



# **Johnson County Democratic Convention**

**Saturday March 13, 2010  
West High School  
2901 Melrose Ave. Iowa City**

Registration of Delegates and Alternates begins at 8:00 AM ends at 9:30

Call to Order: 9:00 AM

Seating of non-assigned Alternates begins at 9:00AM

The deadline for submitting written and legible amendments to the platform (either the Statement of Principles or the Statement of Issues) is 10:00 AM



Welcome Johnson County Democrats:

Thank you so much for your commitment to serve as a Delegate to the 2010 Johnson County Democratic Convention. Your service to the Party and the Democrats you represent will play an important role in bringing our Party together as an organization to prepare to win this November.

I would like to thank the many volunteers of the Platform, Rules and Nominations, Credentials and Arrangements Committees for the hours of work they put in to prepare for this Convention.

Thank you for downloading this electronic convention booklet. By posting the booklet online rather than printing and mailing it our County Party saves funds to be used for our important election activities later this year.

If you are unable to attend the convention, you may designate an Alternate to attend in your stead according to the guidelines of the Delegate Assignment Form

If you have any questions about the convention, feel free email me at [dennis.roseman@gmail.com](mailto:dennis.roseman@gmail.com) or call my cell 319-621-1461.

Sincerely,

Dennis Roseman

Chair, Johnson County Democratic Party

# 2010 Johnson County Democratic Convention

## Order of Business

March 13, 2010

1. The Convention Co-Chairs (as Temporary Chairs) shall convene the convention at 9:00AM or within 15 minutes of this time.
2. The Temporary Chair shall appoint temporary secretaries, temporary parliamentarians, and temporary sergeants-at-arms.
3. A Motion for the adoption of Temporary Rules as will be in order.
4. A Motion to make delegates as certified by the County Chair to the County Auditor the Temporary Delegates to the Convention will be in order.
5. The Temporary Chair will announce the Chairs of the Platform, Credentials, Rules & Nominations, and Arrangement Committees. Those Committee Chairs who wish to make Convention related announcements may do so at this time.
6. Those Committees that require time to meet will retire at this time to locations announced by the Temporary Chair.
7. Announcements, Introduction of Special Guests, Candidates, and Convention Speakers.
8. Report of the Credentials Committee and Adoption of the Credentials Committee Report by the Convention.

9. Nomination of Permanent Convention Chairs shall be brought to the floor by the Chair of the Rules and Nominations Committee. Additional nominations from the floor will be accepted. The Convention Chairs shall be elected and take over as presiding officers of the Convention. The Chairs shall appoint other Permanent Officers of the Convention.

11. The Report of the Rules and Nominations Committee shall announce the procedure for election by proportional representation of delegates and alternates to the district and state convention, as well as members of the District Convention Committees. We may elect a total of 87 delegates and 13 members to each of 4 Committees. The Chair of Rules and Nominations will move adoption of the Committee's Report.

12. Youth Delegates will caucus separately for purpose of electing district and state convention youth delegates and alternates.

13. If the Convention votes as a body, that is, preference groups are not formed, delegate selection will begin per Article II of the Delegate Selection Procedure. If less than 87 nominees were named at registration, additional nominations from the floor will be considered at this time. If there are 87 or fewer nominees the convention may elect the entire slate of delegates by a majority vote of those present and voting, thereby electing all nominees as delegates to the District and State Convention. If there are more than 87 nominees then the selection will be done using paper delegate selection forms and will be conducted in two rounds with the 1<sup>st</sup> round selecting 44 delegates (not to exceed 1 hour) and the second round selecting the remaining 43 (not to exceed 30 minutes). See the Delegate Selection Procedure Article II for details. Debate on the platform may commence/continue during the voting process.

14. If the Convention has chosen to divide into preference groups, the delegate selection process will proceed according to Articles III and IV of the Delegate Selection Procedure. Per Article III, if the convention elects for preference groups then alignment 1 will occur immediately after the vote to align. The other two alignments will occur in the agenda in the place of the delegate votes by the convention as a

whole. Following the alignment process, delegate selection by the preference groups will proceed as per Article IV. The Convention may recess as allowed in the Articles III and IV to accommodate preference group caucusing.

15. Presentation of the proposed changes to the Johnson County Democratic Party Constitution – floor will be open to allow presentation and explanation of proposals so delegates will have an opportunity to ask questions prior to entertaining a motion and opening of official debate.

16. A motion to adopt proposed changes to the Johnson County Democratic Party Constitution will be in order.

17. Report of the Platform Committee. Platform Committee Chair moves adoption of the Platform. Debate proceeds as determined by the Rules (see Rules Committee Report Article II subsection 3, D).

18. If needed, a second round of delegate selection voting will begin. This vote may occur before debate and adoption of the Platform are complete.

19. Debate on and adoption of the Platform will continue as needed.

20. If needed a third round of delegate voting will proceed (necessary only in case of ties after the second round).

21. Nominations for the office of Affirmative Action Chair will be in order. The Affirmative Action Chair shall be elected by a majority vote of Convention Delegates present and voting.

22. Nominations for District Convention committee members will be in order. Nominations will be received from the respective committee chairs. Further nominations will be allowed from the floor. Upon closing nominations, up to fifty-two (52) committee members will be chosen following the rules in Article II paragraph 10 of the Delegate Selection Procedure.

23. Alternates for delegates and committee members may be nominated and elected as an entire slate by a majority vote of delegates present and voting. No preset limit on the number of alternates.

24. A motion to ratify the duly elected delegate and alternate slate will be in order.

25. Any other business may be brought to the convention on recognition by the Chair.

26. A Motion to Adjourn will be in order.

# Arrangements Committee Report

## Johnson County Democratic Convention

Set up for the Convention will be at Iowa City West High School, 2901 Melrose Ave, Iowa City, on Saturday, March 13, 2010 at 7 a.m. in the auditorium area at the east end of the school. All extra help is welcome. There should be extra tables available for local elected officials, campaigns, etc. but people are responsible for clean up and tear down of their own materials. We need to leave the high school as clean as we find it.

There will be mid-morning coffee, juice, donuts, etc. available. Lunch will be available with a variety of sandwiches, drinks, chips, and fruit. There will be a vegetarian sandwich choice. We ask a \$5 suggested donation for the meal.

The hallway along the west side of the auditorium is available for posting suggested amendments and revisions. Masking tape will be available. We will need to remove any tape residue.

West High is a fully accessible facility and is non-smoking.

Committee: Paul Deaton, Sue Dvorsky, Chair:Loren Brumm

## CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE REPORT

### 2010 JOHNSON COUNTY DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION

1. The registration period for both delegates and alternates is from **one hour before** the start of the convention until **one half hour after** the scheduled start of the convention. All delegates and alternates must register during this time period.
  
2. Delegates who are unable to attend the convention may arrange for a replacement by selecting an alternated that was elected at the precinct caucus and certified by the Credentials Committee. First consideration should be given to alternates from the same precinct as the delegate they are replacing. The delegate assignment form, which was included with the convention call, must be completed and signed by both the delegate and the alternate. The alternate must present this signed delegate assignment form to the Credentials Committee, before being allowed to register at the convention as a delegate.
  
3. Seats left open because the delegate was unable to attend the convention and failed to name an alternate in the manner described in Step 2 of this report will be filled by using one of the following methods:

- A. The appropriate precinct committee person may select the alternate to fill an open seat in their precinct. The precinct committee person must inform the Credentials Committee Chairman prior to alternate seating of their desire to name an alternate
  - B. If the precinct committee person fails or chooses not to name an alternate the Credentials Committee will fill the seat by selecting an alternate from the top of the list of alternates who have registered at the convention. This means that the Credentials Committee will seat alternates in same order in which they registered (first registered, first seated).
4. The seating of alternates selected using the method described in Step 3 of this report will commence immediately following the registration period described in Step 1 of this report.

## **DELEGATE REGISTRATION PROCEDURE**

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

## **ALTERNATE REGISTRATION PROCEDURE**

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

## **YOUTH DELEGATES**

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

## ***2010 CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE MEMBERS***

Bill Hanes, Carl Fongheiser, C.J. Voci, Faith Wilmot, Greg Thompson, Irvin Pfab,  
Jae Jae Spoon, Janet Lyness, Kathy Hanes , Meghann Foster

John Deeth - Co-Chairperson

Tom Larkin - Co-Chairperson

The Credentials Committee would like to thank everyone who helped prepare for and register the delegates and alternates to the Johnson County Democratic Convention. Your help was appreciated.

# Johnson County Democrats

## 2010 Convention Rules and Nominations Committee

### Report

The Rules and Nominations Committee would like to put forward the following rules and nominations of officers for the 2010 Johnson County Democrats Convention.

Respectfully submitted,

Joe Galbraith and Melanie Gross, Co-Chairs

Ruth Spinks, Secretary

*and the members of the rules committee:*

Scott Smith

Jennifer Patel

**The Rules and Nominations Committee would like to nominate the following people as officers for the 2010 Johnson County Democrats Convention:**

Co-Chairs - Mary Masher and Dave Tingwald

Co-Parliamentarians - TBD (Janet Lyness)

Secretary - TBD

Timekeepers - TBD

Sergeant-at-Arms - Scott Smith, Terry Neuzil, Rod Sullivan, Janelle Rettig, Sally Stutsman, Pat Harney

# Johnson County Democratic Convention

## Report of Rules and Nominations Committee 2010

### Article I. Opening Activities

- § 1. The Convention shall be called to order no later than fifteen (15) minutes after the time announced in the official call. If the Chair does not call the Convention to order within this time limit, any delegate may call the Convention to order.
- § 2. An official Timekeeper shall be appointed by the Chair, prior to the introduction of the first speaker, to assist the Chair in enforcing the time limits on speakers. Time limits shall be strictly enforced. Any delegate may call upon the Chair to enforce the time limit.
- § 3. Declared Democratic candidates for office within Johnson County, including state legislative candidates, shall be introduced and allowed to address the Convention for no more than three (3) minutes. State officers or candidates, and guest speakers invited by the Johnson County Central Committee, shall be introduced and allowed to address the Convention for no more that four (4) minutes. Congressional candidates shall be introduced and allowed to address the Convention for no more than seven (7) minutes. No substitute or representative speakers shall be permitted.

### Article II. Committee Reports

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

- § 2. Rules and Nominations Committee: The nomination and delegate-selection process shall be in accordance with the Delegate Selection Procedure approved by the State Central Committee and with the supplementary recommendations of the Rules and Nominations Committee as adopted by the Convention. Business or reports from the Rules and Nominations Committee shall have preference over other items of business.
- § 3. Platform Committee: The Platform Committee report shall consist of a Statement of Principles and a Statement of Issues. To save time, these reports shall be taken up at the discretion of the Chair at appropriate times after all the alternates are seated. Changes to the Statement of Principles and the Statement of Issues shall be considered by the Convention body only under the following circumstances:
- A. The Statement of Principles shall be voted on as a whole and the Statement of Issues shall be voted on by subcommittee section unless fifteen percent (15%) of the seated delegates sign a petition to reserve a paragraph of the Statement of Principles or a numbered plank of a subcommittee section of the Statement of Issues for separate debate and vote. Petitions for separate debate and vote may be submitted to the chair(s) of the Platform Committee until the respective Platform section is brought to the floor.
  - B. Amendments to either the Statement of Principles or Statement of Issues must be in writing, legible and accompanied by a petition in support thereof, signed by fifteen percent (15%) of the seated delegates to the convention, and submitted to the Platform Committee by 10:00 a.m. the day of the convention. All submitted amendments will be posted in the designated area of the convention hall by 10:15 am.
  - C. Except for grammatical amendments, no amendments to a proposed amendment as submitted to the convention for consideration shall be permitted unless submitted in writing to the Platform Committee by 11:00 pm on the day of the Convention. Each amendment to an amendment must be accompanied by the signature of fifteen percent

(15%) of the seated delegates and must pertain and be germane to the issue which it purports to amend.

D. Debate on the platform shall be conducted in the following order:

1) The Chair of the Convention shall recognize the Chair of the Platform Committee to move adoption of the platform.

a) The Chair of the Platform Committee or his or her designee shall present The Statement of Principles or a subcommittee section of the platform and move its adoption.

b) The Statement of Principles and subcommittee sections shall be debated and voted on as a whole except for paragraphs affected by i), ii), and iii) (below). Paragraphs affected by i), ii), and iii) shall be considered in the order that they appear in the convention book, and according to the following precedence:

i) Minority reports from the Platform Committee.  
Minority reports are automatically debatable.

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

iii) Paragraphs that have been reserved for separate debate and vote, as in point A (above).

c) The convention shall vote on adoption of the Statement of Principles and each subcommittee section as a whole as amended.

d) Each remaining subcommittee section of the platform shall be considered in the order presented according to the procedure in a) through c) (above).

2) Debate on the Platform shall be conducted under the rules outlined in Article IX.

3) The Convention will vote on adoption of the platform as a whole, as changed by consideration under the rules above.

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

#### Article III. Special Orders of Business

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

#### Article IV. Powers and Duties of the Chair

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

§ 2. The Chair is authorized to:

- A. appoint such additional officers as may be required to assist in conducting the business of the Convention, giving due consideration to affirmative action and minority representation;
- B. appoint any delegate temporarily to perform the duties of the Chair;
- C. take such lawful action as may be necessary and appropriate to preserve order throughout the Convention hall.

#### Article V. Voting

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

- § 2. All questions, except as otherwise specified in these rules, shall be determined by a majority vote of the seated delegates present and voting.
- § 3. When a question has been put to the vote, the vote thereon may not be interrupted for any purpose other than to move for a ballot vote, or to direct a point of order to the conduct of the vote. The Chair shall interpret a motion for a roll-call vote as a motion for a ballot vote. A non-secret ballot may be ordered upon a motion which must be seconded and supported in a standing vote by a majority of the seated delegates present.
- § 4. During the counting of the votes/ballots on an issue, the Chair may continue with convention business.

#### Article VI. Appeals

- § 1. The Chair shall decide all questions of order, subject to an appeal by any delegate. Such appeals may be debated for no more than four (4) minutes, to be equally divided between the delegate appealing and a delegate in favor of sustaining the ruling of the Chair (up to 2 minutes each). Before the question is put on any appeal, the Chair shall be entitled to briefly state the reasons for its ruling. Upon completion of debate, the convention shall decide by majority vote of the delegates present and voting whether to sustain or overrule the decision of the Chair.
- §2. An appeal shall not be in order:
- A. while another appeal is pending;
  - B. to challenge decisions of recognition;
  - C. during a ballot;
  - D. on a question on which an appeal has been denied;

#### Article VII. Motion to Suspend the Rules

- § 1. The Chair may entertain a motion to suspend the rules for a stated purpose. If

seconded, debate shall be allowed for no more than four (4) minutes, to be equally divided between those, with no more than two (2) minute allowed per speaker (i.e., one (1) delegate in favor and one (1) delegate opposed).

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

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

§ 1. A non-procedural motion or resolution may be offered to the Convention by any delegate provided that it is legibly written, signed by at least five (5) delegates, and submitted to the Chair before it is introduced.

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

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

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

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

§ 6. A motion to recess (other than lunch) shall be for a time period of no more than fifteen (15) minutes, except as specified in the Delegate Selection Procedure.

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

## Article IX. Debate

§ 1. Initial debate on any question, except as otherwise provided in these rules, shall be limited to twelve (12) minutes, with proponents and opponents alternating in speeches that shall not exceed two (2) minutes each.

§ 2. At the end of the initial debate time, the Convention may by majority vote extend the debate not to exceed eight (8) minutes. A single additional extension, not to exceed four (4) minutes may be granted by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the delegates present.

§ 3. Debate may be closed before the expiration of the allotted time with the approval, in standing division, of two-thirds (2/3) of the delegates present.

§ 4. A motion to suspend the rules or to appeal the decision of the chair for the purpose of extending debate shall not be in order.

§ 5. On motions relating to debate time, the ruling of the Chair upon standing votes shall be final, appeals to ballot vote being out of order.

## Article X. Quorum

§ 1. The chair of the credentials committee shall announce that a quorum exists for the purpose of conducting business when at least twenty-five percent (25%) of the elected delegates have been seated. For 2010, 25% of 117 = 30 delegates seated.

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

## Article XI. Rules of Order

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

Party, the approved Delegate Selection Procedure, the report of the County Rules and Nominations Committee, and applicable state and federal laws.

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

# Johnson County Democratic Convention

## Delegate Selection Procedure

### Introduction

At the precinct caucuses on January 23, 2010, delegates to the County Convention were elected in each precinct (117 in total). At the County Convention, delegates will be elected to the 2<sup>nd</sup> District Convention (87 delegates are allotted to Johnson County in 2010). Delegates to the District Convention are automatically delegates to the State Convention. From the delegates selected to the District convention, committee members will be selected to serve on the District level committees (thirteen [13] positions for each of the four [4] committee are allotted to the County in 2010).

Upon the report of the Credentials Committee, the County Convention will divide into preference groups only by majority vote of the seated delegates vote to align by preference group. If preference groups are not formed, the convention will vote as a body for delegates, alternates, and committee members as specified in Article II below.

If preference groups are formed, alignments will occur as specified in Article III and IV of this document. Only those preference groups which comprise fifteen percent (15%) or more of the seated delegates will be able to elect delegates to

the District and State Conventions. If, at the end of the alignment process, a preference group fails to obtain fifteen percent (15%) of the total number of seated delegates, that group is considered "non-viable" and cannot elect any delegates.

## Article I. Registration

§ 1. The delegate must register upon arrival at the County Convention. Upon completion of registration the delegate will receive his or her delegate credentials and thereby be designated as "seated." Along with the credentials, each seated delegate will receive:

(a) an official series of "railroad" (i.e. connected) ballots marked with the delegate number assigned to the delegate.

(b) three (3) solid-color delegate selection ballots : PINK for the First Ballot , GREEN for the Second Ballot, and YELLOW for the Third Ballot. Each ballot shall be marked with the delegate number assigned to the delegate.

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

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

Article II. Selection of Delegates and Committee Members **without preference groups**

§ 1. The selection of delegates without the formation of preference groups cannot commence until after **all** of the following events have taken place:

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

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

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

§ 3. . Delegates to the County convention may nominate themselves to be delegates to the District and State conventions by so indicating on registration card. Only if less than 87 nominees are named at registration will additional nominations from the convention floor be considered in order. Nomination of additional candidates may be made only after the provisions set out in subsection 1 of this article have been fulfilled and only at the time designated by the Chair.

§ 4. Upon close of nominations, the Rules and Nominations Committee will compile a list of those persons who have been self-nominated as District and State Convention delegates with their delegate numbers. The list of nominees will be posted in at least four different sites of the Convention Hall. At this time, the Rules Committee Chair will announce the posting of the nominees. In 2010, Johnson County is allotted 87 delegates to the District and State Convention. If the list of nominees contains 87 or fewer names then the convention may elect all nominees by a single majority vote. If the list contains more than 87 names, the first round of delegate selection will begin for a period not to exceed one (1) hour.

§ 5. If balloting is required for delegate selection, the first round of selection will be done using the PINK **delegate selection form** supplied at the time of registration. No more than fifty percent (50%) plus one (1) of the delegates may be selected in the first round. In 2010, that means 44 delegates may be selected in the first round. On the first round each delegate must vote for **at least 35 but not more than 44 (80%)** of the nominees. Failure to do so will invalidate the entire ballot. Voting shall be by circling the delegate number of the selected delegate on the delegate selection ballot. A nominee must receive a minimum of **five (5) votes** to be selected. Delegates will be selected in the order of the number of votes received. That is those delegates receiving the highest number of votes (but greater than 5) will be selected until 44 delegates are chosen in the first round.

§ 6. The Rules and Nominations Committee will compile a list of the nominees not elected on the first round. The new list of nominees will be posted in at least four different sites of the Convention Hall. At this time, the Rules Committee Chair will announce the posting of the nominees, and voting will begin for a period not to exceed 30 minutes. The second round of

selection will be done using the **GREEN delegate selection form** supplied at the time of registration. Delegates will be selected in the order of the number of votes received. That is those delegates receiving the highest number of votes will be selected until the remaining 43 delegates are chosen.

- § 7. A third round of voting will take place if, after selecting all delegates with highest vote totals in the second round, there remain two or more nominees, who reach the five vote threshold, receive the same number of votes in the second round, and there are too few openings remaining to select all of them. The third round of selection will be done using the **YELLOW delegate selection form** supplied at the time of registration. The Rules and Nominations Committee will compile a list of the remaining eligible nominees. The list of nominees will be posted in at least four different sites of the Convention Hall. At this time, the Rules Committee Chair will announce the posting of the nominees, and voting will begin for a period not to exceed 30 minutes. Delegates will be selected in the order of the number of votes received.
- § 8. If two or more candidates reach the five vote threshold and receive the same number of votes in round three, the remaining openings will be filled by a game of chance selected and administered by the Chair or the Chair's designee.
- § 9. In all rounds of balloting, ballots must be returned to members of the Rules Committee or the Sergeant's at Arms within the specified amount of time in order to be counted.
- §10. In advance of the convention, the Rules and Nominations Committee will request nominations from each of the county convention committees for

a slate of candidates to represent the County on the corresponding committees for the District Convention. During the convention, the Convention Chair will call upon the Chair of **each** County committee (or designee) to present the slate of nominees to the corresponding District convention committee. Additional nominations may be received from the floor. If the number of candidates is equal to or less than the number allotted for a District committee, the slate may be moved for adoption as a whole. If the number of candidates exceeds the number allotted for a District committee, then voting shall proceed as standing votes for each candidate, with the available slots filled by the candidates with the highest vote count. Committee member selection will proceed until all committee positions are filled (thirteen [13] positions for each of the four [4] committee are allotted to the County in 2010) or the convention agrees to allow some positions to remain empty.

§11 Alternates for delegates and committee members may be nominated and elected by majority vote. There shall be no preset limit to the number of alternates selected.

## Article III. Alignment Procedure for Preference Groups

### Introduction.

If the County Convention as a whole passes a motion to divide into preference groups, then the District and State delegate selection process shall proceed with alignment and delegate selection by preference group.

### § 1. First Alignment.

- (a). The First Alignment period cannot take place until after all of the following events have taken place:
  - (i) the close of registration;
  - (ii) the adoption of the report of the Credentials Committee;
  - (iii) the announcement, by the Chair of the Rules and Nominations Committee, of the approved delegate-selection procedures (ie adoption of the Rules Committee Report).
- (b). At an appropriate time, the Chair will announce the start of the First Alignment period, which will not exceed one (1) hour. During First Alignment period all delegates may realign with a preference group. The preference groups can include an uncommitted group.
- (c). If the spokesperson of any preference group so requests, the convention may recess for a period not to exceed forty-five (45) minutes of the First Alignment period so that the groups may caucus.

- (d). In order to be considered aligned during the First Alignment period, a delegate must state his or her preference on a railroad ballot to be designated by the Rules Committee at the time of the alignment. The selected preference group may be 'uncommitted'. If the delegate wishes to be considered for election as a delegate to the district and state conventions from the selected preference group, the delegate **must** so indicate on another railroad ballot to be designated by the Rules Committee at the time of alignment. The two (2) railroad ballots indicating the preference group selection and delegate's desire to be a District and State delegate must be submitted to the Rules and Nominations Committee before the Chair announces the end of the first alignment period. The two ballots will be contiguous and should not be separated.
  
- (e). Upon collection of the ballots at the conclusion of the First Alignment period, the Rules and Nominations Committee will count the alignment ballots, and the Rules and Nominations Committee Chair will report to the Convention the viability status of each preference group. To be viable a preference group must have fifteen percent (15%) of the seated delegates.

§ 2. Second Alignment (if needed)

- (a). The Second Alignment period cannot take place until after all of the following events have taken place:
  - (i) the close of registration;
  - (ii) the adoption of the report of the Credentials Committee;
  - (iii) the announcement, by the Chair of the Rules and

Nominations Committee, of the approved delegate-selection procedures;

- (iv) the announcement, by the Chair of the Rules and Nominations Committee, of the preference group count from the First Alignment and the viability status of each preference group.
- (b). At an appropriate time, the Chair will announce the start of the Second Alignment period, which will not exceed one (1) hour. During the Second Alignment period any delegate may realign with a different preference group.
- (c). If the spokesperson of any preference group so requests, the convention will recess for a period not to exceed the first forty-five (45) minutes of the Second Alignment period so that the groups may caucus.
- (d). In order to be considered realigned during the Second Alignment period, a delegate must indicate his or her new preference on a railroad ballot to be designated by the Rules Committee at the time of the alignment. If the delegate wishes to be considered for election as a delegate to the district and state conventions from the newly-selected preference group, the delegate **must** so indicate on a contiguous railroad ballot to be designated by the Rules Committee at the time of the alignment. The two contiguous ballots should not be separated. The ballots must be submitted to the Rules and Nominations Committee before the Chair announces the end of the Second Alignment period. Delegates who wish to remain in viable preference groups should **not** submit ballots during the Second Alignment.

- (e). At the end of the Second Alignment period, the Rules and Nominations Committee will count the alignment ballots, and the Rules and Nominations Committee Chair will report to the Convention the viability status of each preference group.

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

- (a). If any non-viable preference groups remain at the end of the Second Alignment, the Chair will announce the start of a final Third Alignment period not to exceed one-half hour (30 minutes) during which the delegates in non-viable groups may realign. Delegates in viable groups may not realign during this period.
- (b). In order to be considered realigned during the Third Alignment period, a delegate must indicate his or her new preference group on a railroad ballot to be designated by the Rules Committee at the time of the alignment. The delegate must align with an existing viable preference group. No new preference groups may be formed during the third alignment. If the delegate wishes to be considered for election as a delegate to the district and state conventions from this newly-selected preference group, the delegate **must** so indicate on a contiguous railroad ballot to be designated by the rules committee at the time of the alignment. The two contiguous ballots should not be separated. The ballots must be submitted to the Rules and Nominations Committee before the Chair announces the end of the Third Alignment period. Delegates in an already-viable group should not submit ballots during the Third alignment.
- (c). At the end of the Third Alignment period, the Rules and Nominations Committee will count the ballots, and the Rules and

Nominations Committee Chair will report to the Convention the final status of each preference group. No further realignments will be allowed after the close of the Third Alignment period.

**Article IV. Election of Delegates and Committee Members with preference groups**

- § 1. Once realignment is completed, the Convention will divide into preference groups, with each seated delegate going to the group with which he or she is aligned.
- § 2. The Chair of the Rules and Nominations Committee will announce the number of delegates to the District and State Conventions, and the number of representatives to the District Convention Committees which each preference group is to elect. The number of delegates allocated to each preference group will be determined by multiplying the number of county convention delegates in each viable group by the total number of delegates to the district and state convention, and then dividing by the total number of county convention delegates in all viable groups. Where fractions exist, the group(s) with the largest remainder after subtraction of greatest integer will receive the delegate(s) in question. Where fractions are equal, delegates to district and state convention will go to the preference group(s) winning a game of chance conducted by the Chair of the Rules and Nominations Committee. An identical process to the one described above will be used to determine the number of representatives to the District Convention Committees for each preference group.
- § 3. Each preference group will begin by electing a chair. The first action of the group chair will be to read the following statement:

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

- § 4. The Rules and Nominations Committee will have compiled a numbered list of those persons who have been self-nominated to be District and State Convention delegates for each preference group. Additional names may be offered by members of the preference groups prior to the first ballot; these names and delegate numbers will be placed at the end of the existing list from the Rules Committee.
  
- § 5. Each preference group will elect its allocated delegates in no fewer than three rounds of balloting. The Rules and Nominations Committee representative in each preference group will announce the maximum number of delegates that may be elected from the preference group during each round. During the first round no more than fifty percent (50%) plus one of the allocated delegates may be elected; during the second round no more than thirty percent (30%) of the delegates may be elected; during the third and subsequent rounds the remaining delegates will be elected, subject to the restrictions enumerated in §6 below.
  
- § 6. The exact number of delegates elected during each round will be controlled by the following restrictions mandated by the rules of the Iowa Democratic Party:
  - (a) No more than fifty percent (50%) plus one of the positions may be

determined by the results of one round of balloting;

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

§ 7. At the start of each round of balloting, the group chair will direct the delegates to circle the delegate numbers of the persons they wish to elect from the list of nominees for delegates to the District and State Conventions.. The first round of balloting will use the pink delegate selection ballot. The second round of balloting will use the green delegate selection ballot. The third round of balloting will use the yellow delegate selection ballot. Any additional balloting required will use railroad ballots.

§ 8. Each delegate will submit a delegate selection ballot directly to a representative of the Rules and Nominations Committee for each round

of balloting, who will collect and count the ballots. After each round, the Rules and Nominations Committee will report to each preference group the number and names of delegates elected on that round. If any positions remain to be filled, the preference group will then proceed with the next round of balloting.

- § 9. Balloting will continue until all positions are filled. If the last round of balloting would fill less than five (5) positions, the remaining delegates may be elected by division.
- § 10. If the number of nominees for District delegate positions is less than or equal to the number of positions allotted to the preference group, the nominees may be elected en mass by division.
- § 11. When election of delegates is completed, each preference group will proceed to elect its alternates. Any number of alternates may be elected.
- § 12. When election of alternates is completed, each preference group will proceed to elect its allotted representatives to District convention committees.

#### Article V. Ratification and Verification

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

§ 2. The Chair of the Rules and Nominations Committee shall take possession of all ballots used during the Convention and preserve them for one (1) year.

# 2010 Platform

## Johnson County Democrats

(Platform Report for the Johnson County Convention March 13, 2010)

### **Platform Committee Members:**

Robin Roseman (Chair), Dennis Roseman (Secretary), Jim Arthur, Terry Dahms, Robin DeCook, Caroline Dieterle, Liz Etchells, Tonja Fortney, Peter Hansen, Hazel Hargrove, Jill Jack, Chris Marnach, Brian Meyer, Allie Panther, Justine Retz, Dan Tallon, Elsie Gauley Vega, and with special volunteer assistance from Tim Judd.

# Statement of Principles

1. We believe the purpose of government is to act on behalf of the public good, to create and execute policies and laws that promote and protect everyone's human rights equally, to protect our shared environment, to promote justice, safety and security and to oversee the equitable distribution of resources, affording all citizens the opportunity to attain their highest level of social, cultural, economic, mental and physical well being.
2. We value diversity. We are committed to the inclusion and full participation of diverse populations in our society, in the Democratic Party and in the democratic processes of government regardless of status within any protected class such as age, race, gender, religious belief, sexual orientation, gender identity, physical characteristics, associational preference, ethnicity, disability, illness or language.
3. We affirm our commitment to social and economic justice. Whenever the rights of any of our citizens are threatened, the rights of all are endangered. We take seriously the obligation to uphold the Constitution and the Bill of Rights, to preserve, protect and secure basic human rights, civil rights and civil liberties.
4. We believe in a society in which fairness and community are guiding values, where every person has an equal opportunity.
5. We believe the family, whether traditional or non-traditional, should be sustained and enhanced. We share, through government, the responsibility to assist those families who cannot adequately provide for their members.
6. We believe a full and rewarding life includes access to, and the opportunity to participate in and support the arts and humanities.
7. We reaffirm the separation of church and state.

8. We support candidates running as Democrats in Johnson County who adhere to this Johnson County Democratic Platform.
9. We demand that our governing bodies develop policies and laws promoting sound energy practices, permanently protecting our environment, and addressing the problems of global warming. We cherish our land and family farms and deplore the concentration of food production in the hands of a few corporations. We recognize the fundamental right of all peoples to safe and healthy food sustainably produced.
10. We believe a healthy American economy depends on the dignity with which the American worker is treated. We affirm the right of all workers to bargain collectively and support organized labor. A sustainable economy and job growth depend on a positive climate for small business development. We support a progressive system of taxation.
11. An informed citizenry is essential for a democratic society. We are strongly committed to free public education and providing accessible, affordable, and lifelong quality education to all at all educational levels.
12. We are committed to honest and open government. The complexities of crime and violence demonstrate the need for multifaceted solutions involving legislation, education, community action, and personal responsibility.
13. We believe all people have a right to accessible, affordable, quality health care and the benefits of continued medical research.
14. We affirm the ideal of a world in which all peoples live peacefully with tolerance and good will toward others. United States foreign and domestic policy decisions should promote that ideal.

# Statement of Issues

## Agriculture and the Environment

### Agriculture:

#### *We support:*

1. The fundamental right to safe and healthy food.
2. Environmentally responsible agriculture.
3. Organic farming, crop diversification and reduced subsidies for industrial-scale cropping.
4. Funding of local soil conservation districts.
5. Renegotiated international trade rules to halt export dumping of commodities below their cost of production.
6. Reform of agricultural policies to reverse farm consolidation, to restore production diversity and to regain the functioning of local food systems.
7. Protecting bees and pollination by banning neonicotinoid pesticides.

#### *We Oppose:*

8. Use of artificial hormones and the prophylactic use of antibiotics in farm animals in order to reduce the spread of multi-drug resistant bacteria.

## Energy

#### *We support:*

9. Efficiency and conservation as primary strategies to reduce energy consumption.
10. Increased mass transit, improved CAFE standards, and low emission vehicles.
11. Realignment of energy tax incentives and disincentives.
12. Investment in renewable and distributed energy.
13. A carbon tax to reduce greenhouse gases.
14. Hybrid and electric vehicles.
15. Distributed generation of electric power.

### ***We oppose:***

16. Government subsidy of nuclear power.
17. The construction of new nuclear power stations until the waste storage problem is solved.
18. Offsite storage of nuclear waste including storage on tribal lands.
19. New coal burning power plants.

## **Environment**

### ***We support:***

20. Preservation of the commons and prohibition of any activity that would degrade them.
21. Caps on mercury emissions from coal burning power plants.
22. Integrated pest management to reduce pesticide pollution.
23. Preservation of the Endangered Species Act.
24. Expansion of the bottle redemption bill to include all plastic beverage bottles.

### ***We oppose:***

25. Exempting any power plants from the requirements of the Clean Air Act.
26. Importation into Iowa of mountain top and strip mined coal.
27. Grandfathering of the right to pollute.
28. Clear-cutting on public lands and publicly subsidizing logging, mining and grazing.
29. Oil drilling in sensitive areas.
30. Light pollution.

## **Zoning and Building**

### ***We support:***

31. Certification of the design and construction for all publicly financed projects to meet LEED standards.
32. Local control of CAFOs site location, maintenance and operations.
33. Land-use planning to restrict urban sprawl and to prevent conversion of agricultural land to other uses, with significant financial disincentives for conversion.
34. Radon testing.

## **Food Supply**

### ***We support:***

35. A federal ban on meat-packer ownership of livestock feeding operations.
36. Anti-trust regulation and prohibiting concentrated control of seed supply, and food production, processing, and retailing.
37. Increased funding for independent research on antibiotic and hormone use in agriculture, to reduce the spread of multidrug-resistant bacteria and the negative effects of hormone use.
38. Independent, credible testing of GMOs before they are approved for consumption.
39. The accurate labeling of all foods, including those containing any GMOs, cloned animal flesh or irradiated ingredients.
40. Guidelines and initiatives to promote safe locally produced food.

### ***We oppose:***

41. GMOs in the food chain.

## **Acronyms:**

CAFE - Corporate Average Fuel Economy

CAFO - Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations

GMOs - Genetically Modified Organisms

LEED - Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design

## **Economy, Commerce and Labor**

### **Economic Development**

#### ***We support:***

42. Employee protection during and following plant closure or bankruptcy.

43. A government-run job and job training program and a WPA-like program.
44. Encouraging local enterprise through loans and development.
45. Requiring mortgage servicing companies and investors to mediate with borrowers to explore modifying loans prior to foreclosure.
46. Fair Use Doctrine.
47. Restoration of the public domain.

***We oppose:***

48. The DMCA.

## **Trade Regulation**

***We support:***

49. A Fair Trade model that provides Congressional oversight during trade negotiation.
50. Environmental and labor standards in all trade agreements.

## **Taxation**

***We support:***

51. Increasing the dependency exemption.
52. Reestablishing estate taxes.
53. Need based property tax credits for qualified lower-income veterans, elderly and disabled people.
54. Windfall profit taxes on fossil fuel companies to be used for research and development of alternative energy.
55. Rescinding the federal subsidy for research and development of off-shore oil drilling.

## **Job Security and Workers' Rights**

***We support:***

56. Laws discouraging “temps” replacing permanent employees.
57. Eliminating employee/independent contractor misclassification.
58. Expanded job security, including more flexibility for single parents.

59. Increasing safety for every workplace.
60. Benefits and protections for those on strike.
61. Whistleblower protection for all employees.
62. Equal workers' rights and employment opportunities for GLBT people.
63. Equal pay for equal work by women.
64. Broadening the scope of mandatory subjects of bargaining to include all issues relevant to public employment.
65. "Fair Share".
66. The employees' right to change unions without affecting their contract.
67. Employee Free Choice Act.

***We oppose:***

68. Efforts to limit overtime pay.
69. Mandatory overtime.
70. Right-To-Work laws.
71. Employment-at-will doctrine.
72. Prison labor that displaces non-incarcerated workers.
73. Privatization of public jobs.
74. Mandatory genetic screening, polygraph tests, and drug tests in employment.
75. Use of credit reports or bank records as criteria for employment.

## **Business Regulations**

***We support:***

76. Strong fair labor standards.
77. PLAs on public works construction.
78. Requiring satisfactory contractor safety records for bid submission for government contracts
79. Strengthening OSHA and NIOSH through funding, staffing, and increasing participation by employers and unions.
80. Strengthening the NLRA, including full funding for the NLRB.

## **Living Wage**

### ***We support:***

81. Raising the minimum wage to \$10/hr immediately, and indexing it to the federal cost-of-living.
82. Prevailing wage in all employment.

## **Pension/Insurance**

### ***We support:***

83. Incentives for long-term and retirement savings.
84. The right to choose one's caregiver for job injuries.
85. Keeping IPERS solvent by incorporating an independent board of trustees.
86. Non-discriminatory parental leave benefits.
87. Part-time and contingent employees receiving proportionate wages and benefits.
88. Unemployment benefits for those involved in labor disputes.

## **Acronyms:**

DMCA - Digital Millennium Copyright Act

GLBT - Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgender/Transsexual people

IPERS - Iowa Public Employees' Retirement System

NIOSH - National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health

NLRA - National Labor Relations Act

NLRB - National Labor Relations Board

OSHA - Occupational Safety and Health Administration

PLA - Project Labor Agreement

WPA - Work Projects Administration

# Education

## Funding

### *We support:*

89. Equal access to all educational services and resources for all students
90. Coordinated family service centers in local schools supported by joint efforts of state and local agencies and governments.
91. Increasing funding for regent universities and community colleges.
92. Adequate funding of Area Education Agencies.
93. Increased funding for early childhood education programs for birth to five-year-old children.
94. Increasing the salaries of K-12 educators.
95. Paying a living wage to support professionals in our public schools.
96. Increasing the allowable growth rate for the controlled budgets of Iowa public schools to six percent.
97. Increased technology funding for community colleges.
98. Full federal funding of special education.
99. An awareness campaign in public schools on ways to reduce individual and community environmental impacts.
100. Increasing access to college tuition assistance and loan forgiveness programs for students who stay in Iowa.
101. Greater access to higher education by a two-year tuition freeze and offering a) a fully refundable College Opportunity Tax Credit, and b) aid to states that keep tuition low.
102. Low college loan interest rates.

### *We oppose:*

103. Any mid-year pullback of allotted funds to the State Board of Regents institutions.
104. Diverting public money away from public schools to fund vouchers, charter schools, tuition tax credits, or for-profit education businesses.
105. The School Choice Doctrine.

## Education Curricula

### *We support:*

- 106. The teaching of comprehensive, medically accurate sex education in the public schools, by qualified personnel.
- 107. Multicultural Gender Fair education.
- 108. Voluntary community service being offered in the high school curriculum.
- 109. Teaching about the United Nations, international human rights conventions, and the Millennium Development Goals.
- 110. Department of Education sponsored evaluation of the effectiveness of Iowa Core Curriculum by mathematicians, scientists and engineers from the regents universities.

### *We oppose:*

- 111. “Abstinence only” sex education programs.
- 112. The teaching of “intelligent design” as science in the public schools.
- 113. Corporate propaganda presented as education materials.

## No Child Left Behind Act

### *We support:*

- 114. The Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 as reauthorized in 1994.
- 115. K-12 class size reduction programs.
- 116. Classrooms that permit teacher creativity and innovation.

### *We oppose:*

- 117. Using standardized assessments as the primary measure of learning or the focus of instruction.
- 118. Continuation of NCLB.

## School Lunch Program

### *We support:*

- 119. Serving healthy, locally grown food in the school lunch program.
- 120. The removal of school vending machine products that contain high fructose corn syrup.

## **Bullying**

### ***We support:***

121. Prevention of and intervention in bullying in all its forms, including emotional, verbal, sexual and physical abuse, as well as cyber bullying.

### ***We oppose:***

122. GLBT exclusion from the 2007 Safe Schools Act.

## **Acronyms:**

NCLB - No Child Left Behind

GLBT - Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgendered people

## **Government and Law**

### **Campaigns and Elections**

#### ***We support:***

123. Publicly financed elections.

124. Statistically significant, mandatory, random hand audits.

125. Optical-scanner voting.

126. More computer expertise on Iowa Board of Examiners.

#### ***We oppose:***

127. Caucuses on federal holidays.

128. The nominating power of super delegates.

## **Civil Rights and Liberties**

#### ***We support:***

129. Uniform full enforcement of Civil Rights Act and ADA.

130. Universal habeas corpus.

131. Elimination of DADT within the Iowa National Guard.

132. Repealing the Patriot Act.

***We oppose:***

- 133. Warrantless wiretapping and searches.
- 134. "Enemy detainee" status.
- 135. The use of mandatory religious phraseology in swearing in of public officials.

## **Taxes and Social Security**

***We support:***

- 136. Progressive income taxation.
- 137. Expanded tax credits for college tuition and student loan interest payments.
- 138. Increased earned income tax credits.
- 139. Lifting the income cap on SS payroll taxes and extending the SS tax to all forms of income.
- 140. "Green" incentives.
- 141. 10% cut to corporate tax credits.
- 142. Capping corporate tax credits.
- 143. Repealing tax cuts for the top 10% income bracket.

***We oppose:***

- 144. Any privatization of SS.
- 145. SS benefit reductions.
- 146. "Off-shoring" incentives.
- 147. Taxation of unemployment, worker compensation and SS benefits.

## **Government Services**

***We support:***

- 148. Increased funding for social services, dependent care and food stamps.
- 149. Additional inspectors within the DOL.
- 150. Reduced DOD funding.

## **Reproductive Rights**

### ***We support:***

- 151. State legislation guaranteeing abortion rights.
- 152. Mandating that all Iowa pharmacists provide EC on demand.
- 153. Requiring insurance companies cover all prescribed FDA approved contraceptives.
- 154. Affordable, anonymous HIV/AIDS and STD tests.
- 155. Comprehensive universal access to all aspects of family planning with public funding for low income or uninsured people and active duty military and dependents.
- 156. Abortion services for active duty military and dependents.

## **Roe vs. Wade**

### ***We oppose:***

- 157. Eroding women's right to abortion.
- 158. Approval of Supreme Court Justices opposed to Roe v. Wade.
- 159. Parental notification and consent legislation.
- 160. Banning medically necessary abortions.
- 161. Personhood for fetuses.

## **Criminal Justice**

### ***We support:***

- 162. Legalization of marijuana.
- 163. Automatic restoration of voting rights to felons.
- 164. Human rights and open hearings for all immigrants.
- 165. Investigation and prosecution of all criminal misconduct by prior administrations.
- 166. Full funding for Violence Against Women Act, services to crime victims and programs to prevent sexual violence.
- 167. Enforcement of stalking laws and no-contact orders.
- 168. Hate Crime Prevention Act.
- 169. Treatment alternatives to incarceration for substance abusers.
- 170. Community-based alternatives to incarceration of non-violent offenders.
- 171. Prisoners' human rights.

- 172. Binding plea bargains.
- 173. More accurate definitions and categorizations of offenders under Iowa's sex offender laws.

***We oppose:***

- 174. Capital punishment.
- 175. Mandatory sentencing.
- 176. Unenforceable sex offender residential restrictions.
- 177. Racial profiling.
- 178. Forced labor for inmates.
- 179. Prosecuting humanitarian aid.

## **Internet and Telecommunications**

***We support:***

- 180. First Amendment protection for all electronic media.
- 181. Publicly owned broadband networks.
- 182. Affordable access to broadband and broadcast media.
- 183. Network Neutrality.
- 184. Local government cable franchise fees to fund PEG channels.
- 185. Depoliticizing and increasing transparency in public broadcasting and CPB.
- 186. Legislatively codifying the Fairness Doctrine.
- 187. Antitrust legislation to rollback consolidation of media ownership.
- 188. Local government oversight of media carriage.

***We oppose:***

- 189. Internet censorship.
- 190. Government propaganda and fake news.
- 191. Warrantless government electronic spying on US residents.

## **Consumer Protection**

***We support:***

- 192. Consumer Fraud Act.
- 193. Expanded regulation of corporate behavior.

***We oppose:***

- 194. Corporate personhood.
- 195. Exempting corporations from oversight.

## **Reasonable Gun Regulation**

***We support:***

- 196. Banning assault weapons.
- 197. Safety certification for hunters.
- 198. Criminalizing selling weapons to barred individuals.
- 199. Licensing, pre-ownership safety training, national background investigation and registration for all firearms.

***We oppose:***

- 200. Possession, purchase or use of firearms by abusers who are subject to a protection order or are convicted of domestic abuse.

## **Marriage and Civil Unions**

***We support:***

- 201. Civil marriage for same-sex couples in Iowa and the US.
- 202. UAFA.

***We oppose:***

- 203. DOMA.
- 204. Maternal bias in custody decisions.
- 205. Discrimination against GLBT on parenting rights.
- 206. A Constitutional Convention for the purpose of limiting marriage equality.

## **Veterans**

***We support:***

- 207. Comprehensive mental health and disability payments/pensions for veterans.
- 208. Services for all vets.
- 209. Sufficient pay, training and benefits to sustain voluntary armed forces.

- 210. Iowa Democratic Veterans Caucus.
- 211. Full funding of veterans healthcare.

***We oppose:***

- 212. GLBT discrimination.

## **Participation in Government**

***We support:***

- 213. Fair juror compensation.
- 214. Government transparency.
- 215. Greater youth involvement.

***We oppose:***

- 216. Single Senator holds on Presidential nominations.

## **Immigration**

***We support:***

- 217. Repeal of Iowa's official language law.

## **Gambling**

***We oppose:***

- 218. Expansion of gambling in Iowa.

## **Transportation**

***We support:***

- 219. Improved funding and availability of public transit.
- 220. Expanding bike/hike trails.
- 221. High speed rail.
- 222. Fully funded port inspections.
- 223. An overhaul of the "No-Fly List" and inclusion of due process.

224. Strengthening the FAA, full funding of air traffic control equipment and facilities, renegotiating contracts with NATCA, and strengthening safety requirements for “feeder” airlines.

***We oppose:***

225. Infrastructure privatization.

226. Denying cyclists access to Iowa's roadways or judicial system.

**Acronyms:**

ADA - American's with Disabilities Act

CPB - Corporation for Public Broadcasting

DADT - Don't Ask, Don't Tell

DOD - Department of Defense

DOL - Department of Labor

DOMA - Defense of Marriage Act

EC - Emergency Contraception

FAA - Federal Aviation Administration

FDA - Food and Drug Administration

GLBT - Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgendered people

HIV/AIDS - Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome/Human Immunodeficiency Virus

NATCA - National Air Traffic Controllers Association

PEG -Public, Educational and Government

SS - Social Security

STD - Sexually Transmitted Disease

UAFA - Uniting American Families Act

GLBT - Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgendered people

# Health and Human Services

## Universal Healthcare

### *We support:*

- 227. Comprehensive, evidence-based, affordable healthcare for all, provided by a national, universal, single-payer healthcare plan, including but not limited to these services:
  - 228. Encouraging wellness and prevention efforts.
  - 229. Accessibility at time of need.
  - 230. Choices of long-term care including community-based services.
  - 231. Mental health and brain disorders parity.
  - 232. Chemical dependency services.
  - 233. Universal hearing and vision screening.
  - 234. Universal dental services.
  - 235. Universal access to affordable prescription drugs.
- 236. Creation of such a healthcare plan (see 229-237) by the state of Iowa for Iowans in the absence of a national plan.

### *We oppose:*

- 237. Mandatory health insurance without a public option.
- 238. Fines associated with failure to possess health insurance.

## Mental Health

### *We support:*

- 239. Nondiscriminatory treatment for mental health, mental retardation, developmental disabilities, brain disorders and injuries and autism patients and programs.

## Medical Research

### *We support:*

- 240. Increased funding for research and the NIH.

## Health and Human Services

### *We support:*

241. Increased funding for HHS programs.

## Patients Rights

### *We support:*

242. The right of the patient and healthcare professionals to have the primary responsibility for patient care decisions.

243. Enforcing and raising safe staffing standards.

244. Federal funding for HIV/AIDS-related education and care.

245. Right-to-die legislation.

246. Extending the percentage discount afforded the insurance companies to the patient for all hospital and medical bills.

### *We Oppose:*

247. Charging uninsured patients a higher price for medical care than insured patients.

248. Health care discrimination based on citizenship.

## Medicare/Medicaid

### *We support:*

249. Increased funding for minimum national standards for assistance when welfare is delegated to states through block grants.

250. Legislation for negotiated prescription drug prices and a competitive bid system for suppliers, while maintaining standards of quality.

251. Division of spousal resources before making spend down determinations.

### *We oppose:*

252. Charging Medicaid/Medicare and non-governmental agencies different rates for the same services and supplies.

253. Privatization of Medicare/Medicaid.

## **Social Security**

### ***We support:***

254. Repayment with interest by the US Treasury to the SS trust fund, of all SS monies used to fund other projects and programs.

### ***We oppose:***

255. Transfer of Social Security funds to pay for other projects.

256. Revision of SS laws or rules to increase retirement age or reduce benefits.

257. Including SS in the unified federal budget.

## **Housing and Homelessness**

### ***We support:***

258. Safe, decent, affordable housing for all, including short and long-term support for persons with mental or physical disability, teenage mothers, children, and other broad community services.

259. The Housing Trust Fund.

260. Johnson County Local Homeless Coordinating Board.

261. Homeless Shelters Operation Grants.

262. The "Section 8" housing voucher program.

263. Job and life skills training.

264. Programs to transition persons from shelters into programs for care, treatment, and permanent housing.

### ***We oppose:***

265. Substitution of private organizations for public social services.

## **Disability**

### ***We support:***

266. Equal rights for persons with disabilities.

267. Family and community support services.

268. Increased program flexibility and funding to permit home living.

269. Strengthening and expanding the ADA.

### ***We oppose:***

- 270. Forced sterilization and forced contraception.

## **Substance Abuse:**

### ***We support:***

- 271. Increased funding and emphasis on evidence-based prevention and treatment.
- 272. Legalization of marijuana for prescribed medical purposes.
- 273. Federal funding for research into the medical efficacy of marijuana.

## **Children**

### ***We support:***

- 274. Governmental involvement in childcare improvement.
- 275. Pursuit and prosecution of unpaid child support.
- 276. State of Iowa use of national child abuse registries and criminal background checks for all providers working with dependents.
- 277. HAWK-I.
- 278. Increasing family income guidelines for SCCA.

## **Tobacco Use Prevention and Education**

### ***We support:***

- 279. State and federal tobacco use prevention and cessation programs.

## **Acronyms:**

- ADA - Americans with Disabilities Act
- HAWK-I - Healthy and Well Kids in Iowa
- HHS - Health and Human Services
- HIV/AIDS - Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome/Human Immunodeficiency Virus
- NIH - National Institutes of Health
- SCCA - State Child Care Assistance

# International Affairs

## United Nations

### *We support:*

- 280. Adherence to the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, and ICESCR.
- 281. Payment of dues, and active participation in the U.N.
- 282. Participation in multilateral peacekeeping missions.
- 283. Full participation in the Human Rights Council.

## International Law, Treaties, and Agreements

### *We support:*

- 284. CEDAW, UNCRC, CTBT, BWC, RSICCJ, CWC, Ottawa Land Mine Treaty, and the Kyoto Treaty on Global Warming.
- 285. Development of and abidance by international law.
- 286. Adherence to the Geneva and Vienna Conventions.
- 287. International fair trade initiatives.

## Development Assistance

### *We support:*

- 288. Assistance for comprehensive reproductive health care and family planning.
- 289. Funding for prevention and treatment of pandemic and endemic diseases.
- 290. US funding of UN Millennium Development Goals.

### *We oppose:*

- 291. Using the military in the war on drugs.
- 292. Foreign aid to countries that do not respect Human Rights.

## National Security

### *We support:*

- 293. Peaceful resolution of conflicts, US engagement in cooperative diplomacy, and multilateral solutions to international problems.

294. Combating the root causes of conflict and terrorism: poverty, illiteracy, injustice, economic exploitation, and denial of human rights.

295. Reduction of military aid to foreign countries.

***We oppose:***

296. Using overreaction to terrorism to justify extended wars and conflicts.

297. Development of new weapons of mass destruction.

298. Preemptive warfare.

299. All forms of torture.

300. Privatization of any military operations.

## **Iraq**

***We support:***

301. Orderly removal of all US combat troops and private security forces including Xe.

302. Transfer of power to the people of Iraq.

303. International efforts to rebuild Iraq.

304. Accountability of private security forces including prosecution for legal violations.

***We oppose:***

305. Permanent US military bases.

## **Israeli/Palestinian Conflict**

***We support:***

306. Two-state solution based on the Geneva Initiative of 2003.

307. A direct, active, and even-handed US role to facilitate a peaceful final resolution.

***We oppose:***

308. Israeli settlement activity on territory captured in the six-day war of 1967.

309. Moving the US embassy from Tel-Aviv to Jerusalem prior to final resolution.

310. The Separation Wall.

311. Use of human shields, collective punishment and violations of international laws.

## **Asian Subcontinent**

### ***We support:***

312. US and international efforts to promote peace, stability and fair governance.

## **Afghanistan**

### ***We support:***

313. Staged drawdown of combat troops and private security forces.

314. US and international infrastructure development.

### ***We oppose:***

315. Further US military expansion and occupation.

## **Central and South America**

### ***We Support:***

316. Democratically elected governments.

317. OAS, and Cuba's participation therein.

318. Agrarian reform and the equitable redistribution of land to indigenous peoples.

### ***We oppose:***

319. Training, military, and financial support of repressive regimes.

320. Mass aerial application of herbicides and insecticides.

321. Recognition of coups, military juntas, and unelected governments.

## **Africa**

### ***We support:***

322. UN Security Council Resolution 1325.

323. Efforts to end armed conflicts.

324. Robust world effort to prevent and end genocide.

325. Collection of information about threats of genocide and working to end it.

326. Rapid international peacekeeping intervention in armed conflicts.

327. World effort to end poverty and hunger.

328. Continued AIDS research, treatment, and eradication efforts.

### ***We oppose:***

- 329. Illegal transfer of weapons to armed groups.
- 330. Amnesty for war criminals.
- 331. Rape as weapon of war.
- 332. Death sentence, or any punishment, for homosexuality.
- 333. Extensions of the “Green Revolution” to Africa which harm indigenous agriculture.

## **Immigration and Refugees**

### ***We support:***

- 334. Non-discriminatory immigration policy that includes undocumented immigrants.
- 335. Integration of immigrants without stressing assimilation/“Americanization.”
- 336. Judicial review of visa denials and removal orders.
- 337. ‘Point system’ that allocates most value to family reunification.
- 338. Refugee policy based on humanitarian goals.
- 339. Development of economies of countries with high emigration rates.
- 340. Relaxing the “exceptional and extremely unusual hardship” requirement.

### ***We oppose:***

- 341. Limits on number of refugees admitted.
- 342. “Temporary worker programs”.
- 343. Human trafficking.

## **Acronyms:**

- BWC – 1925 Geneva Protocol, the Biological Weapons Convention
- CEDAW – UN Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women
- CTBT – Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty
- CWC – Chemical Weapons Convention
- ICESCR – International Covenant on Economic, Social, and Cultural Rights
- OAS – Organization of American States
- RSICCJ – Rome Statute of the International Court of Criminal Justice
- UNCRC – UN Convention on the Rights of the Child
- UN – United Nations
- Xe – Xe Services LLC (Blackwater)