The Democratic Party is a party of the people. We believe that cooperation is better than conflict; unity is better than division; empowerment is better than resentment and bridges are better than walls. We believe the economy should be democratically owned and controlled in order to serve the needs of the many, not to make profits for the few. Our government should serve all the people.

Government works best when:

- We all have a seat at the table
- Our individual rights and freedoms are respected
- The needs of our communities are considered

Our Economic Security and Prosperity

- We believe that in a modern, moral, and wealthy society, no one should be too poor to live.
- We stand for a federal $15 minimum wage, a jobs guarantee, and a four-day workweek.
- We must guarantee the right to all workers to form a union, collectively bargain, and strike. We support establishing card check recognition and repealing all "right to work" laws.
- We seek repeal of the TABOR and Gallagher Amendments to finance new public investment.
- We must fight inequality by enacting fair taxes on extreme income and wealth.

Our Healthcare System

- We believe that healthcare is a basic human right. We support Medicare for All: a single, universal insurance program with comprehensive coverage that is free at the point of service.
- We believe that everyone in Denver deserves a healthcare system that is accessible, affordable, high quality and comprehensive.
- Healthcare should guard women’s reproductive rights and promote mental and physical wellness and disease prevention.
- We seek an innovative patient-centered system that fosters transparency and prioritizes our health and wellbeing ahead of profits.
- We support the right to free, safe, and legal abortion and repealing the Hyde Amendment.
- We will also pass state programs for paid family and medical leave and universal childcare.

Our Housing

- We believe that housing is a fundamental human right. We have a moral obligation to fight for a world where everyone has a roof over their head, regardless of their income.
- We believe in a "housing first" approach to homelessness. This means providing housing for homeless people as quickly as possible, without preconditions. We oppose the criminalization of homelessness in all forms.
- We believe in following evidence-based international best practices by making a significant public investment in social housing developments such as those in Finland and Austria. Social housing is permanently affordable and will generate a modest profit for the city to fund construction, maintenance, and other programs for the public good.
- We believe in establishing a public bank to fund public enterprises such as social housing developments. This will allow our city to build substantially more affordable housing without raising taxes or depending on additional federal dollars.
Our Environment and Energy Use

- Climate change is an imminent threat to all life on Earth which must be addressed urgently.
- We support the Green New Deal.
- We seek to achieve a carbon-neutral city by:
  - Building a publicly owned 100% green energy grid by 2030
  - Expanding our green spaces to increase both carbon capture and enjoyment
  - Conserving our limited water resources
- We support expanding our public transportation network while eliminating fares.
- We must ensure the burdens of transition are borne by those who have benefitted the most from the causes of climate change.

Welcoming and Supporting Immigrants in Our Communities

- We believe that immigrants and refugees benefit our community and add to the diversity of Denver.
- We support permanent legal status and a pathway to citizenship.
- We support those eligible for the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA), and Temporary Protected Status (TPS), and asylum and urge continuation of these programs with a pathway to citizenship.
- We support abolishing the Immigration and Customs Enforcement Agency. Until then, state and municipal funds must not be used to collaborate with agency gnor carry out its work.
- We believe in establishing permanent legal status and a swift, fair pathway to citizenship for all undocumented people. This includes an immediate moratorium on all deportations.

Our Criminal Justice System

- We believe community safety is best achieved through crime prevention, access to mental healthcare and addiction services, due process for and equal protection of all criminal defendants, and the rehabilitation of offenders.
- We support independent monitors to review questions of law enforcement abuse and misconduct and believe law enforcement should reflect the community it serves.
- We believe that training should be weighted toward effective communication on how to interact with juveniles, the mentally and cognitively impaired and persons from diverse cultures, rather than arrest control techniques.
- We seek policies that end biased charging, profiling, other discriminatory practices, mass incarceration and the death penalty.

Ending Gun Violence in Our Communities

- We believe that we can respect the Second Amendment while advocating for safe and responsible gun ownership.
- We also believe limiting private gun ownership must go hand-in-hand with disarming the police.
- We support legislation that includes universal background checks, mandatory waiting periods, firearm licensing and registration, raising the purchasing age limit for all firearms to 21 and a ban on assault-style weapons and mechanisms that convert guns into automatic weapons.

Our Voting Rights and Campaign Finance Laws

- Democracy is based on the principle of one person, one vote. The era of Wall Street billionaires controlling our government and buying elections must come to an end.
- We must restore the Voting Rights Act and overturn Citizens United once and for all.
- We also oppose racist voter suppression and partisan gerrymandering.
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- We believe in making Election Day a national holiday, securing automatic voter registration, and guaranteeing the right to vote for every American over 18, including those currently incarcerated or disenfranchised by a felony conviction.
- We support abolishing super PACs and replacing corporate funding with publicly-funded elections that amplify small-dollar donations.
- As a party, we must also reject all corporate donations and cap individual contributions.

Promoting and Protecting Our Human and Civil Rights

- We fight for a future without hate or oppression. Everyone deserves a life of freedom, security, and dignity regardless of race, gender, faith, national origin, sexuality, orientation, age, or ability.
- We support programs and policies to redress all forms of racial injustice, including comprehensive reparations for Black American descendants of slavery and Jim Crow.
- We support the right of all to freedoms of thought, privacy, religion, speech, assembly, movement and non-violent civil disobedience.
- Further, we stand in defense of the civil rights of racial minorities in the name of supposed national security.
- We affirm the essential role of a vigorous independent media in the process of democracy.

Our Education System

Championing Public Education pre-K-12

- We recognize that strong public schools are the bedrock of our democracy.
- To achieve equity, educational institutions must fight against systemic racism and economic inequality.
- We advocate for well-funded pre-K-12 public education that, through equitable distribution of resources, secures for all students the opportunity to achieve their potential, compete in a global workforce and participate as informed community members.
- We applaud Colorado’s Democratic leaders for implementing fully funded full day kindergarten and seek fully funded pre-school to further enhance the impact that education can provide.
- We believe that all children should have access to a high-quality neighborhood school, therefore we oppose closing neighborhood schools to make room for charter schools.
- We oppose vouchers and excessive testing.
- We value our teachers and demand that they be respected and adequately compensated.
- We oppose privatization and re-segregation of public schools as brought about by the organization known as Democrats for Education Reform and demand that they immediately cease their use of the Democratic name.
- We demand increased funding and to eliminate the opportunity gap, dismantle inequitable discipline policies, and increase mental healthcare services and support in all schools.

Post-Secondary Education

- We support a tuition-free future at state universities as well as the elimination of all student debt.
- We believe that public education must provide technical training and apprenticeships for those who do not choose the college path.