by Brian Flaherty

Appendix A

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 preference. A motion can be introduced if it is higher on the chair than the pending motion. "S" stands for the section within Robert's Rules.

S:	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 questions	No	Yes	No	No	2/3
15	Limit or extend debate	I move that debate be limited to	No	Yes	No	Yes	2/3

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S:	Purpose:	You Say:	Interrupt	2nd	Debate	Amend	Vote
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
23	Enforce rules	Point of order	Yes	No	No	No	None
24	Submit matter to the 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 questions	No	Yes	No	Yes	Majority
29	Demand a rising vote	I move for a rising vote	Yes	No	No	No	None
33	Parliamentary law questions	Parliamentary inquiry	Yes	No	No	No	None
33	Request for information	Point of information	Yes	No	No	No	None

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Part 2, Motions that bring a question again before the assembly. No order of precedence.
Introduce only when nothing else is pending.

S:	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	2/3

Request for Accommodation Form

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If you require assistance to complete the form or if you prefer to make your request verbally, please contact Suzanne Doershuk at suzanne.doershuk@gmail.com or 319-530-9149.

Your Name: _____

Address: _____

County: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Requested Accommodation(s) – Check all that apply:

- ☐ ASL
- ☐ I will have a service animal
- ☐ I will need to use a quiet room
- ☐ Large Print Program 18-point font
- ☐ Braille Program
- ☐ I have a power wheelchair
- ☐ I have a push wheelchair
- ☐ Preferential seating (please describe below)
- ☐ Dietary
- ☐ Other (please describe below)