

# 2025 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 (the supreme law of the land) 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 or national entities.
  - To secure uninhibited participation in the electoral process by American Citizens.
  - To secure legal recourse against seizure of liberty and/or 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 2024 DNC Platform

We support the Democratic National Committee's 2024 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-The Democratic Party firmly believes in the Rule of Law and that no person or corporate entity is above the law and that all people are entitled to equal protection under the law. Furthermore, the Party recognizes that unbiased courts and law enforcement officers are necessary in a civilized society.**

### 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 like "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.

### 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 regarding 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 claims of excessive force by police 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 - 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.

**Democratic Party-The Tulsa County Democratic Party is committed to electing Democrats to all government offices and to promoting democratic values in our communities.**

- 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 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

We support an option for holding precinct election meetings in the precincts.

**Economy-The Democratic Party supports a free capitalist economic system which promotes healthy, robust, competitive free markets. The Party further supports policies that nurture the opportunity for economic growth and security for all Americans and their communities across our great nation.**

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 Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food, and Forestry for growing non-narcotic hemp.

4. Passenger Rail Systems

We support funding for Oklahoma passenger rail systems as a tool to economic development, specifically between Tulsa and Oklahoma City and between Oklahoma City and Ft. 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 Income

We 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

- A. Despite recent cuts to USDA programs, we fully support America's farms and farmers and recognize farming as a fundamental and vital interest in our country. We support efforts to ensure economic opportunity for family farmers and rural economic development and oppose subsidies for large agribusinesses.
- B. We oppose the indiscriminate tariffs that have a negative impact on the farming communities and on our closest allies.

**Education-The Democratic Party believes that an educated society is essential to ensure the continuation of a free society. To that end, we support ready access to a free, quality, and well-funded public education system.**

- 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 expenditure on administrative third-party consultant services unresponsive of direct instruction to students.
  - C. We support consolidated administration in public education.
- 2. Class Size

We support reinstating 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 & Nutrition

We 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. We further support 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. We support accountability measures that include but are not limited to:

- i. Ensuring compliance with 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 who 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 Individuals with Disabilities Act.

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. 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.

B. 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-The Democratic Party believes that protection of air quality, water quality and soil quality is imperative to human health and to all life in general. We acknowledge that human activities affect our environment and all individual ecosystems and that climate change poses an existential threat to our country and the world at large and that all nations must follow science when addressing this immediate threat.**

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 reduction of industrial air pollution to the lowest technologically feasible level.

- 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 of the oil and gas fracking activities from the Safe Drinking Water Act.
  - G. Hazardous Waste Disposal  
We 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 (CAFOs)  
We support reducing the negative impact of CAFOs in Oklahoma and support policies and legislation that

benefits independent family farms while offsetting environmental damage caused by large CAFOs. 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, parkland, aquifers 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.

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. We oppose the delivery 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 rigorous conservation of water in Oklahoma due to climate-change induced drought.

D. 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.

E. We support healthy rivers and support the conservation of the natural flow of rivers.

**Food-The Democratic Party believes that access to safe and healthy food is a human right, and we support policies and programs that promote availability of safe and nutritious food to all communities and individuals. The Party believes that, in our country, no person should suffer from food insecurity.**

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 all animals that are used for food for diseases.

8. Organic Farming

We support organic farming.

9. Unhealthy Food Subsidies

We support eliminating subsidies for unhealthy foods.

**Government-The Democratic party believes in a government that is designed to serve the public and to maintain order and stability in the economy and commerce, to maintain federal, state and local infrastructures, and to promote security, stability and peace for the country. The Party encourages government efficiency and demands fiscal responsibility from the various governmental branches and agencies as they execute their responsibilities.**

1. Campaign Finance

- A. Conflict of Interest in Committee Assignments
  - We oppose any legislator serving on a legislative committee where it has been demonstrated that the member has a conflict of interest that creates bias on the part of the member.
- 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. The Democratic Party rejects any attempts by Congress to pass the Safeguard American Voter Eligibility Act or SAVE Act (HR 22) which seeks to make it more difficult for women to register to vote.
- 6. Endorsement of Science
  - We support the acknowledgement of scientific evidence in the establishment of government policy.
- 7. The Democratic Party supports a policy that all persons seeking State Office, whether elected or appointed, shall possess State endorsed credentials for the office they seek to hold.
- 8. 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.
- 9. 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.
- 10. 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 recognition of the Indigenous People's Day established by the Biden Administration as a replacement to Columbus Day.
  - F. Sanctuary City
    - We support making Tulsa a Sanctuary City.
- 11. 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.
- 12. Media Monopolies
  - We support the Federal Communications Commission restrictions on media to prevent formation of media monopolies.
- 13. Municipal Home Rule
  - We oppose any encroachment by the state legislature on municipal home rule powers.
- 14. Officials Nullifying Federal Laws
  - We support the imposition of strong sanctions by the courts on elected officials who have been recalled for attempts to nullify federal laws.
- 15. Overrule of People's Voice
  - We oppose efforts by the State Legislature to overturn the will of the people on state questions.
- 16. Pension Removal
  - We support the removal of pensions for legislators found guilty of moral turpitude or felonies.
- 17. Post Office
  - We oppose any efforts to close the Tulsa Mail Processing Center.
- 18. 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.
- 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 when such call is designed to promote an uncompromising Republican agenda that violates the spirit of the US Constitution.
- 21. Transit
  - We support the safe design of highway systems that avoid interweave merging.
- 22. Voting
  - A. Election Results
    - We support a prohibition 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 a popular vote. Alternatively, we support apportionment of electoral college votes by Congressional Districts.
  - C. Financial Reporting
    - We support the 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 Records
    - We 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.

**Health Care-The Democratic Party believes that access to affordable and safe health care is a human right, and that no individual should suffer financial hardship due to health care needs.**

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.

4. 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.

6. 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**-The Democratic Party believes that protection and promotion of human rights is essential to a free, civilized society and that promotion of human rights establishes America's moral standing in the world. The Party further believes these rights are inherent and inalienable. We believe these rights include a right to life, liberty, security of person, freedom of opinion and expression, and a right to housing, healthcare, education, privacy and to work for a fair, livable wage.

1. Adoption

We support the right of all people to adopt, and we 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.

4. 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 discrimination against same gender married couples.

7. 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 and support the adoption of the Equal Rights Amendment to the U.S. Constitution.

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

**Labor**-The Democratic Party has always been, and will always be, a strong supporter of workers and their right to a safe and respectful work environment and their right to a livable wage.

1. Equal Pay and Standards

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

2. Repeal of Damage Limitations

We support repeal of limitations on damages and support an injured worker's right to full recovery in the Worker's Compensation System.

3. Repeal of Right to Work

We support repeal of Oklahoma's Right to Work law (Article 23, § 1A, of OK Constitution).

4. 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.

5. Union Dues

We support the right of public employees to deduct union dues from their paychecks.

6. 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.

**Military**-The Democratic Party believes the military must remain committed to its solemn oath to uphold the Constitution and operate within established Conventions while executing its responsibilities as authorized by Congress and ordered by the President of the United States. The Party further believes the military should never be compelled to follow an order that would constitute an illegal act.

1. Military Hardware Sales Restriction

We oppose the export of military hardware to foreign governments guilty of grave human rights violations.

2. 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.

3. 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**-The Democratic Party believes in maintaining a safe citizenry and safe communities while preserving and balancing the rights of citizens to protections enshrined in the U.S. Constitution.

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 reinstatement of the Public Safety and Recreational Firearms Use Protection Act;

B. We oppose permit-less carry;

C. We support 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.