



*Platform of the  
Democratic Party of New Mexico  
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*We the people of the Democratic Party of New Mexico support governance that fosters the common good and creates opportunity to build the American dream as enshrined in the Constitution of the United States of America.*

*We affirm the rights* guaranteed to all people in the Constitution, regardless of race, color, creed, gender, religion, national origin, sexual orientation, gender identity, physical ability or age.

The rights of free speech, peaceful assembly, due process and habeas corpus must be upheld. Personal sovereignty, with regard to reproductive choice, health decisions, domestic partnerships, and marriage equality, is included among our fundamental rights.

*Government must ensure ethical conduct* by public officials and employees and must be open and transparent. All officials must be held accountable for their actions. Political campaigns should be publicly financed to ensure clean elections. The “Citizens United” Supreme Court decision must be legislatively reversed.

*For a sound economy*, we must support and revive local and national manufacturing and agriculture. The rights of our workers must be upheld with fair labor laws. Our “fair trade” agreements must allow American businesses to compete in a global market without exploiting workers and the environment in other countries.

*Taxation must be responsible and fair* to support our infrastructure and the needs of our entire population. Special tax cuts for the wealthy must be repealed, including the removal of the FICA income cap. As corporate success is dependent on a robust economy which includes public investment in the infrastructure, corporations should contribute their fair share in taxes.

*As stewards of the Earth* we must develop and employ clean, safe, renewable, sustainable energies. We must develop and support ways of life that encourage conservation and protection of our air, water, and earth. We must support global efforts to clean up and prevent pollution of precious resources, and immediately promote steps to reverse climate change.

*Our national resources* belong to all Americans, so they should be used to further the common good and should not be privatized. We ask for the reinstatement of the “Fairness Doctrine,” and the enforcement of the “Sherman Anti-trust” Act.”

*Healthcare is core to our common welfare.* As one of our basic needs and rights, publically financed healthcare should support dental health, mental health, and vision. Healthcare also includes preventative care. Medicare and Medicaid must be fully funded and fully supported. Insurance companies should not be gatekeepers to our healthcare. We support the right to privacy in healthcare decisions, including those made regarding quality of life and end of life.

*We believe that quality public education* is a sound investment with real and tangible returns for our citizens and our economy. A high quality education is a basic right and a necessary component of a healthy democracy.

*The arts and humanities* must be supported for a flourishing community, and serve as an equalizer for the diverse communities in our population.

We believe in public support for the arts, including a “National Endowment for the Arts” that is free from political manipulation and is firmly rooted in the First Amendment's freedom-of-expression guarantee.

*We celebrate and honor the rich heritage* and contributions of our native Pueblos, Tribes and Nations. We support and should strive to protect tribal sovereignty, self-determination, and prosperity.

*Protection of our citizens* from personal and domestic violence must be addressed through education and the courts. Laws against human trafficking must be enforced.

*Food sources and pharmaceuticals* must be proven safe before being distributed. Any genetically modified food must be labeled as GMO. All ingredients in packaged foods must be listed on the labels to protect our health, freedom of choice, and our environmental concerns.

*The United States was founded by patriots in rebellion against a class-divided society in favor of a voluntary union for the common good. As patriots, Democrats believe in having a mutual concern for each other because that is what makes our country a great democracy.*

*The following resolutions were submitted by the grassroots of our party, and passed by the State Central Committee to form the basis of our platform. Italicized resolutions are new since the 2010 platform was published.*

***We affirm the rights guaranteed to all people in the Constitution***

- Constitutional rights are universal regardless of race, color, creed, gender, religion, national origin, sexual orientation, gender identity, physical ability or age.
- The rights of free speech, peaceful assembly, due process and habeas corpus must be upheld.
- Personal sovereignty, including reproductive health decision-making, domestic partnership and marriage equality, is a fundamental right.
- We support religious choice, including freedom from religion.
- We reaffirm the separation of religion and state in all local, state, and federal government institutions, and those funded by the government, including the military and the public schools. (2008)
- There shall be no forced participation in religious activities, nor withholding of services to people with different beliefs.

***Migration is a normal human behavior.***

We must reform our immigration policies to allow people to make this country their home, as we have in previous generations. We must strive to keep immigrant families intact.

***We oppose the privatization of our military.***

Our expectation must be peace and diplomacy rather than armed conflict. We must reappropriate the military budget to provide for social needs and infrastructure. War profiteers should be punished, and contract mercenaries should be withdrawn from all conflicts. We support world-wide demilitarization of nuclear weaponry and international demilitarization of space. We must observe international law and prohibit torture.

We must fulfill promises made to veterans, respect their service to our country, and meet their needs when they return. Veterans and military families should have a caucus within our party.

- Eliminate all discrimination based on race, religion, mental and physical disability, national origin, age, sexual orientation and gender identity in housing, employment and public services. (2006)
- Counter the effects of discrimination through affirmative action. (2006)
- Our citizens should be protected from personal and domestic violence, through both education and through the courts. Victims of these crimes deserve any and all the support they need.
- The Patriot Act should be repealed as it is a violation of many state and federally defined civil rights. (2008)
- Protect the rights granted by our state constitution and do not allow compromising legal interpretation. (2008)
- Oppose unreasonable searches and domestic spying that violates the “Foreign Intelligence Surveillance” Act (FISA). (2006)

- *Propose an amendment to our state constitution as well as our national constitution that only real, actual people can be persons under the laws of the United States. (2011)*
- Ensure that prosecutors and courts deal with each individual court case in such a manner that outcomes are equitable and are in the best interest of society, using judicial discretion instead of artificial, generalized legal standards. (2006)
- Improve human rights for the incarcerated. (2008)
- Laws against human trafficking must be enforced.
- We vigorously oppose the reinstatement of the death penalty.
- The “Equal Rights Amendment” should be re-introduced and passed. (2009)
- *Maintain the “New Mexico Commission on the Status of Women” without a sunset provision. (2011)*
- Support the right to privacy in health decisions, including reproductive choice and right-to-die. (2006)
- Marijuana should be decriminalized.
- Repeal the “Defense of Marriage” Act. (2006)
- Actively advocate for and support marriage equality and domestic partnership with full spousal rights including community property and healthcare decision-making. (2009)
- *Encourage the state legislature to pass laws providing that:*
  - *All persons who would be “married” under state law, will hereafter be required to enter into a civil union to be officiated by a state, county or municipal employee, and that such a civil union will be available to any couple, regardless of gender.*
  - *For the purpose of all existing state laws, the term “marriage” and its variants, are to be read as “civil union,” and the terms “husband” and “wife” shall read as “spouse.”*
  - *The state shall not regulate religious traditions, practices or policies of faith communities regarding marriage, neither disallowing nor forcing persons to be “married” in the eyes of religious communities. Civil unions performed by the state may, but are not required to be re-officiated or blessed by faith communities.*
  - *No legislation shall revise, repeal or otherwise affect the convenience of domestic partnerships. (2011)*
- *Sanction Chief Justice Clarence Thomas and refer the matter of his conflict of interest regarding his legal opinions to the appropriate legal bars of which he is a member. (2011)*
- *New Mexico Legislators should be salaried. (2009)*
- *New Mexico legislative sessions and committee meetings should be transmitted live to the state website, be available live to public access channels, and easily found in archives. (2010)*
- *Treat public comment as a citizen’s right, and an imperative at government legislative committee and interim hearings. Since cancellations are sometimes necessary, require that these cancellations must be posted by five o’clock the previous evening. (2009)*
- *Require that all legislative meetings be open to members of the public. (2009)*
- *Create a “Clean Bill Act” requiring that any proposed addendum to proposed legislation must relate to the subject matter of that particular legislation. (2009)*
- *Names of candidates for positions of US Attorney and US Marshall should be publically disclosed five days after submission to our US Senators’ offices. (2009)*
- *The definition of “personhood” shall not include corporations. (2011)*
- *The “Citizens United” decision by the United States Supreme Court must be reversed. (2010)*
- *Corporate dollars should not be allowed to purchase the support of our public officials.*

### ***Clean Elections***

- All political campaigns should be publicly financed (2008)
- All elections should use verifiable paper ballots and audits. (2006)
- Prioritize accuracy over speed in vote counting. (2008)
- Require candidates who receive public campaign financing to purchase campaign materials locally whenever possible. (2008)
- Campaign contributions should be limited and they should be publicly disclosed. (2009, 2011)
- We support same-day registration and reject photo ID requirements for voting. (2008)
- We support making the federal “Election Day” a national holiday. (2006)
- Urge Congress to implement the “National Voter Registration” Act. (2008)
- Continue investigation into the causes of voter status change from Democrat to “Declined to State.” (2009)
- *Urge immediate passage of the proposed “Democracy is Strengthened by Casting Light on Spending in Elections” Act (the “DISCLOSE” Act), to remove the secrecy behind the funding of political advertising,*

### ***Government must ensure ethical and transparent conduct by public officials and employees***

- The balance of power between branches of government must be maintained. (2009)
- We oppose claims of a unitary executive authority. (2009)
- All officials must be held accountable for their actions. (2008)



*and to force corporations and front groups to inform voters which entities are funding political ads and attacks. (2011)*

- *Corporations are to be subject to the same rules regarding campaign contributions as are persons. (2011)*
- *Request that all County Clerks maintain lists of voters who have requested the automatic mailing of ballot applications. Extend the service of mailed ballot applications to all registered voters in New Mexico. (2011)*

### ***For a sound economy***

- *We must support and revive local and national manufacturing and agriculture. (2009)*
- *Protect our traditional and heirloom seed stocks, as well as farm lands and local water rights.*
- *Our state legislature should use actuarially sound practices, when funding the Public Employees Retirement Association (PERA) and Educational Retirement Board (ERB). The stability and security of the state employees' pension plans should be paramount, so payments to them should never be deferred or altered. (2011)*
- *Support job-creation legislation, including supplying federal stimulus dollars for local infrastructure projects, small businesses and other economic initiatives. (2010)*
- *Use local community banks. (2010)*
- *Support a public oversight process for the disbursement of stimulus funds. Specifically, use committees that include representatives from non-profit and community-based organizations. (2009)*
- *Support expanding unemployment benefits. (2010)*
- *Incrementally increase local food procurement by government agencies to 10% by 2016. (2011)*
- *Support local and regional food chains and the related infrastructure involved in the processing, packaging, and distribution of food. (2011)*
- *Prepare local-, state-, and national-level budgets that will keep our nation strong, with emphasis on health-care, education, research and development, a healthy environment and alternative energy solutions. (2008)*
- *Create affordable housing, appropriate infrastructure and economic development opportunities for the heirs of New Mexico Community Land Grants. (2006)*
- *Strengthen the "Employee Retirement Income Security Act" (ERISA) and strengthen defined-benefit pension plans. (2008)*
- *Strengthen regulation of payday loans. (2006)*
- *Ensure that Social Security will not be reduced, privatized or otherwise diminished, and will be maintained properly to provide a secure base on which future generations can build a dignified retirement. (2006)*
- *When public money is used for research, resulting information and technologies should be considered public property.*

### ***Native Culture & Sovereignty***

- *Strengthen this state's nation-to-nation relationships. (2011)*
- *Ensure that tribal nations shape the policies affecting them. (2011)*
- *We support and strive to protect tribal sovereignty, self-determination and prosperity. (2011)*
- *Celebrate and honor the rich heritage and contributions of our native Pueblos, Tribes and Nations.*
- *Urge communication, collaboration and cooperation for everyone's mutual benefit. (2010)*
- *Regulate profits from contracts involving work and services associated with the occupation of tribal sovereign nations. (2006-09)*
- *Encourage education about the specific and unique perspectives of our native populations. (2010)*
- *Develop and support existing ethnic and native food practices and seed-saving traditions. (2008, 2011)*
- *We encourage county chairs in counties that have substantial Native American populations to initiate contact with the leaders of those communities, to attend chapter meetings, and to work with the pueblo governor or whoever is appropriate to the local group. (2011)*
- *We encourage greater Native American participation and membership on the State Central Committee (SCC) of the Democratic Party of New Mexico. (2011)*

### ***Labor***

- *The rights of our workers must be upheld with fair labor laws.*
- *Establish and enforce a fair wage for all New Mexico workers. (2006 )*
- *A fair day's work deserves a fair day's pay with adequate benefits.*
- *We reaffirm our support for the right to organize and to bargain collectively. (2009, 2011)*
- *We demand safe working environments.*
- *Our "fair trade" agreements must allow American businesses to compete in a global market without exploiting the workers and the environment in other countries.*
- *We oppose membership in the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA), the Central American Free Trade Agreement (CAFTA), and the World Trade Organization (WTO). (2008)*
- *We support the "Employee Free Choice" Act. (2009)*
- *We support fair labor practices that enable small business to compete on an international, national, and state level. (2006)*
- *We oppose right-to-work laws. (2009)*
- *We support the use of local union printers. (2008)*

## ***Taxation***

- Taxation must be responsible and fair to support our infrastructure and the needs of our population.
- Special tax cuts for the wealthy must be repealed. (2006, 2008)
- The income cap in the “Federal Insurance Contributions” Act (Social Security - FICA) should be removed to ensure the future solvency of the Social Security System. (2006, 2009)
- Budgets must consider the needs of all of us.
- *We recognize that corporate success is dependent on a robust economy built by public investment in our infrastructure, including transportation, and a well-educated and healthy workforce.*
- *All corporations doing business in New Mexico should contribute their fair share of taxes, so existing loopholes must be closed by the state legislature.* (2010)

## ***Energy***

- As stewards of the earth, we must develop and employ clean, safe, renewable, sustainable energies.
- Tax incentives for the development and use of green technologies should be employed.
- We support legislation which requires all companies that generate power to expand the use of co-generation. (2009)
- *We want the NM Legislature to pass laws and the NM Public Regulation Commission to establish policy and promulgate regulations for payment to local energy producers that supply the utility service. Payment should be at the competitive peak rate, and occur no less than annually.* (2011)
- *Build no more nuclear power plants in the United States and ultimately decommission all existing nuclear power plants. Replace them with both small and large-scale sustainable and renewable power generating systems.* (2011)
- *Support investment in mass transit and infrastructure, and the establishment of high speed mass transit rail routes north to Denver, and south to El Paso.* (2011)
- We support efforts to reverse climate change through a comprehensive energy plan.
- Reduce carbon emissions. (2008)
- Support Al Gore’s 10-point plan to combat global warming ([www.algore.org/Gores\\_10\\_Point\\_Plan\\_To\\_Combat\\_Global\\_Warming](http://www.algore.org/Gores_10_Point_Plan_To_Combat_Global_Warming)). (2008)
- Continue efforts to significantly reduce energy consumption. (2009)
- We support active environmental policies that provide good stewardship of the Earth, promote conservation of non-renewable energy resources, and promote the

- development of renewable energy resources to achieve energy independence. (2008)
- We support increasing funding for alternative clean energy research. (2009)
- Create a Public Regulation Commission website which gives consumers access to information on all state programs and incentives on energy conservation and efficiency. (2009)
- Support the reinstatement of “Corporate Average Fuel Economy” (CAFE) standard of 40 mpg on all vehicles below one ton. (2006)
- Commit to a moon-mission-scale program to develop clean energy technologies. (2008)
- *We support increasing tax credits for:*
  - *Real property owners who employ construction (new or remodeled) of clean energy applications on their properties.*
  - *The research, development, or implementation of clean energy principles by individuals or businesses.*
  - *The establishment of clean energy businesses and industries.*
  - *Creating clean energy jobs, and incorporating or retrofitting business or industry methods and technologies with clean energy principles.* (2011)

## ***Our national resources belong to all Americans and should be used to further the common good***

- Natural resources, public infrastructure, public schools, healthcare, national parks, forests, prisons, monuments and public utilities must never be privatized.
- We must develop and support ways of life that encourage conservation, energy independence, and protection of our air, water and eco-systems.
- We support enforcement of the “Clean Air” Act. (2006)
- We support preserving New Mexico’s Otero Mesa and Valle Vidal. (2006)
- We support global efforts to clean up and prevent pollution, and we promote steps to reverse climate change.
- Our national labs should be funded to work on these matters. (2008)
- Public access to the internet and the airwaves must be ensured.
- *Cultivation of non-psychoactive hemp should be encouraged for industrial use and reclassified as a crop, separate from any drug-scheduling system.* (2010)
- There should be a moratorium on building new nuclear facilities until a safe technology is created.
- *Protect farmers from lawsuits by companies who produce patented genetically modified seed, when the*

*farmers' crops are corrupted from nearby company fields. (2011)*

- *Make it easier for individuals and communities to develop yard and community gardens through supportive land-use policies and zoning. (2011)*
- *Support the acquisition of property owned by Price's Dairy at 7851 2nd St. SW for the purpose of creating an urban wildlife refuge by Bernalillo County in partnership with New Mexico Trust for Public Land, the US Fish and Wildlife Department and others. (2011)*
- *All possible safeguards for air quality and ground water quality should be maintained and strengthened. (2011)*
- *Support the principle of groundwater sustainability in the regulation of water-use in New Mexico. (2008)*
- *The water rights and culture of acequias must be considered before transferring water rights to urban use. (2008)*
- *Create a state-wide Citizens' Water Resource Council with elected representation from all stakeholders such as farmers, municipalities and tribes. (2009)*
- *Expand farm and ranch land protection programs. (2008)*
- *Clean up nuclear waste produced during research and commercial nuclear activities*
  - *Immediately halt the use of depleted-uranium (DU) weapons. (2008)*
  - *Safely remove all Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL) waste containment sites to a nuclear waste disposal facility. (2008)*

## **Health and Healthcare**

- *Health is a basic need and right, and the New Mexico State Constitution should be amended to reflect that right. (2011)*
- *Publicly financed healthcare should cover dental health, mental health, and vision, as well as preventative care.*
- *Medicare and Medicaid must be fully funded and fully supported. (2006)*
- *We strongly urge the NM Legislature to have its Legislative Financial Committee do a cost-analysis of the health care insurance exchanges and the alternative "New Mexico Health Security Act." (2011)*
- *Our congressional delegation should work to eliminate the requirement to wait until 2017 before requesting waivers from the federal "Affordable Health Care" Act. (2011)*
- *Insurance companies should not be gatekeepers to our healthcare.*
- *We must attend to the health of those exposed to depleted uranium.*
- *We must provide education and treatment regarding drug abuse.*
- *We support the right to privacy in our healthcare decisions, including decisions regarding reproductive*

*choice, quality of life and end of life. (2006)*

- *We support First Lady Michelle Obama's war-on-obesity.*
  - *Encourage good nutrition and health through education and advertising guidelines.*
  - *Encourage the implementation of food gardens at every elementary and middle school.*
  - *Make it easier and more affordable for all schools and senior centers to purchase and prepare fresh, local produce and protein.*
  - *Increase access to fresh and healthy foods, particularly in low-income neighborhoods, both rural and urban.*
  - *Create opportunities for entrepreneurial development of grocery stores, farmers' markets, community-supported agriculture (CSA's) and similar businesses. (2011)*
- *Protect families from methamphetamine, black tar heroin, and other dangerous drugs through education and law enforcement. (2008)*
- *Fully fund Medicaid and Medicare programs. (2006)*
- *Limit the use of mercury-containing vaccines and amalgam dental fillings. (2008)*

## **Education**

- *We believe that quality public education is a sound investment with real and tangible returns for our citizens and economy.*
- *A high quality education is a basic right and is a necessary component of a healthy democracy.*
- *Our teachers must be accorded the respect and resources required for effective education.*
- *Increase spending on public education until our teachers have pay, and our students have graduation rates, equivalent or better than the national average. (2006)*
- *The "No Child Left Behind" Act should be repealed and replaced with a program that promotes high scholastic performance. (2006)*
- *We reject school vouchers, as they undermine the resources of public education. (2006)*
- *We urge our New Mexico legislators to find additional and more effective ways to fund education in New Mexico for the benefit of our children and their teachers. (2011)*
- *Undertake concrete measures to increase racial harmony within schools in order to reduce the impediments to student performance caused by adverse incidents. (2011)*
- *Foster anti-bullying and anti-cyberbullying programs and policies, such as "Rachel's Challenge" and conflict resolution programs and policies in all schools. (2011)*
- *Support and fund programs to create a permanent place for mental health professionals within the public school systems in New Mexico. (2006)*
- *Support mandatory proficiency in a second language as a requirement for graduation from any state-*



- accredited high school in New Mexico. (2006)
- Enforce mandatory state standards for the study of civics, citizenship, the political process and how these affect us. (2009)
- Include the United States Constitution, and especially the Bill of Rights, as a requirement in public school curriculums. (2008)
- *We thank teachers for their contributions to education, we recognize their expertise and their caring, and we should support them in all ways possible.* (2011)

### **Arts and Humanities**

- The arts and humanities must be supported for a flourishing community.
- The arts serve as an equalizer for the diverse communities in our population.
- We believe in a vibrant arts community that is advanced by and is accessible to the public.
- We encourage public support for the advancement of all areas of the arts, including the development of artists, as all New Mexicans benefit from the arts. (2006)
- Restore funding for the “National Endowment for the Arts and Humanities” at its highest funding level. (2009)
- *We recognize our Hispanic heritage, its cultural value and its contributions to the State of New Mexico. We commit to addressing in a positive fashion all issues affecting the Hispanic community.* (2011)

### **Public Safety**

- *Support legislation to make it illegal while driving to text or to use cell phones without hands-free devices.* (2011)
- *Forbid any ammunition on any school bus under any circumstances, other than in the possession of a certified officer of the law.* (2011)
- *Support the “New Mexico Coalition Against Domestic Violence,” to ensure that all necessary measures are taken to eradicate family violence in our state.* (2010)
- *Support legislation that supports rehabilitation instead of incarceration for convicted drug offenders.* (2010)
- Food sources and pharmaceuticals must be proven safe before being distributed.
- All imported foods must be tested on arrival and meet United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) standards.
- All ingredients in our packaged foods must be listed.
- Any genetically modified food must be labeled as GMO.
- Labels on all domestic and imported food and other products such as plants and toys, whether artificial or

natural, should list the country of origin and disclose the presence of any substance that has been determined to be harmful to consumers, such as pesticides, fertilizers, lead and mercury. (2009)

### **Immigration**

- *Migration is a normal human behavior and right.* (2010)
- *We must reform our immigration policies to allow people to make this country their home, as we have in previous generations.* (2010)
- *We must prioritize unifying and keeping immigrant families intact.* (2010)
- *We must ensure and defend the basic rights of every person living or working in the United States, regardless of citizenship status.* (2010)
- *We must cease harassment, seizures and other abuses of undocumented immigrants.* (2010)
- *We support the “Development, Relief and Education of Alien Minors” Act. (DREAM)* (2011)
- *Proof of fiscal responsibility of all drivers must be required to protect property or victims of personal injury, regardless of citizenship status.* (2011)
- *We encourage the development, adoption and enforcement of pragmatic immigration laws and regulations.* (2010)
- *We recognize the mutual history and common interests of Mexico and the United States.* (2010)
- *We encourage the equal treatment of Mexico and Canada as our North American neighbors with respect to border and immigration enforcement issues.* (2010)
- *We wish to create a legalization program which allows a path to citizenship, and that allows immigrants living in the U.S. in the year in which the legislation is passed to remain here without penalty.* (2010)
- *Improve temporary worker programs.* (2010)
- *We encourage Democrats to work with local immigrant-rights coalitions, churches and community groups to assist undocumented immigrants, ensure passage of a general legalization program and win fair treatment for all immigrants.* (2010)
- *Abandon all vestiges of prohibition against dual citizenship for naturalized citizens.* (2010)

### **Fair Media Practices**

- Give candidates free and equal media time and coverage. (2008)
- Reinstate the “Fairness Doctrine.” (2008)
- Restrict corporate ownership of media (2008) and enforce the “Sherman Anti-Trust” Act. (2009)
- Reduce private control of news-media content. (2008)
- Protect public media with greater and guaranteed funding for extended cycles. (2008)

## ***Military and International Relations***

- Abide by the Geneva Conventions and treat those who do not follow those conventions as war criminals. (2008)
- Prohibit religious evangelism in the military. (2006)
- Regulate profits from contracts for work and services associated with the occupation of sovereign nations. (2006-09)
- Our perspective must be one of peace and diplomacy rather than armed conflict. (2009)
- We oppose any unilateral unprovoked war against any nation that does not attack or invade the US. (2006)
- *Create a federal “Department of Peace and Non-Violence.” (2010)*
- Reappropriate our military budget to provide for social needs and infrastructure.
- Turn control of reconstruction efforts over to the United Nations and Iraq, with the financial support of the US. (2008)
- We seek worldwide demilitarization of nuclear weaponry and advocate for international demilitarization of space. (2008)
- Halt all upper atmosphere experimentation, dismantle the “High-Frequency Active Research Program” (HAARP), and develop international laws regarding the use of the upper atmosphere. (2008)
- Observe international law and prohibit torture. (2006)
- *Support foreign aid to indigenous and impoverished countries. (2010)*
- *Support the immediate suspension of all appropriations by the US Congress for the continuation of war in Afghanistan, and provide for the immediate safe withdrawal of all US troops from Afghanistan. (2011)*
- Transition from nuclear weapons research to the development of renewable alternative energy resources. (2008, 2010)
- Bring about eventual cessation of development of any new nuclear weapons. (2008)
- Bring about eventual cessation of all laboratory activities supporting nuclear weapons and the production of plutonium pits. (2008)
- Continue support of the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty. (2008)
- Ensure US observance of international law by opposing any unilateral, unprovoked war against any nation that does not attack or invade the US. (2006)
- Work with the United Nations and honor all treaties to which the United States is a party. (2006)

- Promote a policy of commitment to international treaties and courts. (2008)
- Promote diplomatic engagement with Iran and ensure that Congress does not fund military action against it. (2008)
- Prioritize diplomatic over military solutions, utilizing international institutions to achieve this goal, with armed forces only to be used as a last resort. (2009)
- Oppose the privatization of our military.
- War profiteers should be punished and contract mercenaries should be withdrawn from all conflicts.
- Investigate potential instances of war profiteering, and vigorously prosecute any war profiteer identified. (2009)

## ***Support our troops and treat veterans with respect and honor***

- Fulfill promises made to veterans, treat them with respect for their service to our country, and meet their needs upon their return.
- Provide adequate medical services and support for our veterans and armed forces. (2008)
- Address women veterans’ health and psychological needs. (2006, 2008)
- Amend current benefits to veterans to include tax exemptions for both automotive licensing and property. (2009)
- Hold perpetrators of sexual assault in the military accountable for their actions. (2008)
- *Veterans and military families should have a caucus within our party. (2010)*
- *Support our troops currently committed to the conflicts our nation is engaged in by taking them out of harm’s way, compensating them commensurate with that commitment, and adopting peace as a guiding principle. (2010)*
- *Any person who, by conscription or enlistment, served and was discharged honorably from any branch of the United States armed forces should be made a citizen upon discharge. This should be retroactive to servicepersons previously removed from the United States. (2011)*
- *Support legislation providing the Congressional Gold Medal to each of the Americans who suffered the Bataan Death March in the Phillipines during World War II. (2011)*

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***The United States is a voluntary union that was created to support the common good.  
When we all do better, we ALL do better. We believe in having a mutual concern  
for each other and our environment because that makes our country a great one.***