1. AGRICULTURE AND THE ENVIRONMENT – AE

Agriculture & Livestock Management – A & LM

We Support:

1. Local control over CAFO permitting/siting
2. Requiring Clean Water Act permits for all CAFO farms
3. Preventing the loss of farmland to development and erosion
4. Research for sustainable, low-impact farming practices
5. Industrial Hemp, for biofuels and crop diversity hemp as a bio-remediation tool for restorative agriculture and Medical Hemp research/treatment

We Oppose:

1. The unrestricted and inappropriate use of eminent domain, which threatens private property rights, and the use of eminent domain, for corporate profit, by private companies in place of good faith easement or purchase negotiations

Recycling and Energy – RE

We support:

1. Incentives for renewable energy resources development
2. Extending the Bottle Bill to all water and beverage containers, requiring Iowa durable goods manufacturers to label product for recyclability
3. Economic incentives to process and recycle waste rather than disposal in landfills
4. Increased R&D, installation, and subsidizing of carbon-neutral/renewable energy alternatives
5. 100% renewable energy by 2050
6. Encouraging county supervisors to support wind and solar projects with reasonable restrictions for property owners

Environmental Enhancement & Regulation – ER

We support:

1. Rights of all Iowans to clean air and water
2. Appropriate at least 3/8 cent sales tax to support Iowa's Natural Resources & Outdoor Trust Fund.

3. Renewing the REAP Fund.
4. Wildlife and wilderness preservation including wetlands expansion
5. Aggressive EPA enforcement of regulations that guarantee clean water, air, healthy agricultural and food policies.
6. Net-zero carbon/greenhouse Gas emissions by 2050

Watershed Management – WM

We support:

1. Protecting aquifers and waterways
2. Building and maintaining waste-water infrastructure using the best available technology
3. Effective measures to control non-point-source pollution
4. Groundwater protection, requiring ground liners for all open storage of toxic material, including coal and coal ash, and the use hemp as a bio-remediation tool for restorative agriculture

Sustainable Rural Development – SD

We support:

1. The Iowa DNR to retain control of all funds collected rather than flowing to Iowa's general fund
2. Zoning flood plain areas for land-use activities which facilitate flood prevention and control and mitigate the economic damage

2. Economic Equality

We support:

1. $16 minimum wage indexed with inflation within two years
2. Reducing the extremely uneven distribution of the nation's income and wealth
3. Effective regulations of stocks, commodities, and derivatives trading
4. Full funding and proper distribution of entitlement and benefit programs support
5. American companies given priority for government contracts
6. A UBI (Universal Basic Income) tax on automation that replaces individual workers
7. Economic reparations for descendants of slaves
8. We support the requirement of an equity impact study before awarding contracts funded by the State of Iowa

Job Security – JS

We Support:

1. Financial deterrents preventing companies from outsourcing U.S. jobs or taking businesses outside the U.S.
2. Fairtrade agreements that ensure nations and companies provide decent wages, non-exploitive and humane working conditions, and sound environmental policies
3. Preferential governmental purchases of U.S-made products
4. Restore extension of unemployment benefits to all employees laid off for seasonal or routine reasons to 26 weeks
5. Full Iowa Public Employees Retirement System (IPERS) funding

We Oppose:

1. Employers' use of subcontractors to evade full-time employment responsibilities
2. Any employer's efforts to deny standard employee benefits
3. Economic support for any companies that utilize child or trafficked labor or exploit the incarcerated

Workers' Rights & Safety – WR

We support:

1. Repealing all legislation inhibiting individuals' rights to organize in labor unions
2. Reinstating Chapter 20 for public sector employees
3. Promoting laws enabling unions to organize for fair wages and safe working conditions
4. A prevailing wage law for Iowa workers on government projects, promoting proven beneficial effects on the economy, quality of work, and worker safety
5. Requiring insurers directly pay all bills that result from on-the-job injury and allowing injured workers to choose their medical care providers
6. Allowing workers court redress in worker compensation cases
7. Combined nine-month paid parental leave
8. 3 weeks minimum full-pay vacation
9. Eliminating Right to Work status
10. Scheduling protections for part-time workers
11. Full benefits for part-time workers
12. Protections for victims of wage theft

3. EDUCATION – ED

School Funding – SF

We support:

1. All non-administrative including, teacher, substitute teacher, and paraeducator Iowa Public School salaries in the top half of the national average
2. Meaningful professional development for teachers and educational support personnel
3. Eliminating “administrative bloat,” with less than 3% of school-district budgets devoted to administration and administration support
4. Full funding of quality, free to the public, education for Head Start, nutritional school meals, special education, PreK-12, baccalaureate, and vocational certification
5. Student-loan forgiveness for teachers in locales and disciplines with teacher shortages
6. Establishing a permanent allowable growth rate minimum, equal to the CPI
7. Safe, enriched children’s environments by investing in before and after-school programs.
8. Full funding of certification costs for paraeducators and substitute teachers
9. A professional Bill of Rights for Educators.
10. Collective bargaining for public employees.
11. Requiring all schools receiving public funds to meet the same standards and certification requirements

We oppose:

1. Public tax dollars supporting homeschooling, private schools, for-profit schools, vouchers, and all non-public k-12 alternatives including support for private school athletic programs.
2. Balancing school budgets by cutting counseling programs, nurses, and non- STEM items
3. Privatizing services provided by AEAs

Public School Programming - SP

We support:

1. Shared decision making between all certified, non-certified, and school board goals.
2. Using course-delivery computer technologies for teacher-assisted instruction, but not to replace face-to-face instruction
3. Mandating hands-on, non-computer simulated, industrial-arts and home-economics curriculum during grades 7-12, with gender-neutral enrollment
4. Provision of a broad array of college preparatory and career development options for high school students
5. Teacher designed curricula to engage every child
6. Sex-positive, comprehensive, research-based sexual health and human development, including non-cisgender identities
7. Full funding and protection of special education and alternative education programs, including AEAs

8. Foreign language study options for students Pre-K and up
9. Low student to teacher ratio
10. Mandating state funded, Iowa School Board/community approved, K-12 diversity programs
11. K-12 controlled public/private partnerships for STEAM programs
12. Lower the student to in-school health care provider ratio
13. Annual funding that meets or exceeds current inflation rates
14. Protecting the separation of church and state
15. The diversity of ideas in public education

We Oppose:

1. Abstinence-only sex education programs
2. Laws prohibiting librarians and teachers from utilizing their expertise to select books suitable for students

Higher Education - HE

We support:

1. Fully funding community colleges, guaranteeing annual funding that meets or exceeds current inflation rates
2. Improving administrative efficiency to increase the instructor to administrator ratio and maintain faculty salaries in the top half of the national average
3. The creation of a sliding scale, income-based program to provide reduced-price tuition to qualified Iowa students
4. Full funding of community college job-training programs
5. Protection of faculty tenure, academic freedom, and faculty governance on higher education
6. Academic freedom of instructors and their right to own their intellectual property

4. GOVERNMENT & LAW – GL

Campaigns and Elections - CE

We support:

1. Electing U.S. Executive Offices by Ranked Choice voting
2. A national holiday for federal elections
3. Universal voter registration
4. Vote-by-mail processes providing adequate time for ballot request and return
5. Requiring auditable code and paper trails for all voting machines
6. Requiring mandatory statistical audits of results after every election

7. Partial public financing of campaigns, with individual contribution limits
8. Reversing the U.S. Supreme Court's Citizens United decision
9. Elimination of "Gerrymandering," and setting Federal districting Standards as adopted by Iowa
10. Elimination of Superdelegates and closed primaries
11. Term limits

We Oppose:

1. Any felony voting restrictions
2. Super PACs

Legislative Process – LP

We support:

1. Reducing needed cloture vote numbers in the U.S. Senate
2. Restricting individual nominee holds

Civil Rights – CR

We support:

1. Adopting the Equal Rights Amendment to U.S. and Iowa Constitutions
2. Sexual orientation as a protected category in federal and state civil rights acts
3. Funding, staffing, and gender balance on the Iowa Civil Rights Commission
4. Same-sex marriage with nationwide recognition
5. Restoring gender identity as a protected class in Iowa

We oppose:

1. Laws establishing English as the sole official language of any governing body
2. Legislation purporting to "protect" religious liberty while infringing on others' rights
3. Patriot Act and Freedom Act provisions violating Constitutionally protected civil liberties
4. Red-light cameras
5. Marginalization of Indigenous Peoples
6. Any legislation that allows discrimination based on gender-identity

Budget and Taxation – BT

We support:

1. Fully funded IRS and Iowa DOR
2. Inheritance tax on estates over $3.5 million
3. Closing tax loopholes, and pursuing prosecution for individual/corporate tax evasion
4. A more equitable tax system
5. Restoring the powers of the Iowa State Auditor

Social Security and Medicare – SM

We support:

1. Strengthening and expanding Social Security and Medicare
2. Social Security Trust Fund protection and separation from the Unified Federal Budget
3. Cost-of-living adjustments formula improvement
4. Increasing earned-income limits
5. Removing FICA wage caps

We oppose:

1. Social Security and Medicare privatization

Reproductive Rights – RR

We support:

1. Reproductive freedom for all individuals

We oppose:

1. Government restrictions impeding access to abortion or contraception

Criminal Justice – CJ

We support:

1. Equal justice for all
2. Incarceration alternatives focused on rehabilitation and parole

3. Thorough videotaping of all interrogations
4. Restorative justice programs
5. Full Cannabis legalization
6. A strong, properly funded Iowa Judicial system
7. Full funding for and timely processing of rape kits

We oppose:

1. The death penalty
2. Minimum mandatory sentencing for non-violent offenses
3. Racial profiling
4. For-Profit and/or private prisons or detention centers
5. Militarizing local law enforcement
6. Weaponizing the Department of Justice

Internet – IN

We support:

1. Universal broadband internet access
2. Online access to all publicly accessible documents
3. Social media and AI protection/guardrails for minors

Consumer Protection – CP

We support:

1. Strengthening product safety standards and enforcement for all consumer goods
2. Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and the Consumer Protection Act
3. Reinstating Glass-Steagall
4. An independent Federal Reserve System

Gun Regulation – GR

We support:

1. Responsible weapon ownership
2. Effective gun-dealer and gun-show regulatory controls
3. 15-day waiting period and mandatory universal background checks for firearm purchases
4. Prohibiting handgun sale or delivery to anyone convicted of a felony involving a firearm, or under age 21
5. Firearm and hunting safety classes are required to obtain a permit
6. Prohibiting civilian carrying of firearms in public buildings
7. Property owners' right to prohibit firearms on their properties

8. Limiting firearm capacity to 11 rounds

We oppose:

1. Open-carry laws

Comprehensive Immigration Reform – IR

We support:

1. Earned citizenship paths for the undocumented workforce
2. A clean Development, Relief, and Education for Minors Act
3. Granting immigrant detainees due process, access to counsel, and legal information
4. Ending the Immigrant Detention Quota
5. Expediting the family reunification process
6. Improving border security
7. Classification as refugees of unaccompanied minors seeking entry to the U.S.
8. Humane local and state laws, integrating immigrants and refugees into our society
9. Requiring federal border patrol, ICE, and other federal agents to wear body cameras, identification, and be unmasked

We Oppose:

1. Building a wall between the U.S. and Mexico
2. Unnecessary Travel Bans
3. Federalization of ICE and local law enforcement

Reduction of Violence and Abuse - RV

We support:

1. Properly educated, funded, and staffed victim services agencies
2. Annual law enforcement and EMT education to recognize, respond to, and properly care for Human Trafficking, mental illness, and abuse victims
3. Education and implementation of Harm Reduction techniques for all first responders
4. Creation and enforcement of red-flag laws

5. Veterans and Military Affairs-VE

We Support:

1. Adequate Funding of Healthcare, Education, Housing, COLA and Military Benefits for Armed Forces, Veterans, Families

2. Protecting the Pact Act from repeal or underfunding, streamlining access to care, payments by VA to civilian providers, and rigorous oversight by OIG
3. 24-hour observation holds until medically stable to enforce mental health parity
4. Doing away with compensation tiers to acquire disability benefits
5. Steam Vapor of dry flower as an adequate treatment option for relief, no cap on THC
6. Administration of Cannabis in VA facilities to Medical Card Holders
7. An undocumented person can volunteer for military service as a path to citizenship
8. Property tax exemption commensurate with the amount of VA rated disability
9. Fully funding HOME program through appropriations yearly

We Oppose:

1. VA service budget cuts
2. Randomized and/or mandatory drug testing of Veterans for THC, and subsequent denial of refilling of medications for refusal to test, or for positive test results
3. Distribution of military combat equipment to LE or any other non-military entity
4. Trans Ban in any laws for participation in service, sports, access to medical care
5. Discrimination based SOP
6. Fireworks law in Iowa, due to PTSD, suicide risk for Veterans

6. HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES – HH

Universal Healthcare Coverage – UH

We support:

1. Universal single-payer healthcare as an option for all including:
    a. Traditional healthcare, chiropractic, acupuncture, physical therapy, full vision coverage including vision wear, dental and dental wear, hearing including hearing devices, prosthetic and assistive devices, prescription drug coverage, long-term care, preventive care, mental health, and substance-abuse treatment programs and facilities
    b. Unrestricted access for reproductive health services, including family planning, contraceptive services, emergency contraceptives, and fertility services, including access for minors no parental consent or notification
    c. Access to abortion services as defined by the 1973 Roe v. Wade
    d. Transgender healthcare, including all meds, puberty blockers, surgical services, and mental health services
    e. Medical use of Cannabis with Iowa dispensaries, cannabis access, dry flower, whole plant, steam vapor, expanding medical conditions
    f. Non-emergency and emergency medical transportation
2. Public Educational programs for the prevention of STIs and unplanned pregnancy
3. Physician/hospital choice
4. Increased HIV research funding

5. Enhancement of “Right to Try”
6. Patient's right to die and fully honoring ISTAT
7. Federally funded stem-cell research
8. FDA Vitamins and Supplements regulation
9. Allow physicians to prescribe emergency contraception via telehealth visits

We oppose:

1. Costly insurance company practices that cover too little, and which determine rates and deny coverage
2. Denied/substandard care due to personal/religious bias by medical/pharmaceutical professionals.
3. Prescription drug advertising
4. Health provider drug kickbacks
5. Abortion waiting periods and trimester limits, heartbeat bills
6. Legislation requiring transvaginal ultrasound preceding abortion
7. Requiring abortion provider physician-admitting privileges
8. Requiring pre-abortion counseling, in person or through video/print, including legislating invasive procedures including transvaginal ultrasound
9. Personhood legislation restricting women's right to abortion
10. Medicare/Medicaid privatization
11. Conversion therapy
12. Non-ACA compliant insurance policies
13. Any judicial action or court cases to overturn the ACA
14. Taking an individual's assets including savings and homes before they can get adequate medical or nursing home care.

Mental Health - MH

We Support:

1. A long-term funding formula to assure adequate access to mental health services for all Iowans
2. Implementing a separate and developmentally appropriate childrens' mental-health system
3. Expansion of mental health and substance abuse programs instead of incarceration
4. Adequate funding for treatment, including in-patient facilities, for mentally ill and addicted individuals of all ages
5. A state established, funded, and administered program to provide mental health professionals to assist law-enforcement with triage of individuals in crisis

Child Protection and Well Being - CP

We support:

1. Fully funded programs promoting child and family health, welfare, and safety
2. Foster care for children up to age 21, including independent living and transition services
3. Fully funded domestic violence shelters, prevention services, and outreach

4. Increased funding for Aid to Dependent Children

Affordable Housing - AH

We support:

1. Affordable housing, including Public/private partnership for construction, maintenance, and rehabilitation
2. Housing education programs

Homeless Services - HS

We support:

1. Providing homeless people with food, shelter, hygienic services financial services, educational opportunities, greater access to social services, and job and training opportunities
2. Broader dissemination of public information concerning housing programs
3. Increasing Section 8 housing vouchers, landlord incentives to accept vouchers, and tools for program communication and acceptance

Disability Services – DS

We support:

1. Improving accessibility toward full participation in all life aspects
2. Ending discriminatory employment practices/policies
3. Improving early diagnosis and treatment
4. Improving respite and in-home services
5. Transportation for employment

Elderly Services – ES

We support:

1. No limits on services to keep people in their homes including 24-hour nursing services

7. INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS – IA

The Rule of Law – RL

We support:

1. U.S. adherence to the rule of law and international standards regarding the humane treatment of prisoners of war and security detainees
2. Access to federal courts for foreigners detained by presidential order
3. U.S.A. joining the International Criminal Court
4. U.S.A. ratification of the United Nations Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women

Middle East Peace - ME

We support:

1. US pressure to end Israeli's settlement activity on territory occupied in the Six-Day War (1967), including sanctions on products/investments from settlements
2. Moving the U.S. Embassy in Israel to Tel Aviv
3. Re-opening the American Consulate in Jerusalem
4. Re-opening the PLO office in Washington, DC.
5. Immediate cease-fire in Gaza
6. Recognizing contiguous/viable Palestinian state on June 4th 1967 borders
7. Equal rights, security, and democracy for Palestinians and Israelis
8. Palestinian refugees Right of Return
9. Ending Israeli blockade and war on Gaza
10. Palestinian full UN membership
11. Protection of free speech by those who oppose unjust and dehumanizing policies of both Palestinians and Israelis

We oppose:

1. Any move by the US government to consider Jerusalem as the Capital of Israel before any final resolution and agreement between the two parties
2. The Separation Wall precluding Palestinian freedom of movement
3. Unconditional and military aid to Israel
4. Israel's genocide in Gaza
5. Israeli settlements in West Bank/Golan Heights
6. Unconstitutional legislation prohibiting BDS
7. Israel's apartheid system
8. Unfair asylum restrictions imposed on Palestinians

Building Peace – BP

We Support:

1. International humanitarian relief and reconstruction of affected Nations
2. Increasing humanitarian involvement and international support for democratic governments
3. Normalization of relations with Cuba
4. Fair, free, and open elections in post-war societies that are accepted as legitimate by their citizens
5. Promoting citizen diplomacy with people of other countries
6. Reducing U.S. military forces abroad

We oppose

1. ALL forms of terrorism and torture
2. Any policy that weakens the United Nations' work and initiatives.
3. Any Plan to leave NATO