2023 Tulsa County Democratic Party Resolutions

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Mission Statement: We, the Democrats of Tulsa County, are committed to electing Democrats to all government offices and to promoting democratic values in our community.

Vision Statement: We believe in reason in governance, unobstructed access to voting in the democratic process, equal justice under the law, sound fiscal policy which includes a balanced budget supported by fair and equitable taxation, scientifically based environmental policy which recognizes the right of all people to clean air and water and the inherent value of every person regardless of race, color, creed, religion, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, ability, age, height, weight, socioeconomic status, language, ethnicity, or national origin.

Preamble

The Tulsa County Democratic Party commits to influence governance and public investment in order to promote the common good and welfare of the people of Tulsa County, the State of Oklahoma, and the United States of America. Further, it is our goal to restore and maintain integrity to all branches of government and to the political process. Guided by the principles outlined in the Constitution of the United States and the Oklahoma Constitution, it is our commitment to advocate for legislation that promotes social justice and opportunity for prosperity for all. To this end, we find it to be self-evident, that the Founders of these United States intended to secure certain perimeters to the Rules and Laws of Governance, those being:

- To protect, preserve, and defend the standards, rights, and blessings established by the Constitution of the United States of America and the Oklahoma Constitution and ensure those blessings to all Americans and Oklahomans.
- That the various States remain united to protect the common welfare of all Americans.
- To remain true to the causes of Liberty and Justice for all Americans.
- To secure opportunity for prosperity and freedom to conduct business without infringement from foreign or domestic corporate entities.
- To secure uninhibited participation in the electoral process by American Citizens.
- To secure legal recourse against seizure of personal property by appointed or elected authority without due process and fair compensation.
- To ensure equal protections under the law regardless of economic status or self-identity.
- To eliminate all laws that attempt to regulate free expression of self when said expression does not infringe on a neighbor's rights.
- That the intent of all Laws, Rules and Regulations must be to promote the common welfare of the people of this Great Nation and must be in the spirit of the intended purpose of the Constitution of the United States of America.
- That true patriotism stands committed to a progressive ongoing process of forming a more perfect Nation for all. The Tulsa County Democratic Party stands united and committed today and tomorrow and all the days that follow to this worthy and honorable mission.
 So be it resolved...

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DNC Platform

1. Support of 2020 DNC Platform

We support the Democratic National Committee's 2020 Democratic Party Platform, which includes the following:

- We unequivocally condemn voter suppression as a grave threat to our democracy.
- We recognize the urgent need to address the climate crisis.
- We oppose and will fight to overturn federal and state laws that create barriers to reproductive health and rights.

Criminal Justice

1. Legal Reform

We support and encourage the Federal Government to declare an end to the War on Drugs.

2. Smart on Crime Initiative

We support federal initiatives such as "Smart on Crime" and the "Justice Reinvestment Initiative" that promote fairer enforcement of the laws, alleviate disparate impacts of the criminal justice system, and ensures just punishments for low-level, nonviolent convictions.

- 3. Sentencing
 - A. Death Penalty

We support an end to the death penalty.

B. Excessive Sentencing

We support the elimination of Life Without Parole (LWOP) sentencing.

4. Jail Diversion Programs

We support jail diversion programs such as Women in Recovery, Drug Court, Mental Health Court, and Veterans Court.

5. Civil Asset Forfeiture

We support an end to civil asset forfeiture.

6. Legal System Costs

We oppose discriminatory bail and administrative fines.

7. Mandatory Minimum Sentences

We support the repeal of mandatory minimum sentencing legislation such as that established by the passage of HB 1306 (the Blue Lives Matter Bill).

8. Rape Victim Protections

We support strengthening rape victim protections while increasing the time on the statute of limitations for sexually motivated crimes.

9. State Questions 780 and 781

The Democratic Party stands behind the will of the people in regard to State Questions 780 and 781.

10. Hate Crimes

We support the addition of crimes against LGBTQIA+ persons or their property in hate crimes legislation in Oklahoma.

- 11. Law Enforcement
 - A. Support of our Law Enforcement
 We support Oklahoma law enforcement officers who faithfully serve and protect the public.
 - B. Lethal Force Training
 We support advanced training in the avoidance of lethal force by law enforcement.

C. Independent Review

We support independent reviews of all police excessive force claims and the use of body cameras.

- D. Mandatory Educational Training
 We support mandatory education covering Implicit Bias, cultural sensitivity, and diversity education for our public officials and law enforcement.
- E. Policing Actions Oversight

We support statewide independent citizen oversight authority over policing actions at each political subdivision and oppose efforts to require that such oversight boards be composed primarily of active law enforcement officials.

F. Community Policing

We support community policing as defined by the US Dept. of Justice - a philosophy that promotes organizational strategies which support the systematic use of partnerships and problem solving techniques to proactively address the immediate conditions that give rise to public safety issues such as crime, social disorder, and fear of crime.

12. Prison Reform

A. Rehabilitation Investment

We support investing in rehabilitation efforts within our prison system and in discharge planning for inmates focusing on housing, vocational training and job search in advance of their release.

B. Reintegration

We support programs that assist the reintegration of ex-felons back into society.

C. Parole Process Overhaul

We support removing the Governor from the parole process.

D. Prison Funding

We support fully funding our prison system so that our correctional officers have the tools and staffing to do their job appropriately.

E. Public Prison Support

We support public prisons and oppose the private prison system in Oklahoma.

13. Marijuana

We support decriminalization of marijuana at the federal level.

14. Retroactive Sentencing

We support retroactively applying new sentencing guidelines that, if applied at the time of conviction, would reduce or eliminate prison sentences and probations currently being served.

15. Criminal Expungement

We support the immediate and automatic expungement of convictions of criminal records for convictions that would no longer be criminal actions under current law.

16. System Review

We support a complete review of our City, State, and Federal criminal justice system.

Democratic Party

1. Candidate Selection

The Tulsa County Democratic Party is committed to finding, running, and supporting Democrats as candidates for all partisan general elections that fall within its jurisdiction.

2. Community Outreach

We support efforts as a party to reach out to all communities through voter registration drives.

3. Income Tax Disclosure

We support a requirement for all Democratic candidates for office to release prior income tax returns.

4. Open Primaries

We continue to support open primaries to allow registered independent voters to participate in the Democratic Party's primary election.

- 5. Precinct Election Meetings
 - A. We support amending Section 01: A of the ODP By-Laws to allow any county's precinct elections to be held within +/-seven days of the first Saturday in March of odd number years.
 - B. We support an option for holding precinct election meetings in the precincts.
- 6. Superdelegates

We oppose the use of superdelegates in party primaries.

Economy

1. Auto Sales

We support requiring the car dealer to include tag and tax expenses when purchasing a new car.

2. Compensation Limits

We support limits on the compensation of businesses receiving taxpayer funds, including caps on corporate executives' compensation and retirement "golden parachutes."

3. Non-narcotic hemp

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

4. Passenger Rail Systems

We support funding for Oklahoma passenger rail systems, specifically, the Eastern Flyer between Tulsa and Oklahoma City and the Heartland Flyer from Oklahoma City to Fort Worth.

5. Payday Loan Industry

We support tighter regulation of the payday loan industry in Oklahoma to prevent regressive and predatory lending.

- 6. Taxation
 - A. Capital Gains Exemption

We support the repeal of the capital gains tax exemption.

- B. Corporate Tax Reporting
 We support combined corporate tax reporting that prevents tax avoidance.
- C. Equitable Progressive Tax
 We support the restoration of an equitable progressive income tax and the elimination of unnecessary corporate tax subsidies in order to correct the budget deficit.
- D. Investment IncomeWe support taxing investment income at an equal rate to wage income.
- E. Pass-Through Income We support closing loopholes for pass-through income.
- F. Repeal of Previous Reductions

We support the repeal of previous tax reductions on the gross production for oil and gas.

G. Sales Tax Elimination

We support the elimination of sales taxes on groceries.

H. Social Security Income Cap

We support the repeal of the cap on Social Security taxes.

I. State Income Tax Reductions

We oppose any reductions in state income tax until and unless we have a state surplus for three years in a row.

7. Family Farming

We support efforts to ensure economic opportunity for family farmers and rural economic development and oppose subsidies for large agribusinesses.

Education

- 1. K-12 Public Education Administration
 - A. We support meaningful engagement and dialog between communities and district leadership regarding the adoption of policies, curriculum, and programs
 - B. We support cogent staffing plans and oppose excessive expenditures on administrative third-party consultant services unsupportive of direct instruction to students.
 - C. We support consolidated administration in public education.
- 2. Class Size

We support reinstituting the class size requirements as created by the Education Reform Act of 1990.

- 3. Cultural Sensitivity Education and Anti-Bullying
 - A. Anti-Bullying

We support anti-bullying programs in schools.

B. Cultural Sensitivity Education

We support the inclusion of cultural sensitivity education both for students and school district employees.

- 4. School Curriculum
 - A. Arts, Humanities & Vocational Curriculum
 We support adequate funding and restoration of an arts, humanities, and vocational curriculum in Oklahoma schools.
 - B. Agriculture, Health & NutritionWe support providing students with information on agriculture, health and nutrition topics.
 - C. We support Native American Education for all students to counter the false narratives and invisibility of Tribal Nations and peoples past and present.
 - D. Structured Literacy
 We support Structured Literacy as an inclusive approach to literacy education.
 - E. Advanced Placement Classes We support continuation of Advanced Placement classes in public schools and we oppose any legislation which attempts to eliminate AP classes in public schools.
 - F. We support a K-12 digital literacy curriculum, fostering problem-solving skills, encouraging an understanding of a technology-rich environment and how it impacts the individual and society as well as giving students the opportunities to develop a critical and responsible approach to technology, including being able to effectively evaluate digital information.
 - G. Driver's Education We support funding Driver's Education Classes and associated expenses (instructors, vehicles, insurance) in public high schools.
 - H. We support Special Olympics programs at public schools.
- 5. Educator Policing Responsibilities

We do not believe educators should be responsible for policing their campus.

- 6. Funding
 - A. Funding Levels

We support increased funding for public education at or above the regional average with measures to track how funding is used within school districts, and accountability measures that include but are not limited to:

- i. Ensuring compliance with the Every Student Succeeds Act;
- ii. Attracting and retaining qualified teachers, school administrators, and professionals such as counselors, speech pathologists, special education teachers, reading specialists, etc. who are

graduates of accredited colleges of education and/or accredited graduate schools, and have the appropriate credentials in the subject or the job that they are performing (such as counseling).

- iii. Providing adequate textbooks, supplies, and materials, including technology;
- iv. Ensuring benefit and compensation parity for School Support Employees;
- v. Increasing teachers' pay to the regional average;
- vi. Providing continuing education for teachers and support staff;
- vii. Improving access to technology for all students; and
- viii. Monitoring and enforcement of school district compliance with IDEA.
- B. Equal Financial Distribution

We support equal financial distribution of funds for all public schools. Based on enrollment, school funds should be distributed equitably for the benefit and education of each student for each district/area.

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

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

8. OETA

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

- 9. Protection of LGBTQIA+ Children
 - A. Privacy

We support the right to privacy for 2SLGBTQIA+ students and will advocate for the safety of students on school grounds.

B. School Policy Implementation

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

C. Title IX Interpretation

We support the interpretation of Title IX, the prohibition of sex-based discrimination at schools and other education programs receiving federal funding, to extend its protection to transgender students.

10. School Resource Officers

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

11. School Week

We support a five-day school week.

Environment

- 1. Clean Air / Water / Land
 - A. Air Quality Standards

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

B. Air Pollution

We support the elimination of all industrial air pollution.

C. Chloramines in Water

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

D. Clean Water Sources

We support acquiring the cleanest, highest quality water source available for the City of Tulsa, which can reduce the cost of water treatment.

E. Electrical Generation

We support statewide policies that will accelerate Oklahoma beyond carbon-intensive coal-fired electricity.

- F. Halliburton Loophole
 We support eliminating the exemption for the oil and gas industry from the Safe Drinking Water Act.
- G. Hazardous Waste DisposalWe oppose the burning of hazardous waste in Oklahoma.
- H. Non-Biodegradable Materials
 - We believe in reliance on biodegradable materials to reduce pollution from Styrofoam and plastics.
- I. ODEQ

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

- J. Tiered Utility Rates
 In order to encourage conservation, we support implementing tiered utility rates for water, electricity, and gas.
- K. Water Resources
 - i. We support protecting and conserving in-state water resources from out of state sales and require any prospective water buyer to use strict water conservation practices. We support the addition of a non-consumptive use factor in the state water use formula.
 - ii. We support regular and comprehensive testing for petrochemicals and bacteria in the Arkansas River and publishing warning signs with findings in immediate proximity to recreational areas of the river.
- 2. Clean Energy
 - A. Advanced Technologies

We support requiring the use of Energy Smart and LEED-based technologies in all new public building construction in order to reduce energy use, conserve resources, and reduce our carbon footprint.

B. Energy Rate Increases

We support making utility rate increases contingent on the investment, transmission & distribution of renewable energy sources.

C. Incentives

We support municipal and statewide incentives for energy conservation, recycling, and installation of renewable energy sources at the residential and commercial levels.

D. Net Metering

We support net metering for renewable energy production for private and residential installations.

- E. We support an accelerated transition from fossil fuels to low-impact, clean, renewable sources of energy.
- F. We support local/municipal restrictions on the location of oil, gas, and chemical transloading operations to regions outside of population centers and away from water bodies/supplies to protect the safety of the public and the environment.
- G. We support the strict observance of Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act (EPCRA) laws requiring communities to keep up-to-date and accessible Emergency Response Plans.
- 3. Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations We support phasing out CAFOs in Oklahoma in favor of the independent family farm. We support an increase in permit fees for CAFOs to offset environmental damage. We support a one-mile setback for all CAFOs from any residence, school, or body of water. We strongly support stricter enforcement of current laws regulating the operation of CAFOs, including water pollution, inhumane animal treatment, and food safety.
- 4. Environmental Protection Agency
 - We support a strong EPA that protects the environment for our children and all future generations.
- 5. Green New Deal

We support the Green New Deal at the federal and state level.

- 6. Oil / Gas Exploration
 - A. Arctic Ban

We support elimination of all oil and gas drilling and mining operations in the Arctic region, which devastates the ability of indigenous peoples and wildlife to survive.

- B. Establishment of Earthquake Trust We support the establishment of an industry funded earthquake trust for citizens whose property has sustained damage caused by increased seismic activity.
- C. Fossil Fuel Emergency Plans We support requiring every fossil fuel well site to have an emergency plan in place and the equipment needed on site to control any spill or explosions at the well site.
- D. Wastewater Injection and Earthquakes
 We acknowledge a direct link between wastewater injection and increased earthquakes that have damaged homes and businesses in Oklahoma.
- E. Hydraulic Fracturing Chemicals We support the requirement to report all chemicals used in the hydraulic fracturing process to the public, including lateral drilling operations.
- F. Hydraulic Fracturing Regulations
 We support requiring active enforcement of all regulations governing hydraulic fracturing, and increased enforcement staff to accomplish this.
- G. Hydraulic Fracturing Setback
 For hydraulic fracturing operations, we support a minimum setback of 2000 feet from any habitable structure, park, groundwater or surface water, whether moving or static.
- H. Oil and Gas Development We support development of oil and gas resources if protections of public health, the environment, and wildlife are in place and strictly enforced with meaningful fines.
- I. Pipelines

We oppose expansion of hazardous and volatile chemical pipelines that threaten Oklahoma's water, communities and farmland.

J. Respect of Treaties

We demand pipelines respect existing treaties with indigenous Americans.

K. Subsidies Termination

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

L. Transportation

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

M. Wastewater Injection

We support a prohibition on the use of wastewater injection wells.

7. Nuclear Power

We support the DNC's position on advancing nuclear power while supporting exploring enhanced protections regarding safe storage and transportation in and through Oklahoma.

8. Radiation Reporting

We support the nationwide reporting to the public of all airborne radiation recorded by the EPA and we support the labeling of all radioactive waste and oppose the release of radioactive waste by the Department of Energy to be used in manufacturing and commerce.

9. Solar Power

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

10. End Sacrifice Zones We oppose the establishment of so-called Sacrifice Zones and the creation of future Superfund Sites.

- 11. Streams, Rivers, and Watersheds
 - A. We support expedited Total Maximum Daily Load Studies for water bodies appearing on Oklahoma's 303(d) list of impaired water bodies for more than two consecutive Integrated Reports.
 - B. We support restricting development in wetlands and encourage the prioritization of low-impact, green infrastructure updates in flood-prone areas.
 - C. We support The City of Tulsa's immediate submission of an up-to-date Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) permit application to ODEQ without delay.
 - D. We support the rigorous conservation of water in Oklahoma due to climate-change induced drought.
 - E. We support the comprehensive, regular testing of the Arkansas River segment (OK120420010010_10) for chemicals of concern such as hydrocarbons, bacteria, E. coli and Enterococci, to ensure the safety of public users recreating in and along the Arkansas River in Tulsa.
 - F. We support healthy rivers and support the conservation of the natural flow of rivers.

<u>Food</u>

1. Affordable Healthy Food

We support policies to make healthy food choices more affordable and accessible to all areas in a community.

- 2. Community Gardens We support community gardens.
- 3. Food System Education

We support increased public education about local food systems and the benefits of eating healthy, locally grown food.

4. Horse Slaughter

We oppose any law that would allow the slaughter of horses to provide meat as a food product.

5. Mandatory Inspection

We support vigorous mandatory inspection protocols of imported food products.

6. Mandatory Labeling

We support mandatory labeling of all genetically modified food products.

7. Meat Industry Regulation

We support better regulation and enforcement of the meat industry, including identifying meat sources on consumer packaging and inspecting cows for Mad Cow disease.

- 8. Organic Farming We support organic farming.
- 9. Unhealthy Food Subsidies

We support eliminating subsidies for unhealthy foods.

Government

- 1. Campaign Finance
 - A. Conflict of Interest in Committee Assignments
 We oppose any legislator serving on a legislative committee that oversees subject matter in conflict with that of any of that legislator's donors.
 - B. Reduction of Maximum Donation
 We support a maximum individual campaign donation equal to ten times the federal hourly minimum wage.
- 2. Consumer Financial Protection

We support efforts to protect consumers from abusive financial practices. We reject unnecessary government actions that harm Oklahoma by deterring business growth, by targeting specific religious or ethnic communities, and by inviting costly lawsuits.

3. Drones

We oppose the use of drones for domestic surveillance.

4. Electoral Process Participation

We support legislation and/or initiatives that encourage participation of American citizens in the electoral process including a minimum voter turnout requirement to validate an election.

- 5. Endorsement of Science We support the acknowledgement of scientific evidence in the establishment of government policy.
- Executive Powers of the Governor
 We believe the Governor of Oklahoma should not be allowed to appoint more than one board member to each state or local board per ordinary legislative term.
- Expansion of Freedom of Information
 We support expansion of the scope of the Oklahoma Records Act to include all government agencies or transactions on behalf of the public.
- 8. Immigration
 - A. 287G Revocation

We support the termination of any contract between Tulsa County and Immigration & Customs Enforcement.

B. Common Sense Approach

We believe Oklahoma should take a compassionate, common sense approach to federal immigration legislation and remain, foremost, mindful of the human rights of undocumented immigrants and their children even if federal funds will be lost in the process.

C. Driver's Licenses

We support the issuance of a driver's license regardless of a person's United States citizenship status.

D. Restriction of Services

We oppose the restriction or denial of essential services to individuals based on their immigration status.

- E. Indigenous People's Day
 We support the establishment of an Indigenous People's Day to replace Columbus Day.
- F. Sanctuary City

We support making Tulsa a Sanctuary City.

- 9. Local Economy
 - A. We support the development of our local arts, music, businesses and entertainment industries by eliminating economic barriers in order to make our state an attractive destination for all.
 - B. We support the protection and preservation of our historic buildings and districts.
- 10. Media Monopolies

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

11. Municipal Home Rule

We oppose any encroachment by the state legislature on municipal home rule powers.

12. Officials Nullifying Federal Laws

We support strong sanctions in the implementation of recall for those elected officials who try to nullify federal laws.

13. Overrule of People's Voice

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

14. Patriot Act

We support the repeal of the Patriot Act, and its successor the USA Freedom Act.

15. Pension Removal

We support the removal of pensions for legislators found guilty of moral turpitude or felonies.

16. Post Office

We oppose the closing of the Tulsa Mail Processing Center.

- 17. Privatization
 - A. Government Assets

We oppose privatization of state and municipal assets including water management.

B. Public Funds

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

C. Federal Lands

We oppose the lease of federal lands to large corporations at amounts below market value.

18. Redistricting

We support legislation (or a voter initiative) to lay out the internal design and logic of an independent redistricting commission.

19. Right to Divorce

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

20. State Constitutional Convention

We oppose the call for a state Constitutional Convention.

21. Transit

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

- 22. Voting
 - A. Election Results

We support an embargo on any election board releasing official election results until all ballots for that election have been cast.

B. Electoral College

We support replacing the Electoral College with the popular vote. Alternatively, we support apportionment of electoral college votes by Congressional District.

C. Financial Reporting

We support required disclosure of tax returns and pertinent financial information for all statewide and federal office candidates.

D. Notary Limits

We support the elimination of the 15-voter notarization limit on each notary for absentee ballots.

E. Paper Ballots

We support the use of verifiable paper ballots in all elections.

- F. Purging of Voter RecordsWe oppose expanded purging of voter records.
- G. Straight Party Voting

We support the repeal of straight party voting.

H. Voting Days

We endorse the expansion of voting days including Saturday.

23. Whistle Blowers

We support a mechanism within the Federal Government that protects "whistleblowers" who report wrongful activity in classified environments.

<u>Health Care</u>

1. Cancer Registry

We support the creation of a cancer registry in Oklahoma for the sole purpose of tracking environmental causes of cancer.

2. Cell Towers

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

3. End of Life

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

- Medical Providers Denial of Treatment
 We believe that medical providers do not have the option of withholding treatment on the basis of their religious beliefs.
- 5. Mental Health Care

We support increased funding and access to mental healthcare including an expansion of needed mental health in-patient hospital beds.

- Proactive Efforts to Reduce Challenges to Impending Parenthood
 We support providing healthcare and childcare support for newborns to reduce the burden on new parents.
- 7. Right to Privacy

We support the protection of each person's right to privacy as it pertains to healthcare.

8. Sex Education

We support funding of impartial science-based education and information concerning human sexuality including reproductive health care, sexual responsibility and prevention of the spread of sexually transmitted infections.

9. Substance Abuse

We view substance abuse as a mental health and/or medical issue and not a character issue and we support parity in access and insurance coverage for substance use treatment.

- 10. Tort Reform
 - A. Damage Caps

We oppose regulations to limit or cap damages under Tort Reform.

B. Full Recovery

We support an injured person's right to full recovery in the civil justice system if wrongful conduct is proven.

11. Universal Health Coverage

We support universal, single-payer health care coverage such as Medicare for all.

Human Rights

1. Adoption

We support the right of all people to adopt, and oppose any kind of discrimination in the adoption process by any public or private adoption agency such as based on race, class, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, religion, national origin, and familial status.

2. Bathroom Restriction Bills

We oppose all bathroom restriction bills that are intended to discriminate against transgender individuals.

3. Expansion of Consideration

We encourage all businesses to accommodate individuals by providing closed captioning and other assistance.

- Genocide and Forced Removal
 We oppose genocide and forced removal of any indigenous populations and support sanctions against states that engage in such behavior.
- 5. LGBTQIA+ Protection

We support the resolution to enact a protected status for LGBTQIA+ citizens.

6. Marriage Equality

We support marriage equality and oppose any act or law that is designed to allow for discrimination of same-gender married couples.

- Oklahoma Human Rights Commission
 We support the reinstatement of the Oklahoma Human Rights Commission as an independent state agency.
- 8. We support equal rights for women.

9. We support women's health care as a fundamental right not subject to Government scrutiny.

<u>Labor</u>

1. Equal Pay and Standards

We support enforced equal pay without discrimination on the basis of race, ethnicity, national origin, sex, gender, religion, or age, fair wage standards, and worker protection laws.

- Repeal of Damage Limitations
 We support repeal of limitations on damages and support an injured worker's rights to full recovery in the Worker's Compensation System.
- Repeal of Right to Work
 We support repeal of Oklahoma's Right to Work law (Article 23, § 1A, of OK Constitution).
- Right to Campaign
 We support city employees' ability to campaign for a candidate or an issue of his or her own choosing on their own time.
- Union Dues We support the right of public employees to deduct union dues from their paychecks.
- Unjust Termination for Wage Discussion
 We support the prohibition of employee termination for the discussion of wages.
- 7. Trained Workforce Development We support investment in the development of a trained workforce for renewable energy technologies.
- 8. Unions

We support the right of workers to organize as unions and acknowledge the contributions that unions have made to the quality of life of American workers.

<u>Military</u>

- Military Hardware Sales Restriction We oppose the export of military hardware to foreign governments guilty of grave human rights violations.
- Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation (WHINSEC) We support the closure of WHINSEC and the end to any Department of Defense program designed to train foreign soldiers in torture techniques.
- Sonar Damage and Environmental Degradation We oppose practices by the US military that damage the environment or harm sea life through sonar activities in target practice zones.
- 4. Uranium Munitions

We support a ban on the use of depleted uranium munitions that endanger our troops and civilian's health.

5. Veterans

We fully support the veteran community including supporting access to healthcare, housing, education and other services.

Public Safety

- 1. Firearm Free Medical Zones We support firearm free medical zones.
- 2. Firearm Free School Zones We support firearm free school zones.
- 3. Gun Safety

We support reasonable gun safety legislation while preserving the Second Amendment right to bear arms:

- A. We support reinstitution of the Public Safety and Recreational Firearms Use Protection Act;
- B. We oppose permit-less carry.

- C. We support and reasonable licensing requirements;
- D. We support gun safety training programs;
- E. We support legalization and funding of research into gun violence;
- F. We support requirements regarding the safe storage of firearms.