

OUR VALUES



WOMEN'S RIGHTS

Recognizing the continuing discrimination and victimization of women in our society, especially the most vulnerable, we support complete equality for women, including equal pay for equal work; respect in the workplace; thoughtful consideration of views in government policy at the local, state, and national levels; the eradication of violence against women; and the recognition and acceptance that women are the sole and absolute decision-makers regarding their own reproductive choices, including support for *Roe v. Wade* and access to health insurance-covered contraception.

ARTS AND CULTURE

We support public funding for the National Endowment for the Arts, National Endowment for the Humanities and programs providing public school art and music education programs. We assert that nationally, investment in the arts strengthens our communities and contributes to our nation's rich multi-cultural heritage.

CIVIL RIGHTS

We support the continuing fight to end discrimination based on race, ethnicity, national origin, language, religion, gender, age, sexual orientation, gender identity, or disability. While freedom of expression is a fundamental constitutional principle, we condemn hate speech that promotes intolerance and/or violence.



VOTING RIGHTS

We support the restoration of Section 4(b) of the Voting Rights Act of 1965 which required states and local governments to obtain preclearance of changes to their voting laws and practices. We oppose the US Supreme Court's decision in *Shelby County v. Holder*, invalidating Section 4(b) of the Voting Rights Act of 1965 as it has allowed local ordinances and state laws suppressing the voting rights of individuals through gerrymandering, photo ID laws, selective closure of department of motor vehicle offices, voter roll purges, limitations on early voting, disinformation and caging lists. We strongly supported the 2018 passage of Florida Amendment 4 – Voting Rights Restoration for Felons Initiative. We are committed to assisting these individuals with voter registration and actively voting.

Coral Gables Democratic Club



WHO WE ARE

Coral Gables Democratic Club is a volunteer association of like-minded individuals who espouse the principles of the Democratic Party of the United States and the Democratic Party of the State of Florida.



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JOBS & ECONOMIC PROSPERITY

We assert that all Americans deserve opportunities for gainful employment. We support small business incentives to create jobs; expanded training/re-training initiatives; workers' ability to organize and collectively bargain for better wages, benefits and working conditions; and laws authorizing the National Labor Relations Board to certify unions where a simple majority of workers have authorized it. We support an economy where all hard-working Americans can afford to live decent, healthy and secure lives; where small businesses, not special interests, succeed; and where families can continue to live the American dream.

ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE/CLIMATE CHANGE

We support evidence-based science and reject propaganda espousing regulations that protect the environment thwart economic prosperity. We oppose off-shore drilling and fracking and commit to defending, implementing and extending smart anti-pollution standards, including the Clean Power Plan, fuel economy standards for automobiles and heavy-duty vehicles, building codes and appliance standards. We support expanding clean energy research and development to protect our planet,

create good-paying jobs and enhance community prosperity for all.



HEALTH CARE

We believe that all Americans are entitled to affordable, high quality healthcare so no one is ever forced into bankruptcy due to family illness or disability. We support expansion and improvement of the Affordable Care Act, preservation of Medicare and expansion of Medicaid.

IMMIGRATION

We assert that comprehensive immigration reform and national security are not mutually exclusive. We believe America remains THE land of opportunity and freedom for those who seek refuge from tyranny and violence. We support oversight of all immigration programs to prevent abuse and arbitrary deportation programs. We support a swift, fair and equitable system for the entry of legal immigrants into the US while also protecting our borders, without a wall, from illegal immigration. We support candidates and elected officials that promote immigration reform that holds everyone accountable as it treats everyone fairly, creating a pathway for legal immigrants to each realize their own version of the American Dream.

EDUCATION

We assert that all children are entitled to a high-quality public school education, including early childhood education and voluntary pre-kindergarten through high school graduation. This requires increased funding to hire and retain highly skilled, dedicated teachers/administrators and provide safe, well-equipped and well-supplied schools plus affordable community colleges and public universities.



GUN SAFETY

We believe in respecting the rights of responsible gun owners while improving community safety. We support laws that expand and strengthen background screenings; close dangerous legal loopholes; repeal the Protection of Lawful Commerce in Arms Act (PLCAA) to revoke current immunity protections for gunmakers and sellers; and prevent the sale and distribution of weapons of war, including assault weapons and large capacity ammunition magazines.