

Agriculture, Food, & Land Stewardship

1. Regenerative Farming Practices Funding

Support and prioritize funding for research, technical assistance, and education to ensure the rapid implementation of regenerative farming practices.

2. Prevent Rural Food Deserts

Support innovative programs to prevent rural food deserts, such as food co-ops or small independent grocery stores in our rural communities through grants or tax credits.

3. Fully Fund School Meals

Support full funding for all nutrition programs at public schools including, but not limited to breakfast, lunch and snack time.

4. Fair Payments for Agricultural Land Use

Support adequate payment to farmer landowners when taking land out of production for buffer strips and waterways, with incentives to set up alternative agriculture production systems including haying and grazing.

5. Competition in Meat Processing

Support more competition in the meat processing industry through enforcement of the Packers and Stockyards Act. Promoting meat cutting programs at vocational schools and grants to local butcher shops to expand their businesses to compete with the major packers.

Civil, Human & Constitutional Rights

6. Restore The Vote

Support Minnesota passing legislation to allow people that have served their time and are living in their community to vote.

7. Pass Protect Reproductive Options Act

Support passing the Protect Reproductive Options (PRO) Act. This PRO Act establishes Minnesotans' fundamental right to make autonomous decisions about their reproductive health care, including the right to contraception, the right to continue a pregnancy and give birth, and the right to have an abortion. We must keep fighting until reproductive rights are protected in Minnesota.

Consumer Protection

8. End Privatization of Public Services

Support ending the practice of privatization of public institutions and services. This would apply especially to prisons, hospitals, and educational institutions – but would also extend to other services formerly conducted by public governmental agencies & civil servants, but subsequently auctioned off to private contractors.

9. Legalize Marijuana

Support full legalization of all possession and use of marijuana for either medicinal or recreational purposes; releasing from incarceration all those currently serving prison time for such offenses; and the retroactive expungement of all criminal records related to these acts no longer considered to be criminal offenses.

Corporate & Business Accountability to the Public

10. Public Banks

Call on the Minnesota Legislature to follow the leads of California and North Dakota in establishing Public Banks at the state and municipal levels, where local tax receipts could be made available for local investments that would directly benefit and meet state and local needs without having to pay hefty fees and interest to Wall Street bankers.

11. Money Is Not Speech

Support returning to the clear, pre-2010 understanding of the boundaries of first amendment rights (prior to the SCOTUS 2010 Citizens United decision): Corporations are NOT People and Money is NOT Speech!

12. End Cash Bail

Support the elimination of cash bail as the default mechanism to ensure court appearances. This system hurts poorer people disproportionately and has fostered a predatory bail bond system which adds further burdens to families who can least afford it.

13. End computerized market manipulation

Support bringing fairness and stability to financial markets by introducing a small tax levied on every financial transaction, thus eliminating the opportunity for computerized investment algorithms to extract profits from minor moment-to-moment fluctuations in stock prices over the course of a trading period.

14. Glass–Steagall

Support 21st century Glass–Steagall federal legislation mandating that the financial services industry, within a five-year window, entirely sever all affiliations between federally insured banks, risk-taking investment institutions, and/or insurance underwriters, including any affiliations between persons serving in any employ or leadership capacity for these entities.

Education

15. Cancel Student Loans

Support and fight for legislation that aims to reduce or eliminate Minnesotans' student loan debt.

16. Universal Pre-K

Support public school-based pre-kindergarten, taught by licensed professionals, being made available to all Minnesota four-year-olds.

17. Equitable Public Education Funding

Support ensuring all public school students have access to local, quality public education through an equitable funding formula in Minnesota and maintain a uniform, high quality of public schools throughout the state.

18. Drivers Licenses For All

Support access to Minnesota state drivers licenses to undocumented Minnesotans.

19. Honesty in Education

Support ethnic studies as part of high school graduation requirements.

20. Free State Higher Education

Support free state colleges and universities.

Energy & Climate

21. Ban new fossil fuel projects

Support mandating the calculation of climate impacts including external and social costs of carbon, for all new infrastructure projects; limit funding or deny permits for high impact projects and incentivize those with the lowest carbon footprint; remove existing fossil fuel-based infrastructure as quickly as possible.

22. Net Zero by 2050

Support Minnesota transitioning to 100% clean electricity by 2040 as part of a statewide plan that reduces racial, gender, and economic disparities while cutting greenhouse gasses 45% by 2030 and to net zero by 2050.

23. Prove It First

Support a moratorium on copper-nickel sulfide mining in Minnesota's watersheds until it is proven first to be safe in water-rich environments for the protection of some of America's greatest treasures, including but not limited to Lake Superior, the BWCA, Voyageurs National Park, and the Mississippi River.

Government Accountability to the Public

24. National Popular Vote Interstate Compact

Support the National Popular Vote Interstate Compact, which bypasses the Electoral College to guarantee the Presidency to the candidate receiving the most popular votes among the 50 states and District of Columbia, until/unless a constitutional amendment eliminates the Electoral College in favor of the popular vote.

25. Government employees shouldn't be in known hate groups

Support prohibiting police officers from affiliating with, supporting, or advocating for white supremacist groups, causes, or ideologies.

26. Police officers should live where they work

Support repealing the state law banning municipalities from establishing residency requirements for police officers.

27. End qualified immunity for police

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28. Expand Voting Rights

Support automatically registering eligible residents to vote when they apply for a new state ID or driver's license, with an opt-out option; allowing residents with a felony record who are on probation or parole to vote; helping voters who choose to be on a permanent absentee ballot list wherein they automatically receive a mailed ballot; adding secure drop boxes in voting jurisdictions.

29. Civilian Oversight

Support repealing the state law that prohibits civilian review boards from having full oversight over police.

30. Qualified Immunity Reform

Support the creation of a state pathway to bring civil claims against government agents who violate civil rights.

31. Ranked Choice Voting

Support the Ongoing Platform for Ranked Choice Voting (RCV) for use in all federal elections including federal primaries and general elections.

32. All-Party Primaries

Support the use of non-partisan, all-party primaries, also known as "blanket" or "jungle" primaries, in all elections where a primary is used.

Health & Human Services

33. Medicare for All

Support the Single-Payer Health Insurance system provided by Medicare for All at the federal level and the Minnesota Health Plan at the state level.

34. Limit Increase in Drug Prices

Support a state process to limit the increase in costs of over-the-counter and prescription medications.

35. Healthcare for Undocumented Folks

Support access to MNCare and MNSure to undocumented Minnesotans.

Labor & Employment

36. Paid Family and Medical Leave

Support up to 12 weeks of partial wage replacement leave for workers to take care of their own serious medication condition, that of a family member, or to bond with a new child.

37. Funding for PCA's Home Healthcare Workers

Support raising the reimbursement rate to home-health agencies that employ PCAs to ensure a skilled and available personal care workforce.

38. Clarification of State Laws Affecting Volunteer Drivers

Support HF991 and SF961 that exclude taxation on cost reimbursements for volunteer drivers.

39. Strengthen Refinery Safety

Support strengthening refinery workforce safety and skills through construction trade registered apprenticeship programs.

40. Living Wage

Support a statewide minimum wage of \$20 per hour as a Living Wage for all workers with no Tip Penalty.

Media, Internet, & Information

41. Statewide Broadband

Support implementation and expansion of the Border-to-Border statement Broadband initiative. (1) by providing stable multi-year funding. (2) by eliminating corporate-monopoly sponsored restrictions, obstacles and preemptions. (3) by encouraging municipalities and, (4) by requiring all state-subsidized installers to go "the last mile" ensuring that every Minnesotan has access to today's and tomorrow's technology and that no one is left behind.

National Security & International Policy

42. End the war on drugs

Support ending the war on drugs and all domestic and international conflicts based on it. Cut funding for the DEA and merge it with the Department of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms.

Public Safety & Crime Prevention

43. Common Sense Gun Violence Prevention

Support common sense gun violence prevention measures to keep guns out of the hands of people who've proven themselves to be dangerous, including criminal background checks on all gun sales and extreme risk protection orders (often referred to as red flag laws).

44. Police Accountability

Support that police, while conducting high-speed chases of stolen cars, should be held personally liable if the chase results in death, loss of property, or reckless endangerment of public safety.

45. Outlaw dangerous street racing

Support that the City of Minneapolis enforce the laws, ordinances and statues to curtail the dangerous activity of street racing. Some may call it wheelies or donuts however, the activity related to this event is street obstruction, emission of environmental toxins/debris, noise pollution, gun fire/murder.

46. Ban facial recognition technology

Support banning the use of facial recognition technology in the state of Minnesota.

Retirement Security

47. Age Friendly Minnesota Communities

Call on elected leaders at all levels of government in Minnesota to support the designation as Age-Friendly and work with senior residents and local advocates to make their town, city, county or state an age-friendly place to live.

48. Pass Social Security Act of 2021

Support the Social Security Act of 2021 (HR5723 and SF3071) and urge our Federal Senators & Representatives to sign on to and vote to support the Social Security Act of 2021.

49. Support Aging In Place

Support expanding, improving, and fully funding all programs that constitute a viable safety net for Minnesota's senior citizens to stay in their homes, provides efficient and convenient transportation, and assures secure public safety.

Tax & Budget Policy

50. Wealth Tax

Support a progressive wealth tax with a marginal rate taxed on net assets above \$100 million.

51. \$1 Billion for Frontline Workers

Support state-issued bonus checks of \$1,500 each to 667,000 frontline workers who have risked their lives working during the pandemic.

52. Public Infrastructure Investments

Support a large bonding bill, leveraging federal funding from the Bipartisan Infrastructure and Jobs Act to create thousands of family-sustaining jobs.

53. Distributing 50% of surplus to citizens

Support that half of the surplus be given back to the citizens, by property taxes and renters rebate to help families offset inflation.

Transportation

54. Statewide Passenger Rail

Support the re-introduction of regional passenger rail service to Greater Minnesota on the statewide network of existing rail lines designated in the Minnesota Statewide Rail Plan as a powerful catalyst for rural economic development.

55. Electric Vehicle (EV) charging stations

Support the development of Electric Vehicle (EV) charging station infrastructure throughout Minnesota.

56. Clean Transportation For All

Support deep investment in clean transportation options such as public transit, bicycling, walking, and electric vehicles - options that are racially just, economically competitive, and safer and accessible for all users, of all ages and abilities.

Local & Party Issues

57. Hold Elected DFLers to the Platform

Support holding DFL-endorsed candidates and elected officials accountable to the DFL Party's ongoing platform and action agenda.

58. Unauthorized use of DFL Logo

Support Minnesota DFL and all its units protecting the logo and other identity marks of the Party. The Party will implement and communicate rules that organizations, caucuses, etc. may not use or imitate the logo and other identity marks without permission from the Party. The Party will withhold permission where organizations have misused (or are misusing) the logo to mislead voters or the general public about the Party's endorsed candidates or adopted positions. The Party will disassociate from organizations engaging in such deceptions and may pursue civil remedies.

59. Raise Endorsement Threshold

Support raising the threshold for endorsing a candidate at pre-primary conventions to 80 percent, and limit the number of ballots to no more than five.

