

# **2021 Resolutions Committee Report**

## **Oklahoma Democratic Party**

Proposed Amendments to the Oklahoma Democratic Party Platform

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## Note from the Resolutions Committee Chair:

We are the Party of Inclusion and Diversity. We have pioneering ideas on how to help the world, and our Platform reflects that. We as Oklahoma Democrats come together once every two years to amend our Platform as the times, situations, elected officials, and pressing issues change. The enormity and importance of the task of defining what we stand for publicly has been on the collective forefront of the minds of the entire Resolutions Committee as we put this in a format that was both informative and easily read.

The resolutions you will find here are amending the language, changing our stance based on new knowledge, better defining our stances, or presenting innovative ideas. Every “be it resolved” statement that is passed at Convention will become the platform that we can collectively take pride in standing behind. Therefore, I thank the authors of those resolutions for putting forth the effort to help us define ourselves more clearly.

Every single member of the Committee took great care to preserve authorial intent while doing the merges and edits required to reduce the redundancy of several similar thoughts. After reading every resolution sent to this committee, I know that despite our differences, we as Democrats are pretty-closely aligned in our beliefs and stances. While we may debate at Convention over the best way to present our ideas, I am heartened to see how unified we are in the pursuit of human rights, justice, diversity, equality, equity, and so much more.

After many hours in pandemic-era Zoom meetings working to put together this report, it is my honor to present this report on the issues we all invest ourselves in changing, preserving, or eliminating. As Chair of this Committee, it was my great privilege to work with such a diverse, dedicated, collaborative, and hard-working committee. I hope you will join me in congratulating them on a job well done.

Democratically Yours,

Amber Jensen  
Congressional District 3 Chair  
Resolutions Committee Chair 2021

1 **\*DEMOCRATIC PARTY PLATFORM\***

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3 001. ODP Platform

4 2021 Resolution to Amend the Platform of the Oklahoma Democratic Party

5 Submitted By: CD1

6 Title: Resolution in Support of the DNC Platform

7 WHEREAS:

8 The Oklahoma Democratic Party enjoys our seats at the tables that bring Democrats together,  
9 our ability to vote, and our representation of Oklahoma at the Democratic National Conventions;  
10 and

11 WHEREAS:

12 We are proud to be a part of the National efforts of the Democratic National Committee;

13 **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

14 **We support the Democratic National Committee's current Democratic Party Platform and**  
15 **all of the provisions passed herein.**

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18 002. Platform, "The Oklahoma Democrat", pg 6

19 2021 Resolution to Amend the Platform of the Oklahoma Democratic Party

20 Submitted By: CD4

21 Title: Resolution in Support of Family Values

22 WHEREAS:

23 Oklahoma Democrats stand with family values;

24 **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

25 **We support amending the section "The Oklahoma Democrat" to include the sentence "We**  
26 **support policies and programs that truly value families." This sentence will become**  
27 **sentence two in paragraph three.**

28 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

29 **The new paragraph will read:**

30 **"Oklahoma Democrats declare that America should be a nation of fairness and equality**  
31 **for everyone and that we ought to be a nation where everyone feels comfortable living,**  
32 **working, and raising a family. We support policies and programs that truly value families.**  
33 **Democrats should promote fairness and equality for all Americans regardless of age,**  
34 **race, gender identity, religion, or sexual orientation."**

35 **\* CRIMINAL JUSTICE SECTION\***

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37 003. Criminal Justice/Legal Reform, pg 7

38 2021 Resolution to Amend the Platform of the Oklahoma Democratic Party

39 Submitted By: CD4, CD3

40 Title: Resolution in Support of Updating the Platform Language Under “Legal  
41 Reform” in the “Criminal Justice” Section

42 WHEREAS:

43 Equity under the law is a human right;

44 **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

45 **We support changing the language to include the words “color” and “identity”, so the item**  
46 **reads, “We support a judicial system that applies the law in a consistent and equitable**  
47 **manner regardless of race, creed, color, privilege, gender identity, or sexual orientation.”**  
48 **to replace “We support a judicial system that applies the law in a consistent and equitable**  
49 **manner regardless of race, creed, gender, privilege, or sexual orientation.”**

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52 004. Criminal Justice/Legal Reform, pg 7, (2nd bullet point)

53 Submitted By: CD4

54 Title: Resolution in Support of Criminal Justice Reform for Offenders in Need

55 WHEREAS:

56 We view Criminal Justice as a route to rehabilitation;

57 **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

58 **We support sufficient mental health and substance abuse treatment for offenders in need.**

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61 005. Criminal Justice/Legal Reform, pg 7

62 2021 Resolution to Amend the Platform of the Oklahoma Democratic Party

63 Submitted By: CD4

64 Title: Resolution in Support of Criminal Justice Reform

65 WHEREAS:

66 Oklahoma cannot progress as a unified, cohesive society so long as equality under law is not  
67 respected; and

68 WHEREAS:

69 Oklahoma has a history and present of substantial inequality based on race, ethnicity, and  
70 income status during encounters with law enforcement, arrests and detention, and use of force  
71 from law enforcement, including at the municipal, county and state levels of law enforcement;

72 **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

73 **We oppose the resulting disparate treatment of people of color and people living in poverty**  
74 **by the criminal justice system overall.**

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78 006. Criminal Justice/Legal Reform, pg 7

79 2021 Resolution to Amend the Platform of the Oklahoma Democratic Party

80 Submitted By: CD1, CD4

81 Title: Resolution in Support of Reasonable Gun Safety Legislation

82 WHEREAS:

83 Guns kill or maim thousands of people per year;

84 **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

85 **We support reasonable gun safety legislation while preserving the Second Amendment**  
86 **right to bear arms.**

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89 007. Criminal Justice/Smart on Crime Initiative - pg 7-8

90 2021 Resolution to Amend the Platform of the Oklahoma Democratic Party

91 Submitted By: CD1

92 Title: Resolution in Support of Community Policing Policies

93 WHEREAS:

94 Community policing policies deter crime;

95 **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

96 **We support state funding to incentivize communities to implement community policing**  
97 **policies.**

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100 008. Criminal Justice/Sentencing, pg 8

101 2021 Resolution to Amend the Platform of the Oklahoma Democratic Party

102 Submitted By: CD4

103 Title: Resolution in Support of Criminal Justice Reform

104 WHEREAS:

105 The current system of cash bail effectively criminalizes poverty; and

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107 These effects are disproportionately felt by marginalized communities; and

108 WHEREAS:

109 Pretrial incarceration of those individuals not deemed an imminent, violent threat to public safety  
110 is unnecessary; and

111 WHEREAS:

112 Individuals acquitted of crimes have no recourse to be made whole for economic, physical, and  
113 psychological damages inflicted by pretrial incarceration;

114 **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

115 **We support the reform of pretrial detention practices, such as eliminating the use of cash**  
116 **bail as a condition for securing release from pretrial detention.**

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119 009. Criminal Justice/Sentencing, pg 8

120 2021 Resolution to Amend the Platform of the Oklahoma Democratic Party

121 Submitted By: CD4

122 Title: Resolution Opposing Racial Incarceration

123 WHEREAS:

124 Our Nation and The State of Oklahoma suffers from lasting racism; and

125 WHEREAS:

126 Hatred and bigotry manifest themselves in harmful acts against Oklahomans and our guests;  
127 and

128 WHEREAS:

Inherent Bias exists in our Legal System;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

**We support reforming the criminal judicial system to reverse the excessive incarceration of people of color.**

010. Criminal Justice/Civil Asset Forfeiture - pg 8

2021 Resolution to Amend the Platform of the Oklahoma Democratic Party

Submitted By: CD1, CD4

Title: Resolution in Opposition to Civil Asset Forfeiture

WHEREAS:

In light of the recent US Supreme Court decision on asset forfeiture (*Timbs v. Indiana*);

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

**We support an end to civil asset forfeiture.**

011. Criminal Justice/Mandatory Minimum Sentences - pg 8

2021 Resolution to Amend the Platform of the Oklahoma Democratic Party

Submitted By: CD1

Title: Resolution in Support of Updating the Platform Language from “rape” to “sex crimes”

WHEREAS:

Victims of Sex Crimes have a right to seek justice and healing; and

WHEREAS:

Not all Sex Crimes are classified as rape;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

**The platform item should read, “We support strengthening sex crimes victim protections while increasing the statute of limitations for sex crimes.” rather than, “We support strengthening rape victim protections while increasing the time on the statute of limitations for sexually motivated crimes.”**

012. Criminal Justice/Hate Crimes - pg 9

2021 Resolution to Amend the Platform of the Oklahoma Democratic Party

Submitted By: CD1

Title: Resolution in Support of Hate Crime Legislation

WHEREAS:

Hate Crimes are especially harmful, and our state does not have adequate legislation against Hate Crimes;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

**We support the adoption of hate crime legislation in Oklahoma, including hate crimes against sexual orientation and gender identity.**

013. Criminal Justice/Police Reform - pg 9

2021 Resolution to Amend the Platform of the Oklahoma Democratic Party

Submitted By: CD3

176 Title: Resolution in Support of Criminal Justice Reform  
177 WHEREAS:  
178 The Oklahoma Democratic Party remains committed to judicial reform and law enforcement; and  
179 WHEREAS:  
180 Law enforcement officers often use dangerous, brutal tactics and excessive force because they  
181 do not feel safe; and  
182 WHEREAS:  
183 Recording the movements and responses of an officer protects both the officer and the general  
184 public;  
185 **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**  
186 **We support the funding of body cameras and protective body armor for law enforcement**  
187 **persons, and protective body armor for K-9 officers.**  
188 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**  
189 **We support the public’s right to observe and record law enforcement officers, even if they**  
190 **are a subject of inquiry or investigation.**  
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193 014. Criminal Justice/Police Reform, pg 9  
194 2021 Resolution to Amend the Platform of the Oklahoma Democratic Party  
195 Submitted By: CD3  
196 Title: Resolution in Support of Sanctions Against Law Enforcement Officers  
197 Who Engage in the Use of Excessive Force  
198 WHEREAS:  
199 Accountability of law enforcement officials for violations of civil and human rights is critical to  
200 public safety and the community; and  
201 WHEREAS:  
202 The harms of excessive force and rights violations fall disproportionately on minority and  
203 impoverished communities;  
204 **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**  
205 **We support the dismissal of law enforcement officers found to have engaged in excessive**  
206 **force or other violations of civil and human rights, and where appropriate, arrest and**  
207 **prosecution of those officers.**  
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210 015. Criminal Justice/Police Reform, pg 9  
211 2021 Resolution to Amend the Platform of the Oklahoma Democratic Party  
212 Submitted By: CD4, CD3  
213 Title: Resolution in Support of the George Floyd Justice in Policing Act of 2021  
214 WHEREAS:  
215 Some police actions can be and have been deadly, and we have to do better for our citizens;  
216 **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**  
217 **The Oklahoma Democratic Party supports passage of the George Floyd Justice in**  
218 **Policing Act of 2021 as passed by the U.S. House (H.R.1280), which would ban police use**  
219 **of chokeholds, prohibits the use of qualified immunity defenses for law enforcement**  
220 **officers, establishes a national police misconduct registry, establishes requirements for**  
221 **body cameras to be operative during all encounters with citizens to protect both law**  
222 **enforcement officers and the public, and also bans the use of no-knock warrants.**

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016. Criminal Justice/Police Reform, pg 9

2021 Resolution to Amend the Platform of the Oklahoma Democratic Party

Submitted By: CD4

Title: Resolution in Opposition to Qualified Immunity

WHEREAS:

Qualified immunity for law enforcement officers promotes a culture of violence and a lack of accountability; and

WHEREAS:

Holding officers and departments accountable for their actions is critical to ensuring good policing and equal treatment under law;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

**We support the elimination of qualified immunity for law enforcement officials.**

017. Criminal Justice/Police Reform, pg 9

2021 Resolution to Amend the Platform of the Oklahoma Democratic Party

Submitted By: CD4

Title: Resolution in Opposition to Excessive Use of Police Force

WHEREAS:

The citizens of Oklahoma deserve to know how police conduct their business; and

WHEREAS:

Oklahoma law enforcement has a history and present of substantially disproportionate enforcement and use of force on minority and impoverished citizens; and

WHEREAS:

Appropriate reform cannot be crafted without a complete understanding of the problem;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

**We support mandatory data collection and reporting by all Oklahoma law enforcement entities on contacts, arrests, and use of force by any law enforcement officer at any time which shall include the racial/ethnic identity of the person or persons contacted or arrested, their socio-economic status, and documentation of all actions taken regarding use of force.**

018. Criminal Justice/Police Reform, pg 9

2021 Resolution to Amend the Platform of the Oklahoma Democratic Party

Submitted By: CD4

Title: Resolution in Support of the Regulation of Law Enforcement Agencies

WHEREAS:

It is a conflict of interest for law enforcement agencies to provide their own oversight and regulation; and

WHEREAS:

Independent oversight and review boards and agencies should be established for every level of law enforcement; and

WHEREAS:



Such boards and agencies should be free to report to the public and suggest and implement reforms without interference or fear of reprisal by regulated law enforcement agencies

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

**We support the establishment of independent agencies and public review boards tasked with oversight and reform of law enforcement agencies and practices at all levels of law enforcement, including city police departments and county sheriff’s offices. These governing bodies must be free of influence or coercion by the regulated law enforcement agencies and must be able to implement and enforce compliance with regulations based on their own independent recommendations.**

019. Criminal Justice/Police Reform, pg 9

2021 Resolution to Amend the Platform of the Oklahoma Democratic Party

Submitted By: CD1

Title: Resolution in Opposition to the Use of Drones for Domestic Surveillance

WHEREAS:

The use of controlled or autonomous drones for warrantless surveillance is unnecessary; and

WHEREAS:

The use of controlled or autonomous drones for warrantless surveillance is a threat to the privacy of American citizens

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

**We oppose the use of drones for warrantless domestic surveillance.**

020. Criminal Justice/Drug Legalization/Decriminalization, pg 9

2021 Resolution to Amend the Platform of the Oklahoma Democratic Party

Submitted By: CD1

Title: Resolution in Support of the Oklahoma Cannabis Industry

WHEREAS:

The cannabis industry represents a strong growth sector of the Oklahoma economy; and

WHEREAS:

The voters of the State of Oklahoma made their intent clear with the passage of State Question 788:

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

**We oppose measures intended to place caps on the growth of the Oklahoma cannabis industry, including caps on licenses for grow operations, production facilities, testing facilities, and retail establishments.**

021. Criminal Justice/Drug Legalization/Decriminalization, pg 9

2021 Resolution to Amend the Platform of the Oklahoma Democratic Party

Submitted By: CD1

Title: Resolution in Support of Recreational Cannabis

WHEREAS:

The cannabis industry represents a strong growth sector of the Oklahoma economy; and

WHEREAS:

Medical cannabis has proven a boon to health and wellbeing of Oklahoma’s citizens; and

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317 Prohibition of recreational cannabis has caused harm via excessive policing and over  
318 incarceration; and

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320 Those impacts have been disproportionately felt by minority and impoverished communities

321 **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

322 **We support the full legalization of adult recreational cannabis purchasing, possession, and**  
323 **use.**

324 **\*ECONOMY SECTION\***

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326 022. Economy/Banking Industry, pg 10

327 2021 Resolution to Amend the Platform of the Oklahoma Democratic Party

328 Submitted By: CD4

329 Title: Resolution in Support of Financial Customers' Rights

330 WHEREAS:

331 Banks, financial services, and credit card companies should not deny service to customers who  
332 engage in legal activities that are disfavored by the financial institution;

333 **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

334 **We oppose banks, financial services and credit card companies denying service to**  
335 **customers who engage in legal activities that are disfavored by the financial institution.**

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338 023. Economy/Corporations, pg 11

339 2021 Resolution to Amend the Platform of the Oklahoma Democratic Party

340 Submitted By: CD4

341 Title: Resolution in Support of Collective Tariff Funds

342 WHEREAS:

343 The American industrial infrastructure needs updated;

344 **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

345 **We support the use of collective tariff funds collected from off-shore companies, to assist**  
346 **in updating American industrial infrastructure and to help retrain displaced workers into**  
347 **new, stable American industries.**

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350 024. Economy/Corporations, pg 11

351 2021 Resolution to Amend the Platform of the Oklahoma Democratic Party

352 Submitted By: CD4

353 Title: Resolution in Support of Updating the Language of the Platform with  
354 Regard to Corporate Welfare

355 WHEREAS:

356 Giant corporations exert unfair influence upon our democracy; and

357 WHEREAS:

358 When corporations govern, there is little democracy; and

359 WHEREAS:

360 Corporate values and money erode common sense;

361 **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

362 **We support updating the language in the Oklahoma Democratic Party Platform (under**  
363 **“Corporations”, page 11, last bullet point under “We oppose”) to read: “We oppose**  
364 **monopolistic corporations.”**

365 **BE IT ALSO RESOLVED:**

366 **We support adding to the “We support” section: “We support democratically-governed**  
367 **market economies.”**

368 **FINALLY, BE IT ALSO RESOLVED:**

369 **We support that common-sense regulations should be enacted and enforced.**

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025. Economy/Public Transportation & Passenger Rail, pg 11

2021 Resolution to Amend the Platform of the Oklahoma Democratic Party

Submitted By: CD4

Title: Resolution in Support of Rural and Urban Public Transportation  
Expansion in Oklahoma

WHEREAS:

The current language does not include mention of rural public transportation in the “Public Transportation & Passenger Rail” section of the Platform (page 11); and

WHEREAS:

We support the expansion of mass transit and public transportation, including passenger rail efforts in both rural and urban Oklahoma; and

WHEREAS:

Public transit is a great way to slow the effects of transportation on the environment;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

**We support the addition to the “Public Transportation and Passenger Rail” section of the Oklahoma Democratic Party Platform of: “We support the expansion of mass transit and public transportation, including passenger rail efforts, in rural and urban Oklahoma.”**

026. Economy/Public Transportation and Passenger Rail, pg 11

2021 Resolution to Amend the Platform of the Oklahoma Democratic Party

Submitted By: CD1

Title: Resolution in Support of Safe Transit

WHEREAS:

Highway systems should be designed safely, in such a way that avoids the necessity of interweave merging;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

**We support the safe design of highway systems that avoid interweave merging.**

027. Economy - new subsection, Utilities, pg 11

2021 Resolution to Amend the Platform of the Oklahoma Democratic Party

Submitted By: CD3

Title: Resolution in Opposition to Privatization of Utilities

WHEREAS:

There are serious issues with many roads, bridges, buildings, public utilities, broadband, communications, and numerous other infrastructure and utilities concerns in Oklahoma;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

**We oppose any legislation that deprives communities’ control over telecommunication/cell towers, and/or telecommunications industry infrastructure (such as 5G availability).**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

**We oppose the privatization of any public utility.**

**FINALLY, BE IT ALSO RESOLVED:**

**We support Broadband access and dependable service to all Oklahomans.**

028. Economy - new subsection, Utilities, pg 11

2021 Resolution to Amend the Platform of the Oklahoma Democratic Party

Submitted By: CD1

Title: Resolution in Support of Cell Tower Regulation

WHEREAS:

We need human health based and environmental regulation of cell towers and other cellular communications technologies based on scientific consensus;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

**We support human health based and environmental regulation of cell towers and other cellular communications technologies based on scientific consensus.**

029. Economy - new subsection, Diversity, pg 10

2021 Resolution to Amend the Platform of the Oklahoma Democratic Party

Submitted By: CD5

Title: Resolution in Support of Increasing Diversity and Support for Minority-Owned Film Projects and Production Studios in the Oklahoma Film Industry

WHEREAS:

The film industry is preparing to triple in growth and revenue in Oklahoma, but there is a lack of leadership for diversity inclusion; and

WHEREAS:

Diversity is non-inclusive in funding for minority-owned film projects, production studios, and businesses related to the film industries compared to other groups.

WHEREAS:

Diversity should be more than having representation of minorities based upon standard industry practices to fulfill current legislative guidelines.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

**We support minority-owned film projects and businesses related to the film industry to bridge the wealth gap for minorities by using its resources to advocate legislation to increase and access funding.**

030. Economy/ new subsection, Small Business, pg 10

2021 Resolution to Amend the Platform of the Oklahoma Democratic Party

Submitted By: CD5

Title: Resolution Regarding Social Justice and Equity in Oklahoma's Cannabis/Medical Marijuana Industry

WHEREAS:

Oklahoma has yet to realize the full economic impact of the cannabis/medical marijuana industry; and

WHEREAS:

Oklahoma's medical marijuana industry performance has far exceeded previous economic forecasts and stands poised to explode even further in the near future. Medical marijuana sales reached a record \$831M+ in 2020, more than twice what was generated in 2019, and dispensaries amassed \$385 M in sales through June 2020; and

WHEREAS:

465 Despite the potential wealth capacity building of the Oklahoma cannabis/medical marijuana  
466 industry, Oklahoma's GDP remains among the lowest in the nation; and

467 WHEREAS:

468 The economic opportunities and benefits of medical cannabis have not been equitably shared with  
469 marginalized and minority communities, particularly those most impacted by over criminalization  
470 and over incarceration;

471 **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

472 **We support the implementation of policies that promote equitable access to economic**  
473 **opportunity in the cannabis industry for all Oklahomans and in particular, those from**  
474 **communities disproportionately harmed by over criminalization and over incarceration.**

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477 031. Economy, new subsection, Small Business, page 10

478 2021 Resolution to Amend the Platform of the Oklahoma Democratic Party

479 Submitted By: CD4

480 Title: Resolution in Support of Small Business Programs

481 WHEREAS:

482 Small businesses help push our economy, and in some places, drive the economy;

483 **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

484 **We oppose cuts in small business programs.**

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487 032. Economy, new subsection, Small Business, pg 11

488 2021 Resolution to Amend the Platform of the Oklahoma Democratic Party

489 Submitted By: CD4

490 Title: Resolution in Support of Workers

491 WHEREAS:

492 We must protect labor and those who provide it;

493 **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

494 **We oppose the intentional misclassification of "independent contractors" to benefit the**  
495 **employer at the expense of the worker.**

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498 033. Economy - new subsection, Local, pg 10

499 2021 Resolution to Amend the Platform of the Oklahoma Democratic Party

500 Submitted By: CD1

501 Title: Resolution in Support of Local Economies

502 WHEREAS:

503 Local arts, business, entertainment industries, and historic buildings are vital to local economies;

504 **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

505 **We support the development of our local arts, music, businesses and entertainment**  
506 **industries by eliminating economic barriers in order to make our state an attractive**  
507 **destination for all.**

508 **BE IT ALSO RESOLVED:**

509 **We support the protection and preservation of our historic buildings and districts.**

510 **\*EDUCATION SECTION\***

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512 034. Education/Public Education, pg 11

513 2021 Resolution to Amend the Platform of the Oklahoma Democratic Party

514 Submitted By: CD1

515 Title: Resolution in Support of Transparency and Communication in Public  
516 Education Administration

517 WHEREAS:

518 Transparency and communication are vital to good education;

519 **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

520 **We support active engagement and community dialog between communities and school**  
521 **leadership (including school boards, superintendents, and administration staff).**

522 **BE IT ALSO RESOLVED:**

523 **We support transparent and collaborative engagement with communities regarding the**  
524 **adoption of policies, curriculum, and programs.**

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527 035. Education/Curriculum, pg 12

528 2021 Resolution to Amend the Platform of the Oklahoma Democratic Party

529 Submitted By: CD1

530 Title: Resolution Regarding Education Curricula

531 WHEREAS:

532 A varied and in-depth curricula in public education is vital to growth and development of the next  
533 generations of leaders;

534 **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

535 **We support the teaching of high-quality science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM)**  
536 **as part of the state school curriculum for all students and reject efforts by the state**  
537 **legislature to undermine the teaching of crucial science for ideological reasons.**

538 **BE IT ALSO RESOLVED:**

539 **We support Native American Education for all students to counter the false narratives and**  
540 **invisibility of Tribal Nations and peoples past and present.**

541 **FINALLY, BE IT ALSO RESOLVED:**

542 **We support Structured Literacy as an inclusive approach to literacy education.**

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545 036. Education/Public Education, pg 11

546 2021 Resolution to Amend the Platform of the Oklahoma Democratic Party

547 Submitted By: CD1

548 Title: Resolution in Opposition to Harmful Athletic Team Names and Mascots

549 WHEREAS:

550 Athletic Team Mascots, especially in Public Schools, normalize ideas of what’s acceptable;

551 **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

552 **We oppose the use of any and all school mascots and athletic team names that depict**  
553 **cultures and people in derogatory and harmful ways.**

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556 037. Education/Public Education, pg 11

2021 Resolution to Amend the Platform of the Oklahoma Democratic Party

Submitted By: CD1

Title: Resolution in Support of the OETA

WHEREAS:

The Oklahoma Educational Television Association (OETA) provides high-quality, educational content for viewers;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

**We support funding Oklahoma Educational Television (OETA) and the high-quality programming it provides.**

038. Education/Public Education, pg 11

2021 Resolution to Amend the Platform of the Oklahoma Democratic Party

Submitted By: CD1

Title: Resolution in Support of the Protection of LGBTQIA+ Children in Schools

WHEREAS:

We believe Transgender rights are human rights, no matter the person's age;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

**We support the development and implementation of district-wide school policies to protect the right of transgender students to use facilities consistent with their gender identity.**

039. Education/Public Education, pg 11

2021 Resolution to Amend the Platform of the Oklahoma Democratic Party

Submitted By: CD1

Title: Resolution in Support of the Five-Day School Week

WHEREAS:

The working parents of many students have structured their careers to accommodate a 5-day school week;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

**We support a five-day school week.**

040. Education/Teacher Pay/Benefits, pg 12

2021 Resolution to Amend the Platform of the Oklahoma Democratic Party

Submitted By: CD1

Title: Resolution in Support of Teacher Participation in Professional Organizations

WHEREAS:

The yearly reaffirmation of enrollment in professional organizations for teachers and school staff is burdensome;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

**We support the right of teachers and school staff to continuous enrollment in professional organizations without yearly reaffirmation.**

041. Education, Public Education, pg 11



2021 Resolution to Amend the Platform of the Oklahoma Democratic Party

Submitted By: CD4

Title: Resolution in Support of Teacher Selection of Textbooks

WHEREAS:

Teachers understand what they are teaching;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

**We support textbook selection by teachers, with requirements that textbooks be scientifically and historically accurate, and the requirement for adequate funding for selected textbooks.**

042. Education/Public Education, pg 11

2021 Resolution to Amend the Platform of the Oklahoma Democratic Party

Submitted By: CD4

Title: Resolution in Support of Safe and Healthy School Environments

WHEREAS:

Public Education is a constitutionally-guaranteed right as well as the foundation of a free and informed society;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

**We support a safe and healthy school environment, including healthy nutritional policies and plans to encourage healthy lifestyles for all Oklahoma students.**

043. Education/Public Education, pg 11

2021 Resolution to Amend the Platform of the Oklahoma Democratic Party

Submitted By: CD4

Title: Resolution in Support of Safe and Healthy School Environments

WHEREAS:

Student health and wellbeing must be of the utmost priority of schools; and

WHEREAS:

Student health is directly affected by the upkeep and maintenance of school facilities; and

WHEREAS:

Student health is directly affected by the nutritional choices schools make in food service; and

WHEREAS:

Student health is directly affected by curriculum choices regarding health;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

**We support safe and healthy schools for Oklahoma's students including abating lead pipes, asbestos, and other outdated and dangerous construction practices as well as mandating food service directives that meet the nutritional needs of students and an expansion of curriculum to instruct students on maintaining a healthy lifestyle.**

044. Education/Public Education, pg 11

2021 Resolution to Amend the Platform of the Oklahoma Democratic Party

Submitted By: CD4

Title: Resolution in Opposition to Forced Consolidation of Rural Public Schools

WHEREAS:

651 Access to Public Education is a constitutionally-guaranteed right as well as the foundation of a free  
652 and informed society;

653 **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

654 **We oppose forced consolidation of rural public schools.**

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657 045. Education/Public Education, pg 12

658 2021 Resolution to Amend the Platform of the Oklahoma Democratic Party

659 Submitted By: CD4

660 Title: Resolution in Support of Qualified Management of Public Schools

661 WHEREAS:

662 Public Education is a constitutionally-guaranteed right as well as the foundation of a free and  
663 informed society;

664 **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

665 **We support the election of a qualified Superintendent of Public Instruction including a**  
666 **requirement that the State Superintendent of Public Instruction must have a minimum of**  
667 **five (5) years' experience as a public school teacher or administrator.**

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670 046. Education/Education Funding, pg 12

671 2021 Resolution to Amend the Platform of the Oklahoma Democratic Party

672 Submitted By: CD1

673 Title: Resolution Regarding Education Funding

674 WHEREAS:

675 Our Public Education system has to have funding to function, and our state consistently  
676 underfunds the Public Education system;

677 WHEREAS:

678 We support increased funding for public education at or above the regional average with measures  
679 to track how funding is used within school districts and accountability measures;

680 **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

681 **We support ensuring compliance with the Every Student Succeeds Act.**

682 **BE IT ALSO RESOLVED:**

683 **We support attracting and retaining qualified teachers and support professionals such as**  
684 **interpreters, paraprofessionals, counselors, and special education aides.**

685 **BE IT ALSO RESOLVED:**

686 **We support ensuring benefit and compensation parity for School Support Employees.**

687 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

688 **We support increasing teacher pay to provide a compensation package matching the**  
689 **regional average, and staff pay to provide a compensation package comparable to**  
690 **employment in the private sector, or equal to a living wage as calculated by the MIT Living**  
691 **Wage Calculator, whichever is higher.**

692 **FINALLY, BE IT ALSO RESOLVED:**

693 **We support providing continuing education for support staff.**

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696 047. Education/Education Funding, pg 12

697 2021 Resolution to Amend the Platform of the Oklahoma Democratic Party

698 Submitted By: CD1  
699 Title: Resolution in Support of Protecting Education Budget Stability  
700 WHEREAS:  
701 School administrators need stable, predictable budgets for long term planning; and  
702 WHEREAS:  
703 Whereas radical legislative changes to education budgets undermine long term planning; and  
704 WHEREAS:  
705 The Oklahoma Legislature attempted to institute radical change in the 2020 session via SB 783  
706 and HB 2078;  
707 **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:**  
708 **We oppose any legislation that radically changes the stability of public school budgets and**  
709 **funding.**

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712 048. Education/Education Funding, pg 12  
713 2021 Resolution to Amend the Platform of the Oklahoma Democratic Party  
714 Submitted By: CD1  
715 Title: Resolution in Support of Improving Education Funding Sources  
716 WHEREAS:  
717 Regressive tax structures are detrimental to lower and middle class taxpayers; and  
718 WHEREAS:  
719 Ad valorem taxes are regressive;  
720 **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**  
721 **We support a full overhaul of the funding rubric for public schools by shifting away from**  
722 **regressive ad valorem taxes which create disparities in funding for facilities as well as per**  
723 **pupil funding.**

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726 049. Education/Education Funding, pg 12  
727 2021 Resolution to Amend the Platform of the Oklahoma Democratic Party  
728 Submitted By: CD3  
729 Title: Resolution in Support of Public School Funding Decisions Made By  
730 Teachers  
731 WHEREAS:  
732 Public Education is a constitutionally-guaranteed right as well as the foundation of a free and  
733 informed society;  
734 **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**  
735 **We support utilization of direct input from Public School classroom teachers in decisions**  
736 **regarding the best ways to invest in education (e.g., more money for supplies, field trips,**  
737 **etc.; smaller class sizes; resources for special-needs students).**

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740 050. Education/Education Funding, pg 12  
741 2021 Resolution to Amend the Platform of the Oklahoma Democratic Party  
742 Submitted By: CD4  
743 Title: Resolution in Support of Fair Public School Funding  
744 WHEREAS:

Public Education is a constitutionally-guaranteed right as well as the foundation of a free and informed society;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

**We oppose any unfair, flagrant and harmful reduction of mid-term adjustment funds for traditional public schools with disproportionate overpayment of favored charter schools.**

051. Education/Teacher Pay/Benefits, pg 12

2021 Resolution to Amend the Platform of the Oklahoma Democratic Party

Submitted By: CD1

Title: Resolution in Support of Funding for the Oklahoma Teachers Retirement System

WHEREAS:

Oklahoma's retired teachers deserve permanent and adequate funding of the retirement they were promised; and

WHEREAS:

Oklahoma's retired teachers deserve adequate cost of living increases;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

**We support permanent and adequate funding of the Oklahoma Teacher Retirement System (OTRS) and cost of living increases consistent with the Consumer Price Index for retired educators at an annual rate of at least 4%.**

052. Education - Teacher Pay/Benefits, pg 12

2021 Resolution to Amend the Platform of the Oklahoma Democratic Party

Submitted By: CD4

Title: Resolution in Support of Teacher Recruitment

WHEREAS:

Public Education is a Constitutionally-guaranteed right as well as the foundation of a free and informed society;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

**We support recruitment of Oklahoma teachers from the top ranks of our Oklahoma colleges and universities, and incentives for professional educators to encourage them to pursue their teaching careers in Oklahoma.**

053. Education - Teacher Pay/Benefits, pg 12

2021 Resolution to Amend the Platform of the Oklahoma Democratic Party

Submitted By: CD4

Title: Resolution in Support of the Oklahoma Education Association (OEA)

WHEREAS:

The Oklahoma Education Association (OEA) is a valuable asset;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

**We support the Oklahoma Education Association (OEA) and their right to organize, thus increasing respect, status, and honor of the teaching profession in Oklahoma.**

054. Education/School Safety, pg 12

2021 Resolution to Amend the Platform of the Oklahoma Democratic Party

Submitted By: CD1

Title: Resolution in Opposition to Educator Policing Responsibilities

WHEREAS:

Educators are already given a heavy workload; and

WHEREAS:

Teachers went to school for education, not dangerous security guard work;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

**We oppose educators being responsible for policing their campus.**

055. Education/School Safety, pg 12

2021 Resolution to Amend the Platform of the Oklahoma Democratic Party

Submitted By: CD1

Title: Resolution in Opposition to the use of School Resource Officers

WHEREAS:

The use of School Resource Officers (SROs) fuels the school-to-prison pipeline;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

**We oppose the use of School Resource Officers (SROs) that fuel the school-to-prison pipeline.**

056. Education/School Safety, pg 12

2021 Resolution to Amend the Platform of the Oklahoma Democratic Party

Submitted By: CD3

Title: Resolution in Opposition to laws that Discriminate Against Gender Non-conforming and Transgender People, Including Students

WHEREAS:

Public Education is a constitutionally-guaranteed right as well as the foundation of a free and informed society;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

**We oppose laws that disallow recognition or acceptance of gender non-conforming people and people who are transgender, including students.**

057. Education/Special Needs Education, pg 13

2021 Resolution to Amend the Platform of the Oklahoma Democratic Party

Submitted By: CD1

Title: Resolution for School District Compliance with The Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA)

WHEREAS:

Disabled students require specialized attention; and

WHEREAS:

It is critical that schools provide that attention;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

**We support funding, monitoring, and enforcement of school district compliance with The Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, IDEA.**

058. Education/Special Needs Ed, pg 13

2021 Resolution to Amend the Platform of the Oklahoma Democratic Party

Submitted By: CD4

Title: Resolution in Support of Reinstatement of Transition Programs

WHEREAS:

Public Education is a constitutionally-guaranteed right as well as the foundation of a free and informed society, for everyone;

WHEREAS:

It is a human rights violation if Transition programs are not funded.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

**We support reinstatement of Transition programs to assist special needs students with transitioning from school to adulthood.**

059. Education/Higher Education, pg 13

2021 Resolution to Amend the Platform of the Oklahoma Democratic Party

Submitted By: CD3

Title: Resolution in Support of the Choice to Develop Memorial Scholarships For Higher Education

WHEREAS:

Bernice and Dr. Earl Mitchell fought tirelessly for rights and opportunities for all Oklahomans; and

WHEREAS:

Bernice and Dr. Earl Mitchell served as role models for community activists and leaders in Payne County and throughout the state of Oklahoma; and

WHEREAS:

The positive influences resulting from a student being awarded a scholarship will benefit many for years and even generations to come; and

WHEREAS:

The Payne County Democrats remember and celebrate the lives and contributions of Bernice and Dr. Earl Mitchell and all Democrats who have made a difference in the lives of so many;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

**We support the choice of the Democrats in any given community in Oklahoma to form memorial scholarships honoring our late Democratic leaders, which would invest in our youth and local communities and keep the memory of our departed leaders alive.**

**BE IT ALSO RESOLVED:**

**We support awarding community-funded scholarships to students of color, first-generation students, minority students, students in a specific field of study, and/or other students who will exemplify the legacy of those Democratic Party leaders we've lost.**

060. Education/Higher Education, pg 13

2021 Resolution to Amend the Platform of the Oklahoma Democratic Party

Submitted By: CD1

885 Title: Resolution in Support of Student Loan Forgiveness

886 WHEREAS:

887 The 2019 Oklahoma Democratic Party platform speaks only of bankruptcy proceedings, but not  
888 about student loan forgiveness;

889 **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

890 **We support the addition to the Oklahoma Democratic Party platform: “We support the**  
891 **elimination of all student loan debt, whether originating from government or private**  
892 **institutions, regardless of the ability of borrowers to pay.”.**

893 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

894 **We support amending the current ODP platform to remove the following language:**  
895 **“Programs to lower the cost of existing student loan debt and debt forgiveness in exchange**  
896 **for community service.”**

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899 061. Education/Higher Education, pg 13

900 2021 Resolution to Amend the Platform of the Oklahoma Democratic Party

901 Submitted By: CD1, CD4

902 Title: Resolution in Opposition to Repayment of OHLAP Distributions

903 WHEREAS:

904 We support the Oklahoma Higher Learning Assistance Program (OHLAP), and continued funding  
905 by the state government;

906 **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

907 **We oppose any attempt to require recipients of The Oklahoma Higher Learning Access**  
908 **Program (OHLAP), also known as Oklahoma’s Promise, to repay the support they received,**  
909 **a practice known as “Clawback.”**

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912 062. Education/Higher Education, pg13

913 2021 Resolution to Amend the Platform of the Oklahoma Democratic Party

914 Submitted By: CD3

915 Title: Resolution Regarding Access to Higher Education and its Cost

916 WHEREAS:

917 Higher education in America is an extremely important aspect of life as we move through the 21st  
918 century;

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920 A more educated nation allows for the growth of technological advances, groundbreaking  
921 innovation, the creation of new industries, and a more well-rounded nation as a whole;

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923 The increasing cost of higher education in our nation will continue to deter those away who  
924 otherwise would decide to seek out a path towards higher education;

925 WHEREAS:

926 There are millions of high-quality, well-paying jobs that require only an Associate’s Degree and  
927 this would allow the growth of America’s middle-class;

928 **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

929 **We support investing the time, money, and resources toward growing accessibility and**  
930 **availability towards higher education and relieving the extreme financial burden that it**  
931 **places on those who do decide to work towards a degree in higher education.**

932 **BE IT ALSO RESOLVED:**

933 **We support President Joe Biden’s plan to provide two years of tuition-free community**  
934 **college to hard-working individuals who wish to seek out higher education.**

935 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

936 **We support President Joe Biden’s plan to assist community colleges through a new grant**  
937 **program that will allow students to attend their institutions and succeed while relieving the**  
938 **financial burden it places on students now.**

939 **FINALLY, BE IT ALSO RESOLVED:**

940 **We support creating a system in which Americans who may be parents, working a job, or**  
941 **supporting a family, are allowed the same opportunities to improve their lives and the lives**  
942 **of their families by taking a new step to go into higher education.**



943 **\*ENVIRONMENT SECTION\***

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945 063. Environment, pg 14

946 2021 Resolution to Amend the Platform of the Oklahoma Democratic Party

947 Submitted By: CD1

948 Title: Resolution in Support of Clean Air, Water, And Land

949 WHEREAS:

950 Clean air, water, and land is essential to all life;

951 **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

952 **We support stringent air quality standards for industry, including mandatory standards for**  
953 **mercury, carbon dioxide emissions, and particulate matter with meaningful fines for**  
954 **noncompliance and enforcement.**

955 **BE IT ALSO RESOLVED:**

956 **We support the elimination of all industrial air pollution and support ODEQ monitoring.**

957 **BE IT ALSO RESOLVED:**

958 **We support requiring the immediate removal of chloramines from water treatment facilities**  
959 **for the health and safety of our citizens by using enhanced charcoal filtration to meet EPA**  
960 **standards.**

961 **BE IT ALSO RESOLVED:**

962 **We support acquiring the cleanest, highest quality water sources available for cities in**  
963 **Oklahoma, which can reduce the cost of water treatment.**

964 **BE IT ALSO RESOLVED:**

965 **We support statewide policies that will move Oklahoma beyond carbon-intensive coal-fired**  
966 **electricity as soon as economically possible with a deadline of the year 2025.**

967 **BE IT ALSO RESOLVED:**

968 **We support eliminating the “Halliburton Loophole” exemption for the oil and gas industry**  
969 **from the Safe Drinking Water Act.**

970 **BE IT ALSO RESOLVED:**

971 **We oppose the burning of hazardous waste as a means of disposal in Oklahoma.**

972 **BE IT ALSO RESOLVED:**

973 **We support relying on biodegradable materials to reduce pollution from non-biodegradable**  
974 **materials such as Styrofoam and plastics.**

975 **BE IT ALSO RESOLVED:**

976 **We support the Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality (ODEQ) taking necessary**  
977 **action to improve and protect our air, land, and water quality.**

978 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

979 **In order to encourage conservation, we support implementing tiered utility rates for water,**  
980 **electricity, and gas.**

981 **FINALLY, BE IT ALSO RESOLVED:**

982 **We support protecting and conserving in-state water resources from out of state sales and**  
983 **require any prospective water buyer to use strict water conservation practices. We support**  
984 **the addition of a non-consumptive use factor in the state water use formula.**

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987 064. Environment/Climate Change, pg 14

988 2021 Resolution to Amend the Platform of the Oklahoma Democratic Party

989 Submitted By: CD1

Title: Resolution in Support of President Biden’s “Build Back Better” Plan

WHEREAS:

Everything is infrastructure, and President Biden’s infrastructure plan addresses environmental issues we are concerned about;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

**We support President Biden’s Infrastructure Plan, known as Build Back Better, which would help the United States achieve carbon-free power generation by 2035 and net-zero carbon emissions by 2050.**

065. Environment, pg 14

2021 Resolution to Amend the Platform of the Oklahoma Democratic Party

Submitted By: CD3

Title: Resolution in Support of Environmental Efforts

WHEREAS:

The overwhelming majority of scientists are in agreement that an environmental crisis is occurring and will be irreversible in just a few years;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

**We support involvement of environmental organizations such as Indian Tribal Nations, The Sierra Club, Nature Conservancy, National Wildlife Federation, etc., in all decisions and policies that impact the environment or its inhabitants.**

**BE IT ALSO RESOLVED:**

**We support keeping open all state and national parks, forests, wilderness areas, et cetera, ensuring they stay fully operational and fully funded.**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

**We support protection of the natural world and all its inhabitants.**

**FINALLY, BE IT ALSO RESOLVED:**

**We support appropriate and environmentally-protective regulations governing all corporations and operations, to include oil, gas, and other exploration and production activities, in state parks.**

066. Environment/Climate Change, pg 14

2021 Resolution to Amend the Platform of the Oklahoma Democratic Party

Submitted By: CD4

Title: Resolution in Support of Passage of a Carbon Fee

WHEREAS:

We recognize that sound scientific evidence has shown that climate change is real, caused by human activity, and we must take action to reduce greenhouse gas emissions to limit global warming to 1.5 degrees Celsius by achieving net zero emissions by 2050; and

WHEREAS:

We recognize that the most socially just, and economically efficient way to limit global warming to 1.5 degrees Celsius, is to put a price on carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gas emissions;

WHEREAS:

We support passage of a carbon fee and dividend, in particular, the Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act of 2021, H.R.2307 (117th Congress, 2021-2022) because:

A. It would cover 80% of greenhouse gas emissions in a single stroke.

- B. It would reduce greenhouse gas emissions nearly enough to limit warming to 1.5 degrees Celsius: 30% in the first 5 years and is the single most powerful tool we have to achieve net zero by 2050.
- C. It would save lives by reducing air pollution.
- D. It would provide a monthly dividend, helping especially those with low and middle incomes, to spend as they see fit. Those most vulnerable to climate change are those already the most vulnerable in society – people of color and people with low income.
- E. It would help the economy by creating 2.1 million new jobs in local communities within the first 10 years.
- F. It has supporters across the political spectrum. Solving climate change is so urgent that we must make this a bridge issue, not a wedge issue, to act as soon as possible and with a sustained commitment.
- G. It would collect steadily rising fees on greenhouse gas emissions and allocate the net revenue with monthly dividends to all Americans and legal residents.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

**We support passage of a carbon fee and dividend.**

067. Environment/Climate Change, pg 14

2021 Resolution to Amend the Platform of the Oklahoma Democratic Party

Submitted By: CD4

Title: Resolution in Support of Environmental Efforts

**WHEREAS:**

We recognize that even though a price on carbon emissions is the most impactful step we can take to stabilize the climate, carbon pricing alone will not be sufficient to achieve net zero emissions by 2050 and limit warming to 1.5 degrees.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

**We support efforts to reduce methane emissions from agricultural and natural gas drilling operations.**

**BE IT ALSO RESOLVED:**

**We support efforts to reduce nitrous oxide emissions and emissions of f-gases (HFCs, PFC, and others) used in industry and consumer air conditioners.**

**BE IT ALSO RESOLVED:**

**We support upgraded building codes and increased energy efficiency and electrification of buildings.**

**BE IT ALSO RESOLVED:**

**We support increased energy efficiency and electrification of transportation vehicles.**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

**We support, in collaboration with indigenous peoples worldwide, protections for forests, natural habitats, and against deforestation, and efforts to plant trees to help capture carbon dioxide from the atmosphere.**

**FINALLY, BE IT ALSO RESOLVED:**

**We support development of carbon dioxide removal technologies.**

068. Environment/Fossil Fuels, pg 14

2021 Resolution to Amend the Platform of the Oklahoma Democratic Party

1084 Submitted By: CD2  
1085 Title: Resolution to Ban Fracking and the Use of Injection Wells  
1086 WHEREAS:  
1087 The Oil and Gas Industries use of fracking and injection wells has harmed the water and property  
1088 of citizens of Oklahoma without recompense;  
1089 **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**  
1090 **We support a total ban on fracking and the use of injection wells for wastewater disposal**  
1091 **as a public nuisance and further support requiring oil and gas operations found to have**  
1092 **damaged the environment, infrastructure, or private property through the use of fracking**  
1093 **or injection wells to compensate the state and/or private citizens for damage abatement.**  
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1096 069. Environment/Fossil Fuels, pg 14  
1097 2021 Resolution to Amend the Platform of the Oklahoma Democratic Party  
1098 Submitted By: CD1  
1099 Title: Resolution in Support of Clean Energy  
1100 WHEREAS:  
1101 Clean Energy can help us function as we are accustomed to, while also saving our natural  
1102 environment;  
1103 **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**  
1104 **We support requiring the use of Energy Smart and LEED-based technologies in all new**  
1105 **public building construction in order to reduce energy use, conserve resources, and reduce**  
1106 **our carbon footprint.**  
1107 **BE IT ALSO RESOLVED:**  
1108 **We support making utility rate increases contingent on the investment, transmission &**  
1109 **distribution of renewable energy sources.**  
1110 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**  
1111 **We support municipal and statewide incentives for energy conservation, recycling, and**  
1112 **installation of renewable energy sources at the residential and commercial levels.**  
1113 **FINALLY, BE IT ALSO RESOLVED:**  
1114 **We support net metering for renewable energy production for private and residential**  
1115 **installations.**  
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1118 070. Environment/Fossil Fuels, pg 14  
1119 2021 Resolution to Amend the Platform of the Oklahoma Democratic Party  
1120 Submitted By: CD1  
1121 Title: Resolution Regarding Oil & Gas Exploration  
1122 WHEREAS:  
1123 We oppose being forced to endure the loss created by earthquakes, which happen because of the  
1124 direct link between wastewater injection and increased earthquakes that have damaged homes  
1125 and businesses in Oklahoma;  
1126 WHEREAS:  
1127 The exploration and use of non-renewable energy resources is necessary until the development  
1128 of renewable and clean energy sources which would replace the need for such resources;  
1129 **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

**We support the establishment of an industry funded earthquake trust for citizens whose property has sustained damage caused by increased seismic activity.**

**BE IT ALSO RESOLVED:**

**We support requiring every fossil fuel well site to have an emergency plan in place and the equipment needed on site to control any spill or explosions at the well site.**

**BE IT ALSO RESOLVED:**

**We support an increase in the staff and funding for enforcement operations governing the oil and gas industry, specifically surrounding oil and gas exploration.**

**BE IT ALSO RESOLVED:**

**For hydraulic fracturing operations, we support a minimum setback of 2000 feet from any habitable structure, park, groundwater or surface water, whether moving or static.**

**BE IT ALSO RESOLVED:**

**We support development of oil and gas resources if protections of public health, the environment, and wildlife are in place and strictly enforced with meaningful fines.**

**BE IT ALSO RESOLVED:**

**We oppose the oil and gas pipelines: Keystone XL Pipeline, Plains Pipeline, and Diamond Pipelines, to name a few, all of which threaten Oklahoma's water, communities and farmland.**

**BE IT ALSO RESOLVED:**

**We support requiring by law and by practice that owners and operators of pipelines respect and follow existing treaties with indigenous Americans.**

**BE IT ALSO RESOLVED:**

**We support the termination of all state and federal subsidies for fossil fuels and nuclear power.**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

**We support requiring corporate investment in the safe transportation of oil and gas products, with special attention given to the transportation of highly flammable Bakken crude oil.**

**FINALLY, BE IT ALSO RESOLVED:**

**We oppose any legislation that deprives communities' control over oil and gas operations (including but not limited to wastewater injection wells).**

071. Environment/Water Rights, pg 14

2021 Resolution to Amend the Platform of the Oklahoma Democratic Party

Submitted By: CD4

Title: Resolution in Support of the Protection of Water Resources

**WHEREAS:**

**Water is a right, not a commodity, and every living thing needs it;**

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

**We support protection and utilization of Oklahoma's water in local communities and oppose plans to pump and transport local groundwater supplies to distant communities.**

**BE IT ALSO RESOLVED:**

**We oppose plans to sell water to out-of-state interests and oppose the use of eminent domain to force the sale of Oklahoma water.**

**BE IT ALSO RESOLVED:**

We support the establishment of science-based, peer-reviewed sustainable river flow policies that protect both urban and rural water needs and promote regional economies.

**BE IT ALSO RESOLVED:**

We support conservation of and incentives to encourage conservation of Oklahoma’s water resources and gray water collection systems for non-potable water uses.

**BE IT ALSO RESOLVED:**

We advocate the expansion of urban green spaces and buffer strips and riparian zones to increase both air and water quality and protect soil erosion.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

We support creating restrictions on the use of the Ogallala aquifer.

**FINALLY, BE IT ALSO RESOLVED:**

We support and will uphold the principles of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) as enacted. Furthermore, we call for the Oklahoma legislature to adequately fund the Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality (ODEQ) to carry out the necessary work to uphold these principles.

072. Environment/new subsection, Reduction of Noise Pollution, pg 14

2021 Resolution to Amend the Platform of the Oklahoma Democratic Party

Submitted By: CD3

Title: Resolution to Support the Reduction of Noise Pollution in Residential Areas

**WHEREAS:**

Noise from trains and traffic are forces that disrupt sleep, affecting people’s health by leading to memory issues, increasing blood pressure, contributing to dementia, and causing learning issues in school and less productivity at work; and

**WHEREAS:**

Being subjected to excessive noise from trains and traffic is seen nationally and worldwide as being not only a health issue but as a civil rights issue because it tends to affect people who are poor or belong to racial or ethnic minorities because these groups tend to live closer to traffic congestion and railroad tracks due to past segregationist government housing policies or current economic necessity; and

**WHEREAS:**

Train horn noise levels can be up to 110 decibels (dB) at 100 feet away and a congested highway can be up to 60 dB at 300 feet and experts believe disturbed sleep can start at noise levels as low as 30 dB;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

We support policies that require railroad companies create railroad crossings in all residential areas that are free of railroad horn noise.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

We support policies in the building of roads and highways that require local or state governments to use mitigating measures like walls or green spaces in high traffic areas or where there is heavy large vehicle traffic in residential areas.

**FINALLY, BE IT ALSO RESOLVED:**

We support policies that reduce residential noise in other ways, such as through home and apartment construction practices and noise ordinances at the local level.

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073. Environment/Renewable Energy, pg 15

2021 Resolution to Amend the Platform of the Oklahoma Democratic Party

Submitted By: CD1

Title: Resolution in Support of the Use of Solar Power

WHEREAS:

Solar Power is available to anyone who lives in a house and is good for the environment;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

**We support a guaranteed right to use solar energy without infringement by any Homeowners Association.**

1233 **\*FOOD/AGRICULTURE SECTION\***

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1235 074. Food/Agriculture/Organic Farming pg 15

1236 2021 Resolution to Amend the Platform of the Oklahoma Democratic Party

1237 Submitted By: CD4

1238 Title: Resolution in Support of Access to Food

1239 WHEREAS:

1240 Access to quality food is vital to a healthy life; and

1241 WHEREAS:

1242 Food access is also advantageous to our efforts in reducing the effects of climate change;

1243 **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

1244 **We support the creation of local food policy councils to help start urban agricultural**  
1245 **initiatives, improve food access for people in food deserts and to increase production and**  
1246 **consumption of local organic sustainable foods in Oklahoma.**

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1249 075. Food/Agriculture/Corporate Farming, pg 16

1250 2021 Resolution to Amend the Platform of the Oklahoma Democratic Party

1251 Submitted By: CD3

1252 Title: Resolution in Support of the Protection of Family Farms and Agriculture  
1253 from Monopolies

1254 WHEREAS:

1255 We support family farms and ranches in the United States; and

1256 WHEREAS:

1257 The meat-packing industry is controlled by four companies, two of which are foreign-owned,  
1258 creating a monopoly-like marketplace; and

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1260 These monopolies are detrimental to the stability of our nation's food supply and the continuance  
1261 of family farms, ranches and rural communities; and

1262 WHEREAS:

1263 These practices jeopardize the national security of our food supplies; and

1264 WHEREAS:

1265 These practices are detrimental to the consumers, ranchers and farmers alike;

1266 **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

1267 **We support the Biden administration in aggressively enforcing antitrust laws and breaking**  
1268 **up the monopolies like the meat-packing and agricultural industries.**

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1271 076. Food/Agriculture/Corporate Farming, pg 16

1272 2021 Resolution to Amend the Platform of the Oklahoma Democratic Party

1273 Submitted By: CD1

1274 Title: Resolution in Support of Non-narcotic Hemp

1275 WHEREAS:

1276 Non-narcotic hemp has many uses;

1277 **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

1278 **We support an expansion of the pilot program for growing non-narcotic hemp.**



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077. Food/Agriculture/Family Farms, pg 17

2021 Resolution to Amend the Platform of the Oklahoma Democratic Party

Submitted By: CD1

Title: Resolution in Opposition to CAFOs and in Support of Independent Family Farms with Regard to Environmental Concerns

WHEREAS:

CAFOs (Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations) are harmful to the environment;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

**We support phasing out Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations (CAFOs) in Oklahoma in favor of the independent family farm. We support an increase in permit fees for CAFOs to offset environmental damage. We support a one-mile setback for all CAFOs from any residence, school, or body of water. We strongly support stricter enforcement of current laws regulating the operation of CAFOs, including water pollution, inhumane animal treatment, and food safety.**

078. Food/Agriculture/Corporate Farming, pg 16

2021 Resolution to Amend the Platform of the Oklahoma Democratic Party

Submitted By: CD3

Title: Resolution Regarding Environmental Concerns Surrounding the Food Animal Industry

WHEREAS:

Oklahoma does a lot of agricultural and farming operations; and

WHEREAS:

The importance of this industry does not overshadow the importance of our air, water supply, or other resources in Oklahoma;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

**We oppose any “ag gag” legislation making it unlawful for information to be collected on farming operations, particularly “factory farms”.**

079. Food/Agriculture/Food Assistance Programs, pg 17

2021 Resolution to Amend the Platform of the Oklahoma Democratic Party

Submitted By: CD4

Title: Resolution in Support of Reducing People Unsheltered and Hungry

WHEREAS:

Affordable housing is a way to reduce the number of people unsheltered; and

WHEREAS:

Drug testing of applicants or recipients of government economic assistance programs are expensive, and have no value determining an applicant or recipient’s fitness for economic aid;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

**We oppose drug testing of applicants or recipients of government economic assistance programs.**

**\*GOVERNMENT SECTION\***

080. Government/new subclass, Public Health, pg 17

2021 Resolution to Amend the Platform of the Oklahoma Democratic Party

Submitted By: CD1, CD3

Title: Resolution Regarding Public Health Crises

**WHEREAS:**

Lack of transparency during a public health crisis can results in many deaths and collapse of economic stability, among other things;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

**We support legislation to require that state elected and appointed officials not purposely mislead, withhold, or alter any data relating to a public health matter such as a pandemic or national, state, or local communicable disease outbreak.**

**BE IT ALSO RESOLVED:**

**We support legislation to require that any data relating to a public health matter such as a pandemic or national, state, or local communicable disease outbreak that are compiled, analyzed, and then presented by the state to the public, including but not limited to: visualized lists, charts, pie graphs, or data published on a website, dashboard, or news article. The presented information must also include downloadable links to the raw data and exact algorithms used for each analysis presented, to ensure transparency and increase public safety.**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

**We support legislation to require that any data relating to a public health matter such as a pandemic or national, state, or local communicable disease outbreak that are provided by a federal, tribal, or fellow state government entity to the state of Oklahoma, including but not limited to reports or data received by the Department of Health and Human Services, Federal Drug Administration, Centers for Disease Control, or any executive task force, immediately be made available to the public to further ensure transparency and increase public safety.**

**FINALLY, BE IT ALSO RESOLVED:**

**We support legislation to consider violations of the above terms an abuse of office punishable by immediate removal from office via impeachment proceedings as directed by law.**

081. Government/Taxation, pg 17

2021 Resolution to Amend the Platform of the Oklahoma Democratic Party

Submitted By: CD3

Title: Resolution Regarding State Budget Transparency

**WHEREAS:**

The state budgeting process is an incomprehensible mess, without transparency and lending itself to corruption or the appearance thereof;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

**We support accountability and strict regulation in expenditures of tax funds and other state monies, and transparency in the budgeting process.**

1371 082. Government/Taxation, pg 17  
1372 2021 Resolution to Amend the Platform of the Oklahoma Democratic Party  
1373 Submitted By: CD3  
1374 Title: Resolution in Support of the Re-establishment of the Estate Tax  
1375 WHEREAS:  
1376 Wealthy Americans have a duty to contribute to society; and  
1377 WHEREAS:  
1378 Allowing vast sums of wealth to be transferred via inheritance without taxation is detrimental to  
1379 society; and  
1380 WHEREAS:  
1381 The so called “step-up in basis” gains that happen through inheritance should be taxed as any  
1382 other capital gain;  
1383 **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**  
1384 **We support returning the estate tax to a threshold of \$5 million at a rate of 40 percent to**  
1385 **apply on all estates valued in excess of \$5 million.**  
1386 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**  
1387 **We support closing the “step-up in basis” loophole that allows stock purchased at a low**  
1388 **price to be transferred in an estate at a higher price without imposition of capital gains**  
1389 **taxes.**  
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1392 083. Government/Taxation, pg 17  
1393 2021 Resolution to Amend the Platform of the Oklahoma Democratic Party  
1394 Submitted By: CD3  
1395 Title: Resolution in Support of Avoiding Increased Tax Burden on Lower/Middle  
1396 Class  
1397 WHEREAS:  
1398 Lower- and Middle-class families in Oklahoma and America as a whole face enough challenges  
1399 making ends meet; and  
1400 WHEREAS:  
1401 New taxes on services could significantly impact those families; and  
1402 WHEREAS:  
1403 Any new property tax increases ought to be crafted to avoid disproportionate impact on renters  
1404 and the elderly on fixed incomes;  
1405 **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**  
1406 **We oppose any tax plan that burdens lower and middle-class families by imposing**  
1407 **additional taxes on services.**  
1408 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**  
1409 **We oppose any increase in property tax that does not protect renters and fixed income**  
1410 **elderly persons.**  
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1413 084. Government/Taxation, pg 17  
1414 2021 Resolution to Amend the Platform of the Oklahoma Democratic Party  
1415 Submitted By: CD4  
1416 Title: Resolution to Amend the Language in the Platform Regarding State  
1417 Income Tax

1418 WHEREAS:

1419 We oppose any reduction in state income tax at the expense of education, medical services,  
1420 infrastructure, and those who cannot help themselves;

1421 **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

1422 **We support amending the Platform to add a bullet point on page 17 under the “Taxation”**  
1423 **section: “We oppose any reduction in state income tax at the expense of education, medical**  
1424 **services, infrastructure, and those who cannot help themselves.”**

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1427 085. Government/Taxation, pg 17

1428 2021 Resolution to Amend the Platform of the Oklahoma Democratic Party

1429 Submitted By: CD4

1430 Title: Resolution Regarding Taxes

1431 WHEREAS:

1432 The Oklahoma Democratic Party recognizes that the Oklahoma legislature has cut taxes by nearly  
1433 \$1.5 billion annually since the mid-2000s. Most state agencies have now been cut by 20% or more  
1434 since the Great Recession; and

1435 WHEREAS:

1436 We recognize that two-thirds of the total tax cuts were caused by reducing the top income tax rate  
1437 from 6.65 to 5.0 percent. These cuts provided minimal or no benefit to middle and lower income  
1438 Oklahomans; and

1439 WHEREAS:

1440 We recognize that Oklahoma State and Local Taxes are among the lowest in the nation as a  
1441 percentage of Personal Income. We recognize that the Oklahoma Tax System is regressive which  
1442 means the poor pay a greater portion of their income than do the rich assuming all taxes are  
1443 counted, including income, sales, and property tax; and

1444 WHEREAS:

1445 We recognize that the greatest benefits from the income tax cuts go to the top 20% of income  
1446 earning households; and

1447 WHEREAS:

1448 We recognize that the gross production tax on oil and gas production is declining because of tax  
1449 credits to producers. In fact, the gross production tax has been reduced; and

1450 WHEREAS:

1451 We recognize that state budgets have been cut sharply in recent years when adjusted for inflation,  
1452 and in particular, funding for public education and higher education is declining; and

1453 WHEREAS:

1454 We recognize that our income tax rate tops out at \$24,900 of income for a married person (changes  
1455 with inflation). That means if a married taxpayer gets to that level, they do not pay any greater  
1456 percentages of their income more than 5%; and

1457 WHEREAS:

1458 We recognize that our opponents used false information to mislead the public and to hide and  
1459 misinform about our dysfunctional tax system. Basically, our current tax system takes away  
1460 benefits from the needy and rewards the greedy. Robin Hood in reverse;

1461 **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

1462 **We support and applaud the bipartisan tax analysis done by the Oklahoma Policy Institute**  
1463 **and recommend that people learn more about tax analysis through [okpolicy.org](http://okpolicy.org).**

1464 **BE IT ALSO RESOLVED:**

**We support restoring the top tax rate for very high incomes. Oklahoma could restore a top rate of 6% on income over \$200,000 (\$100,000 for single individuals) and 7% for incomes over \$400,000 (\$200,000 for individuals) and this would leave everyone with a lower effective tax rate than 15 years ago. Further, only 3% of Oklahoma households would be affected by this surcharge.**

**BE IT ALSO RESOLVED:**

**We oppose the double deductions for state income taxes and believe that they should be eliminated.**

**BE IT ALSO RESOLVED:**

**We support requiring combined corporate reporting.**

**BE IT ALSO RESOLVED:**

**We oppose improper use of the State’s Rainy Day Fund and demand it be used for its intended purpose.**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

**We support repealing the tax credit for horizontal drilling.**

**FINALLY, BE IT ALSO RESOLVED:**

**We support tax fairness and represent the average working Oklahoman.**

086. Government/Taxation, pg 17

2021 Resolution to Amend the Platform of the Oklahoma Democratic Party

Submitted By: CD2

Title: Resolution in Opposition to Oil and Gas Receiving Subsidies or Tax Benefits from the State of Oklahoma

WHEREAS:

The Oil and Gas Industry produce by-products that are destructive to the land, water and well being of our planet and its citizens; and

WHEREAS:

Giving subsidies, tax credits, or rebates requires the forced support of all Oklahoma citizens in the production of those by-product and is unduly costing the limited financial resources of Oklahoma,

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

**We oppose the Oil and Gas Industries receiving any tax benefit of subsidies, credits or rebates from the State of Oklahoma or any county or city therein.**

087. Government/Taxation, pg 17

2021 Resolution to Amend the Platform of the Oklahoma Democratic Party

Submitted By: CD4

Title: Resolution in Support of a Wealth Tax

WHEREAS:

The 2017 Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, also known as the 2017 Trump Tax Plan, only benefits the wealthy and corporations;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

**We support repeal of the 2017 Tax Cuts and Jobs Act.**

088. Government/Taxation, pg 17

1512 2021 Resolution to Amend the Platform of the Oklahoma Democratic Party

1513 Submitted By: CD3

1514 Title: Resolution Regarding State Budget Transparency

1515 WHEREAS:

1516 Every Oklahoman deserves a government that actually works for them; and

1517 WHEREAS:

1518 Lower income Oklahomans particularly need to use government services; and

1519 WHEREAS:

1520 Full funding of government programs and services is necessary to achieve that goal; and

1521 WHEREAS:

1522 The State Legislature should account for that in crafting future tax policy;

1523 **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

1524 **We support requiring the State Legislature to ensure sufficient tax revenue and other**  
1525 **resources to fully fund child and adult protective services, social safety net programs, state**  
1526 **parks, and other services for all Oklahoma citizens, especially for those in need in all future**  
1527 **tax legislation.**

1530 089. Government/Campaign Finance Reform, pg 17

1531 2021 Resolution to Amend the Platform of the Oklahoma Democratic Party

1532 Submitted By: CD4

1533 Title: Resolution in Support of Specifying Additional Language in the  
1534 "Campaign Finance Reform" Section of the Oklahoma Democratic Party  
1535 Platform

1536 WHEREAS:

1537 We declare that elections should be fair and democratic. However, the power of money and  
1538 influence has skewed elections in favor of those with money and power to the disadvantage of the  
1539 average American;

1540 **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

1541 **We support adding language in the Oklahoma Democratic Party platform under the**  
1542 **"Campaign Finance Reform" section on page 17: "We support a system of public funding**  
1543 **for all elections to state and federal offices similar to the Fair Elections Now Act of the 111th**  
1544 **Congress (2009-2010)."**

1545 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

1546 **We support adding language in the Oklahoma Democratic Party platform under the**  
1547 **"Campaign Finance Reform" section on page 17: "We support a fully funded public**  
1548 **campaign finance program instead of partial funding of campaigns with matching funds**  
1549 **that favors highly funded candidates with corporate backing."**

1552 090. Government/Campaign Finance Reform, pg 17

1553 2021 Resolution to Amend the Platform of the Oklahoma Democratic Party

1554 Submitted By: CD4

1555 Title: Resolution in Support of Campaign Finance Reform

1556 WHEREAS:

1557 Voters – not corporations or organizations – elect our public officials, and the right to vote must be  
1558 protected;

1559 **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

1560 **We support campaign finance reform and declare that secret money has no place in**  
1561 **American democracy. Corporations and unions should not be allowed to spend money in**  
1562 **elections without full disclosure to the American public.**

1563 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

1564 **We support legislation requiring that corporations and unions have to stand by their ads.**  
1565 **When huge sums are spent to urge voters to take a certain action through advertisements,**  
1566 **it should be clear who paid the bill. The “stand by your ad” system in elections works for**  
1567 **candidates – we need it in place for corporate America too.**

1568 **FINALLY, BE IT ALSO RESOLVED:**

1569 **We oppose the presence of federal bailout money in any part of electioneering. Companies**  
1570 **that receive federal bailouts should not be able to spend money in elections. This is a clear**  
1571 **conflict of interest that is even more damaging without full disclosure.**

1574 091. Government/Campaign Finance Reform, pg 17

1575 2021 Resolution to Amend the Platform of the Oklahoma Democratic Party

1576 Submitted By: CD2

1577 Title: Resolution in Support of Campaign Finance Reform

1578 **WHEREAS:**

1579 State governments and Congress have the right to determine the procedures for elections of their  
1580 officials; and

1581 **WHEREAS:**

1582 Unlimited spending on political campaigns has done little to increase voter knowledge or  
1583 participation; and

1584 **WHEREAS:**

1585 Unlimited spending on political campaigns has increased divisiveness among the voting citizenry;

1586 **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

1587 **We support the right of state governments and Congress to set reasonable limits on**  
1588 **campaign related spending for candidates and political action committees.**

1591 092. Government/Campaign Finance Reform, pg 17

1592 2021 Resolution to Amend the Platform of the Oklahoma Democratic Party

1593 Submitted By: CD4

1594 Title: Resolution in Opposition to Diversion of Insurance Premiums to Support  
1595 or Fund Any Political Party, Candidate, or Issue

1596 **WHEREAS:**

1597 Insurance premiums and income from such premiums should not be diverted for the purpose of  
1598 supporting or funding any political party, candidate, or issue;

1599 **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

1600 **We oppose the diversion of insurance premiums and income from such premiums for the**  
1601 **purpose of supporting or funding any political party, candidate, or issue.**

1604 093. Government/Consumer Financial Protection, pg18

1605 2021 Resolution to Amend the Platform of the Oklahoma Democratic Party

1606 Submitted By: CD4  
1607 Title: Resolution in Support of Anti-Trust, Anti-Monopoly Laws  
1608 WHEREAS:  
1609 Monopolies are harmful to the economy, the consumer, and the workforce;  
1610 **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**  
1611 **We support the strengthening and enforcement of antitrust, anti-monopoly laws and**  
1612 **penalties for those businesses that violate the public trust so that no business is “too big**  
1613 **to fail”.**  
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1616 094. Government/Consumer Financial Protection, pg 18  
1617 2021 Resolution to Amend the Platform of the Oklahoma Democratic Party  
1618 Submitted By: CD4  
1619 Title: Resolution in Support of Consumer Protection Laws  
1620 WHEREAS:  
1621 Consumer safety is vital to the health and well-being of this country;  
1622 **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**  
1623 **We support strong consumer protection laws and the enforcement of these laws, including**  
1624 **strict inspection of imports to ensure consumer safety.**  
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1627 095. Government/Consumer Financial Protection, pg 18  
1628 2021 Resolution to Amend the Platform of the Oklahoma Democratic Party  
1629 Submitted By: CD1  
1630 Title: Resolution Regarding Digital ID Verification  
1631 WHEREAS:  
1632 The world has advanced to the technological age; and  
1633 WHEREAS:  
1634 Citizens need to be able to trust that their government can keep their identification secure;  
1635 **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**  
1636 **We support the establishment of an active, robust, and secure digital infrastructure for the**  
1637 **state that enables the creation and use of digital state ID cards for conducting public**  
1638 **business and accessing public services.**  
1639 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**  
1640 **We support the establishment on a state level for a valid, secure, cryptographic digital**  
1641 **signature.**  
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1644 096. Government/Consumer Financial Protection, pg 18  
1645 2021 Resolution to Amend the Platform of the Oklahoma Democratic Party  
1646 Submitted By: CD3  
1647 Title: Resolution in Support of Limiting Predatory Corporate Practices  
1648 WHEREAS:  
1649 We recognize the right of corporations to do business and make profits; and  
1650 WHEREAS:  
1651 We recognize that those corporations have a responsibility to be good citizens of society; and  
1652 WHEREAS:



1653 Certain corporate practices maximize profits by preying on vulnerable citizens; and

1654 WHEREAS:

1655 These practices are particularly common in the short-term (“payday”) loan industry;

1656 **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

1657 **We support banning corporate practices that use predatory behavior to the detriment of**  
1658 **Oklahoma’s citizens to maximize profit.**

1659 **BE IT ALSO RESOLVED:**

1660 **We support particular scrutiny of the short-term lending industry for their common use of**  
1661 **predatory practices.**

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1664 097. Government/Consumer Financial Protection, pg 18

1665 2021 Resolution to Amend the Platform of the Oklahoma Democratic Party

1666 Submitted By: CD3

1667 Title: Resolution to Support the Consumer’s Right to Repair

1668 WHEREAS:

1669 Many electronic devices, vehicles, and appliances are increasingly becoming unrepairable by  
1670 consumers and third party repair shops, and are being designed to break down quickly with  
1671 planned obsolescence; and

1672 WHEREAS:

1673 Purchases made by consumers are being misshapen by large corporations to not mean ownership  
1674 and those corporations are stepping on others to maintain control of their products; and

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1676 Many large organizations (such as Apple and John Deere for example) actively fight against and  
1677 sue individuals and repair shops who perform repairs on their products in a way that they do not  
1678 approve of; and

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1680 Many products that consumers bought and own are being held hostage with surprise subscriptions  
1681 or threat of remote digital self-destruction if you do something the corporation thinks is against  
1682 their terms,

1683 WHEREAS:

1684 Corporations actively make parts for repairs hard to find or expensive and hide away schematics  
1685 so those doing repairs are unable to know where things are,

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1687 First party support given by corporations is of a low quality compared to a third party and purposely  
1688 try to mess up repairs or make it hard to get them in an attempt to have a consumer purchase a  
1689 new product.

1690 **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

1691 **We support strengthening consumer protections and the right to repair purchased and**  
1692 **owned products.**

1693 **BE IT ALSO RESOLVED:**

1694 **We support legislation that requires manufacturers to provide adequate resources in the**  
1695 **form of publicly available schematics and easy to obtain parts.**

1696 **BE IT ALSO RESOLVED:**

1697 **We support protections against planned obsolescence and designs that lock out the user**  
1698 **from doing repairs as needed.**

1699 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

**We support laws that prevent frivolous lawsuits by corporations against those making repairs.**

**FINALLY, BE IT ALSO RESOLVED:**

**We support legislation that confirms that if a consumer purchases a product, it is their property and that a corporation cannot take that right away.**

098. Government/Immigration, pg 18

2021 Resolution to Amend the Platform of the Oklahoma Democratic Party

Submitted By: CD4

Title: Resolution in Opposition to No-fly Lists Without Due Process Review

WHEREAS:

We as Americans are guaranteed Due Process; and

WHEREAS:

Due Process is how our system is built, to avoid human rights violations;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

**We oppose any no-fly list without prior notification and due process review.**

099. Government/Immigration, pg 18

2021 Resolution to Amend the Platform of the Oklahoma Democratic Party

Submitted By: CD1

Title: Resolution Regarding Immigration

WHEREAS:

Tulsa desires to become a Sanctuary City for immigration and diversity;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

**We support making Tulsa a Sanctuary City for immigration and diversity.**

100. Government/Immigration, pg 18

2021 Resolution to Amend the Platform of the Oklahoma Democratic Party

Submitted By: CD3

Title: Resolution in Support of Restoring Local Control of Law Enforcement

WHEREAS:

Local law enforcement agencies including police and sheriff's departments are overburdened as is; and

WHEREAS:

Local law enforcement efforts are hindered by interference and coercion from federal immigration authorities; and

WHEREAS:

Local law enforcement cannot maintain productive relations with immigrant communities that fear unnecessary immigration enforcement;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

**We support the right of local police and other law enforcement to investigate and process crimes, free from coercion or interference by federal or other immigration officials or agencies.**

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101. Government/Immigration, pg 18

2021 Resolution to Amend the Platform of the Oklahoma Democratic Party

Submitted By: CD3

Title: Resolution in Support of Amending the 2019 Oklahoma Democratic Party Platform, page 18, bullet point 3 in “Immigration” Section

WHEREAS:

Immigrants are fundamental to every part of American society; and

WHEREAS:

Children who are brought to the United States should be protected; and

WHEREAS:

It is in society’s best interest to ensure that those children are productive citizens;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

**We support amending Page 18, bullet point 3 in the “Immigration” section of the 2019 Oklahoma Democratic Party Platform to read as follows: “We support the Dream Act, which is a multi-phase process for undocumented immigrants that would first grant conditional residency and upon meeting further qualifications, permanent residency for children, and we further support establishing a path to citizenship for them, and legal residency status for their parents or legal guardians.”**

102. Government/Immigration, pg 18

2021 Resolution to Amend the Platform of the Oklahoma Democratic Party

Submitted By: CD4

Title: Resolution in Support of a National Immigration Policy and Immigration Reform

WHEREAS:

We need fair, reliable, secure, and comprehensive immigration reform;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

**We support fair, reliable, secure, and comprehensive immigration reform, including an earned and consistent pathway to acquiring U.S. citizenship.**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

**We oppose states and municipalities unconstitutionally enacting their own immigration policies.**

103. Government/Immigration, pg 18

2021 Resolution to Amend the Platform of the Oklahoma Democratic Party

Submitted By: CD4

Title: Resolution in Support of DACA, DAPA, & Immigration

WHEREAS:

We are a nation of immigrants, and all those looking to be Americans should be welcome;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

**We support the provision contained in the Fourteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution that declares that “all persons born or naturalized in the United States are citizens of the United States.”**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

**We support the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) and Deferred Action for Parents of Americans and Lawful Permanent Residents (DAPA) Executive Orders, and oppose any legislation intended to penalize or deny educational opportunities to children brought to the United States by undocumented immigrants.**

104. Government/Immigration, pg 18

2021 Resolution to Amend the Platform of the Oklahoma Democratic Party

Submitted By: CD4

Title: Resolution to Support Foreign Nationals Who Supported the United States

WHEREAS:

Some foreign nationals of countries invaded by US forces who assisted US forces are now threatened with harm;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

**We support the expedited admission of all foreign nationals of countries invaded by US forces who assisted US forces and are now threatened with harm.**

105. Government/Immigration, pg 18

2021 Resolution to Amend the Platform of the Oklahoma Democratic Party

Submitted By: CD4

Title: Resolution to Support Due Process and Proper Funding of Immigration Courts

WHEREAS:

All persons deserve timely due process; and

WHEREAS:

The federal immigration court system is badly underfunded and understaffed; and

WHEREAS:

All persons appearing before any court of any kind deserve quality representation by an attorney;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

**We support fully funding the immigration court system, including increasing the number of immigration judges and court staff.**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

**We support the funding of legal services for indigent defendants to ensure all those who appear before such courts are given representation and timely due process.**

106. Government/Foreign Policy, pg 18

2021 Resolution to Amend the Platform of the Oklahoma Democratic Party

Submitted By: CD1, CD3

Title: Resolution Regarding Israel and Palestine - in Opposition to the Anti-Boycott, Divestment, & Sanctions (Anti-BDS) Movement

WHEREAS:

In protest of perceived maltreatment of the Palestinians by Israel, some organizations have adopted policies of Boycott, Divestment, & Sanctions (BDS) against the government of Israel, including its policies and some products from Israel;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

**We oppose any legislation which imposes sanctions or criminalizes the Boycott, Divestment, & Sanctions Movement.**

107. Government/Foreign Policy, pg 18

2021 Resolution to Amend the Platform of the Oklahoma Democratic Party

Submitted By: CD4

Title: Resolution in Opposition to Drone Strikes Against Countries Which Congress Has Not Declared War Against

WHEREAS:

Congress must “declare” it before we can go to war;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

**We oppose drone strikes against anyone unless it is specifically against military forces of the government that the Congress has declared war on.**

108. Government/Foreign Policy, pg 18

2021 Resolution to Amend the Platform of the Oklahoma Democratic Party

Submitted By: CD4

Title: Resolution in Opposition to Wars Congress Has Not Declared

WHEREAS:

Congress legally must “declare” war against other countries before we can go to war;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

**We oppose wars not declared by Congress.**

109. Government/Foreign Policy, pg 18

2021 Resolution to Amend the Platform of the Oklahoma Democratic Party

Submitted By: CD4

Title: Resolution in Opposition to Weapons Sales to Saudi Arabia

WHEREAS:

We are disgusted that that the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia is responsible for the torture, dismemberment, and death of Jamal Khashoggi as well as Saudi Arabia’s role in the war against Yemen. They should be held accountable.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

**We oppose weapons sales to Saudi Arabia.**

110. Government/Foreign Policy, pg 18

2021 Resolution to Amend the Platform of the Oklahoma Democratic Party

Submitted By: CD4

Title: Resolution in Opposition to Weapons Sales or Foreign Aid to Israel

WHEREAS:

Israel’s treatment of Palestinians has been horrendous and deadly;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

**We oppose weapons sales or foreign aid to Israel because of Israel’s treatment of Palestinians**

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111. Government/Foreign Policy, pg 18

2021 Resolution to Amend the Platform of the Oklahoma Democratic Party

Submitted By: CD4

Title: Resolution in Support of the Use of Diplomacy with North Korea

WHEREAS:

We recognize that the situation in North Korea is a growing and real threat to our security and to the security of our allies in Asia;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

**We support the use of global diplomacy and strongly urge our government to use diplomatic means to reduce the threat posed by North Korea.**

112. Government/Tribal Sovereignty, pg 18

2021 Resolution to Amend the Platform of the Oklahoma Democratic Party

Submitted By: CD4

Title: Resolution to Amend the Platform Language on Tribal Sovereignty

WHEREAS:

The Oklahoma Democratic Party Platform needs to be updated to include more precise language with regard to Tribal Sovereignty;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

**We support updating the Oklahoma Democratic Party platform to include, “We respect and recognize the sovereignty of Native American Tribes and support the exercise of their rights of self-determination. We recognize that Tribal Sovereignty requires the State of Oklahoma to engage in good faith with Tribal governments to develop strong government-to-government relationships.”**

113. Government/Tribal Sovereignty, pg 18

2021 Resolution to Amend the Platform of the Oklahoma Democratic Party

Submitted By: CD4

Title: Resolution to Amend Platform Language on Tribal Sovereignty

WHEREAS:

The platform needs updated to more precise language regarding Tribal Sovereignty;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

**We support the Oklahoma Democratic Party platform being updated to include, “We recognize and pledge to uphold the obligations of federal and state governments to Tribes and tribal members established under contracts, treaties, statutes, common law, and the United States Constitution.”**

114. Government/Tribal Sovereignty, pg 18

2021 Resolution to Amend the Platform of the Oklahoma Democratic Party

Submitted By: CD4

Title: Resolution in Support of Recognition of Indigenous Peoples’ Contributions

WHEREAS:

1935 We recognize the sovereignty of Native American Tribes and support their right to protect their  
1936 land and culture; and

1937 WHEREAS:

1938 The platform of the Oklahoma Democratic Party needs to be updated to include more precise  
1939 language with regard to Tribal Sovereignty;

1940 **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

1941 **We support updating the Oklahoma Democratic Party’s platform to include, “We recognize**  
1942 **that Tribal governments make invaluable contributions to the State of Oklahoma, including**  
1943 **contributions to the State’s economic development, infrastructure, education, public**  
1944 **health, and culture.”**

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1947 115. Government/Tribal Sovereignty, pg 18

1948 2021 Resolution to Amend the Platform of the Oklahoma Democratic Party

1949 Submitted By: CD2, CD4

1950 Title: Resolution in Support of Preserving and Protecting Native American  
1951 cultural Heritage and Language

1952 WHEREAS:

1953 Native American cultural heritage and languages are vital; and

1954 WHEREAS:

1955 Native American cultural heritage and languages are particularly important to understanding a full  
1956 picture of past, present, and future American history; and

1957 WHEREAS:

1958 Oklahoma has a particular interest in the preservation and vitalization of the heritage and  
1959 languages of the Native American Nations that call Oklahoma home;

1960 **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

1961 **We support all efforts to advance and protect Native American cultural heritage and**  
1962 **language.**

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1965 116. Government/Tribal Sovereignty, pg 18

1966 2021 Resolution to Amend the Platform of the Oklahoma Democratic Party

1967 Submitted By: CD4

1968 Title: Resolution in Support of Tribal Sovereignty

1969 WHEREAS:

1970 Native American Nations have the right to self-determination; and

1971 WHEREAS:

1972 That self-determination includes the right to determine citizenship and voting responsibilities;

1973 **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

1974 **We support the decisions of Native American Nations to permit the descendants of**  
1975 **Freedmen to vote and have full Tribal Citizenship responsibilities.**

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1978 117. Government/Tribal Sovereignty, pg 18

1979 2021 Resolution to Amend the Platform of the Oklahoma Democratic Party

1980 Submitted By: CD4

1981 Title: Resolution in Support of Tribal Sovereignty

1982 WHEREAS:

1983 Native American Tribal Nations are due the respect of any other Sovereign Nation; and

1984 WHEREAS:

1985 State and Federal government officials should respect that Sovereignty;

1986 **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

1987 **We recognize and acknowledge Tribal Sovereignty by encouraging and assisting elected**  
1988 **officials at all levels to engage, consult, and govern via Nation-to-Nation relationships with**  
1989 **the respective Tribe(s) sharing that official’s jurisdiction.**

1992 118. Government/Tribal Sovereignty, pg 18

1993 Submitted By: CD4

1994 Title: Resolution in Support of Tribal Sovereignty

1995 WHEREAS:

1996 The United States Supreme Court has recognized the Sovereignty of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation  
1997 on its Reservation; and

1998 WHEREAS:

1999 The State of Oklahoma should respect that Sovereignty; and

2000 WHEREAS:

2001 Respecting that Sovereignty requires abiding by the decision in *McGirt v. Oklahoma*;

2002 WHEREAS:

2003 Intergovernmental agreement and compacts are the appropriate vehicle for resolution of *McGirt*  
2004 related jurisdictional issues

2005 **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

2006 **We oppose efforts to legislatively abrogate the decision of the United States Supreme Court**  
2007 **in *McGirt v. Oklahoma*, which recognizes the continued existence of the Muscogee (Creek)**  
2008 **Nation Reservation.**

2009 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

2010 **We support the application of the Supreme Court’s analysis in *McGirt* to recognize the**  
2011 **continued existence of other Tribes’ reservations located within the geographic boundaries**  
2012 **of what is now the State of Oklahoma.**

2013 **FINALLY, BE IT ALSO RESOLVED:**

2014 **We support the use of intergovernmental agreements and tribal-state compacts to resolve**  
2015 **any jurisdictional uncertainties within tribal reservation boundaries.**

2018 119. Government/Tribal Sovereignty, pg 18

2019 Submitted By: CD4

2020 Title: Resolution in Support of Tribal Sovereignty

2021 WHEREAS:

2022 The families and communities of missing and murdered indigenous people deserve justice; and

2023 WHEREAS:

2024 Loopholes and roadblocks that prevent cooperation between Tribal and federal law enforcement  
2025 from cooperation should be removed;

2026 **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

2027 **We support Tribal and federal law enforcement efforts to seek justice for the families of**  
2028 **missing and murdered indigenous people.**



2029 **BE IT ALSO RESOLVED:**

2030 **We support legislation aimed at closing jurisdictional loopholes that prevent tribal and**  
2031 **federal law enforcement officers from investigating and prosecuting crimes against**  
2032 **indigenous people committed within the boundaries of “Indian country” as defined by 18**  
2033 **U.S.C. § 1151.**

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2036 120. Government/Tribal Sovereignty, pg 18

2037 Submitted By: CD4

2038 Title: Resolution in Support of Tribal Sovereignty

2039 WHEREAS:

2040 Native American Nations are Sovereign; and

2041 WHEREAS:

2042 Those sovereign states have the inherent right to self-determination concerning the environment  
2043 of their lands; and

2044 WHEREAS:

2045 The so called “Midnight Rider” exercised under Section 10211 of H.R. 3 (the “Safe, Accountable,  
2046 Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users” a/k/a SAFETEA-LU) passed by  
2047 Congress on July 29, 2005 rejects that sovereignty in favor of unilateral control by the State of  
2048 Oklahoma; and

2049 WHEREAS:

2050 The “Midnight Rider” was inserted into an unrelated transportation bill during the legislative  
2051 process, with the goal of depriving those affected with adequate opportunity for review, discussion,  
2052 or debate of the language of the Rider prior to enactment of the legislation; and

2053 WHEREAS:

2054 The provision applies only to Tribes located within the geographical boundaries of the State of  
2055 Oklahoma;

2056 **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

2057 **We oppose the State of Oklahoma’s unilateral assertion of authority to administer federal**  
2058 **environmental programs in Indian country.**

2059 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

2060 **We support the repeal of Section 10211 of H.R. 3 so that Tribes in Oklahoma are not unfairly**  
2061 **prevented from requesting and obtaining Treatment as State status under federal**  
2062 **environmental programs.**

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2065 121. Government/Elections, pg 18

2066 2021 Resolution to Amend the Platform of the Oklahoma Democratic Party

2067 Submitted By: CD1

2068 Title: Resolution Regarding Campaign Finance

2069 WHEREAS:

2070 There are sometimes conflicts of interest in Committee Assignments; and

2071 WHEREAS:

2072 Individual campaign donation levels are too high;

2073 **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

2074 **We oppose any legislator serving on a legislative committee that oversees subject matter**  
2075 **in conflict with that of any of that legislator’s donors.**

2076 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

2077 **We support a reduction in maximum individual campaign donations, setting the maximum**  
2078 **to equal to ten times the federal hourly minimum wage.**

2081 122. Government/Elections, pg 18

2082 2021 Resolution to Amend the Platform of the Oklahoma Democratic Party

2083 Submitted By: CD1

2084 Title: Resolution Regarding Banning Political Yard Signs

2085 WHEREAS:

2086 Political yard signs placed on public property are a nuisance and eyesore at all times; and

2087 WHEREAS:

2088 Political yard signs placed on public property do not increase turnout or awareness; and

2089 WHEREAS:

2090 Municipalities must spend otherwise needed funds cleaning up public streets and medians after  
2091 elections;

2092 **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

2093 **We support a total ban on campaign yard signs on any public property at any time.**

2096 123. Government/Elections, pg 18

2097 2021 Resolution to Amend the Platform of the Oklahoma Democratic Party

2098 Submitted By: CD3

2099 Title: Resolution in Support of Election Ethics and Transparency Reform

2100 WHEREAS:

2101 No office holder is above the law (or the bounds of ethics and common decency); and

2102 WHEREAS:

2103 Transparency and honesty in government is necessary to preserve our democracy;

2104 **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

2105 **We support a requirement that all state candidates and other public officials, elected and/or**  
2106 **appointed, shall disclose domestic and foreign business interests, donors, and potential**  
2107 **conflicts of interest, and that failure to do so will result in removal from office or**  
2108 **disqualification of candidacy.**

2109 **BE IT ALSO RESOLVED:**

2110 **We support a requirement that all public officials, elected and/or appointed, shall conduct**  
2111 **themselves in such a way both in action and words as to foster trust by the public, and**  
2112 **support the public's expectation of honesty and integrity.**

2113 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

2114 **We support a requirement that all public officials, elected and/or appointed, shall**  
2115 **demonstrate understanding and support of the policy of separation of church and state,**  
2116 **and be respectful of others' religions.**

2117 **FINALLY, BE IT ALSO RESOLVED:**

2118 **We support a requirement that all elected officials shall be personally liable for any court**  
2119 **costs and/or other expenses necessitated in defense of the Oklahoma Constitution, caused**  
2120 **by authoring, co-authoring, supporting, and/or voting for any law that is clearly**  
2121 **unconstitutional or has previously been found to be unconstitutional.**

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124. Government/Elections, pg 18

2021 Resolution to Amend the Platform of the Oklahoma Democratic Party

Submitted By: CD3, ODFWC

Title: Resolution in Support of Citizen Participation in Government

WHEREAS:

Citizen participation in government is needed to make our democracy strong;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

**We support legislation, if we cannot abolish the Electoral College, to eliminate the winner-take-all system concerning the Oklahoma Electoral College votes and support division of the state’s Electoral College votes in accordance with the percentage of the popular vote received by each candidate.**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

**We support the US House of Representatives’ “For the People” bill (HR1) and pledge to make our support known to our elected officials.**

125. Government/Elections, pg 18

2021 Resolution to Amend the Platform of the Oklahoma Democratic Party

Submitted By: CD3

Title: Resolution to End Gerrymandering

WHEREAS:

Of the various proposed constitutional reforms to modernize the U.S. Institutions, the most important for addressing the challenge of political partisan mentality is ending partisan gerrymandering;

WHEREAS:

The practice of gerrymandering, employed by both political parties, creates majority districts without regard to natural or sensible geographic boundaries;

WHEREAS:

Gerrymandering incentivizes legislatures to play to a partisan base rather than seek compromise across the aisle;

WHEREAS:

Strengthening the democratic capacity to govern itself across boundaries is a moral good, and it is a national security priority;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

**We support a ban on gerrymandering at all levels of government.**

126. Government/Elections, pg 18

2021 Resolution to Amend the Platform of the Oklahoma Democratic Party

Submitted By: CD1

Title: Resolution in Support of a Candidate Income Tax Disclosure Requirement

WHEREAS:

It is to the benefit of the voting public for candidates to be transparent about their financial situation and dealings; and

WHEREAS:

The Democratic Party is committed to expanding transparency regarding our candidates;

2170 **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

2171 **We support a requirement for all Democratic candidates for Public office (such as those**  
2172 **running for State legislative seats) to release prior income tax returns.**

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2175 127. Government/Elections, pg 18

2176 2021 Resolution to Amend the Platform of the Oklahoma Democratic Party

2177 Submitted By: CD4

2178 Title: Resolution in Support of Elections Reform

2179 WHEREAS:

2180 Voting is essential to our Democracy;

2181 **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

2182 **We support local control of elections run by non-partisan county election boards.**

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2185 128. Government/Same-Day Voter Registration, reclassified as Voting & Voter Registration, pg 19

2186 2021 Resolution to Amend the Platform of the Oklahoma Democratic Party

2187 Submitted By: CD5

2188 Title: Resolution in Support of Adopting Ranked-Choice Voting System

2189 WHEREAS:

2190 Ranked-choice voting is a system that allows voters to rank candidates in order of preference, with  
2191 any candidate who receives the majority of first preferences for that office wins the election, and  
2192 in the event no such candidate exists, calls for an instant runoff tabulation to be completed in  
2193 rounds, with each ballot counted as a single vote for whichever non-eliminated candidate is ranked  
2194 highest; and

2195 WHEREAS:

2196 A ranked choice voting system encourages participation in the electoral process, be-cause  
2197 additional candidates can run without fear of “vote splitting” or “the spoiler effect” in which by  
2198 pulling away voters from a top tier candidate closer to their values, lesser-known candidates end  
2199 up increasing the chance of victory for a top tier candidate who is even further away from them  
2200 ideologically; and

2201 WHEREAS:

2202 A ranked choice voting system discourages negative campaigning and instead encourages  
2203 candidates to focus on their positive vision for voters because there is an incentive to seek the  
2204 second or third round votes of another candidates’ voters and attacking that candidate would  
2205 undermine that effort; and

2206 WHEREAS:

2207 A ranked choice voting system eliminates the need for separate runoff elections, which are costly  
2208 to taxpayers and generally have lower voter turnout; and

2209 WHEREAS:

2210 Robert’s Rules of Order recommends ranked choice voting as superior to current voting systems;  
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2212 WHEREAS:

2213 Ranked choice voting is being used by a growing number of jurisdictions including the State of  
2214 Maine and the cities of Amherst, Cambridge, and Easthampton, MA, Berkeley and Oakland, CA,  
2215 Minneapolis and St. Paul, MN, New York, NY, Benton County, OR, and Burlington, VT;

2216 **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

**We support ranked-choice voting in all Democratic Party primary elections in the State of Oklahoma.**

129. Government/Same-Day Voter Registration, reclassified as Voting & Voter Registration, pg 19

2021 Resolution to Amend the Platform of the Oklahoma Democratic Party

Submitted By: CD3

Title: Resolution in Support of Voting Rights

WHEREAS:

Free and fair elections are necessary for the continuation of our democratic republic;

WHEREAS:

As Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. said, "The arc of the moral universe is long, but it bends toward justice", and voting rights have always been an integral part of gaining justice;

WHEREAS:

Democracy in the United States only becomes stronger when voting rights are protected for ALL people;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

**We support same-day registration for voters, removing the impediment of having to be registered weeks in advance of an election to cast a ballot and will promote it publicly;**

**BE IT ALSO RESOLVED:**

**We support the creation of completely online voter registration, as is already required by Oklahoma state law (26 O.S. § 4-109.4), but has yet to be completed by the state government;**

**BE IT ALSO RESOLVED:**

**We support ensuring that all voters receive reminders well in advance of election day about the identification cards that can serve as identification for voting and how they can obtain said identification;**

**BE IT ALSO RESOLVED:**

**We support voter education and registration assistance for those who will turn eighteen years old prior to the next general election;**

**BE IT ALSO RESOLVED:**

**We support access to voting by mail and providing secure ballot drop boxes as an alternative for submitting vote-by-mail ballots;**

**BE IT ALSO RESOLVED:**

**We support providing more voting locations, voting machines, and election workers to prevent excessive waiting times to vote on election day;**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

**We support editing the second-to-last bullet point under "Elections" on page 19 to now read: "We support the re-enfranchisement of people who were convicted of felonies but have served their sentences and/or are eligible for parole, regardless of any financial penalties they may still owe to the Oklahoma state or local government agency due to their past convictions."; and**

**FINALLY, BE IT ALSO RESOLVED:**

**We support the creation of a state holiday on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November in each even numbered year (Election Day) to promote time off from work and school for citizens to be able to vote.**

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130. Government/Same-Day Voter Registration, reclassified as Voting & Voter Registration, pg 19  
2021 Resolution to Amend the Platform of the Oklahoma Democratic Party

Submitted By: CD4  
Title: Resolution in Support of Voting Rights for Disabled Americans

WHEREAS:

Americans with disabilities are voting citizens too;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

**We support legislation that ensures that Americans with disabilities can exercise their right to vote and have access to the polls, both in-person and through mail-in ballots without the need for a notarized signature.**

131. Government/Same-Day Voter Registration, reclassified as Voting & Voter Registration, pg 19  
2021 Resolution to Amend the Platform of the Oklahoma Democratic Party

Submitted By: CD4  
Title: Resolution in Support of Voting Rights

WHEREAS:

The Oklahoma Democratic Party recognizes that voting is a fundamental right of citizens in a democracy;

WHEREAS:

Due to the U.S. Supreme Court's 5-4 decision in *Shelby County v Holder* (2013), the undermining of the anti-discrimination provisions of the Voting Rights Act of 1965 by eliminating of federal preclearance before implementing changes to voting laws in many states should never happen; and

WHEREAS:

The intentional removal of or failure to repair or replace voting equipment from polling places for the purpose of increasing voter waiting times, criminalizing providing food or water to voters waiting in long lines to vote, etc., is unacceptable; and

WHEREAS:

We recognize that gerrymandered districts for partisan advantage perpetuate minority rule; and

WHEREAS:

H.R.1/S.1, the For the People Act of 2021 addresses voter access, election integrity and security, campaign finance, and ethics for the three branches of government.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

**We support both federal and state legislation that would establish the protection for voting of having on-site voter verification, acceptance of tangible identification at no cost, and the ability of voters to correct their voter registration information up to and including Election Day.**

**BE IT ALSO RESOLVED:**

**We support the continued use of provisional ballots to protect a voter's right to cast a ballot in the event of a dispute involving the accuracy of voter registration.**

**BE IT ALSO RESOLVED:**

**We oppose all politically-motivated and racially-motivated legislative and administrative action aimed at voter suppression and voter intimidation, particularly to suppress the vote of people of color.**

**BE IT ALSO RESOLVED:**

2311 **We oppose legislation requiring photo identification to vote or register to vote.**

2312 [Committee Note: unless edited, this replaces the language that reads: "We support the repeal  
2313 of Voter Identification Laws" in the "Same-day Voter Registration" section of the platform on  
2314 page 19.]

2315 **BE IT ALSO RESOLVED:**

2316 **We oppose the undermining of the anti-discrimination provisions of the Voting Rights Act**  
2317 **of 1965 by the elimination of federal preclearance before implementing changes to voting**  
2318 **laws in many states.**

2319 [Committee Note: unless edited, this replaces the language that reads: "We support the  
2320 restoration of the monitoring and enforcement provisions of the Voting Rights Act." in the  
2321 "Same-Day Voter Registration" section, point six, page 19.]

2322 **BE IT ALSO RESOLVED:**

2323 **"We oppose all politically-motivated attempts to purge voter rolls as a means to limit voter**  
2324 **registration or suppress voting rights."**

2325 **BE IT ALSO RESOLVED:**

2326 **We support the widest participation of the voting public through online registration.**

2327 **BE IT ALSO RESOLVED:**

2328 **We support no-excuse absentee voting.**

2329 **BE IT ALSO RESOLVED:**

2330 **We support voting by mail.**

2331 **BE IT ALSO RESOLVED:**

2332 **We support the use of secure ballot drop boxes.**

2333 **BE IT ALSO RESOLVED:**

2334 **We support secure online voting.**

2335 [Committee Note: unless edited, this replaces the language that reads: "We support the use of  
2336 verifiable paper ballots in all elections." in the "Elections" section, point nine, page 19.]

2337 **BE IT ALSO RESOLVED:**

2338 **We support a uniform, nationwide use of secure and accountable optical scan voting**  
2339 **machines with paper ballots to ensure the integrity of the voting process.**

2340 [Committee Note: unless edited, this replaces the language that reads: "We support the use of  
2341 verifiable paper ballots in all elections." in the "Elections" section, point nine, page 19.]

2342 **BE IT ALSO RESOLVED:**

2343 **We support same-day voter registration.**

2344 **BE IT ALSO RESOLVED:**

2345 **We support extended voting periods that run from at least 7 days prior to Election Day to**  
2346 **Election Day itself, including Sunday.**

2347 [Committee Note: unless edited, this replaces the language that reads: "The expansion of early  
2348 voting days, including Saturdays." in the "Same Day Voter Registration" section, point four,  
2349 page 19.]

2350 **BE IT ALSO RESOLVED:**

2351 **We support legislation that would prohibit the loss of voting rights due to felony conviction.**

2352 [Committee Note: unless edited, this replaces the language that reads: "The right to vote for  
2353 felons who have completed sentences and parole." in the "Elections" section, tenth point, page  
2354 19.]

2355 **BE IT ALSO RESOLVED:**

2356 **We support legislation or a state constitutional amendment that would require State**  
2357 **Questions to be voted solely in General Elections.**

2358 **BE IT ALSO RESOLVED:**

2359 **We support the creation of an independent, non-partisan redistricting commission to draw**  
2360 **competitive, compact districts that respect historic neighborhoods and communities of**  
2361 **interest.**

2362 [Committee Note: unless edited, this replaces the language that reads: “The establishment of  
2363 a nonpartisan commission consisting of equal numbers of members officially recognized  
2364 political parties to ensure the fairness of representation and minimization of political, racial,  
2365 ethnic and religious gerrymandering.” in the “Elections” section, 7th point, page 19.]

2366 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

2367 **We support development of a national strategy to protect U.S. democratic institutions.**

2368 **BE IT ALSO RESOLVED:**

2369 **We support an expansion of prohibition on campaign spending by foreign nationals.**  
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2372 132. Government/Technology & Media, pg 19

2373 2021 Resolution to Amend the Platform of the Oklahoma Democratic Party

2374 Submitted By: CD4

2375 Title: Resolution in Support of First Amendment Rights

2376 WHEREAS:

2377 First Amendment Rights guarantee the Freedom of the Press;

2378 **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

2379 **We oppose requirements for journalists of foreign media, when they perform their role as**  
2380 **a free press, to register as foreign agents.**  
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2383 133. Government/Technology & Media, pg 19

2384 2021 Resolution to Amend the Platform of the Oklahoma Democratic Party

2385 Submitted By: CD4

2386 Title: Resolution in Opposition to Illegal Surveillance

2387 WHEREAS:

2388 The Right to Privacy should not be infringed;

2389 **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

2390 **We support prosecution of telecom corporations and their executives for criminal violation**  
2391 **of the Wiretap Act and participating in the National Security Agency’s illegal surveillance**  
2392 **programs.**  
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2395 134. Government/Technology & Media, pg 19

2396 2021 Resolution to Amend the Platform of the Oklahoma Democratic Party

2397 Submitted By: CD4

2398 Title: Resolution in Support of Access to Software Developed with Public  
2399 Funds

2400 WHEREAS:

2401 Software developed through any public funds should be made available to the public;

2402 **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

2403 **We support all software that is developed using any public funds being licensed through a**  
2404 **free, open-source software license.**



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135. Government/Technology & Media, pg19

2021 Resolution to Amend the Platform of the Oklahoma Democratic Party

Submitted By: CD4

Title: Resolution in Support of Free and Fair Media and Public Communications

WHEREAS:

The Oklahoma Democratic Party declares that democracy cannot succeed without an informed citizenry or the active participation of informed voters. Citizens deserve to have full access to accurate reporting along with genuine discussion of issues that clearly present diverse points of view. The media has been subverted from its true purpose of informing with clarity, accuracy and fairness by the effects of deregulation and by the destruction of the Fairness Doctrine;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

**We support reinstatement of federal regulations such as those known as the Fairness Doctrine, which was adopted in 1949 by the FCC but removed in 1989. Such regulations would, for example, ensure that equal time be provided to all candidates running for office and provide a counterbalance to the controlling power of wealth.**

**BE IT ALSO RESOLVED:**

**We support reinstating the restrictions on the number of media outlets owned by a single individual, corporation, or entity so that credibility, fairness and relevance are not stifled by the power of wealth to control the public's right to know.**

**FINALLY, BE IT ALSO RESOLVED:**

**We declare that Congress and the FCC should prevent public entities from using public funds to pay for editorial comments or advertising to promote partisan political agendas.**

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136. Government/Technology & Media, pg 19

2021 Resolution to Amend the Platform of the Oklahoma Democratic Party

Submitted By: CD4

Title: Resolution in Support of Free and Fair Media and Public Communications

WHEREAS:

We recognize that the Internet and social media are becoming major sources of news and information as well as sources of many other benefits to millions of users every day;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

**We support that the meaning of the constitutional right to peaceably assemble should be extended by statute to include the right to virtually assemble through the Internet and the use of emails.**

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137. Government/Technology & Media, pg 19

2021 Resolution to Amend the Platform of the Oklahoma Democratic Party

Submitted By: CD1

Title: Resolution for Prevention of Media Monopolies

WHEREAS:

Media Monopolies are harmful;

2452 **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

2453 **We support the Federal Communications Commission restrictions on media to prevent**  
2454 **formation of media monopolies.**

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2457 138. Government/State Government, pg 19

2458 2021 Resolution to Amend the Platform of the Oklahoma Democratic Party

2459 Submitted By: CD1

2460 Title: Resolution in Support of Expansion of Freedom of Information

2461 WHEREAS:

2462 The Oklahoma Records Act is important;

2463 **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

2464 **We support expansion of the scope of the Oklahoma Open Records Act to include all**  
2465 **government agencies or transactions on behalf of the public.**

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2468 139. Government/State Government, pg 19

2469 2021 Resolution to Amend the Platform of the Oklahoma Democratic Party

2470 Submitted By: CD4

2471 Title: Resolution in Support of First Amendment Rights

2472 WHEREAS:

2473 The 1st Amendment Constitutional rights are a foundation of our Republic;

2474 **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

2475 **We support First Amendment rights of freedom of speech and a free press.**

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2478 140. Government/State Government, pg 19

2479 2021 Resolution to Amend the Platform of the Oklahoma Democratic Party

2480 Submitted By: CD4 Delegate Mary C. Newcome Hatch & CD3 Delegate Amber Jensen

2481 Title: Resolution in Opposition to the Oklahoma Anti-Protest Law Created from  
2482 HB1674

2483 WHEREAS:

2484 HB1674 Violates the 1st Amendment, which guarantees the right “of the people peaceably to  
2485 assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.”;

2486 **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

2487 **We oppose Oklahoma HB1674 as a violation of the First Amendment rights “of the people**  
2488 **peaceably to assemble, and petition the Government for a redress of grievances.”**

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2491 141. Government/State Government, pg 19

2492 2021 Resolution to Amend the Platform of the Oklahoma Democratic Party

2493 Submitted By: CD1

2494 Title: Resolution Regarding Executive Powers of the Governor

2495 WHEREAS:

2496 Packing a board can cause that board to become rife with corruption;

2497 **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

**We oppose allowing the Governor of Oklahoma to appoint more than one board member to each state or local board per ordinary legislative term.**

142. Government/State Government, pg 19

2021 Resolution to Amend the Platform of the Oklahoma Democratic Party

Submitted By: CD1

Title: Resolution in Opposition to the Overrule of The People's Voice

WHEREAS:

Voters have the Constitutional Right to vote and be represented in our government;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

**We oppose efforts by the State Legislature to overturn the will of the people on state questions.**

143. Government/State Government, pg 19

2021 Resolution to Amend the Platform of the Oklahoma Democratic Party

Submitted By: CD1

Title: Resolution in Opposition to Privatization of Government Assets, Money & Lands

WHEREAS:

Privatization leads to controversy at best, and death of citizens at worst, so government assets, money, and land should be used for the public good and never privatized;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

**We oppose privatization of state and municipal government assets.**

**BE IT ALSO RESOLVED:**

**We support a requirement that public funds may only be used for public purposes.**

144. Government/State Government, pg 19

2021 Resolution to Amend the Platform of the Oklahoma Democratic Party

Submitted By: CD1

Title: Resolution in Support of the Right to Divorce

WHEREAS:

Staying in an unhappy marriage can result in poor mental health, financial devastation, or even death;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

**We support the continuation of no-fault divorce in Oklahoma.**

145. Government/State Government, pg 19

2021 Resolution to Amend the Platform of the Oklahoma Democratic Party

Submitted By: CD1

Title: Resolution in Opposition to a State Constitutional Convention

WHEREAS:

A State Constitutional Convention is not needed nor is it wanted;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

**We oppose the call for a state Constitutional Convention.**

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146. Government/State Government, pg 19

2021 Resolution to Amend the Platform of the Oklahoma Democratic Party

Submitted By: CD3

Title: Resolution in Support of Ensuring Full Staffing of Government Agencies

WHEREAS:

Oklahomans deserve a government that works for them; and

WHEREAS:

Oklahoma's government agencies cannot function at full capacity without proper staffing; and

WHEREAS:

Certain government jobs, such as Department of Corrections staffers are exposed to safety risks without proper staffing; and

WHEREAS:

Many Oklahomans could benefit from stable government jobs;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

**We support all Oklahoma governmental agencies and departments hiring workers to achieve full staffing with a preference for hiring current Oklahoma residents.**

147. Government/State Government, pg 19

2021 Resolution to Amend the Platform of the Oklahoma Democratic Party

Submitted By: CD4

Title: Resolution in Support of Civil Justice

WHEREAS:

Oklahoma should have a viable and workable False Claims Act in order to recover money for the State from those defrauding the State;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

**We support a viable and workable False Claims Act to recover money for Oklahoma from those defrauding the State.**

148. Government/State Government, pg 19

2021 Resolution to Amend the Platform of the Oklahoma Democratic Party

Submitted By: CD4

Title: Resolution in Support of Civil Justice for those Who Have Less Means To Seek Relief from Civil Damages

WHEREAS:

Everyone should be able to seek relief from civil damages;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

**We oppose fees that preclude citizens from participating in the civil justice system.**

149. Government/State Government, pg 19

2021 Resolution to Amend the Platform of the Oklahoma Democratic Party

Submitted By: CD4

2592 Title: Resolution in Support of A Review of the Statutes of Limitations in Civil  
2593 Justice

2594 WHEREAS:

2595 We recognize that consumer and business fraud is often complicated and difficult to detect until a  
2596 pattern has been established over several years; and

2597 WHEREAS:

2598 We also recognize that some manufacturers hide the detrimental effects of their products on  
2599 unsuspecting consumers; and

2600 WHEREAS:

2601 No one should be able to alleviate culpability by outlasting a statute of limitations;

2602 **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

2603 **We support the re-evaluation of the statute of limitations for civil complaints committed**  
2604 **within the State of Oklahoma and believe no one should be able to alleviate culpability by**  
2605 **outlasting a statute of limitations.**

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2608 150. Government/State Government, pg 19

2609 2021 Resolution to Amend the Platform of the Oklahoma Democratic Party

2610 Submitted By: CD5

2611 Title: Resolution in Opposition to Paying Attorneys' Fees With Childrens' or  
2612 Survivors' Benefits, Awards, or Judgements

2613 WHEREAS:

2614 Children who are injured, or the families of children who are killed, are entitled to a full recovery;  
2615 and

2616 WHEREAS:

2617 Attorney fees should not detract from those awards;

2618 **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

2619 **We support requiring the entire monetary amount of benefits, awards, or judgements for**  
2620 **injured or killed children are exempt from attorney fees.**

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2623 151. Government/State Government, pg 19

2624 2021 Resolution to Amend the Platform of the Oklahoma Democratic Party

2625 Submitted By: CD2

2626 Title: Resolution to Bar Lobbyists from Participating in Oklahoma Legislative  
2627 Committees

2628 WHEREAS:

2629 It is known that Lobbyists and other representatives of interested non-Legislative parties have  
2630 recently been allowed to attend and give their input to some Oklahoma Legislative Committee  
2631 meetings,

2632 **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

2633 **We support Legislation to ban Lobbyists from sitting in, observing, or participating in any**  
2634 **way in Legislative Committee meetings.**

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2637 152. Government/State Government, pg 19

2638 2021 Resolution to Amend the Platform of the Oklahoma Democratic Party

2639 Submitted By: CD2  
2640 Title: Resolution in Opposition to Unconstitutional Lawmaking  
2641 WHEREAS:  
2642 Oklahoma Lawmakers are not honoring the U.S. Constitution in crafting laws that respect the  
2643 separation of church and state, abortion laws, the right to assemble laws for peaceful protest, anti-  
2644 voter suppression laws, etc.  
2645 **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**  
2646 **We oppose Oklahoma Lawmakers and State Government Officials wasting the taxpayers'**  
2647 **resources in crafting and executing laws and policies that are obviously unconstitutional**  
2648 **and can and will be struck down by federal or other courts.**  
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2651 153. Government/State Government, pg 19  
2652 2021 Resolution to Amend the Platform of the Oklahoma Democratic Party  
2653 Submitted By: CD2  
2654 Title: Resolution in Opposition to Proposed State Legislation that Violates Basic  
2655 1st Amendment Protections  
2656 WHEREAS:  
2657 Citizens have the right to assemble, protest, and petition the government for redress of grievances;  
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2659 WHEREAS:  
2660 Citizens have the right to do so free of interference or molestation from law enforcement or  
2661 government agencies; and  
2662 WHEREAS:  
2663 Citizens have the right to record, preserve and disseminate recordings of law enforcement actions;  
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2665 WHEREAS:  
2666 Citizens engaged in assembly, protest, or petition should be protected from harm; and  
2667 WHEREAS:  
2668 The State of Oklahoma should encourage citizen participation through assembly, protest, and  
2669 petition;  
2670 **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**  
2671 **We oppose all actions by the State Legislature to restrict and/or criminalize the rights of**  
2672 **citizens to assemble and protest peacefully.**  
2673 **BE IT ALSO RESOLVED:**  
2674 **We oppose all actions by the State Legislature to restrict and/or criminalize citizens'**  
2675 **recording devices and/or sharing recordings to preserve a transparent record of**  
2676 **interactions with authorities.**  
2677 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**  
2678 **We oppose all actions by the State Legislature to permit citizens to escape liability for**  
2679 **interfering with or injuring others while assembling or protesting peacefully.**  
2680 **FINALLY, BE IT ALSO RESOLVED:**  
2681 **We oppose all actions by the State Legislature to enact legislation that places undue burden**  
2682 **on citizens organizing and gathering.**  
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2685 154. Government/State Government, pg 19

2686 2021 Resolution to Amend the Platform of the Oklahoma Democratic Party

2687 Submitted By: CD4

2688 Title: Resolution in Support of Ethical Standards by Public Officials

2689 WHEREAS:

Ethical standards being adhered to by public officials is vital;

2691 **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

**We support strict adherence to ethical standards by public officials.**

2695 155. Government/State Government, pg 19

2696 2021 Resolution to Amend the Platform of the Oklahoma Democratic Party

2697 Submitted By: CD1

2698 Title: Resolution in Support of Childcare Subsidies

2699 WHEREAS:

Single parent and low income families cannot afford childcare but need it in order to ensure the health and welfare of themselves and their children;

2702 **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

**We support fully subsidized childcare for single parent and low income families.**

2706 156. Government/Reparations, pg 20

2707 2021 Resolution to Amend the Platform of the Oklahoma Democratic Party

2708 Submitted By: CD4

2709 Title: Resolution in Support of the Black Lives Matter Movement

2710 WHEREAS:

Our Nation and The State of Oklahoma suffers from the lasting economic effects of slavery, and Jim Crow segregation, and racially discriminatory policies on income, wealth, educational, health, and employment outcomes;

2714 WHEREAS:

In the pursuit of truth and to promote racial healing and to study reparations.

2716 WHEREAS:

We must acknowledge that there can be no realization of the American dream without grappling with the lasting effects of slavery and facing up to the centuries-long campaign of violence, fear, and trauma wrought upon Black Americans

2720 **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

**We support a national commission to examine the lasting economic effects of slavery, Jim Crow segregation, and racially discriminatory policies.**

2725 157. Government/Federal Issues, pg 20

2726 2021 Resolution to Amend the Platform of the Oklahoma Democratic Party

2727 Submitted By: CD4

2728 Title: Resolution in Support of Cutting the Military Budget

2729 WHEREAS:

We have one of the largest military budgets in the world;

2731 **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

**We support major cuts to the military budget.**

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158. Government/Federal Issues, pg 20

2021 Resolution to Amend the Platform of the Oklahoma Democratic Party

Submitted By: CD1

Title: Resolution in Support of the United States Postal Service

WHEREAS:

The United States Postal Service must have proper Processing Centers in order to deliver things on time, including prescriptions, government notices, paychecks or other income, medical equipment ordered online, bills, just to name a few;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

**We oppose the closing of the Tulsa Mail Processing Center.**

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159. Government, Federal Issues, pg 20

2021 Resolution to Amend the Platform of the Oklahoma Democratic Party

Submitted By: NFDWC

Title: Resolution to Support the United States Postal Service

WHEREAS:

The United States Postal Service (USPS) provides mail order prescriptions and other essential services to residents of the United States; and

WHEREAS:

The USPS provides services to low-income and rural areas that otherwise would not receive service from the private sector; and

WHEREAS:

There continue to be a concerted efforts to privatize or otherwise hinder the functions of the USPS; and

WHEREAS:

The Postal Accountability and Enhancement Act greatly hindered the Postal Service's capabilities to execute its core functions with unreasonable requirements, including 50+ years prefunding of retirement benefits.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

**We support the United States Postal Service and the plans by the Biden Administration to invest in replacing aging vehicles and implementing other modernizations.**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

**We support unburdening the USPS from the unreasonable retirement fund requirements of the Postal Accountability and Enhancement Act (PAEA).**

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160. Government/Federal Issues, pg 20

2021 Resolution to Amend the Platform of the Oklahoma Democratic Party

Submitted By: CD4

Title: Resolution to Admit the State of Douglass, Formerly Washington, D.C., as the 51st State of the United States of America

WHEREAS:

Taxation without representation is not an American ideal;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**



2780 **We support the admission of the State of Douglass, formerly Washington, District of**  
2781 **Columbia, as the 51st State of the United States of America.**  
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2784 161. Government/Federal Issues, pg 20

2785 2021 Resolution to Amend the Platform of the Oklahoma Democratic Party

2786 Submitted By: CD4

2787 Title: Resolution to Support Elimination of The Filibuster

2788 WHEREAS:

2789 We expect the Senate to debate and vote, with rule by the majority, with ties decided by the Vice  
2790 President.

2791 WHEREAS:

2792 Obstruction of our government is unacceptable.

2793 **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

2794 **We support the elimination of the current Senate filibuster and support the return to the**  
2795 **standing filibuster.**  
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2798 162. Government/Federal Issues, page 20

2799 2021 Resolution to Amend the Platform of the Oklahoma Democratic Party

2800 Submitted By: CD1

2801 Title: Resolution in Support of Changing Columbus Day to Indigenous People's  
2802 Day

2803 WHEREAS:

2804 "Columbus Day" and the celebration thereof is a slap in the face of Indigenous People;

2805 **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

2806 **We support the establishment of an Indigenous People's Day to replace the Federal holiday**  
2807 **Columbus Day.**  
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2810 163. Government/Federal Issues, pg 20

2811 2021 Resolution to Amend the Platform of the Oklahoma Democratic Party

2812 Submitted By: CD4

2813 Title: Resolution in Opposition to White Nationalism and Sedition Against the  
2814 United States

2815 WHEREAS:

2816 The Oklahoma Democratic Party recognizes that domestic and foreign terrorism threatens our  
2817 democracy and our way of life.

2818 **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

2819 **We support using every legal method to combat white nationalism in all its forms.**

2820 **BE IT ALSO RESOLVED:**

2821 **We oppose sedition and insurrection and believe that those who engage in sedition and**  
2822 **insurrection as a means of overturning the results of a lawfully conducted election, should**  
2823 **be prosecuted. Members of Congress who aid or abet sedition or insurrection should be**  
2824 **removed from office.**  
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2827 164. Government/Federal Issues, pg 20  
2828 2021 Resolution to Amend the Platform of the Oklahoma Democratic Party  
2829 Submitted By: CD4  
2830 Title: Resolution in Support of Strengthening Social Security  
2831 WHEREAS:  
2832 The Oklahoma Democratic Party recognizes that Social Security is the primary source of  
2833 retirement for many older Americans and provides a stable income base for over 46 million  
2834 Americans of all ages. It is the backbone of retirement and family protection in the United States,  
2835 enabling vast numbers of senior citizens, persons with disabilities and survivors to live  
2836 independently.  
2837 **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**  
2838 **We support strengthening and extending Social Security without privatization. We strongly**  
2839 **support this safety net, which must not be compromised.**  
2840 **BE IT ALSO RESOLVED:**  
2841 **We oppose the proposal to lower social security benefits through a reduction in the**  
2842 **Chained Consumer Price Index (CPI) calculation.**  
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2845 165. Government/Federal Issues, pg 20  
2846 2021 Resolution to Amend the Platform of the Oklahoma Democratic Party  
2847 Submitted By: CD4  
2848 Title: Resolution in Support of Strengthening Social Security with FICA Tax  
2849 Increase  
2850 WHEREAS:  
2851 The Oklahoma Democratic Party recognizes that Social Security is the primary source of  
2852 retirement for many older Americans and provides a stable income base for over 46 million  
2853 Americans of all ages. It is the backbone of retirement and family protection in the United States,  
2854 enabling vast numbers of senior citizens, persons with disabilities and survivors to live  
2855 independently; and  
2856 WHEREAS:  
2857 The current Oklahoma Democratic Party Platform does not specifically address how to strengthen  
2858 this vital program; and  
2859 WHEREAS:  
2860 We believe that an increase in the income level of the program will protect Social Security for many  
2861 years to come;  
2862 **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**  
2863 **We support the increase of the Federal Insurance Contributions Act (FICA) tax level in order**  
2864 **to increase funding of the Social Security Program.**  
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2867 166. Government/Federal Issues, pg 20  
2868 2021 Resolution to Amend the Platform of the Oklahoma Democratic Party  
2869 Submitted By: OFDWC  
2870 Title: Resolution in Support of Ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment  
2871 WHEREAS:

2872 Women, who constitute over 50% of the population of Oklahoma, play an essential and  
2873 irreplaceable role in society, contributing to our economy and advancing our nation in both public  
2874 and private realms; and

2875 WHEREAS:

2876 Women continue to confront workplace discrimination, wage inequities, health care inequities,  
2877 higher rates of poverty, rape and domestic violence assaults, a lack of political parity, and other  
2878 forms of sex-based discrimination; and

2879 WHEREAS:

2880 State and federal anti-discrimination laws are not uniform or comprehensive, and can be repealed,  
2881 amended, or ineffectively applied by the courts; and

2882 WHEREAS:

2883 The federal Equal Rights Amendment (ERA) was proposed in 1923 and passed by Congress in  
2884 1972; has met the constitutional requirement for ratification by 38 states with the approval of  
2885 Nevada (2017), Illinois (2018), and Virginia (2020); and is awaiting certification by the US Archivist  
2886 pending resolution of issues regarding a time limit in its preamble rather than its text, which can  
2887 be removed by Congress, removal having been passed by bipartisan vote in the US House of  
2888 Representatives on March 17, 2021 but is pending in the US Senate, and five state rescissions,  
2889 which by precedent have never been recognized as valid; and

2890 WHEREAS:

2891 The ERA is essential for correcting systemic sex discrimination since it would guarantee that  
2892 “Equality of rights under the law shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any  
2893 state on account of sex.”

2894 **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

2895 **We support advocating that the Oklahoma State Legislature pass legislation ratifying the**  
2896 **ERA in order to join the growing list of states supporting a guarantee of equal constitutional**  
2897 **rights to all citizens without regard to their sex.**

2898 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

2899 **We support the passing of the bipartisan bill SJR1, removing the time limit on the states for**  
2900 **ratification, so we call on the US Senate to join in with the US House of Representatives to**  
2901 **support the validity of certification by the Archivist.**

2902 **FINALLY, BE IT ALSO RESOLVED:**

2903 **We support and commit ourselves to advocating at both the federal and state levels to**  
2904 **ensure that the ERA is added to the US Constitution in order to guarantee equal rights**  
2905 **under the law to all citizens without regard to their sex.**

**\*HEALTH CARE SECTION\***

167. Health Care/Health Care Coverage, pg 20

2021 Resolution to Amend the Platform of the Oklahoma Democratic Party

Submitted By: CD4

Title: Resolution in Support of the Affordable Care Act

WHEREAS:

The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (also known as ACA or ObamaCare) has opened access to health insurance to Americans with disabilities who were previously excluded because of pre-existing conditions; and

WHEREAS:

The ACA has expanded access to Medicaid, which many people need in order to survive; and

WHEREAS:

The ACA has promoted Medicaid’s home- and community-based services to keep people in their communities if they wish to stay there;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

**We support The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.**

168. Health Care/Health Care Coverage pg 20

2021 Resolution to Amend the Platform of the Oklahoma Democratic Party

Submitted By: CD4

Title: Resolution in Support of Medicaid

WHEREAS:

Medicaid is vital to survival for many people;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

**We oppose cuts in Medicaid.**

169. Health Care/Healthcare Coverage, pg 20

2021 Resolution to Amend the Platform of the Oklahoma Democratic Party

Submitted By: CD1

Title: Resolution Regarding Medicaid Management

WHEREAS:

The state of Oklahoma currently employs many people who are qualified or can receive training to oversee the Medicaid expansion; and

WHEREAS:

Oklahomans should be the first to be considered for jobs in their own state; and

WHEREAS:

Keeping the jobs sourced locally is good for our citizenry and our economy;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

**We oppose the awarding of any contract to a for-profit corporation or any corporation not headquartered in the State of Oklahoma for the management of Medicaid expansion.**

170. Health Care/Health Care Coverage, pg 20

2021 Resolution to Amend the Platform of the Oklahoma Democratic Party

2953 Submitted By: CD3  
2954 Title: Resolution in Support of Improving Access to Healthcare for Rural  
2955 Oklahomans

2956 WHEREAS:  
2957 Rural Oklahomans have difficulty accessing quality healthcare; and

2958 WHEREAS:  
2959 Rural Oklahomans have seen the closure of many hospitals that served rural communities

2960 **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**  
2961 **We support policies that promote and guarantee access to quality healthcare for rural**  
2962 **Oklahomans.**

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2965 171. Health Care/Healthcare Coverage, pg 20  
2966 2021 Resolution to Amend the Platform of the Oklahoma Democratic Party

2967 Submitted By: CD3  
2968 Title: Resolution in Support of Centering the Doctor-Patient Relationship

2969 WHEREAS:  
2970 Doctors, nurses, and other medical professionals are best suited to making patient care decisions;  
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2972 WHEREAS:  
2973 Patient care and outcomes must be prioritized over profits; and

2974 WHEREAS:  
2975 Insurance companies are not qualified to make individualized care decisions;

2976 **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**  
2977 **We support centering the relationship between doctor and patient in the making of all**  
2978 **patient care decisions including testing, diagnosis, and treatment without input or**  
2979 **oversight from insurance companies or plans and without regard to insurance company**  
2980 **revenue or profits.**

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2983 172. Health Care/Health Care Coverage, pg 20  
2984 2021 Resolution to Amend the Platform of the Oklahoma Democratic Party

2985 Submitted By: CD4  
2986 Title: Resolution in Support of Amending the Language of the Platform to  
2987 Include Specificity About Healthcare Coverage

2988 WHEREAS:  
2989 Assistive medical devices including vision correction, hearing aids, mobility devices, and other  
2990 such devices are necessary to good quality of life for many Americans; and

2991 WHEREAS:  
2992 Such devices ought to be considered a fundamental aspect of health care;

2993 **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**  
2994 **We amend the ODP platform under the section Healthcare, subsection Healthcare**  
2995 **Coverage, bullet point four to add the following language to the end of the bullet point: “in**  
2996 **all current health insurance products or any future single payer healthcare plan.”**

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2999 173. Health Care – Health Care Coverage, pg 20

3000 2021 Resolution to Amend the Platform of the Oklahoma Democratic Party

3001 Submitted By: CD4

3002 Title: Resolution in Support of Health Coverage

3003 WHEREAS:

3004 Funding is needed for mental health care services;

3005 **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

3006 **We support increased funding for, and insurance parity for, mental health care, including**  
3007 **treatment for substance abuse. Mental health care must NOT be charged at a higher rate or**  
3008 **covered at a lower level than any other type of healthcare.**

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3011 174. Health Care/Health Care Coverage, pg 20

3012 2021 Resolution to Amend the Platform of the Oklahoma Democratic Party

3013 Submitted By: CD4

3014 Title: Resolution Regarding Medicare

3015 WHEREAS:

3016 Medicare saves lives;

3017 **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

3018 **We support lowering the Medicare eligibility age to 55.**

3019 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

3020 **We oppose any efforts to privatize or voucherize Medicare.**

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3023 175. Health Care/Reproductive Health, pg 21

3024 2021 Resolution to Amend the Platform of the Oklahoma Democratic Party

3025 Submitted By: CD3, CD4

3026 Title: Resolution in Support of Amending the Platform to Support Reproductive  
3027 Health Care for People Who Are Transgender, Intersex, and/or Non-binary

3028 WHEREAS:

3029 We believe people who are intersex, non-binary, and transgender should have full reproductive  
3030 medical care; and

3031 WHEREAS:

3032 The current Platform, second bullet point under the “Reproductive Health” section on page 21  
3033 reads: “We support we believe that women’s health care extends to transgender and intersex  
3034 persons.” but leaves out non-binary persons; and

3035 WHEREAS:

3036 Reproductive health care is important for all humans; and

3037 WHEREAS:

3038 LGBTQIA+ rights are human rights;

3039 **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

3040 **We support amending the 2nd bullet point of the “Reproductive Health” section of the**  
3041 **Oklahoma Democratic Party to read: “We support women’s health care as a fundamental**  
3042 **right and extends to transgender, intersex, and/or non-binary persons.”**

3043 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

3044 **We support inserting an additional bullet point after the 2nd bullet point which reads: “We**  
3045 **support full reproductive health care for people who are transgender, intersex, and/or non-**  
3046 **binary.”**

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176. Health Care/Reproductive Health, pg 21

2021 Resolution to Amend the Platform of the Oklahoma Democratic Party

Submitted By: OFDWC

Title: Resolution in Support of a Woman’s Right to Choose

WHEREAS:

The United States Supreme Court decision, Roe v. Wade, published on January 22, 1973, affirmed that the United States Constitution safeguards a woman’s right to make her own medical decisions, and that government should not intrude in the most private and personal family matters; and

WHEREAS:

Women’s reproductive freedom is vital to a woman’s health, economic security, and the ability to participate equally in society; and

WHEREAS:

Comprehensive reproductive health care, including safe abortion, is a vital component of a woman’s overall health; and

WHEREAS:

Any regulation of medical care should have a legitimate purpose and if possible, be enforced in a way that increases, rather than decreases, access; and

WHEREAS:

Abortion, a time-sensitive, essential surgery, should be exempt from restrictions during health emergencies; and

WHEREAS:

In the 2016 landmark decision Whole Woman’s Health v. Hellerstedt, the Supreme Court reaffirmed a woman’s constitutional right to access safe, legal abortion, confirming more than 40 years of precedent; and

WHEREAS:

A woman’s right to access safe, legal abortion without burdensome restrictions imposed by a state is at stake across the country; and

WHEREAS:

Oklahoma has some of the most restrictive abortion laws in the country. A patient must receive state-directed counseling that includes information designed to discourage the patient from having an abortion, and then wait 72 hours before the procedure is provided. Patient’s must also undergo an ultrasound before obtaining an abortion and the use of telemedicine to administer medication abortion is prohibited; and

WHEREAS:

In 2021 Oklahoma’s Republican-controlled Legislature sponsored more than a dozen abortion bills to further restrict abortion access to Oklahoma women, including one bill that would classify abortion as homicide. That measure would have punished not only physicians performing abortions, but also patients who undergo the procedure. Fortunately, this hideous bill was unanimously rejected in committee; and

WHEREAS:

The conservative assault on a woman’s right to choose has been emboldened by the shifting political makeup of the Supreme Court and various state courts—including the Oklahoma Supreme Court—and will continue and become more restrictive; and

WHEREAS:

Everyone should have access to comprehensive health care in the state of Oklahoma.

3094 **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

3095 **We oppose efforts to undermine the Roe v. Wade Supreme Court decision by eliminating**  
3096 **access to abortion in Oklahoma and throughout the country.**

3097 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

3098 **We oppose and denounce violence towards abortion providers and their patients and affirm**  
3099 **that all people have the right to access reproductive healthcare services without fear of**  
3100 **violence, intimidation, or harassment.**

3101 **FINALLY, BE IT ALSO RESOLVED:**

3102 **We support access to health care without interference, including safe and legal abortion.**  
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3105 177. Healthcare/Reproductive Health, pg 21

3106 2021 Resolution to Amend the Platform of the Oklahoma Democratic Party

3107 Submitted By: CD2

3108 Title: Resolution in Support of a Woman’s Right to Choose

3109 **WHEREAS:**

3110 The Oklahoma Republican Majority has sought to undermine the constitutional rights of Oklahoma  
3111 women;

3112 **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

3113 **We oppose “back door legislation” such as HB1904 and SB612 which attempted to take**  
3114 **away a woman’s right to choose. We admonish the Republican majority in both houses of**  
3115 **the Oklahoma Legislature for attempting to create these pieces of back door legislation.**  
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3118 178. Health Care/Prescription Drugs, pg 22

3119 2021 Resolution to Amend the Platform of the Oklahoma Democratic Party

3120 Submitted By: CD1

3121 Title: Resolution in Support of Amending the Platform Language Surrounding  
3122 Prescription Drugs and State Question 788

3123 **WHEREAS:**

3124 The voters of Oklahoma made their intent clear with the passage of State Question 788; and

3125 **WHEREAS:**

3126 The Oklahoma Democratic Party 2019 Platform, page 17, bullet point three, under the heading  
3127 “Prescription Drugs” currently reads: “[We support] access to medical cannabis and believe State  
3128 Question 788 should be upheld in its entirety.”

3129 **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

3130 **We support amending the Oklahoma Democratic Party Platform, page 17, bullet point three,**  
3131 **under “Prescription Drugs” to read: “[We support] access to medical cannabis and believe**  
3132 **State Question 788 should be upheld in its entirety. We specifically oppose any legislation**  
3133 **that would recriminalize marijuana related offenses made legal by State Question 788.”**  
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3136 179. Health Care/Prescription Drugs, pg 22

3137 2021 Resolution to Amend the Platform of the Oklahoma Democratic Party

3138 Submitted By: CD1

3139 Title: Resolution in Opposition to Caps on THC Content in Cannabis Products

3140 **WHEREAS:**



3141 Arbitrary limits on the amount of psychoactive ingredients in both natural and produced cannabis  
3142 products increase costs to patients; and  
3143 WHEREAS:  
3144 Arbitrary limits do not improve patient treatment or outcomes; and  
3145 WHEREAS:  
3146 The voters of Oklahoma made their intent clear with the passage of State Question 788;  
3147 **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**  
3148 **We oppose any measures intended to place caps on the percentage of any specific**  
3149 **tetrahydrocannabinol present in either grown cannabis plants or in produced products**  
3150 **including edibles and concentrates.**  
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3153 180. Health Care/Prescription Drugs, pg 22  
3154 2021 Resolution to Amend the Platform of the Oklahoma Democratic Party  
3155 Submitted By: CD3  
3156 Title: Resolution in Support of Freedom of Pharmacy Choice  
3157 WHEREAS:  
3158 Access to prescription drugs is decided by mandates from insurance middlemen (a.k.a. pharmacy  
3159 benefit managers or PBMs) that choose which pharmacies beneficiaries may obtain their  
3160 medications; and  
3161 WHEREAS:  
3162 PBMs make arrangements between big chain retail pharmacies and/or mail order pharmacies to  
3163 provide better copayment rates in an effort to sway beneficiaries to utilize preferred pharmacies;  
3164 and  
3165 WHEREAS:  
3166 PBMs can require beneficiaries to use a pharmacy in which the PBM has an ownership interest;  
3167 and  
3168 WHEREAS:  
3169 Requiring use of a mail-order pharmacy can lead to delays in care due to disruption of mail service;  
3170 and  
3171 WHEREAS:  
3172 PBMs are not required to reimburse pharmacies the cost of acquisition of a prescription  
3173 medication; PBMs can choose to reimburse pharmacies far below the cost of a drug; and  
3174 WHEREAS:  
3175 Increased competition gives consumers more options to choose a pharmacy that's best for them;  
3176 **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**  
3177 **We support consumers' choice of which pharmacy they fill their prescriptions; Insurance**  
3178 **companies should cover every pharmacy under the same terms and conditions as offered**  
3179 **to preferred pharmacies.**  
3180 **BE IT ALSO RESOLVED:**  
3181 **We support preventing insurance companies and Pharmacy Benefit Managers (PBMs) from**  
3182 **incentivizing prescription dispensation from one pharmacy over another in any way**  
3183 **including, but not limited to, offering lower copays and limiting the number of days supply**  
3184 **of medication that will be covered.**  
3185 **FINALLY, BE IT ALSO RESOLVED:**  
3186 **We support any attempt to separate PBM's ability to own a pharmacy or any drug-**  
3187 **dispensing sites to eliminate potential conflicts of interest.**

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181. Health Care/Prescription Drugs, pg 22

2021 Resolution to Amend the Platform of the Oklahoma Democratic Party

Submitted By: CD3

Title: Resolution in Support of Medicaid Drug Price Negotiation

WHEREAS:

Medicaid should provide the highest-quality service to patients; and

WHEREAS:

Medicaid needs to do so in a cost-effective manner; and

WHEREAS:

Negotiating prescription drug prices with pharmaceutical corporations would assist Medicaid in fulfilling those goals;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

**We support legislation that allows Medicaid to negotiate lower prices for prescription drugs.**

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182. Health Care/new subclass, Access to Health Care, pg 20

2021 Resolution to Amend the Platform of the Oklahoma Democratic Party

Submitted By: CD1

Title: Resolution in Support of Full Recovery re: Health Care Tort Reform

WHEREAS:

Civil damage caps are often below the monetary amount necessary for long term care of major or chronic injuries or conditions; and

WHEREAS:

Civil damage caps tie the hands of judges and juries to make injured parties whole or punish egregious wrongdoing;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

**We support a repeal of “tort reform” laws and a reinstatement of the courts’ ability to make injured parties whole.**

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183. Health Care/new subclass, Access to Health Care, pg 20

2021 Resolution to Amend the Platform of the Oklahoma Democratic Party

Submitted By: CD1

Title: Resolution in Support of Bodily Autonomy At End of Life

WHEREAS:

Humans all have the right to bodily autonomy;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

**We support the right of an individual to make their own decisions involving end of life issues without intrusion by the government.**

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184. Health Care/new subclass, Access to Health Care, pg 20

2021 Resolution to Amend the Platform of the Oklahoma Democratic Party

Submitted By: CD3

3235 Title: Resolution in Support of Medicaid Drug Price Negotiation  
3236 WHEREAS:  
3237 Mental healthcare is a critical component of healthcare; and  
3238 WHEREAS:  
3239 Mental healthcare should be regarded with the same weight and importance as physical care; and  
3240 WHEREAS:  
3241 Residential treatment facilities are of particularly important for the most vulnerable Oklahomans  
3242 and Americans;  
3243 **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**  
3244 **We support the provision of comprehensive mental health care and coverage in all current**  
3245 **and future insurance plans and in any future single-payer healthcare system.**  
3246 **BE IT ALSO RESOLVED:**  
3247 **We support re-establishment of residential health facilities for developmentally disabled or**  
3248 **mentally impaired individuals, or other individuals whose mental capacity causes them to**  
3249 **be unable to care for themselves.**

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3252 185. Health Care/new subclass, Access to Health Care, pg 20  
3253 2021 Resolution to Amend the Platform of the Oklahoma Democratic Party  
3254 Submitted By: CD1  
3255 Title: Resolution in Support of Proactive Efforts to Reduce Challenges to  
3256 Impending Parenthood  
3257 WHEREAS:  
3258 It's difficult enough to be a new parent without worrying about health care and child care;  
3259 **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**  
3260 **We support providing healthcare and childcare support for newborns, to reduce the burden**  
3261 **on new parents.**

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3264 186. Health Care/new subclass, Access to Health Care, pg 20  
3265 2021 Resolution to Amend the Platform of the Oklahoma Democratic Party  
3266 Submitted By: CD3  
3267 Title: Resolution Regarding Death with Dignity  
3268 WHEREAS:  
3269 Terminally-ill people have bodily autonomy;  
3270 **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**  
3271 **The Oklahoma Democratic Party supports the right of terminally-ill patients and patients**  
3272 **with degenerative conditions to self-determination in the form of “death with dignity”**  
3273 **legislation.**

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3276 187. Health Care/new subclass, Access to Health Care, pg 20  
3277 2021 Resolution to Amend the Platform of the Oklahoma Democratic Party  
3278 Submitted By: CD4  
3279 Title: Resolution in Support of Rural Oklahomans  
3280 WHEREAS:

3281 Vaccination against communicable disease by all those able to be vaccinated promotes the health  
3282 and wellbeing of society; and  
3283 WHEREAS:  
3284 Universal vaccination by those able, protects those who cannot be vaccinated due to age, immune  
3285 health, or other medical conditions via herd immunity.  
3286 **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**  
3287 **We support vaccination programs and programs designed to educate and reduce vaccine**  
3288 **hesitancy.**

3291 188. Health Care/new subclass, Access to Health Care, pg 20  
3292 2021 Resolution to Amend the Platform of the Oklahoma Democratic Party  
3293 Submitted By: CD4  
3294 Title: Resolution in Support of Rural Oklahomans  
3295 WHEREAS:  
3296 Rural Oklahomans are one of the driving forces behind our economy, but they have to be healthy  
3297 to go to work;  
3298 **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**  
3299 **We support federal programs that maintain and build upon the assets of rural communities**  
3300 **to improve and provide better access to health care.**

3303 189. Health Care/new subclass, Access to Health Care, pg 20  
3304 2021 Resolution to Amend the Platform of the Oklahoma Democratic Party  
3305 Submitted By: CD1  
3306 Title: Resolution in Support of Health Care for Transgender Minors  
3307 WHEREAS:  
3308 Health care is a human right;  
3309 **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**  
3310 **We oppose any legislation designed to restrict access to healthcare for transgender**  
3311 **minors. This includes hormone blockers, hormone therapy, and age appropriate gender**  
3312 **affirming surgeries. Children and young adults deserve access to healthcare without fear**  
3313 **of mistreatment. Healthcare providers must be educated on the proper care and treatment**  
3314 **of transgender children and youth.**

3317 190. Health Care/Medical Research & Funding, pg 22  
3318 2021 Resolution to Amend the Platform of the Oklahoma Democratic Party  
3319 Submitted By: CD1  
3320 Title: Resolution in Support of the Creation of a Cancer Registry  
3321 WHEREAS:  
3322 Studies suggest that cancer can be caused by environmental issues;  
3323 **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**  
3324 **We support the creation of a cancer registry in Oklahoma for the sole purpose of tracking**  
3325 **environmental causes of cancer.**

3326 **\*HUMAN RIGHTS\***

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3328 191. Human Rights, Discrimination, pg 22

3329 2021 Resolution to Amend the Platform of the Oklahoma Democratic Party

3330 Submitted By: CD1, CD4

3331 Title: Resolution in Support of Expansion of Consideration for Disabilities

3332 WHEREAS:

3333 The Americans with Disabilities Act, ADA, was passed in 1990; and

3334 WHEREAS:

3335 Awareness, compliance, and enforcement have been slow and patchy across jurisdictions; and

3336 WHEREAS:

3337 Being disabled is more than being wheelchair bound, and includes all of our senses, mental  
3338 challenges, and physical capacities;

3339 **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

3340 **We support an ‘all of Government’ approach through all branches, Federal, State, and  
3341 Local, to implement and enforce the ADA.**

3342 **BE IT ALSO RESOLVED:**

3343 **We support all efforts, public and private, to educate Americans of their responsibilities to  
3344 comply with the ADA and to make ‘reasonable accommodations’.**

3345 **BE IT ALSO RESOLVED:**

3346 **We encourage all businesses to accommodate individuals by full compliance of the ADA,  
3347 including closed captioning and other assistance beyond that which is outlined in the  
3348 Americans with Disabilities Act.**

3349 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

3350 **We support vigorous enforcement of the ADA so that individuals are welcome in all spaces  
3351 of public accommodation.**

3352 **FINALLY, BE IT ALSO RESOLVED:**

3353 **We oppose all efforts to weaken the landmark Americans with Disabilities Act.**

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3356 192. Human Rights/Discrimination, pg 22

3357 2021 Resolution to Amend the Platform of the Oklahoma Democratic Party

3358 Submitted By: CD4

3359 Title: Resolution Opposing Racial Violence

3360 WHEREAS:

3361 Our Nation and The State of Oklahoma suffers from lasting racism; and

3362 WHEREAS:

3363 Hatred and bigotry manifest themselves in harmful acts against Oklahomans and our guests

3364 **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

3365 **We oppose attacks, hatred, and bigotry against all marginalized people, including people  
3366 of color, Black, Hispanic, Asian American, Pacific Islander, and Native Americans  
3367 communities and repudiate the attacks, hatred, and bigotry in every form.**

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3370 193. Human Rights/Discrimination, pg 22

3371 2021 Resolution to Amend the Platform of the Oklahoma Democratic Party

3372 Submitted By: CD4

3373 Title: Resolution in Opposition to Establishing English as a National Language  
3374 WHEREAS:  
3375 American society is strengthened by its multicultural and multilingual nature; and  
3376 WHEREAS:  
3377 Language limitations prevent the full participation in society and government by non-English  
3378 speakers; and  
3379 WHEREAS:  
3380 Such laws are unnecessary and discriminatory in nature;  
3381 **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**  
3382 **We oppose any attempt to establish English as a national or otherwise exclusive language.**  
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3385 194. Human Rights/Discrimination, pg 22  
3386 2021 Resolution to Amend the Platform of the Oklahoma Democratic Party  
3387 Submitted By: CD1  
3388 Title: Resolution in Support of LGBTQIA+ Protection  
3389 WHEREAS:  
3390 Members of the LGBTQIA+ community face disproportionate discrimination; and  
3391 WHEREAS:  
3392 Courts should give consideration to such immutable traits as they do with race or gender; and  
3393 WHEREAS:  
3394 Strict scrutiny is the appropriate standard for review when laws that discriminate against  
3395 LGBTQIA+ people are brought before the courts;  
3396 **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**  
3397 **We support legislation, to enact a suspect class for people who identify as LGBTQIA+, the**  
3398 **highest legally-protected status for LGBTQIA+ citizens.**  
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3401 195. Human Rights/Human Rights, pg 22  
3402 2021 Resolution to Amend the Platform of the Oklahoma Democratic Party  
3403 Submitted By: CD3  
3404 Title: Resolution in Support of Black Lives Matter  
3405 WHEREAS:  
3406 Black lives matter; and  
3407 WHEREAS:  
3408 Systemic racism against Black Americans is destructive to society; and  
3409 WHEREAS:  
3410 Systemic racism affects many more minority groups; and  
3411 WHEREAS:  
3412 Organizations that work to end systemic racism and protect vulnerable people from hate groups  
3413 should be supported;  
3414 **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**  
3415 **We support all advocacy groups, such as Black Lives Matter, that work to promote racial**  
3416 **justice, that work to end systemic racism, that participate in the creation of plans, policies,**  
3417 **and laws directed at judicial reform, which work to recognize and confront implicit bias,**  
3418 **and that work to protect those targeted by hate groups.**  
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3421 196. Human Rights/Human Rights, pg 22

3422 2021 Resolution to Amend the Platform of the Oklahoma Democratic Party

3423 Submitted By: CD4

3424 Title: Resolution Regarding Parenting

3425 WHEREAS:

3426 The rights of each person who co-parents and the rights of grandparents raising their grandchildren  
3427 should be strengthened;

3428 **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

3429 **We support legislation and policies that strengthen the rights of each person who co-**  
3430 **parents and the rights of grandparents raising their grandchildren.**

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3433 197. Human Rights/Human Rights, pg 22

3434 2021 Resolution to Amend the Platform of the Oklahoma Democratic Party

3435 Submitted By: CD1

3436 Title: Resolution in Opposition to Genocide and Forced Removal

3437 WHEREAS:

3438 Genocide and the forced removal of all indigenous peoples is a crime against humanity;

3439 **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

3440 **We oppose genocide and the forced removal of all indigenous peoples and support**  
3441 **sanctions against states that engage in such behavior.**

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3444 198. Human Rights/Child Welfare, pg 23

3445 2021 Resolution to Amend the Platform of the Oklahoma Democratic Party

3446 Submitted By: CD4

3447 Title: Resolution in Support of Amending the Language of the Platform of the  
3448 Oklahoma Democratic Party

3449 WHEREAS:

3450 The current bullet point in the “Child Welfare” section on page 23 has unspecified acronyms;

3451 **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

3452 **We support amending the Platform of the Oklahoma Democratic Party to spell out “We**  
3453 **support changes in housing for children with special needs (Developmental Disabilities**  
3454 **Support Division (DDSD), of the Oklahoma Department of Human Services) as they grow to**  
3455 **adulthood, to include housing for adults with special needs with more security and**  
3456 **opportunities for activities that meet their needs as they grow older.”**

3457 **\*LABOR SECTION\***

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3459 199. Labor/Collective Bargaining Rights, pg 23

3460 2021 Resolution to Amend the Platform of the Oklahoma Democratic Party

3461 Submitted By: CD4

3462 Title: Resolution in Support of Amending the Platform Language on Union  
3463 Formation

3464 WHEREAS:

3465 We support organized labor and workers' rights;

3466 **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

3467 **We support amending the Oklahoma Democratic Party platform in the "Collective**  
3468 **Bargaining" section, page 23 to add a bullet point which will read: "We support laws such**  
3469 **as the Employee Free Choice Act, which provides employees their right to form unions,**  
3470 **and supports our continued and unswerving commitment to labor organizations and the**  
3471 **workers' rights they espouse."**

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3474 200. Labor/Collective Bargaining Rights, pg 23

3475 2021 Resolution to Amend the Platform of the Oklahoma Democratic Party

3476 Submitted By: CD2

3477 Title: Resolution in Support of the PRO Act

3478 WHEREAS:

3479 The Oklahoma Republican Majority has sought to undermine the right of labor to organize;

3480 **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

3481 **We support the PRO Act and its efforts to protect organized labor.**

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3484 201. Labor/Minimum Wage, pg 24

3485 2021 Resolution to Amend the Platform of the Oklahoma Democratic Party

3486 Submitted By: CD3

3487 Title: Resolution in Support of Communities' Rights Regarding the Minimum  
3488 Wage

3489 WHEREAS:

3490 A smaller-area government can better determine what is more beneficial to its citizens;

3491 **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

3492 **The Oklahoma Democratic Party supports opposition to any legislation that deprives**  
3493 **communities of their choice to establish a minimum wage higher than the state minimum**  
3494 **wage.**

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3497 202. Labor/Minimum Wage, pg 24

3498 2021 Resolution to Amend the Platform of the Oklahoma Democratic Party

3499 Submitted By: CD4

3500 Title: Resolution in Support of Raising the Minimum Wage

3501 WHEREAS:

3502 The minimum wage has remained the same since July 24, 2009, despite the ever-increasing cost  
3503 of living;



3504 **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

3505 **We support an increase in the minimum wage to \$15 per hour as expeditiously as possible,**  
3506 **no more than a 3-year period. We support a living wage for all full-time workers.**

3509 203. Labor/Minimum Wage, pg 24

3510 2021 Resolution to Amend the Platform of the Oklahoma Democratic Party

3511 Submitted By: OFDWC, CD5

3512 Title: Resolution to Raise the Minimum Wage

3513 WHEREAS:

3514 The federal minimum wage was established in 1938 to ensure that workers are fairly compensated  
3515 for their labor and able to afford a decent quality of life. Since its establishment, however,  
3516 infrequent increases have not kept up with inflation. The current federal minimum has not budged  
3517 since 2009 is only \$7.25 an hour, and is far too low; and

3518 WHEREAS:

3519 American families are struggling to pay for health care, food, housing, childcare and other basic  
3520 needs, and breadwinners desperately need a raise. Additionally, the ability to meet basic needs  
3521 becomes more difficult when wages are stagnant as the cost of living continues to increase; and

3522 WHEREAS:

3523 The Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) produces two inflation measures used to adjust parameters  
3524 for federal benefit programs including the Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and  
3525 Clerical Workers (CPI-W) and the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U); and

3526 WHEREAS:

3527 Several major federal benefit programs are indexed for inflation including the cost-of-living  
3528 adjustments for Social Security, income eligibility for Medicaid, income and asset benefits for  
3529 Medicare, and most benefit programs serving retired and disabled veterans; and

3530 WHEREAS:

3531 When business owners invest in their workers by giving them fair wages, workers are likely to  
3532 spend or save more of their bigger paychecks, and in the process, stimulate the economy and  
3533 create new jobs. Additionally, fair wage and compensation packages promote long-term  
3534 employment and reduce the amount of time and money businesses spend on training and  
3535 retraining employees; and

3536 WHEREAS:

3537 Raising the minimum wage would be transformative for women and families. According to analysis  
3538 by the Economic Policy Institute (EPI) and the National Employment Law Project (NELP), the  
3539 majority of workers who would benefit from gradually raising the federal minimum wage to \$15 an  
3540 hour are women—59 percent, or nearly 19 million. In total, more than 1 in 4 working women, both  
3541 those working full and part time, would see a raise; and

3542 WHEREAS:

3543 Women, on average, are paid \$0.82 for every dollar paid to men and many women of color are  
3544 paid even less. Data shows that an increase in pay for low-wage workers could have a significant  
3545 impact on the gender and racial pay gap; and

3546 WHEREAS:

3547 President Joe Biden’s plan to “Build Back Better” for American workers includes raising the  
3548 minimum wage to \$15 per hour and ending the tipped minimum wage and sub-minimum wage for  
3549 people with disabilities. Additionally, Congressional Democrats have reintroduced the Raise the

3550 Wage Act, which would increase the federal minimum wage from \$7.25 per hour to \$15.00 per  
3551 hour by 2025.

3552 **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

3553 **We support and will lobby in favor of living wages for workers, in cities, states and other**  
3554 **localities across the country. This will include tying the minimum wage in Oklahoma and**  
3555 **other states to an inflation index, cost of living index, or the local cost of housing.**

3556 **BE IT ALSO RESOLVED:**

3557 **We support and will endorse, promote, and participate in mobilizations and campaigns for**  
3558 **living wages. Additionally, we will work with Oklahoma unions, civil rights organizations,**  
3559 **clergy, community groups and other advocacy groups to raise wages in Oklahoma and**  
3560 **across the United States.**

3561 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

3562 **We support an increase in the federal minimum wage.**

3563 **FINALLY, BE IT ALSO RESOLVED:**

3564 **We oppose "trickle-down" economic policies that aim to prevent wage increases for**  
3565 **workers.**

3568 204. Labor/Worker Pay/Benefits, pg 24

3569 2021 Resolution to Amend the Platform of the Oklahoma Democratic Party

3570 Submitted By: CD4

3571 Title: Resolution in Support of Amending the Platform Regarding Injured  
3572 Workers

3573 **WHEREAS:**

3574 We must protect labor and those who provide it;

3575 **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

3576 **We support amending the Oklahoma Democratic Party platform "Worker/Pay Benefits"**  
3577 **section, page 24, bullet point 3, to read: "We oppose the Workers' Compensation "reform",**  
3578 **which lowers the benefits to injured workers, ends coverage to cumulative damage injuries,**  
3579 **and creates a horrendous, "four different kinds" of workers' compensation adjudication**  
3580 **methods: (1) preserves the old, judge system for the pending cases under that system; (2)**  
3581 **arbitration; (3) a new system of administrative "judges"; and (4) an "opt-out", so that**  
3582 **employers can decide to set up their own workers' comp system."**

3585 205. Labor/Employee Rights, pg 24

3586 2021 Resolution to Amend the Platform of the Oklahoma Democratic Party

3587 Submitted By: CD4

3588 Title: Resolution Regarding Unemployment

3589 **WHEREAS:**

3590 We recognize that unemployment is a serious menace to the economic security of all working  
3591 people; and

3592 **WHEREAS:**

3593 We recognize that the unemployment insurance system has worked well to alleviate the harm to  
3594 the economic security of working people since the New Deal and at the same time lessened the  
3595 impact of many recessions since the Great Depression and most recently the last Great Recession  
3596 through the injection of badly needed cash reserves into weakened economies; and

3597 WHEREAS:  
3598     Employers use dubious claims of misconduct to prevent employees from claiming unemployment  
3599     benefits;  
3600 **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**  
3601     **We oppose all efforts to shift the burden to show “misconduct” from the employer to the**  
3602     **employee.**

**\*MILITARY SECTION\***

3603 **206. Military/Veterans Programs, pg 25**

3604 2021 Resolution to Amend the Platform of the Oklahoma Democratic Party

3605 Submitted By: CD3

3606 Title: Resolution in Support of Creating a Program to Help Unsheltered Veterans

3607 WHEREAS:

3608 Every Oklahoman deserves a safe place to sleep; and

3609 WHEREAS:

3610 Homeless shelters provide a safe place for the unsheltered; and

3611 WHEREAS:

3612 Shelters can be a starting point for unsheltered Oklahomans to achieve stability; and

3613 WHEREAS:

3614 Veterans are at particular risk for being unsheltered; and

3615 WHEREAS:

3616 We have a special responsibility to care for those who served our country and community;

3617 **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

3618 **We support the creation and funding of shelters for the unsheltered that are open and**  
3619 **staffed at all times, including holidays, that are fully equipped to feed and shelter the**  
3620 **unsheltered, particularly in times of extreme environmental conditions such as extreme**  
3621 **heat, cold, or storms.**

3622 **BE IT ALSO RESOLVED:**

3623 **We support a pilot program that would establish and construct tiny-house communities to**  
3624 **benefit unsheltered veterans, and that we further support expanding that program to help**  
3625 **non-veteran unsheltered persons if that program proves successful.**

3626 **207. Military/Veterans Hospitals, pg 25**

3627 2021 Resolution to Amend the Platform of the Oklahoma Democratic Party

3628 Submitted By: CD3

3629 Title: Resolution in Support of Improving Veterans' Health Care

3630 WHEREAS:

3631 Veterans deserve the best healthcare possible;

3632 **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

3633 **We support efforts to investigate and improve current healthcare problems at VA hospitals.**

3634 **208. Military/Nuclear Weapons, pg 26**

3635 2021 Resolution to Amend the Platform of the Oklahoma Democratic Party

3636 Submitted By: CD1

3637 Title: Resolution Regarding Nuclear Power and Radiation

3638 WHEREAS:

3639 Nuclear power and radiation are dangerous to human and other life;

3640 **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

3641 **We oppose federal bailouts and loan guarantees for nuclear power plants and nuclear**  
3642 **energy corporations.**

3643 **BE IT ALSO RESOLVED:**

**We oppose the transportation of nuclear waste by rail or truck across Oklahoma.**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

**We support the nationwide reporting to the public of all airborne radiation recorded by the EPA.**

**FINALLY, BE IT ALSO RESOLVED:**

**We support the labeling of all radioactive waste and oppose the release of radioactive waste by the Department of Energy to be used in manufacturing and commerce.**

209. Military/Nuclear Weapons, pg 26

2021 Resolution to Amend the Platform of the Oklahoma Democratic Party

Submitted By: CD4

Title: Resolution in Opposition to Proliferation of Nuclear, Chemical, and Biological Weapons

**WHEREAS:**

Nuclear weapons pose a risk just by existing, and also during the development, testing, and storage of these weapons;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

**We support strengthening the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty and should seek ratification of the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty to stop the spread of nuclear material. We support further arms control agreements with regard to Nuclear weapons.**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

**We are committed to preventing the spread of nuclear, chemical, and biological weapons and to eventually ridding the planet of these types of weapons. We believe the world will be safer with fewer weapons of mass destruction, but to be clear, we do not support unilateral disarmament.**

**\*VARIOUS SECTIONS\***

210. ODP Platform, various sections - listed in each entry

2021 Resolution to Amend the Platform of the Oklahoma Democratic Party

Submitted By: CD1, CD3

Title: Resolution in Support of Amending the Oklahoma Democratic Party Platform

**WHEREAS:**

The current Platform of the Oklahoma Democratic Party includes many issues still of concern to Oklahoma Democrats, and could be updated and modified to be adopted by the Oklahoma Democratic Party as its new Platform;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

**We support this change to the Platform of the Oklahoma Democratic Party: The sixth paragraph of the section THE OKLAHOMA DEMOCRAT, (page 7), it reads: "Oklahoma Democrats declare that every American who wants a job should have one, that government policies can grow our economy in a way that benefits everyone, and that the government can effectively fix harmful skews in the market." should be replaced with: "Oklahoma Democrats declare that every American who wants a job should have one, that government policies can grow our economy in a way that benefits everyone, and that the government can effectively take action to reduce economic inequality in America."**

**BE IT ALSO RESOLVED:**

**We support this change to the Platform of the Oklahoma Democratic Party: In the Criminal Justice, Civil Asset Forfeiture section, (page 8), under "We support" the word "trail" should be replaced with the word "trial".**

**BE IT ALSO RESOLVED:**

**We support this change to the Platform of the Oklahoma Democratic Party: In the Criminal Justice, Police Reform section, (page 9), under "We support" point 4 which reads: "Independent reviews of all police excessive force claims and the use of body cameras," should be replaced with "All claims of use of excessive force by police be reviewed by an independent U.S. Residents Review Board", and another bullet point should be added which should read; "The use of body cameras by all law enforcement officers during all encounters with citizens."**

**BE IT ALSO RESOLVED:**

**We support this change to the Platform of the Oklahoma Democratic Party: In the Economy, Auto Sales/Insurance section, (page 10), under "We support" the first point which reads "Requiring the car dealer to include tag and tax expenses when purchasing a new car," should be replaced with "Requiring the car dealer to include tag and tax expenses when purchasing a new or used car."**

**BE IT ALSO RESOLVED:**

**We support this change to the Platform of the Oklahoma Democratic Party: In the Economy, Banking Industry section, (page 10), under "We support" point two which reads; "Supports the ability to refinance mortgages as part of stabilizing housing." should be replaced with: "The ability of consumers to refinance mortgages as part of stabilizing housing."**

**BE IT ALSO RESOLVED:**

**We support this change to the Platform of the Oklahoma Democratic Party: In the Economy, Corporations section, (page 11), under "We oppose" point one which reads: "Corporations moving operations outside the U.S. to avoid the U.S. environment and labor standards."**

Should be replaced with “Corporations moving operations outside the U.S. to avoid U.S. environmental and labor standards.”

**BE IT ALSO RESOLVED:**

We support this change to the Platform of the Oklahoma Democratic Party: Point three under “We support” which reads “support the right of teachers to join any union, to bargain collectively and to obtain a legally binding collective bargaining agreement.” should be replaced with “The right of teachers and school staff to join any union, to bargain collectively and to obtain a legally binding collective bargaining agreement.”

**BE IT ALSO RESOLVED:**

We support this change to the Platform of the Oklahoma Democratic Party: In the Education, School Safety section, under “We support” the second point which reads: “The passage of House Bill 1989 as well as any other similarly proposed legislation, which will take into consideration the needs of a student before enacting mandatory out of school policies.” should be changed to “The passage of legislation which will take into consideration the needs of a student before enacting mandatory out of school policies.”

**BE IT ALSO RESOLVED:**

We support this change to the Platform of the Oklahoma Democratic Party: In the Education, Curriculum section, (pages 12, 13), under “We support” point 8 which reads: “We support providing students with environmental education (climate change).” should be replaced with “Providing students with accurate, evidence-based information about the Earth's environment, including the issue of climate change.”

**BE IT ALSO RESOLVED:**

We support this change to the Platform of the Oklahoma Democratic Party: In the Education, Curriculum section, (page 13), the first point under “We oppose” should be eliminated. It is repetitive. The first point in this section, under “We support”, states our support of continuation of AP classes in public schools.

**BE IT ALSO RESOLVED:**

We support this change to the Platform of the Oklahoma Democratic Party: In the Education, Curriculum section, (page 13), the words “We oppose” in the second point should be removed. The second point should be edited to read, We Oppose: “the valuation of schools and teachers based disproportionately on test scores.”

**BE IT ALSO RESOLVED:**

We support this change to the Platform of the Oklahoma Democratic Party: In the Education, Higher Education section, under “We support,” the first point which reads: “Free access to public colleges and universities for all residents.” should be replaced with “Free access to include tuition, books and fees to accredited public colleges, universities, and other accredited institutions of training and education, including vocational and technical programs and trade schools, for all Oklahoma residents for up to 6 years or completion of the requirements of a Bachelor’s degree, whichever comes first.”

**BE IT ALSO RESOLVED:**

We support this change to the Platform of the Oklahoma Democratic Party: Under Environment, Climate Change, (page 14), “We support”, point 3 which reads: “Renewing membership and participation in The Paris Agreement (on climate change), to which the U.S. is a signatory. We support work to increase the effectiveness of this agreement to further mitigate and reverse global warming.” should be replaced with “Fulfill America’s responsibilities under The Paris Agreement on Climate Change to mitigate global warming.”

3770 **BE IT ALSO RESOLVED:**

3771 We support this change to the Platform of the Oklahoma Democratic Party: Under  
3772 Environment, “We support” point 5 which reads: “A major new innovative approach to  
3773 reducing carbon emissions with programs that are described in the “Green New Deal” (HR  
3774 109) resolution which is not being discussed in congress.” should be replaced with  
3775 “President Biden’s Infrastructure Plan, known as Build Back Better, which would help the  
3776 United States achieve carbon free power generation by 2035 and net-zero carbon emissions  
3777 by 2050.”

3778 **BE IT ALSO RESOLVED:**

3779 We support this change to the Platform of the Oklahoma Democratic Party: Under  
3780 Environment, In the Environmental Protection Agency section, (page 15), which reads “We  
3781 support a strong and effective Environmental Protection Agency that protects us from  
3782 those who would pollute our air and water and not an agency that is being systematically  
3783 destroyed by the current administration.”, should now read: We support “a strong and  
3784 effective Environmental Protection Agency that protects us from those who would pollute  
3785 our air and water.”

3786 **BE IT ALSO RESOLVED:**

3787 We support this change to the Platform of the Oklahoma Democratic Party: In the  
3788 Government, Taxation section, (page 17), Change the 10th bullet point from “ The  
3789 immediate restoration of the refund-ability of the Oklahoma Earned Income Tax Credit” to  
3790 now read: “Legislation to make The Oklahoma Earned Income Tax Credit once again  
3791 refundable.”

3792 **BE IT ALSO RESOLVED:**

3793 We support this change to the Platform of the Oklahoma Democratic Party: In the  
3794 Government, Elections section, (page 19), the last point should read “20-voter notarization  
3795 limit” instead of “15-voter notarization limit”.

3796 **BE IT ALSO RESOLVED:**

3797 We support this change to the Platform of the Oklahoma Democratic Party: In the State  
3798 Government section, (page 20), in the 5th point under “We oppose” the word “with” should  
3799 be replaced with “within” to read “within the state of Oklahoma” so the entire bullet point  
3800 will read: We oppose “any statute of limitations for civil complaints committed within the  
3801 State of Oklahoma.”

3802 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

3803 We support deleting the 4th point in the Government, Federal Issues section, (page 20), as  
3804 an investigation into allegations of obstruction of justice and election tampering in the  
3805 Mueller report would distract from the achievement of the goals of the Biden  
3806 Administration.

3807 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

3808 We support this change to the Platform of the Oklahoma Democratic Party: In the  
3809 Healthcare, Healthcare Coverage section, (page 20), the 3rd point under “We support”  
3810 which reads: “Accepting the Federal funds required to implement the expansion of  
3811 Medicaid in Oklahoma.” should be replaced with “Adequate funding to implement the  
3812 expansion of Medicaid in Oklahoma.”

3813 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

3814 We support this change to the Platform of the Oklahoma Democratic Party: Remove the  
3815 word ‘Supports’ from the second point at the top of page 21 as the section begins with “We  
3816 support”.



3817 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

3818 We support this change to the Platform of the Oklahoma Democratic Party: In the  
3819 Healthcare, Prescription Drugs section, (page 22), the second point under “We support”  
3820 which reads: “Medicare should be allowed to negotiate prescription prices with  
3821 pharmaceutical companies.” should be replaced with “Allowing the Center for Medicare  
3822 Services, the federal agency that manages Medicare, Medicaid and the Children’s Health  
3823 Insurance Program, to negotiate prescription prices with pharmaceutical companies.”

3824 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

3825 We support this change to the Platform of the Oklahoma Democratic Party: In the Human  
3826 Rights, Human Rights section, points 4 through 6 (at the top of page 23), the word  
3827 “Supports” should be deleted as the section begins with “We support”.

3828 **FINALLY, BE IT ALSO RESOLVED:**

3829 We support this change to the Platform of the Oklahoma Democratic Party: The word  
3830 “Supports” should be removed from the first point at the top of page 25 as the section  
3831 begins with the words “We support”. The words “We support” could be added at the top  
3832 of page 25 for clarity.

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3835 **\*END OF PREVIOUSLY PUBLISHED REPORT\***

**\*BEGINNING OF RESOLUTIONS RECEIVED BY THE COMMITTEE AFTER DEADLINE – THIS IS THE PORTION OF THE REPORT THAT HAS BEEN REVISED AFTER DISSEMINATION TO THE BODY OF THE CONVENTION. THE RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE MET THE MORNING OF STATE CONVENTION (1<sup>ST</sup> CONVENE) AND VOTED TO HAVE THESE AS PART OF THE REPORT, AND FOR THE DELEGATES’ EASE, THEY ARE NOT INTERMINGLED IN WITH WHAT WAS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED, IN CASE SOME DELEGATES PRINTED THE PREVIOUS REPORT. THE FOLLOWING ARE JUST ADDITIONS TO, BECAUSE A TECHNICAL ISSUE KEPT US FROM DISCOVERING THAT THESE WERE SUBMITTED BEFORE THE DEADLINE. --AJ\***

211. Human Rights/new subclass, \*Unsheltered People\*, pg 22

2021 Resolution to Amend the Platform of the Oklahoma Democratic Party

Submitted By: Trinity Lynn, **website submission**

Title: Resolution in Support of Helping Unsheltered People Find Shelter And Resources

WHEREAS:

Becoming unsheltered continues to be a threat to many people in our communities due to multiple factors such as drug abuse, addiction, domestic violence, lack of proper resources, job loss, or other unforeseen circumstances; and

WHEREAS:

Just because unsheltered people don't have a literal home does not mean they don't have a home;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

**We support more funding for free rehabilitation programs for our unsheltered neighbors in Oklahoma, to include shelters to house families.**

**BE IT ALSO RESOLVED:**

**We support expanding projects such as “Tulsa Community Fridge Project” to help people in need get free, fresh, filling food.**

**BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED:**

**We support providing more safe places for unsheltered people fleeing domestic abuse.**

**FINALLY, BE IT ALSO RESOLVED:**

**We support providing more community outreach programs for our unsheltered community so that they feel more inclined to be a part of something that will help them gain the resources to become and remain sheltered.**

212. Education/School Safety, pg 12

2021 Resolution to Amend the Platform of the Oklahoma Democratic Party

Submitted By: 800269731, **website submission**

Title: Resolution in Support of Eliminating Gun Violence in Schools

WHEREAS:

Those committing violence on school ground, especially active shooters, often have a connection to the school; and

WHEREAS:

Guns used in school-based violence generally come from the shooter's home or the home of a family member or friend; and

WHEREAS:

Shooters often exhibit warning signs of potential violence that concerns those around them; and

WHEREAS:

Gun violence in schools has a disproportionate impact on students of color;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

**We support evidence-based intervention plans to address signs of violence and keeps shooters out of schools by establishing equitable threat assessment programs, upgrading security infrastructure, implementing advance emergency planning, and providing adequate mental health counseling for all students.**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

**We oppose all presence of guns in schools, except by law enforcement officers in their line of duty.**

213. Education/Education Funding, pg 12

2021 Resolution to Amend the Platform of the Oklahoma Democratic Party

Submitted By: John Croisant, [website submission](#)

Title: Resolution in Support of Properly Funding Public Education

WHEREAS:

Oklahoma per-pupil spending is still lagging behind other states in our region; and

WHEREAS:

Oklahoma public school students make up more than 90% of all students;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

**We support funding Oklahoma public schools at or above the regional average.**

214. Education/Education Funding, pg 12

2021 Resolution to Amend the Platform of the Oklahoma Democratic Party

Submitted By: John Croisant, [website submission](#)

Title: Resolution in Opposition to Vouchers & Private School Tax Credits

WHEREAS:

Over 90% of students attend public schools in Oklahoma; and

WHEREAS:

Not all Oklahoma counties have access to private schools; and

WHEREAS:

It is an Oklahoma Constitutional right of students to receive an education; and

WHEREAS:

Private Schools do not have to admit all students and can exclude students because of their religion, inability to pay tuition, the student’s gender identity, or other beliefs; and

WHEREAS:

Public Schools educate all students and must meet strict state and federal education guidelines and must be financially transparent with public funds; and

WHEREAS:

Vouchers and tax credits would take millions of dollars away from state appropriations for public education and other essential programs;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

**We oppose any additional funding for vouchers or private school tax credits that would reduce the amount of taxes being received by the State of Oklahoma that could have gone to support public schools or other essential state programs.**

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215. Education, pg 11

2021 Resolution to Amend the Platform of the Oklahoma Democratic Party

Submitted By: Thomas A. Upshaw, **website submission**

Title: Resolution in Support of Amending the Platform to Update the Language on Education

WHEREAS:

Recent bills have been proposed to the Oklahoma legislature that use academic freedom language as a way to undermine the authority of the state and school systems to teach quality and up to date science curricula, there is a long history of such bills being proposed over the years and it is likely that such bills will continue to be proposed in the future; and

WHEREAS:

Such bills render teachers less accountable to administrators and school boards, undermine local school board control, and make curricula subject to pressure from members of the community to mis-educate students on the basis of a variety of ideological grounds; and

WHEREAS:

Passage of such bills would harm Oklahoma's reputation in the scientific, technological, and engineering communities, having negative economic impacts on the state; and

WHEREAS:

Such bills are opposed by many organizations such as the Oklahoma Science Teachers Association, Oklahomans for Excellence in Science Education, the Oklahoma State School Boards Association, the Oklahoma Academy of Science, the National Science Teachers Association and the National Association of Biology Teachers, and many others; and

WHEREAS:

It is more important than ever to accurately address and mitigate climate change in a timely fashion, and accurate science education on the subject is therefore crucial;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

**We support revising the state party's platform language to include the following addition: Under the Curriculum sub-topic of the Education section, add "We oppose legislation which attempts to undermine the integrity of science education in public schools."**

**BE IT ALSO RESOLVED:**

**We support revising the state party's platform language to include the following addition: Under the Higher Education sub-topic of the Education section, add that we support "Increasing funds to ensure that pre-service and in-service K-12 educators receive adequate preparation to teach climate change in accordance with the scientific consensus."**

**FINALLY, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

**We support revising the state party's platform language to include the following change: The item in the state platform under the Curriculum sub-topic of the Education section which currently reads "We support providing students with environmental education (climate change)," should be revised to read "We support providing students with environmental education (including the causes, consequences, and potential solutions to climate change)."**

216. Environment/\*Utilities\*, pg 14

2021 Resolution to Amend the Platform of the Oklahoma Democratic Party

3977 Submitted By: Bob Moody, website submission  
3978 Title: Resolution in Support of Nuclear Power Generated Electricity  
3979 WHEREAS:  
3980 The United States must make greater progress in reducing the use of fossil fuels to do its part in  
3981 reducing global warming; and  
3982 WHEREAS:  
3983 Electricity has been safely generated in the United States with nuclear energy for sixty-four years,  
3984 with the next generation of nuclear power plants being even safer, smaller, and less expensive to  
3985 build than current reactors; and  
3986 WHEREAS:  
3987 Representative Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez has stated the Green New Deal is open to nuclear  
3988 power, which provides an opportunity to demonstrate that nuclear energy to play a major role in  
3989 reducing fossil fuel usage; and  
3990 **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**  
3991 **We support the government of the United States of America encouraging, facilitating with**  
3992 **appropriate legislation and regulations, and providing funding, to speed the adoption of**  
3993 **nuclear power-generated electricity as the nation’s primary source of electricity in order to**  
3994 **combat global warming.**  
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4000 **\*END REVISED REPORT\***