

North Carolina Democratic Party Resolutions and Platform Committee Master List of All Resolutions for the Old North State

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1. ECONOMIC MATTERS

1.1 A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF A COMPREHENSIVE APPROACH TO HOUSING POLICY

Submitted by NCCD04, NCCD 03, NCCD11, NCCD13, NCCD08, NCCD07

BE IT RESOLVED that the North Carolina Democratic Party supports the following forms of housing relief at the local, state, and federal levels of government Continue to provide federal funds for rental and mortgage assistance to persons caught

- Include immigrants, regardless of status, in subsidized rent and mortgage payments;
- Pass the Housing Survivors of Major Disasters Act (H.R., 3037, 2022) to address barriers preventing access to FEMA aid, and ensure that expanded options for proving home ownership apply retroactively;
- Pass federal legislation to permanently implement HUD's Mixed-Status Rule to provide access to federal housing assistance regardless of immigration status of family members;
- Promote state and local rental assistance programs to provide emergency rental and utility costs assistance and provide resources for homeowners struggling with mortgage payments;
- Enforce the federal enforcement mechanisms of the Fair Housing Act (Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968) including punitive damages and attorneys' fees as the Act provides;
- Support and enforce fair housing provisions of the North Carolina Human Right Act that apply to persons discriminated against because of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, physical or mental handicaps, and family status;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we support the following economic recovery initiatives:

- Pass a Public Housing Act, to retrofit public housing and provide workforce training, and workforce training subsidies for residents;
- Enact a federal Home Owners Loan Corporation (HOLC) modeled after the HOLC provided in Roosevelt's New Deal- allows refinancing

mortgages in default to prevent foreclosure; ensure loans are available to all;

- Consider the Repeal the Faircloth Amendment, which bans any net increase in public housing units-artificially limits the number of public housing units that authorities can build to avoid ‘pockets of poverty’ ;
- Increase funding for affordable housing programs at HUD and the USDA by increasing block grants to states to build, rehabilitate, or preserve housing targeted to extremely low income (ELI) households;
- Provide civil and criminal penalties against mortgage holders and related mortgage service providers for deceptive practices during repackaging and refinance negotiations; require explanation of optional payback choices, such as paying at end of loan term;
- Join with the National Low Income Housing Coalition (NLICH) to support the Campaign for Housing and Community Development Funding (CHCDF), a coalition working to increase resources for affordable housing and community development;
- Publicize the availability to North Carolina jurisdictions of HOME-ARP funds from the America Rescue Plan to assist vulnerable populations such as individuals and households who are homeless or at risk of homelessness; and,
- Encourage NC jurisdictions to use the funds they are allocated

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we support the following policy reforms to improve housing affordability for North Carolina residents:

- Subsidize housing equitably between homeowners and renters, e.g., federal mortgage-interest deduction (MID) and capital gains exemptions on homeowners;
- Increase the supply of affordable housing by including funds for the repair of existing units, including weatherization/energy efficiency, and construction of new units in any infrastructure package;
- Include housing investments for America’s low-income households in any infrastructure package;
- Revise zoning codes such that they balance the need for denser housing, equitable opportunity and affordability;
- Encourage local and state governments to revise building codes to increase the availability of high-density housing;
- Encouraging public transit-oriented developments;
- Require developers to include a certain number of affordable units within a larger market-rate development;

- Achieve net zero carbon footprint in new housing construction for North Carolina by 2050;
- Increase funding for USDA and HUD programs, including those that provide funding to support affordable housing in rural areas and on Native American tribal lands;
- Address housing barriers to successful reentry into their communities for the nearly one in three Americans with a criminal record.

1.2 A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE UNIFORM PARTITION OF HEIRS PROPERTY ACT

Submitted by NCCD04

BE IT RESOLVED that the North Carolina Democratic Party supports the Uniform Partition of Heirs Property Act, with the intent of increasing the chance of land being maintained within the family. HB-588/SB-548 Session 2023

1.3 A RESOLUTION TO BAN BALANCE BILLING IN HEALTHCARE IN NORTH CAROLINA

Submitted by NCCD04, NCCD13, NCCD08, NCCD02

BE IT RESOLVED that the North Carolina Democratic Party supports a bipartisan legislative study into how to reform North Carolina law to improve consumer protection relating to balance billing

1.4 A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE CRIMINALIZATION OF WAGE THEFT

Submitted by NCCD04, NCCD11, NCCD12, NCCD06, NCCD13, NCCD08, NCCD 14

BE IT RESOLVED that the North Carolina Democratic Party affirms that workers are entitled to the full value of their labor and condemns wage theft in all its forms, including but not limited to:

- Payment below the minimum wage except when allowed by the law;
- Withholding agreed upon wages (this includes overtime on commissions, piece rate, and regular wages);

- Not accruing or not being allowed to use paid sick leave;
- Not paying promised vacations or bonuses;
- Requesting job duties be performed outside of compensated time;
- Not paying final wages in a timely manner;
- Withholding unauthorized deductions (not otherwise provided for in law);
- Denying required or promised meal breaks, rest breaks, or preventative cool-down breaks;
- Managers or owners taking tips;
- Failing to reimburse business expenses;
- Bounced paychecks;
- Withholding or denying reporting time pay; or
- Misclassifying employees as independent contractors;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the North Carolina Democratic Party supports legislation designating any person who deprives employees of owed compensation to be guilty of wage theft; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the North Carolina Democratic Party supports legislation such that any person or officers or directors of entities who are employers committing wage theft from an employee totaling less than \$100,000 is guilty of a class H felony, and any such persons that are employers committing wage theft from employees totaling \$100,000 or more are guilty of a class C felony, and that each instance of theft, among multiple employees or separate occurrences with the same employee, shall be considered its own offense.

1.5 A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF A COMPREHENSIVE ECONOMIC REFORM PLAN

Submitted by NCCD04

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the North Carolina Democratic Party supports the following unemployment reforms for North Carolina residents:

- Reverse the 2013 dismantling of unemployment insurance/benefits in North Carolina and reinstatement of prior law as it relates to the term of benefits and the amount of compensation;

- Change North Carolina’s weekly benefit calculation to supply a living wage;
- Increase the maximum benefit amount (**TO WHAT?**);
- Increase the maximum duration someone can receive benefits (**TO WHAT?**);
- Address roadblocks created by the state’s low “earnings disregard”;
- Adopt Work-Sharing/Short-Time Compensation Option for Employers (These are effectively alternatives to lay-offs which benefit both employers and employees).
- Adopt Verify 4 in North Carolina

1.6 RESOLUTION TO REFORM FEDERAL ECONOMIC POLICIES

BE IT RESOLVED that the North Carolina Democratic Party and its elected officials reaffirm our support for, actively support and shall advocate for the following changes to Federal Law and Federal Programs;

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- Include immigrants, regardless of status, in subsidized rent and mortgage payment programs;
- Pass the Housing Survivors of Major Disasters Act (H.R., 3037, 2022) to address barriers preventing access to FEMA aid, and ensure that expanded options for proving home ownership apply retroactively;
- Pass federal legislation to permanently implement HUD’s Mixed-Status Rule to provide access to federal housing assistance regardless of immigration status of family members;
- Enforce the federal enforcement mechanisms of the Fair Housing Act (Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968) including punitive damages and attorneys’ fees as the Act provides;
- Enact a Federal Home Owners Loan Corporation (HOLC) modeled after the HOLC provided in Roosevelt’s New Deal- allows refinancing mortgages in default to prevent foreclosure; ensure loans are available to all;

- Repeal the Faircloth Amendment, which bans any net increase in public housing units-artificially limits the number of public housing units that authorities can build to avoid ‘pockets of poverty,’;
- Significantly increase funding for affordable housing programs at HUD and the USDA by increasing block grants to states to build, rehabilitate, or preserve housing targeted to extremely low income (ELI) households;
- Provide civil and criminal penalties against mortgage holders and related mortgage service providers for deceptive practices during repackaging and refinance negotiations; require explanation of optional payback choices, such as paying at end of loan term;
- Work with the National Low Income Housing Coalition (NLICH) to support the Campaign for Housing and Community Development Funding (CHCDF), a coalition working to increase resources for affordable housing and community development, and;
- Study the viability of restructuring property taxes on individuals who own only 1 residence, offsetting the loss in property tax revenue by establishing a progressive property tax on those owning multiple properties either for personal use or those who rent them out at market value or above, and;
- Require landlords to accept Section 8 Housing Vouchers
- Address housing barriers at the federal to successful reentry into their communities for the nearly one in three Americans with a criminal record;
- Require private sector landlords to offer a portion of units at an affordable rate equal to the poverty rate of the county in which those units exist (i.e. if the county has 50% poverty, 50% of the units must be offered at an affordable rate for that county).
- Study establishing state and federal rewards of 1% of total value for creating savings or eliminating waste spending within their government agency budget- this includes the military. 20% of excess funds will be equally distributed as bonuses to the employees of the specific budgeted group which found savings.

1.7 RESOLUTION REFORMING NORTH CAROLINA’S ECONOMIC POLICIES

BE IT RESOLVED that the North Carolina Democratic Party and its elected officials actively support and shall advocate for the following changes to North Carolina's laws and programs;

- Promote state and local rental assistance programs to provide emergency rental and utility costs assistance and provide resources for homeowners struggling with mortgage payments and repairs/maintenance;
- Support and enforce fair housing provisions of the North Carolina Human Right Act that apply to persons discriminated against because of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, physical or mental handicaps, and family status;
- Increase funding for USDA and HUD programs, including those that provide funding to support affordable housing in rural areas and on Native American tribal lands;
- Address housing barriers at the state level to successful reentry into their communities for the nearly one in three Americans with a criminal record.
- Subsidize housing equitably between homeowners and renters, e.g., federal mortgage-interest deduction (MID) and capital gains exemptions on homeowners;
- Include housing investments for America's low-income households in any infrastructure package;
- Pass a Public Housing Act, to retrofit public housing and provide workforce training, and workforce training subsidies for residents;
- Publicize the availability to North Carolina jurisdictions of HOME-ARP funds from the America Rescue Plan to assist vulnerable populations such as individuals and households who are homeless or at risk of homelessness; and,
- Encourage NC jurisdictions to use the funds they are allocated
- Increase the supply of affordable housing by including funds for the repair of existing units, including weatherization/energy efficiency, and construction of new units in any infrastructure package;
- Revise zoning codes such that they balance the need for denser housing, equitable opportunity and affordability;
- Encourage local and state governments to revise building codes to increase the availability of high-density housing;
- Encouraging public transit-oriented developments;

- Require developers who receive any local or state government incentives to include a certain number of affordable units within a larger market-rate development;
- Achieve net zero carbon footprint in new housing construction for North Carolina by 2050;

1.8 RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE BIDEN STUDENT LOAN DEBT CANCELLATION PROPOSAL

Submitted by NCCD04

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: North Carolina Democrats applaud President Biden for his leadership and laudable efforts to provide student loan debt relief to North Carolinians and to all Americans. Furthermore, we commit ourselves to overcoming opposition to this and other proposals to provide relief and reform of the Federal student loan programs.

1.9 RESOLUTION FOR MEDICAID COVERAGE OF ABORTION

Submitted by NCCD05, NCCD06

BE IT RESOLVED that the North Carolina Democratic Party supports the inclusion of abortion coverage for Medicaid recipients.

1.10 RESOLUTION OPPOSING CRYPTOCURRENCY MINES

Submitted by NCCD05

BE IT RESOLVED that the North Carolina Democratic Party:

- opposes the establishment of cryptocurrency mining operations in North Carolina;
- encourages local, county and state governments to work to ensure that cryptocurrency mines are not allowed in their jurisdictions and that no funds are used to support or subsidize this activity;
- encourages public utilities to do what they can to prevent cryptocurrency mining from occurring in their areas of control and that no support is given to this activity.

1.11 RESOLUTION FOR FREE SCHOOL MEALS FOR ALL

Submitted by NCCD03

BE IT RESOLVED that the North Carolina Democratic Party supports providing free-of-charge, nutritionally balanced breakfast and lunch each school day to all students in pre-K to 12th grade in all public schools which provide state funded meals.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the North Carolina Democratic Party supports eliminating all school lunch debts that have been incurred.

1.12 RESOLUTION TO RAISE TEACHER PAY

Submitted by NCCD11

BE IT RESOLVED that the North Carolina Democratic Party work actively to acquire funding for public schools and increase pay for teachers through an equitable increase in taxes on the wealthy and corporations.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the North Carolina Democratic Party work actively to restore benefits to teachers.

1.13 RESOLUTION FOR EDUCATION REFORM

Submitted by NCCD11

BE IT RESOLVED that the North Carolina legislature shall require all school board elections to be non-partisan and that a ban on the injection of party politics into any and all public education shall be established and enforced.

1.14 RESOLUTION SUPPORTING DRIVERS' LICENSE FOR UNDOCUMENTED PEOPLE

Submitted by NCCD11

BE IT RESOLVED that the North Carolina Democratic Party supports allowing Undocumented people to take the normal drivers' test and, if they pass, be licensed drivers.

1.15 RESOLUTION FOR LOW-BARRIER SHELTERS

Submitted by NCCD11

BE IT RESOLVED that the North Carolina Democratic Party supports the creation of low-barrier shelters across our communities utilizing modeled best practices with input from served populations in order to provide an effective, safe, and humane response to the incidence of homelessness.

1.16 RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE PRO ACT

Submitted by NCCD13, NCCD07

BE IT RESOLVED that the Pro Act will

- Allow workers to exercise their freedom to organize and bargain.
- Ensure that workers can reach a first contract quickly after a union has been organized.
- Condemn the practice of employer's punishing striking workers by hiring permanent replacements.
- Protect the right for workers to speak up for their labor rights without fear of reprisal.
- Hold corporations accountable by strengthening the National Labor Relations Board and allow it to penalize employers who retaliate against working people in support of the union and collective bargaining.
- Repeal "RIGHT TO WORK" laws; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the North Carolina Democratic Party fully and enthusiastically supports the passage of the PRO Act and the revocation of the "RIGHT TO WORK" legislation and status for North Carolina.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the North Carolina Democratic Party shall actively work to allow all State Employees to collectively bargain, ending the decades-long prohibition against public sector collective bargaining.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Democratic Party is the party of labor, and that the Democratic Party supports organized and unorganized labor as the heart and soul of the American economy.

1.17 RESOLUTION IN OPPOSITION TO CUTTING SOCIAL SECURITY, MEDICARE AND MEDICAID

Submitted by NCCD13, NCCD02

BE IT RESOLVED That the North Carolina Democratic Party opposes cuts to Social Security, Medicare, and Medicaid.

1.18 RESOLUTION FOR UNIVERSAL FREE CHILD CARE

BE IT RESOLVED that the North Carolina Democratic Party advance legislation for universal, free child care for all families.

2. CIVIL RIGHTS AND THE LAW

2.1 RESOLUTION TO OVERHAUL THE US IMMIGRATION SYSTEM

BE IT RESOLVED that the United States Congress should enact legislation necessary to create a new national immigration system which shall:

- Release or parole all immigrants from detention facilities, excepting those guilty of trafficking or violent offenses,
- Impose an immediate moratorium on placing immigrants in detention until detention centers are brought up to a humane standard,
- Reunite all children with their families immediately and end separation,
- Improve all detention center conditions immediately,
- End the 287(g) program under which local sheriffs cooperate with U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE),

- Permanently end mandatory detention of immigrants and instead allow detention only on a case-by-case basis and in specific circumstances;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the legislation necessary to create a new national immigration system shall:

- End criminal prosecution of immigrants crossing the border seeking freedom, safety, opportunity, or to reunite with their families, except in cases of trafficking, violence, or other serious crime,
- Allow immigration judges the discretion to consider individual circumstances during deportation proceedings,
- Allow immigration judges to revisit decisions made under previous harsh immigration laws,
- Stop local police from acting as deportation agents or otherwise doing the work of ICE;
- Provide funding needed to clear immigration court backlogs and alleviate pressure on the immigration system; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the legislation necessary to create a new national immigration system shall:

- Include the provisions of the Dream Act and the New Way Forward Act,
- Prohibit for-profit immigration jails,
- Abolish ICE, replacing it with a non-militaristic system.
- Limit deportation minor offenses that result from disproportionate enforcement on communities of color,
- Allow previous deportees to apply to return to the U.S.
- Congress should revise per-country limits for visas/greencards/immigration and ban discrimination based on nationality.
- Utilize Alternatives to detention whenever possible, including: Release on own recognizance, release on conditions, release on bail/bond, tracking, etc.

2.1 A RESOLUTION CALLING FOR THE END OF THE DEATH PENALTY IN NORTH CAROLINA

Submitted by NCCD04

BE IT RESOLVED that the death penalty in North Carolina should be abolished;
and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all current sentences of death be immediately stayed.

2.2 A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH CARE

Submitted by NCCD04

BE IT RESOLVED that all people should have access to the full range of reproductive health care options, including but not limited to contraception and abortion;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the right to access to the full range of reproductive health care be enshrined in the constitutions and laws of the United States and North Carolina; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the North Carolina Democratic Party supports legislation that will:

- Increase access to family planning services, including access to affordable birth control - including emergency contraception,
- Provide comprehensive, age-appropriate sex education,
- Make abortion safe, legal, and accessible to all North Carolinians
- Protect the right of North Carolinians to obtain abortion medications in the mail from out of state if the FDA continues to approve these medications;
- Protect from prosecution North Carolinians who travel to other states to receive an abortion past the time that is legal in North Carolina,

- Protect from punishment or extradition any physician, pharmacist or other clinician who provides abortion services to a resident of a state where abortion is illegal,
- Protect patients who come to North Carolina from other states for abortions from prosecution or extradition.
- Re-establish and fund a North Carolina abortion fund, and
- End public funding of so-called “Crisis Pregnancy Centers.”

2.3 A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING TRANS YOUTH

Submitted by NCCD04

BE IT RESOLVED that North Carolina Democrats oppose legislation now pending in the North Carolina General Assembly reposed in Senate Bill 49, the so-called “Parents Bill of Rights,” and in House Bill 43, the so-called “Youth Health Protection Act,” as inappropriate legislative interference in the rights and gender affirming care of trans-gender young people; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Democratic Party commend and appreciate Representative Alston’s efforts on behalf of trans youth.

2.4 RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF NORTH CAROLINA BECOMING THE NATIONAL LEADER IN EDUCATION

Submitted by NCCD04

BE IT RESOLVED that the North Carolina Democratic Party advocates for North Carolina to become first among the states in the nation in educational funding and performance by:

- Increasing per-pupil funding to exceed the top-5 ranked states, and
- Investing in our teachers by providing competitive salaries and benefits, professional development opportunities, and

resources to ensure they have the support they need to provide the best education possible for our students, and

- Ensuring that all students have access to high-quality early childhood education, and
- Increasing funding for K-12 education to improve student outcomes and reduce achievement gaps, and
- Providing additional resources for public schools in low-income and rural areas to ensure that all students have access to the same educational opportunities, and
- Ensuring that our public universities and community colleges have the resources they need to provide affordable, accessible, and high-quality higher education opportunities for all North Carolinians; and
- Ensuring that all households with children have broadband access.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that every North Carolinian and all government officials make education their top priority and, by working together, make North Carolina first in educational funding and performance.

2.5 RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF COMMUNITY-SAFETY APPROACH TO CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Submitted by NCCD04

BE IT RESOLVED that the North Carolina Democratic Party supports a community-safety approach to criminal justice throughout the state, which promotes the use of crisis intervention teams emphasizing de-escalation and diversion to mental health care for individuals in crisis, rather than criminalization.

2.6 A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING PEACEFUL PROTEST

Submitted by NCCD04

BE IT RESOLVED that the North Carolina Democratic Party stands opposes any efforts to criminalize peaceful protest or restrict the rights of citizens to engage in dissenting speech and assembly;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the party calls on all elected officials to uphold the principles of the First Amendment and protect the rights of citizens to peacefully assemble and express their opinions without fear of retribution or retaliation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the North Carolina Democratic Party commits to working with grassroots organizations, civil rights groups, and other advocates both to fight any attempts to restrict the right to protest and to ensure that all voices are heard and represented in the democratic process.

2.7 RESOLUTION ON ADDRESSING SYSTEMIC INEQUITIES FACED BY THE BLACK COMMUNITY

Passed

Submitted by NCCD04, NCCD03, NCCD 12, NCCD13, NCCD08, NCCD14, NCCD02

BE IT RESOLVED, that the North Carolina Democratic Party commits to addressing systemic inequities faced by the Black community through policies that:

- Address systemic racism in all areas of American life, including housing, education, healthcare, criminal justice, and economic opportunity, and eliminate discriminatory practices and policies.
- Invest in communities of color by directing resources towards programs and initiatives that promote economic opportunity, affordable housing, quality education, and healthcare, and support small businesses owned by people of color.
- Reform the criminal justice system to eliminate racial disparities in policing, sentencing, and incarceration, and

promote alternatives to incarceration, such as community-based programs and restorative justice.

- Increase representation of Black people in leadership positions and decision-making roles at all levels of government, including the judicial system, law enforcement, and public education.
- Provide support and resources for Black-owned businesses, entrepreneurs, and workers, including access to capital, training, and mentorship.
- Promote voting rights and civic engagement in the Black community, including combating voter suppression and gerrymandering, and expanding access to early voting, mail-in voting, and polling places in underserved communities.
- Address health disparities in the Black community, including the disproportionate impact of COVID-19, by expanding access to affordable healthcare and investing in community-based health programs.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Democratic Party recognizes the vital role of the Black community in our party and in the United States as a whole, and pledges to work towards a future where all people have equal access to opportunities, resources, and power, regardless of their race or ethnicity.

2.8 A RESOLUTION FOR A “RIGHT TO VOTE” AMENDMENT

Submitted by NCCD04, NCCD03, NCCD13, NCCD08

BE IT RESOLVED that the North Carolina Democratic Party supports an amendment to the North Carolina Constitution make voting rights a fundamental right for all U.S. citizens residing in North Carolina including prison inmates and persons currently disqualified by the constitution by reason of having committed a felony and those disqualified by the constitution for not having a photo identification.

2.9 A RESOLUTION ON REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH VIA CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS

Submitted by NCCD04, NCCD011, NCCD13, NCCD08

BE IT RESOLVED that the North Carolina Democratic Party advocates for the following positions:

- That women have complete control over their bodies and healthcare decisions, and we believe the 14th amendment of the Constitution guarantees this control, as it does for every male.
- That a woman's decisions regarding pregnancy should be their own choice and not that of the government.
- That all pregnant people including incarcerated people should have access to prenatal and postnatal care, appropriate counseling, as well as access to information regarding all choices related to pregnancies.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the North Carolina General Assembly must insure people's rights to reproductive freedom and complete bodily autonomy, as reflected by the 14th amendment's equal protection and non-discrimination clause.

2.10 A RESOLUTION TO PROTECT THE RIGHT TO BOYCOTT

Submitted by NCCD04 , Submitted NCCD12, NCCD14

BE IT RESOLVED that the North Carolina Democratic Party opposes laws that limit the rights of individuals and firms to boycott or otherwise refuse to do business with whomever they please except members of protected classes for any reason that does not promote unlawful discrimination, disparate treatment based on membership in a protected class, or an unlawful agreement or conspiracy in restraint of trade, especially when those boycotts or business decisions advocate for human rights, public safety and welfare, safety,

diversity standards, healthcare, the environment, or climate justice.

2.11 A RESOLUTION TO GIVE NORTH CAROLINA CITIZENS THE RIGHT TO BALLOT INITIATIVES

Submitted by NCCD04, NCCD13, NCCD02

BE IT RESOLVED that the Democratic Party supports amending the N.C. Constitution to enable the people to propose and approve both legislation and constitutional amendments by popular initiatives solely for the purpose of ensuring free and fair elections, and we hereby direct the Resolutions & Platform Committee make an addition to the Platform consistent herewith.

2.12 STATE USAGE OF A GENUINE PROGRESS INDICATOR-TYPE METRIC TO GAUGE HOW THE STATE IS MEETING THE NEEDS OF NORTH CAROLINIANS AND ADVANCING THE WELL-BEING OF ITS RESIDENTS & COMMUNITIES

Submitted by NCCD04

BE IT RESOLVED that the State of NC should adopt a metric similar to the Genuine Progress Indicator or the dashboards proposed by the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) that can measure the progress of North Carolinians toward what really matters for their wellbeing and happiness, and that the NCDP should develop a measure of GPI as a means of showing how the state fares better under Democratic leadership than it does under republican leadership.

<https://gnhusa.org/genuine-progress-indicator/>

2.13 A RESOLUTION CALLING FOR ENACTMENT OF MEDICAL AID IN DYING LEGISLATION

Submitted by NCCD04

BE IT RESOLVED that the North Carolina Democratic Party recognizes the practice of medical aid in dying as a desirable medical option for terminally ill, mentally competent adults who so choose.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that North Carolina shall enact an End of Life Option Act allowing an adult patient, of sound mind, diagnosed by two qualified physicians as suffering from an incurable, terminal illness likely to result in death within six months, to obtain a prescription for medication, which the patient may choose to self-administer to advance the time of approaching death, and any third party assisting such adult patient shall be immune from criminal prosecution or civil process arising therefrom, and the cause of death arising from usage of said medical aid in dying shall be the underlying disease or illness, and shall not be deemed a suicide.

2.14 RESOLUTION AGAINST THE POLITICIZATION OF LOCAL SCHOOL BOARDS

Submitted by NCCD04

BE IT RESOLVED that the North Carolina Democratic Party calls on the North Carolina General Assembly and the offices, agencies and departments of the North Carolina Department of Education, to work towards a policy which ensures that local Board of Education elections remain non-partisan in nature.

2.15 RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH PUBLIC DEFENDERS' OFFICE IN ALL NC Judicial Districts

Submitted by NCCD04

BE IT RESOLVED that the North Carolina Democratic Party supports the establishment of permanent public defenders offices in all NC Judicial Districts.

2.16 RESOLUTION FOR PUBLIC SECTOR COLLECTIVE BARGAINING

Submitted by NCCD 05, NCCD06

BE IT RESOLVED we call for the repeal of NC Gen Statute 95-98 and for the Governor to allow all state and relevant local government employees to collectively bargain.

2.17 RESOLUTION BANNING CONVERSION THERAPY IN NORTH CAROLINA AND PROTECTION OF LGBTQI+ RIGHTS

Submitted by NCCD05, NCCD11, 13

BE IT RESOLVED that the Democratic Party opposes all portrayals of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and gender nonconforming youth and adults as mentally ill and supports the dissemination of accurate information about sexual orientation, gender identity, and gender expression; mental health; and appropriate interventions in order to counteract bias that is based in ignorance or unfounded beliefs about sexual orientation, gender identity, and gender expression; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the North Carolina Democratic Party pledges to protect the physical and psychological well-being of all people and their families, including lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender youth, against exposure to serious harms caused by sexual orientation change efforts; or policies that prevent them from fully participating in life and society, as well as by providing gender-affirming healthcare; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the North Carolina Democratic Party seek to pass anti-discrimination legislation at all levels of government.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that it is in the best interest of our county and our state to make sure that lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and gender nonconforming youth and their families are not defrauded by persons seeking to profit by offering this harmful and wholly ineffective therapy; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that we call for the enactment of legislation banning the practice of conversion therapy, regardless of practitioner or source of funding, for all minor youth in the state of North Carolina.

2.18 RESOLUTION FOR UNIVERSAL TEACHING OF BLACK HISTORY

Submitted by NCCD03, NCCD06

BE IT RESOLVED that a committee of historians and educational experts selected by and from professors in those same fields in the UNC system be formed to develop a curriculum for high school students that covers the history of race in the United States, including contributions by and oppression of African Americans.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that such curriculum shall be mandatory for all schools that receive any public funding.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the North Carolina Democratic Party call upon our legislators to oppose HB 187 which attempts to directly prevent any teaching of American history.

2.19 RESOLUTION CALLING FOR RATIFICATION OF THE ERA

Submitted by NCCD03, NCCD11, NCCD13, NCCD 14, NCCD02

BE IT RESOLVED, ONCE AGAIN, that the North Carolina General Assembly will ratify the Equal Rights Amendment

2.20 RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF PUBLIC EDUCATION

Submitted by NCCD03

BE IT RESOLVED That the North Carolina Legislature shall comply with the Leandro ruling to provide full funding to the NC Public School System separate and preserved from the School Voucher System.

2.21 RESOLUTION CALLING FOR NONPARTISAN REDISTRICTING

Submitted by NCCD03, NCCD06

BE IT RESOLVED that the North Carolina General Assembly shall establish an independent, disinterested, and nonpartisan redistricting process for all local, state, and Congressional districts that includes the principles of diversity along with partisan balance in order to provide fair representation.

2.22 RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE FREEDOM TO READ

Submitted by NCCD11, NCCD06

BE IT RESOLVED that the North Carolina Democratic Party denounce efforts to restrict access to books based on political motivations as fundamentally un-American and apologize for its own doing so in the past

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the North Carolina Democratic Party believes that the freedom to read is guaranteed by the Constitution.

2.23 RESOLUTION AMENDING UNC SYSTEM MISSION STATEMENT

Submitted by NCCD11

BE IT RESOLVED that the North Carolina Democratic Party proposes a statutory language amendment to the mission of the UNC NC General Statutes § 116-1 to read "...to discover, create, transmit, and apply knowledge to address the needs of individuals and a democratic society."

2.24 RESOLUTION TO ENCOURAGE STUDENT CIVIC AWARENESS AND RIGHT TO VOTE

Submitted by NCCD11

BE IT RESOLVED that the North Carolina Democratic Party works to ensure public universities and community colleges in North Carolina works to ensure students' civic awareness and ability to vote by such means as, but not limited to, a university hosted non-partisan website including election and voting information, supports the formation of on campus independent student political organizations, required civics curriculum, civic internship and service opportunities, and on campus polling locations.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that civic engagement shall never impact faculty or student enrollment, employment, financial aid, benefits, or status.

2.25 RESOLUTION FOR CALENDAR FLEXIBILITY IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Submitted by NCCD11

BE IT RESOLVED that North Carolina continues to set minimum standards for contact hours and days, but allow greater flexibility for local determination of how those standards are to be met.

2.26 RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE INDIAN CHILD WELFARE ACT

Submitted by NCCD11

BE IT RESOLVED that the Democratic Party will propose and support legislation prohibiting the removal of children from indigenous families in the event that the Indian Child Welfare Act is ruled unconstitutional by the US Supreme Court.

2.27 RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF AN EXPANDED US SUPREME COURT

Submitted by NCCD11

BE IT RESOLVED that the North Carolina Democratic Party supports the expansion of the US Supreme Court from 9 members to 13 members, and that those appointments be staggered over the next 4 years.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the North Carolina Democratic Party advocates for diversity in those selections.

2.28 RESOLUTION CALLING FOR THE GOVERNOR TO RETAIN POWER WHEN OUT OF STATE

Submitted by NCCD11

BE IT RESOLVED that the North Carolina Democratic Party supports a Constitutional Amendment to change the State Constitution so that the Governor retains their executive power when absent from the state.

2.29 RESOLUTION FOR EXPANDING BROADBAND INTERNET ACCESS

Submitted by NCCD11

BE IT RESOLVED that the North Carolina Democratic Party act to establish quality broadband internet access for every home in North Carolina, and that the responsibility for managing said service to small towns and rural areas shall, when necessary, fall on the state itself.

2.30 RESOLUTION ON THE EQUAL RIGHTS AMENDMENT

Submitted by NCCD13

BE IT RESOLVED that the North Carolina Democratic Party actively call on the Biden Administration to publish the Equal Rights Amendment.

2.31 RESOLUTION TO PROTECT HEALTHCARE ACCESS

Submitted by NCCD13, NCCD14

BE IT RESOLVED that the NC Democratic Party condemn and actively oppose laws, medical misinformation, and the interference of elected officials in the civil rights of Americans to receive medical and surgical treatments in consultation with their physician.

2.32 RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE NC CONSTITUTION TO END SLAVERY

Submitted by NCCD14

BE IT RESOLVED that the North Carolina Democratic Party act to amend the North Carolina Constitution to ban slavery and involuntary servitude.

2.33 RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE NC CONSTITUTION TO END LITERACY REQUIREMENTS

Submitted by NCCD14

BE IT RESOLVED that the North Carolina Democratic Party act to amend the North Carolina Constitution to remove literacy requirements as a prerequisite for registering to vote.

2.34 RESOLUTION ON RIGHTS OF FORMERLY CONVICTED FELONS

Submitted by NCCD02

BE IT RESOLVED that the North Carolina Democratic Party oppose any attempt to impose limitations on the reinstatement of the voting rights of formerly convicted felons on probation and/or parole, and that the payment of fines, penalties, fees or other required compensation shall have no impact on said reinstatement.

2.35 RESOLUTION ON DATA PRIVACY

Submitted by NCCD02

BE IT RESOLVED that the North Carolina Democratic Party actively and aggressively work to protect the data privacy of all citizens of our beloved state by creating and passing a Data Privacy Protection Act and prosecuting violators of the same.

2.36 RESOLUTION ON PERSONAL DATA TRANSPARENCY

Submitted by NCCD02

BE IT RESOLVED that the North Carolina Democratic Party protect the Citizens of North Carolina by passing legislation that requires transparency and signatory understanding that our private data is leaving the United States of America

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the North Carolina Democratic Party actively work to update the laws regarding data protection to create simple and enforceable laws regarding both transparency and signatory understanding that citizens must be made aware that our data is being sent overseas, preferably by requiring Opt In methods, rather than Opt Out- that is, you must actively work to make your data available to companies, rather than actively working to prevent the same.

3. THE ENVIRONMENT

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3.1 RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF A STRONGER COMMITMENT TO THE ENVIRONMENT

Submitted by NCCD04

BE IT RESOLVED that we urge policymakers to invest in solutions to climate change, including renewable energy, energy efficiency, and transportation infrastructure that reduces emissions;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we also support policies that prioritize environmental justice and equity, recognizing that low-income communities and communities of color are often disproportionately impacted by environmental degradation;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that North Carolina leaders of both parties advocate for strong environmental protections at all levels of government, and to work with stakeholders across the state to build a more sustainable and just future for all North Carolinians.

3.2 RESOLUTION TO PROMOTE THE USE OF LOCAL SOLAR AND STORAGE IN CARBON PLANNING

Submitted by NCCD04, Submitted NCCD11, NCCD13, NCCD08, NCCD14

BE IT RESOLVED that the NC Democratic Party urges new appointees to the North Carolina Utilities Commission be committed to moving toward local solar with battery storage as the backbone of the statewide electricity system.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the State and Federal Government shall fund publicly-owned wind, solar, geothermal, and storage resources, with the goal of US energy production becoming 100% carbon neutral by 2040.

3.3 RESOLUTION AGAINST THE ACCEPTANCE OF CAMPAIGN DONATIONS FROM ENERGY AND UTILITIES GROUPS

Submitted by NCCD04, NCCD03, NCCD11, NCCD08

BE IT RESOLVED that the NC Democratic Party urges candidates for public office to refuse campaign donations from utilities companies

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the NC Democratic Party urges candidates for public office to vigorously denounce and reject money spent in their favor through utilities companies' PACs.

3.4 RESOLUTION TO URGE AGAINST THE USE OF FOSSIL FUELS AND SPECULATIVE TECHNOLOGIES IN CARBON PLANNING

Submitted by NCCD04, NCCD11

BE IT RESOLVED that the NC Democratic Party urges new appointees to the North Carolina Utilities Commission be committed to barring the fossil fuel industry and uncoded, speculative technologies from a role in carbon planning.

3.5 RESOLUTION CALLING FOR NCDP TO ACTIVELY PROMOTE THE CONSTRUCTION OF WIND TURBINES

Submitted by NCCD04

BE IT RESOLVED that North Carolina Democratic Party and elected Democratic officials actively promote the construction of wind turbines in appropriate areas to help prevent climate disaster.

3.6 RESOLUTION TO STOP NC'S SUPPORT FOR FOSSIL FUEL AND TRANSITION THE STATE TO SUSTAINABLE RENEWABLE POWER

Submitted by NCCD04

BE IT RESOLVED that the North Carolina Democratic Party supports the passage of legislation in the NC General Assembly directing the State Treasurer to divest with due diligence from fossil fuel companies for state and local employee pension funds.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that that the NC Democratic Party urges that new appointees to the North Carolina Utilities Commission should be committed to moving away from fossil fuels and toward

wind, solar, geothermal and storage resources, with the goal of NC becoming 100% carbon neutral by 2040.

3.7 RESOLUTION ON PROTECTION FROM DRY LITTER WASTE

Submitted by NCCD04

BE IT RESOLVED that the North Carolina Democratic Party advocates for the following policies:

- That any new poultry Concentrated Animal Feeding Operation (CAFO) should be required to obtain a permit to operate and to develop and submit an animal waste management plan and obtain approval from the Department of Environmental Quality prior to operating;
- That any current owner or operator of a dry litter poultry facility with 30,000 or more birds shall develop and annually submit an animal waste management plan and obtain approval from the Department of Environmental Quality to keep operating; and
- That funds should be made available to the Department of Environmental Quality to be allocated to the Division of Water Resources to develop educational resources and provide technical assistance for owners and operators of dry litter poultry facilities in complying with the reporting requirement.

3.8 RESOLUTION FOR CLIMATE RESILIENCE

Submitted by NCCD 03

BE IT RESOLVED that the North Carolina Democratic Party calls for an aggressive, long-term, state-wide strategic plan of climate resilience

3.9 A RESOLUTION TO REDUCE HIGHWAY LITTER

Submitted by NCCD 03

BE IT RESOLVED that the State of North Carolina make the development and implementation of an effective highway litter management program a funded priority

3.10 RESOLUTION TO ENHANCE ACCESS, MAINTENANCE and SIGNAGE IN STATE FORESTS

Submitted by NCCD11

BE IT RESOLVED that North Carolina supports increasing funding to maintain state parks and forests

3.11 RESOLUTION TO BAN PLASTIC BAGS AND MANDATE RECYCLING

Submitted by NCCD11, NCCD02

BE IT RESOLVED that North Carolina enact a ban on producing and using single-use plastic bags.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the North Carolina Democratic Party propose and fight for legislation that makes plastic producers account for and pay for all plastic recycling in North Carolina.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the North Carolina Democratic Party ensure that the necessary education on recycling be mandatory in public schools and that other methods of education, including but not limited to public service announcements on television and social media be established to increase the effectiveness of the plan.

3.12 RESOLUTION CALLING FOR FOSSIL FUELS DIVESTMENT

Submitted by NCCD12, NCCD14

BE IT RESOLVED that the NC Democratic Party work to divest taxpayers' assets—including government investment funds and state retirement funds—from all corporations or other entities that extract, transport, trade or otherwise contribute to the production of coal, oil and gas—and to reinvest those funds in projects that benefit displaced workers and the common good.

3.13 RESOLUTION TO BAN GLYPHOSATES

Submitted by NCCD12

BE IT RESOLVED that the North Carolina Democratic Party introduce legislation and support legislation to ban the use of glyphosates, a herbicide linked to cancer in humans, and all permutations thereof.

3.14 RESOLUTION FOR ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND GREEN JOBS

Submitted by NCCD12

BE IT RESOLVED that the North Carolina Democratic Party promotes the creation of jobs in environmental protection and environmental cleanup.

3.15 RESOLUTION FOR REDESIGNING STREETS

Submitted by NCCD06

BE IT RESOLVED that the Democratic Party work to create bike lanes, sheltered bus stops, and safe and lit crosswalks, and that street-calming strategies be implemented to lower traffic.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Democratic Party seek to de-emphasize gas automobiles in favor of green alternatives.

3.16 RESOLUTION TO PASS CARBON FEE AND DIVIDEND LEGISLATION

Submitted by NCCD13

BE IT RESOLVED that the North Carolina Democratic Party calls on the United States Congress to address climate change by passing a Carbon Fee and Dividend Bill as sound, effective legislation.

4. INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

4.1 A RESOLUTION REGARDING THE RUSSIAN INVASION OF UKRAINE

Submitted by NCCD04, NCCD11, NCCD06, NCCD02

BE IT RESOLVED that The United States of America shall continue full military, diplomatic, and civilian support of Ukraine, and continue advocating for the same internationally, until Russia withdraws from all Ukrainian territory and pays full reparations to Ukraine for their illegal war. If Russia withdraws and refuses reparations, the United States shall, in solidarity with other nations, help to rebuild and fortify Ukraine.

4.2 RESOLUTION CALLING FOR EQUAL RIGHTS FOR PALESTINIANS AND ISRAELIS

PASSED Unanimously

BE IT RESOLVED that the North Carolina Democratic Party supports equal measures of security, freedom, and prosperity for Israelis and Palestinians.

4.3 RESOLUTION FOR DIPLOMATIC ENGAGEMENT IN THE MIDDLE EAST

Passed unanimously

BE IT RESOLVED that the North Carolina Democrats support a vigorous diplomatic engagement for Middle East peace, with the United States as a mediator between the State of Israel and the Palestinian Authority with the goal of guaranteeing security for Israel and Palestine, establishing peace in the region, and ensuring full human and political rights for Palestinians and Israelis.

4.4 A RESOLUTION ADVOCATING FOR DEMOCRATIC ENGAGEMENT AND PEACEMAKING IN THE MIDDLE EAST

BE IT RESOLVED that the North Carolina Democratic Party is in support of the right of Israeli citizens and Palestinians to determine the resolution of the conflict between them, through mutually respectful negotiations, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the North Carolina Democratic Party wishes to commend Jewish-American leaders and other leaders in North Carolina and beyond for taking steps to hold the government of Israel and the Palestinian Authority accountable for their policies, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the North Carolina Democratic Party recognizes and calls for full human rights for Palestinians and Israelis residing within the State of Israel and the Palestinian Territories, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the North Carolina Democratic Party recognizes the displacement of Palestinians in connection with the founding of the State of Israel and the importance of conversations around the human rights implications of such displacement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the North Carolina Democratic Party recognizes the displacement of Jews in connection with the founding of the State of Israel and the importance of conversations around the human rights implications of such displacement.

4.5 A RESOLUTION CONDEMNING DISCRIMINATION OF ANY AND ALL FORMS WITHIN THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY

Passed Unanimously

BE IT RESOLVED that the North Carolina Democratic Party Code of Conduct be strengthened against acts of racism, religious bigotry (including anti-Muslim, anti-Palestinian, and anti-Jewish bigotry), as well as slanderous and/or libelous campaigns

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the North Carolina Democratic Party condemns and supports legislation opposed to all acts of bigotry based on race, religion, age, gender, caste, sexual orientation, gender identity, culture/subculture, or national origin.

4.6 RESOLUTION FOR CAUTION IN ACCEPTING DONATIONS FROM IDEOLOGICALLY OPPOSED GROUPS AND INDIVIDUALS

Passed Unanimously

BE IT RESOLVED that the North Carolina Democratic Party is committed to democratic values and to fighting extremism of all types that trammel upon or which offend the human rights and dignity of all people here and abroad, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the North Carolina Democratic Party advises members and elected officials to carefully consider the sources of all donations and whether the source is aligned with our Democratic Party values.

5. SPECIAL

5.1 RESOLUTION TO RECOMMEND RULES FOR NCDP SCHEDULING OF REQUIRED SEC MEETINGS

Submitted by NCCD04

BE IT RESOLVED that the State Executive Committee ought to add to the Plan of Organization a rule that:

- Directs those who schedule SEC meetings to consult calendars to become aware of religious/cultural/national holidays
- Attempts to avoid scheduling required SEC meetings on those dates (and in the case of US National Holidays, on the weekend prior to or following, whichever is closer, and defaulting to prior to for holidays falling on a Wednesday)
- As scheduling on those dates is often unavoidable, officially excuse persons who alert the Secretary of the State Party of their holiday-related conflict (without requiring those persons to use up one of their allotted absences).

5.2 RESOLUTION REASSERTING THE SEPARATION OF RELIGION AND GOVERNMENT

Submitted by NCCD04

BE IT RESOLVED that the North Carolina Democratic Party is resolutely in support of the First Amendment to the United States Constitution, and calls on the State of North Carolina to maintain its constitutionally required separation from any religious organization;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the North Carolina Democratic Party reminds its members and the State that the First Amendment to the United States Constitution expressly prohibits the establishment of any state religion, and that “free exercise of religion” includes the concept of “Freedom From Religion” - that the individual’s freedom

to live without the influence of any religion is as inviolable as that of any individual to practice the religion of their choosing, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the North Carolina Democratic Party calls for specific policy proposals to further this separation, to include: Legal recognition of full marriage equality regardless of the gender identity or sexual orientation of those pursuing marriage

- Elimination of vouchers taking public funds and granting them to private institutions, including religious institutions
- Support for medically and factually comprehensive, age-appropriate sex-educational programs in our schools and public health agencies
- Provision for educators to be empowered and permitted to provide scientifically accurate information about safe sexual practices Support for safe, legal, and accessible abortion for all North Carolinians, regardless of ability to pay
- Encourage the increased support for stem cell research with appropriate ethical controls
- Include gender identity, gender expression and sexual orientation in its list of protections for employment in government offices and for discrimination in general.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the North Carolina Democratic Party opposes the use of religious doctrine as a basis for our laws and as a basis for granting exemption to laws if these exemptions result in harm to others.

5.3 RESOLUTION FOR THE NORTH CAROLINA DEMOCRATIC PARTY TO ALLOW AND SUPPORT UNIONIZATION OF THE NCDP PROFESSIONAL STAFF

Submitted by NCCD04, NCCD03, NCCD11, NCCD13, NCCD08

BE IT RESOLVED that the North Carolina Democratic Party Plan of Organization be amended to require allowance for unionization of its professional staff and that creating a hostile work environment towards unionizers be added as grounds for removal of any professional staff or elected officer.

5.4 A RESOLUTION CALLING FOR SIDEWALKS

Submitted by NCCD04

BE IT RESOLVED that the state spend government funds to install sidewalks along NC Highway 54 between NC Highway 751/Amhurst Road.

5.5 A RESOLUTION CONCERNING PLASTIC BAGS

Submitted by NCCD04

BE IT RESOLVED that we support the 10-cent plastic bag fee for stores, provided there are exemptions for those receiving food stamps, and consideration is given to using a money- back deposit system as well.

5.6 A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF EXPANDED VOTING ACCESS IN NORTH CAROLINA

Submitted by NCCD04, NCCD07

BE IT RESOLVED that the North Carolina Democratic Party advocates for:

- Automatic Voter Registration: The implementation of automatic voter registration at all government agencies, including the Department of Motor Vehicles, to ensure that all eligible citizens are registered to vote.

- **Extended Early Voting:** The expansion of early voting days, to include at least three weeks of Early Voting with allowed same-day registration, to be open from 8AM to 8PM on weekdays and 9AM to 6PM on weekend days to provide voters with more opportunities to cast their ballots;
- **Drop-Box Voting:** The availability of secure ballot drop boxes at multiple locations in each county to provide voters with a safe and convenient option for returning their ballots;
- **Adequate State Funding for Local Boards of Election:** Providing the funding for every local and county Board of Election in the State to administer free, fair and accessible elections;
- **Grant-Funding for Local Boards of Election:** The provision of grant-funding to local boards of election to ensure that they have the resources necessary to administer free, fair, and accessible elections
- **Voting Access without Photo ID:** The elimination of voter restrictions based on showing photographic identification at the time of registration or voting.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that The North Carolina Democratic Party urges our elected officials to support and enact these policies to ensure that all eligible voters can participate in our democratic process. These additions to the platform will help to achieve our shared goal of promoting equitable access to the ballot box and investing in free, fair, and accessible elections.

5.7 A RESOLUTION IN MEMORIAM OF NICK GALIFIANAKIS' LIFE AND SERVICE TO THE UNITED STATES AND NORTH CAROLINA

Submitted by NCCD04

BE IT RESOLVED that the North Carolina Democratic Party wishes to memorialize Nick Galifianakis for his years of service to both the

United States and North Carolina, for his unfailing courage, dedication to justice, and love of the Old North State.

5.8 A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING OUR DEEPEST THANKS TO BRENDA POLLARD

Submitted by NCCD04

BE IT RESOLVED The North Carolina Democratic Party, Durham County, and Durham County Precinct 9 wish to formally extend our deepest thanks to Brenda Pollard for her decades of selfless, exemplary, and dedicated service to the causes of freedom and human dignity, and for her advancing Democratic values in the Old North State. This Resolutions requests that the party Chair personally thank Brenda Pollard at the next state SEC Meeting on behalf of all of North Carolina.

5.9 RESOLUTION THANKING GOVERNOR COOPER

Submitted by NCCD011

BE IT RESOLVED the State of North Carolina express our great appreciation to Governor Roy Cooper, and that we honor him at the next opportunity both appropriate and available, as determined by the State Executive Council

5.10 RESOLUTION HONORING RITA FRANCES ALSTON ROBERTS

Submitted by NCCD13

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the North Carolina Democratic Party honors Rita Francis Alston Roberts for her tireless decades of service; and extends our deepest condolences to the entire Alston and Roberts family members on behalf of the people of Wake County and North Carolina.

5.11 RESOLUTION OPPOSING ANTI-SEMITISM

Submitted by NCCD13, NCCD02

BE IT RESOLVED that the North Carolina Democratic Party condemns the recent rise of antisemitism in the United States and calls on the North Carolina General Assembly to enact legislation against acts of domestic terrorism committed in the name of antisemitism in North Carolina.

5.12 RESOLUTION FOR CONAN MORGAN

Resolved, that the North Carolina Democratic Party:

1. extends sincere and heartfelt condolences to the colleagues, friends and family of Conen Morgan, most especially his wife Reyna, and;
2. recognize the significant contributions of Conen Morgan over the course of his career and mourn his death.

5.13 RESOLUTION FOR JOINT TICKETS FOR GOVERNOR AND LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

BE IT RESOLVED that the North Carolina Democratic Party propose reviewing the state's electoral and succession process for the Governor and Lieutenant Governor

5.14 RESOLUTION MARKING THE PASSING OF BRENDA CLEARY

BE IT RESOLVED that the North Carolina Democratic Party memorialize the passing of Brenda Cleary and celebrate her life and contributions to the NC Democratic Party

6. SECURITY

6.1 AGAINST FIREARMS IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Submitted by NCCD04

BE IT RESOLVED that the North Carolina Democratic Party disapproves of firearms in public schools except when in possession of an officer of the law

6.2 GUN SAFETY TRAINING REQUIREMENTS TO PREVENT GUN INJURIES AND DEATH

Submitted by NCCD04

BE IT RESOLVED that the North Carolina Democratic Party advocates for the following policies:

- Safe storage be made mandatory in NC,
- Any adult gun owner be held liable for safe storage and liable for the consequences of a child's gun misuse;
- The state initiate and fund a mandatory gun safety course for all new buyers of guns;
- Guns can only be purchased by individuals 21 years of age or older only after the individual has proof of having completed a state-sponsored gun safety program;

- Those owning a gun prior to the passage of the mandatory training program will not be required to take the mandatory gun safety course but will be encouraged to do so.
- Require liability insurance for all gun owners.

6.3 A RESOLUTION ON FIREARMS

Passed by NCCD 01, NCCD03, NCCD11

BE IT RESOLVED that the North Carolina Democratic Party fully endorses public policies that, at a minimum, enact greater safety requirements to prevent the violent use of guns in America by:

- Banning the sale of military-style assault weapons as well as high-capacity magazines or clips that can hold more than 10 bullets at a time;
- Requiring all gun buyers to pass a criminal background check, no matter how they purchase the weapon;
- Restoring the North Carolina Pistol Permit System to empower local law enforcement to serve as a last line of defense and keep weapons out of the hands of dangerous individuals;
- Close all gun show loopholes that allow gun buyers to avoid the current background check system;
- Implementing “Red Flag Laws,” which are a gun violence prevention tool that permits a state court to order the temporary removal of firearms from a person who they believe may present a
- danger to others or themselves;
- Repeal the Tiahrt Amendments at the national level, which have had a significant chilling effect, weakening law enforcement efforts to prevent gun crimes and prosecute gun offenders, and
- limiting the public and researchers’ ability to study gun trafficking; and
- Supporting the availability and funding of mental health and substance abuse treatment so all individuals who are in need of help have sufficient access to these services, and the support of enhanced mental health services for children.

- To require all confiscated, found, or discovered illegal firearms to be destroyed