

**2018 Third Congressional District
Democratic Party Convention**

Saturday, April 28, 2018

**Nodaway Valley High School
410 NW Second Street
Greenfield, IA**

Registration starts at 8:00 a.m.*

***(early registration from 6-8 Friday evening)**

Convention starts at 9:00 a.m.

GLOSSARY

Affirmative Action Chair: In addition to attending the District Central Committee meetings, the District Affirmative Action Chair advises all County Affirmative Action Chairs in the District. The Chair promotes greater involvement of minorities in the Iowa Democratic Party, not just for elections, but also for the more practical and inclusive goal of minority membership. Typical actions could include visiting groups with traditionally large minority participation, seeking input about issues and concerns, encouraging minorities to become active in the Party, helping to improve diversity in city, county, and state government, and providing the District with an annual list of diversity goals and accomplishments.

Boundary tie: When counting ballots to elect or select a delegate, those candidates who are tied for the last position to be elected or selected shall be elected or rejected as a group.

Similar geographic area: Refers to selecting an alternate from a county nearest to and most like the county of the absent delegate. Not necessarily contiguous if the contiguous county is demographically different.

Spoiled Ballot: A ballot will be considered spoiled if a delegate:

- a. Uses the wrong ballot
- b. Casts a ballot that is incomplete (voted for too few candidates)
- c. Casts a ballot that is over-voted (voted for too many candidates)
- d. Casts a ballot that contains votes for a previously elected candidate(s)
- e. Casts a ballot for a candidate more than once on the same ballot
- f. Casts a ballot for an ineligible candidate

A ballot that is declared spoiled is not counted nor returned.

State Central Committee Member: Attend meetings of State Central Committee (In Des Moines most often); Elect the leadership of the Iowa Democratic Party; attend meetings of the District Central Committee; represent the Democratic Party at state-wide events (Fall Gala Dinner, Hall of Fame Awards, Debates for Statewide Candidates); Assist in the promotion and financial operation of the Party; Serve on one subcommittee of the State Central Committee providing input and advice to IDP staff and elected officers; Assist the Affirmative Action Chair to reach out to under-represented members of the Party.

Democrats Third Congressional District Convention

8:00 a.m., Saturday, April 28, 2018

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REGISTRATION

Registration begins at **8:00 a.m. on Saturday, April 28th**. (Early registration for Convention Committee members will start at 7:00 a.m.) Registration ends at 10:00 a.m. with the Convention convening at 9:00 a.m. In addition, early registration for delegates only is available at Nodaway Valley High School (“the School”) on Friday, April 27, from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Registration of alternates and late-arriving delegates will continue until 10:00 a.m. At 10:00 a.m., the Credentials Committee will begin seating alternates in place of delegates who have not registered. Late-arriving delegates will be seated if there are positions available.

If you cannot attend, please consider using the enclosed designated alternate form to designate an elected alternate from your county to take your place (Polk County delegates who designate an alternate must choose an elected alternate from the same preference group as the delegate). If you cannot attend and do not designate an alternate, Credentials will seat an elected alternate to fill your seat. If you have question about the **seating of Delegates** please contact the Credentials Committee Chair, Lu Ann Pedrick: zoeyp2001@yahoo.com, 515-331-1727

The registration fee for any seated delegate or seated alternate is \$30.00 and can be paid by cash, check, credit, or debit card. Debit and credit cards may be used to prepay the fee at ActBlue until 9:00 p.m. CDT, April 25, 2018. Credit/Debit cards, along with cash or checks, may also be used to pay the fee on the day of the convention. Please make checks payable to Third District Democrats. **Inability to pay this fee will not disqualify you from serving as a delegate.**

LUNCH

Lunch will be as close to noon as possible. The price of lunch is \$7.50. This will include hamburgers or chicken-burgers, chips, baked beans, and a drink. A vegetarian option will be available. In the morning, breakfast burritos will be available for \$2, plus small cinnamon rolls for \$2.50 or \$3, depending on size.

Also, candy and popcorn will be available for purchase throughout the day from the school gymnasium concession stand. **NO FOOD WILL BE ALLOWED TO BE BROUGHT IN BY ANY CANDIDATE OR GROUP AND SOLD AT THE CONVENTION**

COMMITTEES

If you have a problem or question during the convention this will help direct you to an appropriate committee member:

ARRANGEMENTS Committee members will be wearing **BLUE BADGES**

CREDENTIALS Committee members will be wearing **YELLOW BADGES**

**PLATFORM
RULES**

Committee members will be wearing **PINK BADGES**
Committee members will be wearing **ORANGE BADGES**

SIGNS

One banner and ten yard signs (22" x 14") will be allowed per candidate in the Convention auditorium. Banners and signs may not be placed on the wall behind the stage without the advance approval of the Arrangements Committee Chair. You will be allowed to decorate your area behind your table as you wish. Candidate materials are not permitted in the bathrooms.

NO CANDIDATE STICKERS ARE PERMITTED ON THE SCHOOL PROPERTY!
Handing out stickers will result in the imposition of a \$200 clean-up fee.

Any material used to put up signs should be safe, such as painter's tape or poster putty. If damage occurs upon removal (i.e., paint pulled off or stains left behind) that candidate or group will have to pay the School for all repair costs to restore the surface to its original condition.

All campaign material brought in by anyone **MUST BE REMOVED** by that candidate or group. If the campaign materials are not removed a **FEE OF \$75.00 for the first one and \$5 each thereafter** will be assessed to that candidate or group if the Arrangements Committee has to clean it up.

Signs and banners may be put up on Friday, April 27, 2018 starting at 6:00 p.m. through the time at which the Arrangements Committee has finished convention preparations, estimated to be by approximately 8:00 p.m. Friday evening.

NO SIGNS OR BANNERS MAY BE PUT UP ON SATURDAY, April 28, 2018.

TABLES

Candidates for Congress or state office may rent a table for \$50. Non-profit and public interest groups may reserve tables for \$35 for each table. To reserve a table call Arrangements Committee Chair **Lee Thielmann at 515-360-3022 or e-mail LeeTh@mchsi.com**. Please make checks payable to **THIRD DISTRICT DEMOCRATS** and send your payment to:

**Bill Brauch
3313 38th Street
Des Moines, Iowa 50310**

ADVERTISEMENTS

Ads for inclusion in the call booklet distributed at the Convention may be purchased as follows:

\$25.00 for ¼ page
\$50.00 for ½ page
\$100.00 for a full page

Please contact Bill Brauch to purchase an ad. Bill's e-mail address is: billbrauch@gmail.com, or you may call him at: 515-314-9591. All purchase requests will be honored through April 21. (The online version of the Call Booklet may not include all purchased ads.)

SPECIAL SERVICES

The CART captioning service will be used at this Convention for the hearing-impaired and others who may benefit from the service. In addition, a Request for Accommodation form will be included in the Call Booklet. The School is accessible for persons with a disability. Smoking, including vaping, is not allowed at the School.

A limited number of **LARGE PRINT CALL BOOKS** will be available on request. If you require a LARGE PRINT CALL BOOK please contact Bill Brauch at 515-314-9591 or e-mail Bill at billbrauch@gmail.com.

We will have a few rooms available for those of you who would like to caucus the day of the Convention. Please contact Lee Thielmann if you would like to reserve a room at a given time. If you would like more information or have special needs that are not addressed here, please contact Lee Thielmann. We will attempt to comply with all reasonable and timely requests.

OBTAINING A CALL BOOKLET WITH PLATFORM

Call booklets with a complete version of the proposed Platform to be discussed at Convention can be obtained several ways:

Beginning on or around April 18, you will be able to download the Call Booklet, including the proposed Platform, from our website at <http://www.idp3.org>. From the home page, click on "News" at the top. Click on "Call Booklet."

To request a Call Booklet by e-mail or U.S. mail, call Bill Brauch at 515-314-9591 or e-mail: billbrauch@gmail.com – let Bill know which delivery method you prefer. In an effort to minimize costs, please help us by requesting mailed copies only when necessary.

Please print out your Call Booklet and bring it to Convention with you. To save money and the environment, we will NOT include Call Booklets in convention packets.

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If coming on I-80, take Exit 86, Hwy 25, south to Greenfield. Highway 25 becomes NE 6th Street in Greenfield. On the north edge of town, head west on NE Dodge Street. It essentially dead-ends at the school. If coming on Highway 92, head north on NE 6th Street (Hwy 25) and then west on NE Dodge Street.

I look forward to seeing you on April 28 in Greenfield!

Bill Brauch – Chair, Third District Central Committee (Temporary Convention Chair)

THIRD CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION
9:00 AM Saturday, April 28, 2018
Nodaway Valley High School, Greenfield, Iowa

Early registration will begin at 6:00 PM and end at 8:00 PM Friday April 27 at the convention site. Registration for Convention Committee members will open at 7:00 AM Saturday April 28. Registration of all delegates, preferred alternates and alternates will begin at 8:00 AM. **The Convention will convene at 9:00 AM.** Registration of alternates and late-arriving delegates will continue until 10:00 AM or until everyone in line at 10:00 AM is registered. Seating of Alternate Delegates shall begin as soon as all Delegates and Alternates in line at 10:00 AM have been registered. Delegates arriving after 10:00 AM who have not designated Preferred Alternates in writing will be registered as Alternates and seated only if positions are still available.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. The Temporary Convention Chair, Bill Brauch, shall convene the convention within fifteen minutes of the scheduled start time.
2. The Temporary Chair may appoint a Temporary Vice-Chair, Temporary Secretary, Temporary Sergeant-at-Arms, and Temporary Parliamentarian.
3. The Temporary Chair shall recognize the Chair of the Rules and Nominations Committee (Rules) to offer a motion to adopt the Rules as set out in the Report of the Rules Committee as the temporary rules of the District Convention.
4. The Temporary Chair shall recognize the Chair of the Credentials Committee, or her designee, to offer a motion making the Delegates, as certified by the County Chairs, the temporary Delegates to the District Convention.
5. The Temporary Chair shall announce the chairs of all Convention Committees (Arrangements, Credentials, Platform, and Rules). If necessary, the committees shall retire to the designated meeting rooms as announced by the Temporary Chair.
6. The Temporary Chair shall announce the time and place of the Youth Caucus.
7. The convention will hear announcements, introductions, invited speakers, and any Keynote address.
8. The Chair of the Third Congressional District Democratic Central Committee, Bill Brauch, will give his report.
9. The adoption of a temporary report of the Credentials Committee certifying the presence of a quorum shall be in order at any time.

10. After a quorum is established, the Chair of the Rules Committee shall be recognized to nominate the Temporary Chair, Bill Brauch, as Permanent Chair of the Convention. The Temporary Vice-Chair shall conduct the completion of the nomination and election process. Nominations from the floor may be received. The Convention will then proceed with the election of a Permanent Chair.

11. The Convention Chair will appoint a permanent Vice-Chair, Secretary, Sergeant-at-Arms, and Parliamentarian, or multiples at each position, and such other positions as he or she deems necessary.

12. The Chair of the Rules Committee will present the Rules Committee report and move the adoption of the report as the permanent rules of the convention. The Chair of the Rules Committee shall announce the number of delegates apportioned to the District for the State Convention Committees.

13. Report of the Platform Committee. The Platform Committee's report may be considered at the discretion of the Convention Chair at any time after a quorum has been reported. The Platform Committee Chair, or his or her designee, will present the report and move adoption of the platform. The Convention Chair may interrupt consideration of the platform to conduct other convention business. **(The temporary report of the Platform Committee is included in this Call Booklet.)** Debate associated with the Platform Report and balloting on the final platform may be taken up at several times during the Convention, at the discretion of the Convention Chair.

14. Final report of the Credentials Committee and adoption of the final Credentials Committee report. Elections will be conducted after the final report of the Credentials Committee.

15. Election of State Convention Committee Members. **The only elections, if any, that may be done at this convention by preference groups will be for the election of the members of the State Convention Arrangements, Credentials, Platform and Rules Committees.**

16. Election of District Representatives to the State Central Committee.

17. Election of District Affirmative Action Chair.

18. Report of the Youth Delegates.

19. Ratification of elections.

20. The Convention Chair will inquire as to further business to come before the convention.

21. Adjournment.

**RULES COMMITTEE REPORT FOR THE 2018
THIRD CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION**

I. Rules Governing the Organizational Phase of the District Convention

A. Call To Order: The Convention shall be called to order no later than fifteen minutes after the time announced in the Official call. If the Temporary Convention Chair, Bill Brauch, does not call the Convention to order within this time limit, any Delegate may call the Convention to order and the business shall begin.

B. Rules of the Convention: The Rules of this Convention shall be Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised, as modified by the Charter of the Democratic Party of the United States, the Constitution, and By-laws of the Iowa Democratic Party, the Constitution and Statutes of the State of Iowa, and the rules adopted by this Convention.

C. Presence On The Convention Floor: Only Delegates, Youth Delegates, convention officers, credentialed press, and other persons authorized by the Rules Committee shall be allowed on the convention floor. Alternates are authorized to be seated in a separate Alternate area of the convention hall where they may observe and participate, though they are not eligible to vote.

D. Seating of Delegates

1. Early registration for Delegates and Preferred Alternates will begin on Friday, April 27 at 6:00 PM and end at 8:00 PM at the convention site. On the morning of the convention, Saturday, April 28, Convention Committee members may register from 7:00 AM until 8:00 AM. Registration for all Delegates and Preferred Alternates will begin at 8:00 AM until 10:00 AM, with the Convention convening at 9:00 AM.

2. Duly-elected Delegates to the Convention shall have the first right to be seated at the beginning of the Convention. **Seating of Alternate Delegates shall begin at 10:00 AM or as soon as all Delegates and Alternates in line at 10:00 AM have been registered. Delegates arriving after 10:00 AM who have not designated Preferred Alternates in writing will be registered as Alternates and seated only if positions are still available.**

3. A Delegate who cannot attend all or part of the convention may designate a Preferred Alternate from the list of Alternates duly elected at their respective County Conventions, and if applicable, from the same preference group as the Delegate being replaced. Designation of the Preferred Alternate shall be in writing to the Credentials Committee on the form included in the Official Call.

4. If a Delegate fails to name a Preferred Alternate, in writing, to serve in his/her place, the Credentials Committee may seat an Alternate in place of the Delegate according to the following Rules: (a) From the same preference group if the delegate being replaced was elected by a preference group. (b) From the same county as the

delegate being replaced. (c) From a similar geographical area. (d) From any county within the Congressional District. A Delegate who does not designate a Preferred Alternate in writing shall not have the right to unseat anyone seated by the Credentials Committee because of the Delegate's absence.

5. If a duly-elected Delegate has designated a Preferred Alternate, the Preferred Alternate shall serve only until the originally elected Delegate appears at the Convention and asserts to the Credentials Committee Chair his or her right to be seated. At such time, the Preferred Alternate shall turn over his or her credentials and balloting materials to the duly-elected Delegate. In the event of a dispute, the Credentials Committee shall determine to whom the seat belongs.

6. If the Credentials Committee cannot locate an Alternate after a good faith effort (three [3] calls to the Alternate seating area), the Credentials Committee shall select another Alternate.

7. A late-arriving Delegate may fill an open Delegate seat.

E. Speakers Time Limit: With the exception of any Keynote Speaker, and Iowa Third Congressional District and statewide candidates who shall be limited to five (5) minutes speaking time, convention speakers shall be limited to three (3) minutes speaking time. The Convention Chair shall enforce time limits. If the Convention Chair fails to enforce this time limit, any Delegate may call on the Convention Chair to do so.

F. Report of the Credentials Committee

1. The Temporary Report of the Credentials Committee certifying a quorum shall be adopted before consideration of other official business. The Temporary Report of the Credentials Committee shall be in order at any time.

2. The Convention Chair shall recognize the Chair of the Credentials Committee or her designee to present the committee's Final Report whenever the report is ready. The Chair of the Credentials Committee or her designee may present committee amendments, may yield the floor to others, and may yield to the presentation and disposition of minority reports without losing the right to the floor.

3. In the event of a challenge, the Credentials Committee shall include in its report the name of the Delegate or Alternate who it believes is entitled to participate in the Convention. When a number of challenges are to be resolved by the Convention, the Credentials Committee shall report on each in alphabetical order by the County in which the Delegate seat being challenged is located. Only a minority constituting 10% or more of the committee members may present to the Convention a minority report on any challenge.

4. The Convention shall vote on each challenge of the Credentials Committee report. The report of the Credentials Committee must be approved by a majority vote of the

Convention before a Delegate or Alternate being challenged may vote or participate in the Convention.

5. After all challenges have been resolved, the Credentials Committee Chair or her designee shall move the adoption of the report of the Committee with any amendments previously adopted.

6. In the event that the report of the Credentials Committee shall fail to pass, the Credentials Committee shall reconvene immediately to reconsider its report. A revised report shall be presented to the Convention as soon thereafter as possible.

7. The final report of the Credentials Committee shall be adopted before any elections take place at the Convention.

G. Election of the Permanent Convention Chair

1. The Chair of the Rules Committee shall be recognized to place in nomination the name of Bill Brauch for permanent Convention Chair.

2. The Temporary Vice Chair shall conduct the balance of the nomination and election of the Permanent Convention Chair, and may receive any additional nominations from the floor.

3. When there are no further nominations, or upon adoption of a motion to close nominations, the Temporary Vice Chair, after giving any nominee the opportunity to decline nomination, shall conduct the election for the Permanent Convention Chair.

4. The Permanent Chair shall then appoint such other officers as may be required to assist in the conduct of the business of the Convention. Such other officers may include Vice-Chair, Secretary, Parliamentarian, Timekeeper, and Sergeant-at-Arms (or multiples as needed). The Convention Chair should give due consideration to those nominated by the Rules Committee who shall have considered qualifications, affirmative action, minority and geographical representation.

H. Report of the Rules Committee

The Convention Chair shall recognize the Chair of the Rules Committee to present the committee's report for the Rules of the Convention, and Minority Reports if applicable (See II-G-1).

II. Special Rules

A. Special Orders of Business: It shall be in order at any time for the Chair of the Rules Committee to report to the Convention a resolution providing a special order of business for debate of a resolution, motion, committee report, minority report, or

amendment to a committee's report; or the consideration of any matter for which provision is not made under these rules.

B. Powers and Duties of the Convention Chair

The Convention Chair is authorized to:

1. Appoint the Convention Vice-Chair or if the Convention Vice-Chair is unavailable, any Delegate to temporarily perform the duties of the Convention Chair during the absence of the Convention Chair or Convention Vice-Chair.
2. Take such lawful action as may be appropriate and necessary to preserve order throughout the convention hall.

C. Report of the Platform Committee: The consideration of the Platform Committee's report shall be taken up at the discretion of the Convention Chair at any time after adoption of the Temporary Report of the Credentials Committee certifying a quorum, and at appropriate times during the Convention in order to save time. The Rules found herein on debate and voting upon the Report of the Platform Committee shall apply. To the extent applicable, no platform debate shall be allowed during alignment periods. Additional Rules governing the adoption of the platform are found below in **Article III**.

D. Voting

1. Except as otherwise required, voting shall be by voice vote and, in case of doubt, by standing division of the house. A written or electronic non-secret ballot may be ordered only after division is attempted, upon a motion that is seconded and supported by a standing vote of at least twenty percent (20%) of the authorized Delegates present and voting. A written or electronic non-secret ballot will be used in all elections, except as otherwise decided by a majority of the Convention for those elections not otherwise required to use a written or electronic ballot. **It is the responsibility of each County Chair or their designee to assist any Delegate who cannot comply with the physical requirements of this Rule. A Delegate who cannot comply should notify their County Chair or designee who will obtain assistance from a member of the Arrangements Committee. Special "assistant" credentials may be provided to allow a helper to stand in the Delegate's place as requested by the Delegate.**
2. All questions, except as otherwise specified in these Rules, shall be determined by a majority vote of the authorized Delegates present and voting.
3. When a question has been put to a vote, the vote thereon may not be interrupted for any purpose other than to move for a non-secret ballot vote, or to direct a point of order to the conduct of or point of information about the vote. The Convention Chair shall interpret a motion for a roll call vote as a motion for a ballot vote.

4. During the counting of the votes on any issue, the Convention Chair may place a new main motion on the floor and return to the previous motion after the counting is completed.

5. No proxy or absentee voting is permitted.

6. Those Delegates leaving the Convention permanently, and not designating an Alternate, **must turn in all credentials and ballots** to a member of the Rules Committee. A Delegate who has turned in his/her credentials and ballots and left the Convention permanently, but who nevertheless returns, may request the return of his/her credentials and ballots from the Rules and Committee.

Those Delegates leaving the Convention temporarily must check their credentials with the Credentials Committee and may check them back out upon return.

7. A ballot vote is conducted by written or electronic ballot, indicating the ballot number, the Delegate's number and voting preference. Ballots shall be collected and counted under the authority of the Rules Committee. When the results of the ballot has been determined, it shall be announced by the Convention Chair. If the ballot is on an election, and those elected have been determined, their names shall be read. Balloting shall continue until all positions have been filled. The Chair of the Rules Committee shall take possession of all ballots. Ballots shall be preserved in separate envelopes for one year from the Convention.

E. Appeals

1. An appeal shall not be in order from decisions on recognition, or from decisions on dilatoriness of motions, or during a ballot vote, or on a question on which an appeal has just been decided, or when, in the opinion of the Convention Chair, such an appeal is clearly dilatory.

2. Before the question is put on any appeal, the person making the appeal shall be entitled to three (3) minutes to express his/her reasons for the appeal.

3. The Convention Chair shall be allowed three (3) minutes for an explanation of the ruling. Without further debate, the Convention Chair shall then put the appeal to a vote. A simple majority vote of the Delegates present and voting is required to overrule the Convention Chair.

F. Motion to Suspend the Rules

1. The Convention Chair may entertain a motion to suspend the Rules only for a stated purpose. If seconded, the person making the motion to suspend the Rules shall be allowed three (3) minutes to explain the need to suspend.

2. The Chair shall immediately recognize the Chair of the Rules Committee, or his or her designee, whose remarks shall be limited to three (3) minutes. The motion shall then be decided without further debate. A vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the Delegates present and voting is required to pass the motion to suspend.

3. No motion to suspend the Rules or reconsideration of a previous vote shall be in order if the effect of the motion is to deny a minority rights to which they are entitled under the Rules of the Convention or to reverse the will of the majority previously stated.

G. Minority Committee Reports (Matters which failed to win a majority in committee voting, but which the losing side, the **Minority**, believes is important to report their position on the matter to the convention)

1. Minority Reports of committees shall only be considered by the Convention when adopted by at least ten percent (10%) of all the members of the convention committee.

2. The subject of a Minority Report must have been considered at a meeting of the full committee.

3. The Minority shall provide the Committee Chair as well as the Convention Chair with a legibly written and signed copy of the Minority Report before it is introduced.

H. Debate. Except as elsewhere provided, debate shall be governed by as follows:

1. All Delegates, once recognized, shall state their name and county. Delegates must use the microphones provided. The method for the Convention Chair to be able to identify speakers For and Against a motion or resolution shall be by use of Green (Paddles, Flags, or Lights) FOR/PRO, Red (Paddles, Flags, or Lights) AGAINST/CON, and Yellow (Paddles, Flags, or Lights) INQUIRIES/ETC. Each side shall be limited to six (6) minutes. Initial debate on any question shall be limited to twelve (12) minutes and shall be divided equally between **alternating** proponents and opponents in speeches that do not exceed two (2) minutes each.

2. No speaker may yield the floor to another speaker, and no Delegate shall be allowed to speak a second time until all Delegates who wish to speak have done so.

3. At the end of the initial debate time, the Convention, by a simple majority vote, may extend the debate for a specified period of time not to exceed twelve (12) minutes, subject in all other respects to **Rule 2** above.

4. Debate may be closed sooner by unanimous consent or by at least two-thirds (2/3) standing vote in support of closing debate. A motion for the previous question shall not be in order from a speaker during the course of his/her debate.

5. A motion to move the previous question shall be made from a microphone.

6. Debate may be extended beyond the initial extension only by a two-thirds (2/3) vote in support of extension for a specified additional amount of time, subject in all other respects to **Rule 2** above.

I. Quorum

1. Forty percent (40%) of the authorized delegates as certified by the County Chairs to the 3rd Congressional District Chairperson, and reported to the Convention Credentials Committee, or the seating of all Delegates and Alternates having been completed, all those seated shall constitute a quorum.

2. A Delegate whose status has been formally challenged and whose right to participate is therefore a matter pending before the Credentials Committee shall not be counted as an authorized Delegate in arriving at the number required to constitute a quorum.

3. No motion questioning a quorum shall be in order after the Credentials Committee report has been accepted.

J. Youth Delegates

1. Beginning with the 1988 precinct caucuses, the Iowa Democratic Party implemented a Youth Delegate program. This program permits young people to observe the Iowa Democratic Party caucus/convention process. The Youth Delegates shall be provided a place to sit in the Convention hall.

2. Youth Delegates will be permitted to caucus separately and encouraged to participate in many of the organizational aspects of the District Convention. Youth Delegates may not vote on regular convention matters and are not to be assessed Delegate fees. The Youth Delegates shall be provided a room to conduct the election of Youth Delegates to the State Convention and consider business.

3. The Rules Committee shall supervise all Youth Delegate elections. The results of any Youth Delegate elections will be reported to the Convention.

K. Other Motions

1. No question of privilege or any motion other than those provided under these Rules shall be entertained, except the motion to recess to a time certain, or at the call of the Convention Chair.

2. A motion to recess for a specified time and purpose shall be in order at any time except when the question has been put or a vote is in progress; the motion shall be decided without debate. The chair shall not entertain a motion to recess if, in the opinion of the chair, such motion is dilatory.

3. A motion to adjourn shall not be in order until all statutory and constitutional duties have been completed.

4. After the final report of the Credentials Committee is approved, the Convention Chair shall announce procedures for division into preference groups by candidates for a particular office, issue, or some other category. If the convention chooses to form preference groups, it can divide based on only **one** category. Conventions may only divide into preference groups if 15% or more of the seated delegates vote to so divide.

- a. Once the final report of the Credentials Committee is approved, a delegate may rise and move to divide into preference groups based on a particular category. The category shall be stated before the motion is seconded. If properly moved and seconded to divide into a stated preference group, the Convention Chair shall move directly to a vote on the motion without discussion. If 15% or more of the seated delegates favor dividing into preference groups, the convention must break into preference groups. The Convention Chair must inquire whether the convention desires to break into preference groups based on another category. If another category is properly moved and seconded, a second vote shall be taken to determine if 15% or more delegates desire to break into that category. The Convention Chair must again inquire whether there is a motion to break into any other category of preference group. The same process will follow until no more motions to divide into preference groups are made.
- b. If more than one category of preference groups received 15% or more support, the Convention Chair must then take a vote to determine which preference group will be the basis for the break-out. The preference group with the greatest number of votes will prevail. (From this point on, the alignment process and other convention business will proceed alternately at the direction of the Convention Chair.)
- c. Viability will be determined by rounding up to the nearest whole number when multiplying the number of seated delegates by 15%. Delegates will cast their ballots for their preference, or no preference (undecided) as they desire.
- d. The Chair of the Rules Committee shall report to the convention the number of delegates a group needs to be viable (Fifteen percent [15%] of the registered delegates). Two alignment periods will be provided, the first when the Rules Committee shall determine the relative strength of each group, including those delegates who are undecided, by counting teams containing representatives of each group, as assigned by the Chair and Co-Chairs of the Rules Committee, or by written or electronic ballot. The Chair of the Rules Committee shall report the relative strength of each group.

- e. Each preference group shall elect a chairperson under the supervision of the Rules Committee counting team assigned to the group.
- f. In the second alignment period the Convention Chair will announce that all delegates have fifteen (15) minutes to realign with a group if they want to realign. A written or electronic ballot indicating the delegate’s group preference will be cast at the end of this period. If a delegate is not aligned with a viable preference group, that delegate will not participate in the election of state convention committee members.
- g. At the end of the second alignment period, the convention may take up the platform or other business, at the direction of the Chair, while ballots are counted.
- h. To determine viability:**

Total number of registered delegates multiplied by 0.15

_____	X 0.15 =	_____		
			_____	0.5 and greater round UP, less than 0.5 round DOWN
Total # of registered district convention delegates		Result before rounding	Result after rounding	

III. Rules Governing Adoption Of The Platform

A. All questions regarding adoption or amendment of the platform or of any plank shall be decided by simple majority vote. All amendments shall be presented in legible, written form by 11:00 AM or thirty (30) minutes after the final report from the Credentials Committee, whichever is later. The Convention Chair may rule any amendment moot if it has been substantially decided by a prior vote on a similar matter.

B. Statement of Principles

1. The Chair of the Platform Committee or his/her designee shall introduce Section I of the Platform, the Statement of Principles, as adopted by the 2016 3rd Congressional District Convention, and move for adoption of any amendments thereto proposed by the Platform Committee. Each such amendment is automatically debatable.

2. Amendments to the Statement of Principles proposed by a Minority of the Platform Committee shall be debated next. Such amendments cannot be amended from the floor. The first proponent in debate of a Minority Report shall be a member of the Minority. The first opposition speaker in this debate shall be the Chair of the Platform Committee, or his/her designee, if he/she so desires.

3. Following disposition of any amendments to the Statement of Principles offered by the Platform Committee and any Minority Reports, any delegate may offer a motion from the floor to debate or amend any part of the Statement of Principles as it then stands. A written, legible copy of any motion to amend (see provided form) shall be presented to the Convention Secretary and the Chair of the Platform Committee before 11:00AM or thirty (30) minutes after the final report of the Credentials Committee, whichever is later. Any motion to debate or amend shall be in order only if seconded and supported by at least ten percent (10%) of the seated delegates, 27 signatures. The first proponent in debate of such a motion shall be the author of the amendment or maker of the motion. The first opposition speaker in debate of a motion to debate or amend shall be the Chair of the Platform Committee or his/her designee, if he/she so desires. Any delegate may offer a written, legible amendment to any part removed for debate or any such proposed amendment, once it has come to the floor.

4. The Statement of Principles, as amended, stands, and shall be presented to the 2020 Third Congressional District Convention for any further amendments in accordance with the By-Laws of the Iowa Democratic Party.

C. Issues Section

1. Following completion of consideration of the Statement of Principles, the Chair of the Platform Committee or his or her designee shall move, in turn, the adoption of each subsection of Section II of the Platform, the Issues Section. Minority Reports in each subsection of the Issues Section shall be debated first. Minority Reports cannot be amended from the floor. The first proponent in debate of a Minority Report shall be a member of the Minority. The first opposition speaker in debate of a Minority Report shall be the Chair of the Platform Committee or his/her designee, if he/she so desires.

2. Any motion to debate, amend, or add a plank in the Issues section shall only be considered by the convention if such motion, in proper form (see provided form), is submitted to the Convention Secretary and the Platform Committee Chair. Each amendment or addition, or motion to otherwise debate a plank, must be written, legible, and accompanied by a petition in support thereof signed by at least ten per cent (10%) of the seated delegates, twenty-seven (27). Any delegate may offer a written, legible amendment to a plank once it has come to the floor. As noted above, this does not apply to Minority Reports. **{A form is included at the end of this report}**.

3. The first proponent in debate of a motion to debate, amend, or add a plank shall be the author of the amendment or maker of the motion. The first opposition speaker in

debate of a motion to debate, amend, or add a plank shall be the Chair of the Platform Committee or his/her designee, if he/she so desires.

4. Following action on all minority planks and motions to debate, add, or amend a plank, a motion to adopt the subsection, as amended, shall be in order.

IV. Rules Governing Elections

Affirmative Action Guidelines for all Elections at the District Convention

Article VIII, Section 1 of the Iowa Democratic Party Constitution reads:

“Proportional Representation. All caucuses, conventions, committees, and Democratic Party Officials shall take such practical steps as may be within their legitimate power to assure that all caucuses, conventions, and committees shall include: men, women, various age groups, racial minority groups, economic groups, and representatives of identifiable geographically defined populations - all in reasonable relationship to the proportions in which the groups are found in the populations of the respective constituencies. In the spirit of the above, all caucuses, conventions, and committees will also endeavor to include citizens of all national origins, ethnic identities, religions, sexual orientations, gender identities, and disabilities.”

The Chair of the Rules Committee or his/her designee shall explain the method of voting **prior** to any Delegate casting a ballot, including how a ballot can be spoiled (Section **IV-I**). For each round of balloting, the ballot number to be used and the number of positions to be filled on that ballot shall be announced. These rules shall govern votes within a preference group, as well as the convention as a whole.

A. Each seated Delegate shall receive, along with credentials, an official, uniquely numbered ballot set.

B. The Rules Committee or their designees shall collect and count all ballots.

C. Once the nominations have been completed or the nomination petitions received, the Rules Committee shall cause the candidates to be listed in order as drawn by lot by the Rules Committee and numbered. The list of candidates so ordered shall be displayed clearly for the entire delegation to see. Once the candidates have been assigned numbers, each candidate’s number shall remain the same until all seats are filled in that category even as others are elected and removed from the list. **Example:** Abbey Road is running for one of four positions as delegate. Abbey Road is given number 10 once the candidates are listed. Even though three other candidates are elected on the first round of balloting, Abbey Road’s number stays number 10 until all four seats are filled. If Abbey Road runs in another category of elections, perhaps for a committee position, her number would change according to the listing of all the candidates running in that election.

D. Each nominee will be allowed to decline.

E. No proxy or absentee voting is allowed.

F. Each candidate or his/her designee will be allowed up to two (2) minutes to address the Convention.

G. No more than a simple majority of the available positions may be filled on the first ballot. If the number of positions to be filled is five (5) or less, each Delegate shall vote for the number of candidates equal to the number of positions to be filled as directed at the time of voting.

H. If the number of positions to be filled is more than five (5), each Delegate shall vote for five (5) on each round of balloting except the last round. Upon the last round of balloting, each Delegate shall vote for the number of candidates equal to the number of positions left to be filled.

I. A ballot will be considered spoiled if a delegate:

1. Uses the wrong ballot
2. Casts a ballot that is incomplete (voted for too few candidates)
3. Casts a ballot that is over-voted (voted for too many candidates)
4. Casts a ballot that contains votes for a previously elected candidate(s)
5. Casts a ballot for a candidate more than once on the same ballot
6. Casts a ballot for an ineligible candidate

A ballot that is declared spoiled is not counted nor returned.

J. In the event that no candidate is elected by a majority vote on a given ballot, candidate(s) receiving fewer votes than other candidates shall be eliminated from further balloting under the following provisions:

1. At least one candidate shall be eliminated, starting with the candidate receiving the fewest votes;
2. Candidates receiving less than 15% of the total votes shall be eliminated, unless doing so would eliminate 50% or more of the candidates, in which case just less than 50% shall be eliminated;
3. In the event of a boundary tie, those candidates at the boundary shall be retained in the next balloting round.

K. While ballots are being counted, the Convention may proceed with other business.

V. Election Of Third Congressional District State Central Committee Members

A. Delegates will elect four (4) women and four (4) men to represent the Third Congressional District on the State Central Committee. Balloting shall be separate by gender. **These elections are not conducted within preference groups.**

B. Nominations, **but not nominating speeches**, will be accepted by the Convention Chair from the floor. Nominators must provide the Secretary of the Rules Committee legibly written contact information for the person they are nominating at the time of nomination or preferably before. The Rules Committee shall provide forms for this purpose. Each nominee shall be given an opportunity to decline.

C. Elections shall proceed as outlined in Article IV of these Rules.

VI. Election Of Third Congressional District Affirmative Action Committee Chair

A. The Convention Chair shall accept nominations from the floor of the Convention for one (1) position as Third Congressional District Affirmative Action Chair. Each nominee will be given an opportunity to decline. Each nominee will be allowed three (3) minutes to address the Delegates at the Convention. **This election is not conducted within preference groups.**

B. Each candidate will be assigned a number. Delegates shall vote by number for one candidate. A candidate must receive a simple majority of the votes cast by the Delegates to be elected.

C. If no candidate is elected on a given ballot, candidates receiving fewer votes than the other candidates shall be eliminated from further balloting for that position under the following provisions:

- 1) At least one (1) candidate shall be eliminated.
- 2) Candidates receiving less than fifteen percent (15%) of the total votes shall be eliminated.

VII. Election Of State Convention Committee Members

A. No later than ten (10) days prior to the District Convention, each of the convention committees, Arrangements, Credentials, Platform and Rules, shall nominate individuals to serve on the corresponding committee at the State Convention.

B. The number of members on the state convention committees has been determined by the State Central Committee. The number to be elected at each district convention has been allocated according to a system of proportional representation based on the results of the two most recent general elections.

C. The number of members for each state convention committee to be elected at the Third Congressional District Convention is fourteen (14). The same number of alternates as members may be elected.

If the convention has divided into preference groups the election of state convention committee members shall be conducted within the viable preference groups, as outlined in **VII-E**. If the convention has not divided into preference groups, the rules for this election process continue at **VII-D**.

D. Nominations and Election by Convention as a whole.

1. The Convention Chair shall announce the nominations received from the membership of each convention committee for election to the State Convention Committees. Any delegate may move to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for those nominated by the respective committees. That failing, nominations from the floor may be received.

2. Separate electronic/written ballots will be cast for male and female convention committee members.

3. Delegates will vote for the number of positions that can be filled, voting no more than once for any one candidate. Three (3) men and three (3) women may be elected on the first ballot for their gender.

4. A majority vote of the Delegates present and voting shall be required to elect state convention committee members. The candidate(s) receiving the most votes will be declared elected. In the event more candidates receive a majority than there are positions to be elected on that ballot, the candidate(s) receiving the most votes will be declared elected. All tied votes shall either be elected or defeated as a group (Boundary tie).

5. In the event that no candidate is elected on a given ballot, candidate(s) receiving fewer votes than the other candidates shall be eliminated from further balloting for that/those position(s) under the following provisions:

- a. At least one candidate shall be eliminated;
- b. Candidates receiving less than fifteen percent (15%) of the **total votes cast** shall be eliminated.

If application of (b) above would result in the elimination of all or all but one candidate, the percentage shall be lowered until at least two (2) candidates remain.

6. After a candidate or candidates is/are elected, all original nominees not previously elected will stand for the remaining position(s).

7. If fewer than five (5) convention committee members are left to be elected, the delegates will cast votes for all of the remaining positions on subsequent ballots. If more than five convention committee members are left to be elected, delegates will cast votes for five (5) candidates.

8. Election of convention committee members will continue as directed above until all committee positions for each committee are filled.

9. While ballots are being counted, the delegates may proceed with other convention business.

10. The names of those elected as convention committee members will be read and their names removed from the list of nominees. The ballot results will be reported to the convention.

11. When all convention committee member positions have been filled, the convention may elect as many alternate state convention committee members as it elects as committee members.

12. When nominations for alternate delegates cease, the Chair, after giving any nominee the opportunity to decline nomination, shall conduct written or electronic votes as necessary to fill the positions.

13. Election of Alternate Committee Members will proceed as above.

E. Nominations and Elections in Preference Groups

1. If the convention decides to divide into preference groups, election of State Convention Committee members will be done by the preference groups.

2. The Rules Committee Chair will report the number of state convention committee members each group is to elect. Delegates who are at that time members of non-viable groups will be declared ineligible to participate in these elections. The state convention committee member selection process will again be explained.

3. Delegate Math Worksheet

Awarding State Convention Committee Members:

Name of group	# of delegates in the group	# of delegates the group is electing	# of district convention delegates participating in preference group	Result before rounding	# of delegates the group will elect
A _____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
B _____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
C _____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
D _____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
E _____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
F _____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
G _____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
H _____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

4. The Chair of the Rules Committees shall report to each preference group's chairperson the names of the committee members who indicated their candidacy for state convention committees and their support for the group's preference. Any delegate may move to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for those nominated by their committee. That failing, nominations may be made from the floor after the final count of delegates pledged to the preference group and the number each group is to elect to the state convention committees is reported to the convention. **Election of state convention committee members shall take place after the above report is made to the convention.**

5. The preference group Chair shall announce the nominations received from the membership of each convention committee for election to state convention committees. Any delegate may move to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for those nominated by the respective committees. That failing, nominations from the floor may be received. Separate ballots will be cast for male and female candidates.

6. Each preference group Chair shall read aloud the following statement:

“All public meetings at all levels of the Democratic Party in Iowa shall be open to all members of the Democratic Party regardless of race, sex, age, color, creed, national origin, religion, ethnic identity, sexual orientation, economic status or disability (hereinafter collectively referred to as ‘status’.) In order that the Democratic Party at all levels be an open Party, which includes rather than excludes people from participation, a program of effective affirmative action has been adopted by the Iowa Democratic Party. Discrimination on the basis of ‘status’ in the conduct of Iowa Democratic Party affairs is prohibited.”

7. Each preference group Chair shall explain spoiled ballots (see **IV-I**)
8. Elections within each preference group will be conducted by representatives of the Rules Committee.
9. Each candidate for convention committee member **may** be allowed one (1) minute to speak to the preference group, or have someone speak on their behalf.
10. Separate electronic/written ballots will be cast for male and female convention committee members.
11. If the preference group is to elect three candidates of the same gender, each delegate shall cast two votes for candidates of that gender, voting no more than once for any one candidate, on the first ballot for each respective position. No more than one (1) convention committee members of that gender may be elected on the first ballot. If the preference group is to elect two candidates of the same gender, each delegate shall cast two votes for candidates of that gender, voting no more than once for any one candidate, on the first ballot for each respective position. No more than one convention committee member of that gender may be elected on the first ballot. If the preference group is to elect only one candidate of that gender, each delegate shall cast one vote, and a candidate may be elected on the first ballot.
12. A majority vote of the Delegates present and voting shall be required to elect state convention committee members. The candidate(s) receiving the most votes will be declared elected. All tied votes shall either be elected or defeated as a group (Boundary tie).
13. In the event that no candidate is elected on a given ballot, candidate(s) receiving fewer votes than the other candidates shall be eliminated from further balloting for that/those position(s) under the following provisions:
 - a. At least one candidate shall be eliminated;
 - b. Candidates receiving less than fifteen percent (15%) of the **total votes cast** shall be eliminated.
14. If application of (b) above would result in the elimination of all or all but one candidate, the percentage shall be lowered until at least two (2) candidates remain.

15. After a candidate or candidates is/are elected, all original nominees not previously elected will stand for the remaining position(s).
16. If fewer than five (5) convention committee members are left to be elected, the delegates will cast votes for all of the remaining positions on subsequent ballots. If more than five convention committee members are left to be elected, delegates will cast votes for five (5) candidates.
17. Election of convention committee members will continue as directed above until all committee positions for each committee are filled.
18. While ballots are being counted, the delegates may proceed with other convention business.
19. The names of those elected as convention committee members will be read and their names removed from the list of nominees. The ballot results will be reported to the preference group.
20. When all convention committee member positions have been filled, the preference group may elect as many alternate state convention committee members as it elects as committee members.
21. When nominations for alternate delegates cease, the Chair, after giving any nominee the opportunity to decline nomination, shall conduct written or electronic votes as necessary to fill the positions.
22. Election of Alternate Committee Members will proceed as above.

VIII. Ratification of Elections

The entire Convention shall ratify the elections conducted at the District Convention. The standard policies concerning challenges and Minority Reports shall apply. Challenges and Minority Reports may be filed with the Credentials Committee of the State Convention.

IX. Smoking

Iowa state law prohibits smoking and vaping in the building and on the grounds. Delegates are required to comply with any and all School, City and State regulations with regards to smoking and vaping.

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**THIRD CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
IOWA DEMOCRATIC PARTY
PLATFORM COMMITTEE REPORT
APRIL 28, 2018**

STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES

We are justly proud of our Democratic Party, its heritage, and its accomplishments. From its inception, the Democratic Party has committed itself to establishing and maintaining the rights and worth of the individual. We believe in a pro-active government that helps to secure these rights for all of its citizens. This belief commits us to promoting and safeguarding a quality of life that recognizes basic human dignity.

We freely welcome all those who join in our concern for human dignity, social justice, and quality of life for people. We value our diversity and believe that it strengthens our country. Our history as a party and as a nation compels us to oppose discrimination based on race, ethnicity, religion, age, disability, gender, economic status, sexual orientation, gender identity, or any other bias-based categorization imposed on individuals or groups.

Individual liberty is the cornerstone of American democracy. The government must protect the right to dissent. Limits must not be placed on any non-violent expression of personal beliefs or opinions.

The answer to governmental fiscal problems lies in a strong economy founded upon broadly based prosperity. We know that our success as a nation rests largely on the strength, inventiveness, and perseverance of our citizens. Market forces alone often do not serve the common good. We believe in a government that protects ALL individuals and assures equal opportunities for all.

The Democratic Party is inclusive; we welcome people of all beliefs and encourage a free and open discussion of issues. It is imperative the Democratic Party make the recruitment and election of Democratic women a top priority in all local, state and federal office elections. We treasure our democracy, in which every voter should count and every vote should be counted.

We encourage all levels of the Iowa Democratic Party to develop programs to increase participation in and accessibility to Democratic Party Caucuses. Young people are our future and we welcome them to join our party. County chapters of Young Democrats should be established and supported.

As temporary stewards of our natural resources, we demand that our governing bodies develop policies and **[enforce]** laws protecting our environment permanently from

44 wasteful and indiscriminate use. Clean air, healthy water, and diverse ecosystems,
45 including our national parks, oceans, and ancient forests, are part of our children's
46 future and must be protected.

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48 The infrastructure of our communities, our state and our nation is an investment in our
49 future. The base of our future is a strong educational system and expanded
50 opportunities that not only provide entry-level jobs, but also recognize an employee's
51 talents fairly and equitably.

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53 We support America's historic role as a leader in the search for a just peace in troubled
54 parts of the world. We support America's leadership role in the effort to eliminate
55 terrorism. In doing so we must respect human rights and continue to work closely with
56 our allies to ensure world-wide support for our efforts.

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58 **[SPECIAL RESOLUTION TO AMEND IDP BYLAWS]**

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60 The Bylaws of the Iowa Democratic Party (IDP), Article I, Section 1, Paragraph B, says,
61 “The Statement of Principles shall be a statement of abiding Democratic values and
62 principles. This document is to be reviewed by the Platform committee for the purpose
63 of making recommendations for additions and changes to reflect changes in the law, or
64 to remove a statement achieved as Party goals.”

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66 The Third District Democrats make the following recommendation to the Iowa
67 Democratic Party State Central Committee.

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- 69 A. give the platform committee authority to submit whatever changes it wishes
70 to make to the statement of principles in the platform report to the convention
71 every two years; or
 - 72 B. remove the statement of principles from the platform report; or
 - 73 C. have the State Central Committee prepare the statement of principles for the
74 States Convention, rather than having 99 county versions, and 4 district
75 versions.

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77 Under each of these three options, convention delegates would still have the ability to
78 make any changes they wish to make to the statement of principles.

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80 This would not be effective in 2018 but would apply in 2020.

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82 **[SPECIAL RESOLUTION REGARDING ACCESSIBILITY]**

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84 We support the Democratic Party's, Democratic Candidates' and Democratic Elected
85 Officials' efforts and dedication, at all levels, in ensuring all aspects of events including

86 but not limited to: the venue itself; candidate or Party fund-raisers; dinners or other large
87 gatherings, such as, Hall of Fame and galas; Central Committee, convention planning
88 meetings, business meetings (of all kinds at all levels); caucus, polling, and convention
89 locations and processes; and, Party and campaign offices are accessible for all.
90 Furthermore, we encourage and support all efforts to make this Party more inclusive by
91 ensuring our Democratic Principles are upheld and the civil rights of all are respected.

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STATEMENT OF ISSUES

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AGRICULTURE, ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT

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97 Agriculture for Productive Living and a Healthy Food Supply

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99 We support:

- 100 1. clean/safe drinking/recreational waters
- 101 2. locally grown/processed crops/livestock
- 102 3. restorative farming
- 103 4. crop/livestock diversification, including industrial hemp/cannabis
- 104 5. expanding markets for farmers

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106 Agricultural Policy

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108 We support:

- 109 6. increasing SNAP funding and benefits
- 110 7. increasing Leopold Center funding significantly
- 111 8. increasing CRP/CSP funding
- 112 9. capping crop insurance premium subsidies
- 113 10. market-indexing USDA loan rates
- 114 11. conservation compliance to receive federal subsidies
- 115 12. antitrust regulation of seed supply/food production/processing
- 116 13. the right to save seeds for personal use
- 117 14. domestic ownership of farmland
- 118 15. commercial taxation of non-homestead livestock production
- 119 16. defining CAFOs as industries
- 120 17. moratorium on CAFO construction/expansion until rules for local control of
121 siting are adopted
- 122 18. legal protection/conservation of healthy soil
- 123 19. farmer-owned grain reserves
- 124 20. GMO seed labeling
- 125 21. legal protection from pesticide/herbicide/GMO seed drift/contamination
- 126 22. the public's right to know permit compliance/TRI/chemical use

- 127 23. replacing Master Matrix with environmental assessments ensuring public
128 safety/air/water quality
129 24. odor nuisance regulation/enforcement
130 25. a mandatory/monitored/enforced nitrate and phosphorus reduction strategy
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132 We oppose:

- 133 26. vertically-integrated large-scale livestock production/corporate agriculture
134 27. "Ag-Gag" laws
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136 Livestock Management
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138 We support:

- 139 28. eliminating CAFOs' pollution-control property tax exemptions
140 29. responsible antibiotic use
141 30. humane animal treatment
142 31. fair livestock market access
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144 We oppose:

- 145 32. unregulated and excessive hormone use
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147 Food Supply and Safety
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149 We support:

- 150 33. strong safety/labeling requirements to ensure public food safety and
151 understanding of product, including origin/process location
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153 Energy: Combating Climate Change with Responsible Production and Use
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155 We support

- 156 34. the Paris Climate Accords
157 35. fossil fuel/nuclear power conversion to clean/renewable energy
158 36. electric vehicle infrastructure
159 37. higher CAFE standards
160 38. 50% renewable energy by 2030
161 39. energy conservation
162 40. smart-grid improvement
163 41. net-metering without discriminatory fees/taxes
164 42. the CPP
165 43. safe transport/storage of nuclear/fracking waste
166 44. regulating energy commodity speculation
167 45. extending geothermal/biomass/wind/solar-energy subsidies
168 46. carbon fees and dividends

- 169 47. banning fracking/fracking waste disposal in Iowa
- 170 48. the Clean Line
- 171 49. IRPS/FIT

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174 We oppose:

- 175 50. fossil-fuel/nuclear power subsidies
- 176 51. tar-sands/pet coke
- 177 52. new coal power plants
- 178 53. nuclear power plants re-licensing/construction
- 179 54. deep-water/arctic oil drilling
- 180 55. oil drilling/lumbering/mining in national parks
- 181 56. reclassifying national monuments as private property

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183 Environment, Stewardship and Livability

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185 We support:

- 186 57. amending Iowa's Constitution to provide environmental protection
- 187 58. environmental protection and public-health over corporate profits
- 188 59. reduction/reuse/recycling
- 189 60. municipal composting/recycling
- 190 61. enforcing ESA/CAA/CWA regulations
- 191 62. funding REAP and NRORTF
- 192 63. funding IDNR above 2009 levels
- 193 64. enacting IEQA
- 194 65. banning neonicotinoid pesticides to protect pollinators
- 195 66. encouraging habitat restoration for pollinators/bees
- 196 67. expanding the bottle-bill
- 197 68. sequestering carbon
- 198 69. reclaiming mercury/lead
- 199 70. local control of sand-mining siting
- 200 71. permanently protecting ANWR
- 201 72. using recycled plastic to mend roads
- 202 73. gravity energized LED lighting

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204 We oppose:

- 205 74. lead/plastic shot
- 206 75. lead wheel-weights
- 207 76. corporate polluters' "grandfather" clauses
- 208 77. environmental protection rollbacks

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210 Watershed Management

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212 We support:
213 78. returning waterways to healthy/swimmable/fishable conditions
214 79. publicly owned/affordable clean water
215 80. incentives for sustainable technologies/integrated watershed management
216 81. accessible IDNR well data/testing
217 82. fully protecting/enforcing CWA including intermittent streams/wetlands
218 83. Revised Universal Soil Loss Equation Version Three enacted under
219 President Obama
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221 Planning and Zoning
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- 223 We support:
224 84. "Smart Growth"
225 85. sustainable development
226 86. livable/walkable neighborhoods
227 87. preserving farmland/sensitive and unique natural areas
228 88. LEED requirements for public building
229 89. preserving and replacing topsoil for new development
230 90. notification by county auditors to all landowners/residents within 1 mile before
231 permitting CAFO construction/expansion
232 91. local approval for fossil fuel pipelines
233 92. community gardens
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- 235 We oppose:
236 93. subsidies for urban growth on farm and park lands
237 94. eminent domain abuse
238 95. annexation without a binding vote of the targeted residents/property owners
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240 ACRONYMS USED IN THIS SECTION

- 241 50 by 30 – 50% clean energy by 2030
242 ADA – Americans with Disabilities Act
243 AFO – Animal Feed Operations
244 ANWR – Arctic National Wildlife Refuge
245 CAA – Clean Air Act
246 CAFE – Corporate Automotive Fuel Economy
247 CAFO – Confined/Concentrated Animal Feeding Operation
248 Clean Line – electrical transmission lines to transport wind-generated electrical
249 energy from NW Iowa to Illinois
250 CPP – Clean Power Plan
251 CRP – Conservation Reserve Program
252 CSP – Conservation Services Program

253 CWA – Clean Water Act
254 EPA – Environmental Protection Act
255 ESA – Endangered Species Act
256 FIT – Feed-In Tariffs
257 GMO – Genetically Modified Organism
258 IDNR – Iowa Department of Natural Resources
259 IEQA – Iowa Environmental Quality Act
260 IRPS – Iowa Renewable Portfolio Standards
261 IWILL – Iowa's Water and Land Legacy (subsumed under NRORTF)
262 LEED – Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design
263 NRORTF--Natural Resources and Outdoor Recreation Trust Fund
264 NRCS – Natural Resources Conservation Service
265 REAP – Resource Enhancement and Protection
266 SNAP – Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program
267 TRI – Toxic Release Inventory Program/chemical use reports
268 USDA – United States Department of Agriculture

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ECONOMY, COMMERCE AND LABOR

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271 Labor

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273 We support:

274 96. restoring and strengthening public-sector bargaining rights and protections

275 97. workers having the rights to organize and join unions

276 98. project labor agreements

277 99. equal pay for equal work

278 100. union apprenticeships and memberships

279 101. workers' rights to select their own doctor for workplace injuries

280 102. use of trade unions for infrastructure jobs

281 103. preserving and protecting unemployment insurance benefits

282 104. maintaining IPERS as a defined benefit plan

283 105. Family Medical Leave Act

284 106. Fair Labor Standards Act

285 107. a state-sponsored defined benefit retirement system for Iowans, similar to
286 IPERS

287 108. expanding Federal Davis-Bacon Act to include all publicly funded projects

288 109. a community-college based job training program for displaced workers

289 110. restoring protections under Iowa Worker's Compensation Law prior to 2017

290 111. prosecuting unfair labor practices

291 112. setting minimum wage at the living wage as defined by MIT

292 113. reducing inequity between executive and employee compensation

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- 294 114. temporary employees being paid equivalent wages to permanent employees
- 295 for equivalent work
- 296 115. making it easier to prove employment discrimination
- 297 116. a responsible, integrated strategy for artificial intelligence innovation that
- 298 protects and retrains workers
- 299 117. reopening Iowa Workforce Development offices
- 300 118. defining responsible bidder for government contracts at the local level

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302 We oppose:

- 303 119. recertification election requirements for public unions
- 304 120. privatizing public-sector jobs
- 305 121. wage theft, employee misclassification, unfair overtime requirements, and
- 306 other employer abuses
- 307 122. restricting local government's ability to establish a wage rate higher than the
- 308 state minimum wage
- 309 123. social networking identification/password as condition of employment
- 310 124. hiring replacement workers for laid off or striking Union workers

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312 Economy

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314 We support:

- 315 125. net neutrality
- 316 126. statewide access to broadband
- 317 127. consumer protections for E-commerce, cashless transactions, and security
- 318 on the Internet
- 319 128. current laws regulating Iowa Credit Unions
- 320 129. an equitable and more progressive tax system
- 321 130. eliminating social security taxable wage cap
- 322 131. taxing high-frequency trading
- 323 132. equitable trade agreements assuring full transparency, protecting workers'
- 324 rights, and the environment
- 325 133. government entities purchasing US union-made products
- 326 134. US manufacturing military components
- 327 135. regulating financial speculation
- 328 136. 21st Century Glass-Steagall Act
- 329 137. incentives creating/retaining/returning jobs to US
- 330 138. increasing public transportation including rail
- 331 139. small businesses
- 332 140. transparency and accountability for municipal, state, and federal funds
- 333 granted to corporations as incentives
- 334 141. strengthening and enforcing antitrust laws by expanding antitrust merger and
- 335 conduct enforcement analyses
- 336 142. capping annual interest rates on small consumer loans

- 337 143. updating, modernizing, and maintaining infrastructure throughout the State of
- 338 Iowa and United States
- 339 144. establishment of a national universal basic income
- 340 145. clearly labeling the full retail price of products and services in stores and
- 341 online

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343 We oppose:

- 344 146. corporate welfare
- 345 147. tax breaks for companies outsourcing US jobs
- 346 148. off-shore tax shelters by US individuals, corporations, and foreign
- 347 subsidiaries
- 348 149. Acting Governor Reynolds' proposed tax cuts
- 349 150. renaming social security earned benefits as federal benefits
- 350 151. regulatory capture
- 351 152. corporations having the constitutional status as individuals
- 352 153. corporate tax evasion via subsidiary and descendant companies

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EDUCATION

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356 We support:

- 357 154. involvement from the community, parents, and public education professionals
- 358 in matters of education problem solving and decision making
- 359 155. fulfilling school administrators' requests for at least 6% State Supplemental
- 360 Aid for K-12 education
- 361 156. restoring the independent allowable growth formula to determine public
- 362 school funding
- 363 157. providing educational tools and resources for students who need additional
- 364 assistance including online classes and public radio and television
- 365 158. the right of students with disabilities to access public education until age 21
- 366 159. access to post-secondary programs debt-free for at least two years including:
- 367 a. vocational programs
- 368 b. regent state universities
- 369 c. community colleges
- 370 160. dyslexia screening for children in K-12 schools and the Iowa Juvenile Justice
- 371 system
- 372 161. state mandates that require all public schools include instruction in physical
- 373 health, mental health, and sex education that is thorough, medically-
- 374 accurate, fact-based, age-appropriate, and relevant
- 375 162. training for all four literacy skills: listening, speaking, reading, and writing
- 376 163. expansion of full-day kindergarten and universal preschool
- 377 164. full funding for:
- 378 a. fine and applied arts
- 379 b. ELL/ESL programs

- 380 c. career and vocational education
- 381 d. literacy education
- 382 e. math, science, and technology
- 383 f. civic education
- 384 g. personal financial literacy
- 385 165. recruiting and retaining quality teachers with salaries and benefits, including
- 386 pensions, at or above the national averages
- 387 166. the Teacher Leadership Compensation program
- 388 167. maintaining the highest standards for teacher certification
- 389 168. restoring and increasing funding to the regent universities and community
- 390 colleges
- 391 169. unemployment benefits for para-educators
- 392 170. District Voluntary Diversity Plans
- 393 171. programs to decrease the high school dropout rate
- 394 172. expansion of student loan forgiveness programs to reward community
- 395 service and public service jobs
- 396 173. mental health professionals in all schools
- 397 174. the reduction of class size through additional staff
- 398 175. keeping student loan interest rates low
- 399 176. standards for home schooling and registration/monitoring of home-schooled
- 400 students by local school districts
- 401 177. radon testing for school buildings
- 402 178. increasing funding for the Pell Grant and Workstudy programs
- 403 179. modernizing the Fair Funding Formulas for rural schools
- 404 180. an option for a guaranteed rate or return for funds in 529 savings plan

406 We oppose:

- 407 181. teacher compensation based on standardized test scores
- 408 182. using tax dollars to fund PK-12 private schools through methods including:
- 409 a. voucher systems
- 410 b. education savings accounts
- 411 c. charter school pre-tax plans
- 412 183. religious bias in publicly funded education
- 413 184. arming school employees
- 414 185. any unauthorized guns on school grounds
- 415 **186. [MINORITY REPORT: replace 185 with “any weapons on school**
- 416 **grounds except by law enforcement”]**

418 GOVERNMENT

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420 Elections and Voting

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422 We support:

- 423 187. public disclosure and limits on all contributions to political entities
- 424 188. a national election day holiday
- 425 189. ranked choice voting and instant runoff elections in primaries
- 426 190. absentee and early voting
- 427 191. open source voting machine software
- 428 192. exclusively publicly funded elections
- 429 193. open and transparent lobbying activity
- 430 194. fair and timely confirmation proceedings of judicial appointees
- 431 195. repealing the Iowa 2016 Voter Registration Acts
- 432 196. standardization for all elections in Iowa regarding poll supervision, ballot type
- 433 and tabulation
- 434 197. public office holders and candidates release at least ten years of tax returns
- 435 198. paper ballots and/or records to backup electronic voting systems
- 436 199. non-partisan voter roll maintenance system
- 437 200. the Special Counsel's investigation into outside influence in American
- 438 elections
- 439 201. restoring the Voting Rights Act of 1965 in its entirety
- 440 202. re-examining IRC [501(c)(4)] status for organizations engaging in political
- 441 activity
- 442 **203. [MINORITY REPORT: add "term limits"]**

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444 We oppose:

- 445 204. unpledged superdelegates
- 446 **205. [MINORITY REPORT: strike 204]**

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448 Gun Control

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450 We support:

- 451 206. expansion of the NICS, universal background checks, on firearms transfers
- 452 207. re-classification of 'bump stocks' as restricted items under Title II of the
- 453 National Firearms Act
- 454 208. passage of the Gun Violence Restraining Order Act of 2017
- 455 209. gun buyback programs
- 456 210. mandatory reporting of lost/stolen firearms
- 457 211. updated version of the Assault Weapons Ban of 1994
- 458 212. a ban on private transfers of firearms without serial numbers
- 459 213. the rights of businesses/local governments to ban weapons on their premises
- 460 214. closing the "Charleston loophole", preventing firearms sales without a
- 461 completed background check
- 462 215. the repeal of the Protection of Lawful Commerce in Arms Act

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464 We oppose:

- 465 216. sales of high capacity magazines and suppressors

466 217. national concealed carry reciprocity

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470 Judiciary and Criminal Justice

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472 We support:

473 218. adequate prison funding

474 219. eliminating drug conviction questions on employment and housing
475 applications, and FAFSA

476 220. increased funding for drug and mental health courts, re-entry programs, and
477 legal aid

478 221. alternatives to incarceration for non-violent crimes

479 222. automatic voting rights restoration

480 223. fully funding the Iowa judiciary including restoring the judiciary program that
481 financially assists survivors of domestic abuse and sexual assault

482 224. FISA

483 225. prosecuting violence at abortion clinics as domestic terrorism

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485 We oppose:

486 226. private prisons

487 227. juvenile life sentences

488 228. mandatory minimum sentencing

489 229. the USA PATRIOT Act

490 230. indefinite detention provisions in NDAA

491 231. any bill requiring a super majority of Justices when ruling on the
492 constitutionality of a state law

493 232. Racism and discrimination

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495 State and Federal Policy

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497 We support:

498 233. protections of Medicaid, Medicare, Social Security, IPERS

499 234. District of Columbia and Puerto Rico statehood

500 235. Iowa maintaining its judicial merit-selection/retention-election

501 236. legalizing/decriminalizing cannabis

502 237. the Office of Congressional Ethics

503 238. repeal of "English only law"

504 239. open meeting requirements for all congressional conference committee
505 meetings

506 240. transparency in earmark voting and authorship for all draft legislation

- 507 241. changing the formula of COLA increases to include medical costs, food and
508 energy
509 242. DACA recipients with a path to citizenship
510 243. recognition of transgender/nonbinary gender on all party and government
511 documents where gender disclosure is optional or required
512 244. the right of transgender individuals to choose the gender they identify with on
513 government and employment forms
514

515 We oppose:

- 516 245. privatization of government services and public resources
517 246. any constitutional convention
518 **247. [MINORITY REPORT: add “unfunded federal mandates”]**
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520 Taxes and Social Security
521

522 We support:

- 523 248. increasing the EITC and Iowa's CCA income threshold
524 249. periodic review of all corporate tax credits and abatements
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526 We oppose:

- 527 250. 2017 “Tax Cuts and Jobs Act”
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529 Transportation
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531 We support:

- 532 251. maintaining safe and economic transportation options that make use of
533 alternative energies
534 252. driver's licenses for eligible drivers regardless of immigration status
535 253. motorcycle helmet laws
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537 Veterans
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539 We support:

- 540 254. reforming VA benefits to be more inclusive for all veterans
541 255. immediate citizenship for non-citizens upon honorable discharge from US
542 Military service
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544 ACRONYMS USED IN THIS SECTION

- 545 CCA - Child Care Assistance
546 COLA – Cost of Living Adjustment
547 EITC - Earned Income Tax Credit
548 FAA - Federal Aviation Administration

549 FAFSA - Free Application for Federal Student Aid
550 FISA - Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act
551 IPERS – Iowa Public Employees Retirement System
552 IRC - Internal Revenue Code
553 NDAA – National Defense Authorization Act
554 NICS – National Instant Criminal Background Check System
555 VA - Veterans Administration

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HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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559 General

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561 We support:

562 256. universally accessible single payer health care, including mental, dental, and
563 vision care

564 257. medical end of life options

565 **258. [MINORITY REPORT: replace 257 with “medical end of life options, but
566 not medically assisted suicide”]**

567 259. removing cannabis from Schedule 1, expanding access to medical cannabis,
568 and clarifying that those who participate and follow the rules are not violating
569 any federal law

570 260. increasing scrutiny of abuse/neglect cases, especially from mandatory
571 reporters

572 261. maintaining existing state licensing of medical professionals

573 262. stem cell research

574 263. fund CDC to do research on gun violence

575 264. disease prevention, care management and targeted incentives to encourage
576 wellness

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578 We oppose:

579 265. denying medical services or providing substandard care due to personal
580 and/or religious bias by medical or pharmaceutical professionals

581 266. non-medical exemptions to vaccinations

582 267. casino exemptions to the Smoke-free Air Act

583 268. repealing the ACA without a Medicare buy-in option or universal health
584 coverage

585 269. Medicaid block grants

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587 Mental Health, Addiction, and Disability Support Systems

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589 We support:

590 270. mental healthcare parity

591 271. restoring and expanding mental health facilities
592 272. increasing respite services

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594 Children and Families

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596 We support:

597 273. increased access to affordable housing

598 274. sufficient funding/services for:

599 a. child welfare systems

600 b. child and maternal health programs

601 c. programs that prevent child abuse and neglect

602 d. child care and youth programs

603 e. SNAP, WIC, Community Eligibility, and other anti-hunger programs

604 275. adequate supervision and timely inspection of child-care centers, SNF, LTC
605 facilities and paid in-home care

606 276. full and fair enforcement of Iowa and federal Child Support Recovery Acts
607 and Deadbeat Parents Punishment Act

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609 We oppose:

610 277. LGBTQIA+ conversion therapy

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612 Adults

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614 We support:

615 278. legislation ensuring appropriate funding of LTC facilities and dementia units
616 to assure proper staffing and training for the number and acuity of residents

617 279. tax credits for caregivers caring for elderly and disabled family members

618 280. fully funding the Department of Aging and restoring funds for long-term care
619 ombudsmen

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621 Reproductive Rights

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623 We support:

624 281. the right of women to make their own reproductive choices

625 282. the right of transgender individuals to make their own reproductive choices

626 283. full funding for Planned Parenthood

627 284. student access to free barrier-based contraceptives in public schools

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629 We oppose:

630 285. reducing funding and decreasing access to women's healthcare, birth
631 control, acute care and abortion

632 286. parental notification requirements for minors seeking contraceptives or
633 abortions
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635 Reimbursement and Coverage
636

637 We support:

- 638 287. continuity of Medicaid coverage for autistic individuals regardless of age
639 288. long-term funding for Medicare, Medicaid, Iowa DHS, and VA benefits
640 289. community health centers
641 290. regulating healthcare and drug costs
642 291. expanding Medicaid to include assisted living
643 292. increasing Medicare and Medicaid reimbursement to providers
644 293. insurance coverage for contraceptives and abortions
645 294. coverage for transgender-related healthcare
646 295. establishing a state-run health record information exchange with patient opt
647 out
648 296. repealing Iowa Non-Covered Services Law
649 297. restoring the state-run Medicaid system
650 298. allowing Medicare/Medicaid (CMS) and other government programs to
651 negotiate with pharmaceutical companies on drug prices and healthcare
652 services
653 299. setting price caps on pharmaceutical drugs including access to life-sustaining
654 medications
655 300. adequate provision of anti-overdose medications for healthcare providers,
656 police departments, and other community members trained in its
657 administration
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659 We oppose:

- 660 301. privatizing/reduced funding for Medicare and Medicaid
661 302. discrimination against patients by providers based on coverage source
662 303. limiting access to abortion services based on fetal heartbeat
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664 ACRONYMS USED IN THIS SECTION

- 665 ACA – The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, colloquially known as
666 “Obamacare”
667 CDC - Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
668 LGBTQIA+ – Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Questioning/Queer, Intersex,
669 Asexual
670 LTC – Long-term Care
671 SNF – Skilled Nursing Facilities
672 VA – Veterans Administrations
673 DHS – Department of Human Services

674 SNAP – Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program
675 WIC – Women Infants and Children

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679 HUMAN RIGHTS

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681 We support:

- 682 304. “Ban the Box” legislation removing criminal record questions from initial
683 applications for employment and housing
- 684 305. universal voting rights to include those currently incarcerated
- 685 306. expanding domestic violence laws to include dating relationships
- 686 307. legislative initiatives that promote the safety of crime victims
- 687 308. adequately funding agencies that address and resolve complaints of
688 discrimination
- 689 309. the independent collection and public availability of data concerning
690 discriminatory policing/profiling with the goal of increasing transparency and
691 ending racial profiling
- 692 310. the human rights of all incarcerated people
- 693 311. a thorough review of the legal process that perpetuates the disproportionate
694 incarceration of persons of color and mandatory training about implicit bias
695 for people working in the justice system
- 696 312. the human rights of immigrants, including due process, family preservation
697 and a pathway to citizenship
- 698 313. sanctuary cities
- 699 314. healthcare, including physical and mental health care, as a fundamental
700 human right
- 701 315. the equal rights of LBGTQIA+ residents, including family leave, public
702 accommodations, government forms, adoption placement, employment
703 rights, military service and other areas
- 704 316. strengthening education about implicit racial bias, including training for those
705 working in the justice system
- 706 317. laws and policies that affirm the dignity and rights of vulnerable populations
707 including elderly, children and persons with disabilities
- 708 318. laws and policies to provide safe, respectful and harassment-free public and
709 private workplaces
- 710 319. all gender restrooms
- 711 320. the strengthening of laws and policies that assist persons with disabilities
- 712 321. use of video and audio body cameras by law enforcement providing public
713 access to all recordings
- 714 322. rights of students to have a safe educational environment
- 715 323. reproductive rights
- 716 324. access to safe and affordable water as human right

- 717 325. the right to privacy
718 326. U.S. abiding by UN Universal Declaration of Human Rights
719 327. the sovereign rights of indigenous people
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722 We oppose:
723 328. efforts to create religious exemptions to LGBTQIA+ anti-discrimination laws
724 329. weakening or withdrawing policies and laws that assist persons with
725 disabilities in accessibility, education and employment
726 330. requiring local law enforcement to perform immigration enforcements and
727 duties delegated to ICE
728 331. the criminalization of addiction and drug use
729 332. the disenfranchisement of voters through voter suppression efforts not limited
730 to Voter ID laws, gerrymandering, and adding the citizenship question to the
731 census
732 333. stand-your-ground-laws except as they apply to the Castle Doctrine
733 334. the death penalty
734 335. the weakening of the separation of church and state
735 336. insurance companies denying or limiting health coverage based on sexual
736 orientation or gender identity
737 337. ageism
738 338. drug testing to determining eligibility for public assistance
739 339. the dehumanization of inmates including the use of extended solitary
740 confinement

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

Southeast Asia

- 745
746 We support:
747 340. denuclearization of North Korea through six-party talks
748 341. engaging China strategically while promoting freedom of religion, the press,
749 and the seas--especially the South China Sea
750 342. renegotiating and eventually joining the Trans-Pacific Partnership, and
751 removing any extension of patent law regarding medications beyond the
752 present time limitation set by current law
753 343. the rule of law in the Philippines
754 344. Myanmar's warming to democracy
755 345. cessation of Rohingya persecution and ethnic cleansing in Myanmar
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- 757 We oppose:
758 346. any preemptive North Korean strike

759 347. extrajudicial killings in the Philippines

760 Middle East

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762 We support:

763 348. Syrian President Bashar al-Assad's resignation and a negotiated political

764 transition to democratic pluralism

765 349. humanitarian assistance to Syrian refugees

766 350. security to Syria's neighbors specifically including the nonstate entities of the

767 Kurdish regions during this crisis

768 351. a negotiated two-state solution between Israel and Palestine wherein both

769 live in sustained and stable peace

770 352. commitment to Iraqi democracy and encouragement of inclusive institutions

771 353. no further nuclear-specific sanctions in Iran, as long as Iran continues to

772 abide by the nuclear agreement's terms

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774 Africa

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776 We support:

777 354. continued aid to our African partners in confronting terrorist organizations

778 355. growth of democracies on the continent

779 356. dedicating ourselves to strengthening democratic institutions

780 357. promoting human rights and governmental accountability

781 358. assisting in global health challenges

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783 Russia

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785 We support:

786 359. full enforcement of the Russian sanctions

787 360. continued coordination with our European allies to expose, contain, and deter

788 Russia's "hybrid warfare" campaigns and election meddling

789 361. Ukrainian territorial integrity

790 362. Georgia's territorial integrity

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792 We oppose:

793 363. Russia's annexation of Crimea and arming of separatist militias in Donbass

794 364. Russia's occupation of Abkhazia and South Ossetia

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796 Latin America

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798 We support:

- 799 365. NAFTA's preservation as fundamental to American prosperity and economic
800 growth - especially to lowan farmers now seeing expanded markets and
801 opportunities
802 366. "Cuban thaw" and pushing to normalize relations and end the embargo
803 367. Venezuelan President Nicolás Maduro's resignation and his political
804 opponents' freedom
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806 Global
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808 We support:
809 368. the continued role of the United States in cooperation with other nations to
810 maintain global peace and security
811 369. maintaining our commitment to the special relationship with the United
812 Kingdom and to our NATO and EU allies
813 370. the United Nations
814 371. unwavering commitment to international rules-based order
815 372. coordinated international efforts to stop ethnic cleansing/genocide

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As noted in Section **III-B-3** of the Report of the Rules Committee, the Statement of Principles shall be voted on as a whole and the Statement of Issues shall be voted on by subcommittee section unless **twenty-seven (27) Delegates** sign a petition to reserve a paragraph of the Statement of Principles or a specific issue of the Statement of Issues for separate debate and vote. Petitions for separate debate and vote shall be submitted to the **Convention Secretary by 11:00 AM** or thirty (30) minutes after the final report from the Credentials Committee, whichever is later.

Amendments to either the Statement of Principles or Statement of Issues must be in writing, legible and accompanied by a petition in support thereof, signed by **twenty-seven (27)** of the seated Delegates to the Convention, and submitted to the **Convention Secretary by 11:00 AM** or thirty (30) minutes after the final report from the Credentials Committee, whichever is later.

I wish to amend the Statement of Principles or Statement of Issues of the Third Congressional District Platform at line number _____ to read as follows **OR** I wish to add a plank to the Statement of Issues as follows:

OR

I wish to reserve the paragraph of the Statement of Principles or the specific Issue in the Statement of Issues of the District Platform as noted at line number _____ for debate by the convention.

Respectfully submitted by _____, Delegate number _____.

Printed Name: _____

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Signatures and Delegate numbers on the following page are required

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Based on *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised (10th Edition)*

Part 1, Main Motions. These motions are listed in order of precedence. A motion can be introduced if it is higher on the chart than the pending motion. § indicates the section from Robert's Rules.

§	PURPOSE:	YOU SAY:	INTERRUPT?	2ND?	DEBATE?	AMEND?	VOTE?
§21	Close meeting	I move to adjourn	No	Yes	No	No	Majority
§20	Take break	I move to recess for ...	No	Yes	No	Yes	Majority
§19	Register complaint	I rise to a question of privilege	Yes	No	No	No	None
§18	Make follow agenda	I call for the orders of the day	Yes	No	No	No	None
§17	Lay aside temporarily	I move to lay the question on the table	No	Yes	No	No	Majority
§16	Close debate	I move the previous question	No	Yes	No	No	2/3
§15	Limit or extend debate	I move that debate be limited to ...	No	Yes	No	Yes	2/3
§14	Postpone to a certain time	I move to postpone the motion to ...	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Majority
§13	Refer to committee	I move to refer the motion to ...	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Majority
§12	Modify wording of motion	I move to amend the motion by ...	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Majority
§11	Kill main motion	I move that the motion be postponed indefinitely	No	Yes	Yes	No	Majority
§10	Bring business before assembly (a main motion)	I move that [or "to"] ...	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Majority

§	PURPOSE:	YOU SAY:	INTERRUPT?	2ND?	DEBATE?	AMEND?	VOTE?
§23	Enforce rules	Point of Order	Yes	No	No	No	None
§24	Submit matter to assembly	I appeal from the decision of the chair	Yes	Yes	Varies	No	Majority
§25	Suspend rules	I move to suspend the rules	No	Yes	No	No	2/3
§26	Avoid main motion altogether	I object to the consideration of the question	Yes	No	No	No	2/3
§27	Divide motion	I move to divide the question	No	Yes	No	Yes	Majority
§29	Demand a rising vote	I move for a rising vote	Yes	No	No	No	None

§33	Parliamentary law question	Parliamentary inquiry	Yes	No	No	No	None
§33	Request for information	Point of information	Yes	No	No	No	None
Part 3, Motions That Bring a Question Again Before the Assembly. No order of precedence. Introduce only when nothing else is pending.							
§	PURPOSE:	YOU SAY:	INTERRUPT?	2ND?	DEBATE?	AMEND?	VOTE?
§34	Take matter from table	I move to take from the table ...	No	Yes	No	No	Majority
§35	Cancel previous action	I move to rescind ...	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	2/3 or Majority with notice
§37	Reconsider motion	I move to reconsider ...	No	Yes	Varies	No	Majority



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