DEMOCRATIC PARTY PLATFORM

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1. IMMIGRATION REFORM: Defends President Obama’s executive action to help DREAMers, parents of citizens and lawful permanent residents avoid deportation. pg 17
2. LGBT RIGHTS: Supports the Supreme Court decision that all Americans, including LGBT persons, have the right to marry an adult of their choice. pg 19
3. Supports expanding VOTING RIGHTS including early voting, automatic voter registration, ending racial gerrymandering and making Election Day a national holiday. pg 24
4. CAMPAIGN FINANCE REFORM: Supports a constitutional amendment to overturn Citizens United putting an end to secret unaccountable money in politics. pg 25
5. Committed to protecting and advancing REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH RIGHTS and continue to oppose — and seek to overturn — Federal and State laws that impede a woman’s access to abortions. pg 37
6. UNIVERSAL HEALTHCARE: Democrats believe healthcare is a right not a privilege and will continue the fight until every American has access to quality, affordable healthcare. pg 34
7. Supports common sense GUN CONTROL LAWS such as expanding and strengthening background checks, closing dangerous loopholes and keeping weapons of war off the streets. pg 39
8. Recognizes the importance of CLIMATE LEADERSHIP and is committed to getting 50% of our electric energy from clean energy sources within a decade. Committed to closing the Halliburton loophole that stripped the EPA of its ability to regulate fracking. pgs 27, 28
9. Supports a LIVING WAGE of at least 15 dollars per hour, Equal Pay for women and the Right to Collective Bargaining, including joining or forming a union. pgs 3 & 4
10. DEBT-FREE COLLEGE: Calls for debt-free community colleges and relief from crushing student debt. pg 31

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REPUBLICAN PARTY PLATFORM

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1. Calls for BUILDING A WALL along the southern border of the country (a length of nearly 2,000 miles). Opposes any form of amnesty and supports mandatory 5-year prison sentences to anyone returning to the US after being deported. pgs 25, 26
2. REJECTS SUPREME COURT RULING ON MARRIAGE EQUALITY and defines marriage as the union between a man and woman only. Calls for allowing businesses and organizations to discriminate based on religious beliefs. pgs 11, 31, 32
3. Calls for PROOF OF CITIZENSHIP when registering to vote and a secure voter ID when voting. pg 16
4. Calls for THE REPEAL OF FEDERAL RESTRICTIONS ON CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS (McCain/Feingold) pg 12
5. Supports replacing FAMILY PLANNING PROGRAMS for teens with an abstinence-only approach. pg 34
6. Seeks to FILL THE SUPREME COURT WITH ULTRA-CONSERVATIVE JUDGES who will overturn Roe v Wade and the Affordable Care Act. pg 10
7. OPPOSES ANY RESTRICTIONS TO GUN RIGHTS: Calls for the Right to Carry in all 50 States. pgs 12, 13
8. CALLS FOR THE OPENING OF FEDERAL LANDS and outer continental shelf to oil exploration and an expansion of the coal and fracking industries. Supports the Keystone pipeline. pg 19, 20
9. REJECTS SEPARATION OF CHURCH AND STATE in allowing the Display of the Ten Commandments in public areas. Calls for Bible study in schools. Calls for States to offer a Bible curriculum as part of school civics program pgs 12, 33
10. Calls for a so-called “Human Life” Constitutional Amendment that would apply 14th Amendment protections to unborn children. Supports a ban on Federal funding for abortions and healthcare plans that cover abortion rights. pgs 13, 37

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