



## THE 2023-2024 PLATFORM REPORT TO THE SENATE JUDICIARY AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

To: Chair: Sen. Ron Latz SD 46  
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Sen. Jim Carlson SD 52 Sen. Judy Seeberger SD 41  
Sen. Sandra Pappas SD 65 Sen. Bonnie Westlin SD 42

*The resolutions listed below are from part of our DFL platform, known as the Action Agenda and have been identified as potentially being relevant to the work of your committee. The support for each resolution is given; the number of Congressional Districts and Organizing Units backing the resolution, and the percentage of approval by the delegates to the State Convention.*

### **Voter Rights**

Advocates for enhanced access to voting by supporting the John Lewis Freedom to Vote Act, supporting multiple ways to cast ballots such as in-person early voting with immediate ballot counting, automatic voter registration upon obtaining a Driver's License with an opt-out option, and pre-registration of high-school students age 16 and 17. [8 CDs, 96 OUs, 95%]

### **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). [8CD's, 62 OU's, 91%]

### **Safe and Secure Elections**

Supports strengthening democracy by using 21st century technology to ensure all Minnesotans are able to cast their ballot freely, safely, and equally. We also support enhanced protections for voters and elections officials against threat or intimidation, foreign or domestic. [8 CDs, 34 OUs, 90%]

### **Restore felon voting rights**

supports the passage of legislation restoring voting rights to Minnesotans convicted of a felony after they are granted supervised probation or parole. [8 CDs, 35 OUs, 90%]

### **ERA**

supports banning discrimination on the basis of gender/sex by strongly advocating for the removal of the deadline for ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment (ERA) and also for the passage of legislation to add an Equal Rights Amendment to the Minnesota State Constitution. [8 CDs, 33 OUs, 91%]

### **Permit to Carry**

Oppose any efforts to weaken or eliminate Minnesota's requirements for a permit to carry a handgun in public. [8CD's, 20 OU's, 83%]

### **Dismantle racial, gender, and economic injustice**

Supports taking bold action to dismantle racial, gender and economic injustice in our democracy, institutions, and public programs. [7 CDs, 14 OUs, 84%]

### **Policing with Solidarity**

Support the prohibition of police officers from affiliating with, supporting, or advocating for white supremacist groups, causes, or ideologies. [6 CD's, 10 OU's, 80%]

### **Opposition to “Stand Your Ground”**

Oppose "stand your ground" or "shoot first" laws which allow the use of deadly force anytime a person subjectively believes their life is threatened -- even if there is a clear and safe way to avoid the danger. [8 CD's, 19 OU's, 81%]

### **Women's Reproductive Rights**

supports women's right to safe, legal, accessible, affordable abortion services and reproductive health services, and strong measures to equalize access to reproductive services among all populations and classes. [8 CDs, 15 OUs, 93%]

### **Support Roe v. Wade**

Supports Roe v. Wade and see any attempt to control reproductive rights as a violation of our core democratic principles of human rights, equality, privacy, and individual freedom. [8 CDs, 16 OUs, 93%]

### **Legalize Marijuana**

Supports the legalization , regulation, and taxation of marijuana in a manner similar to that of tobacco or alcohol, the pardoning of those currently incarcerated for related offenses, and the retroactive expungement of criminal records for related offenses. [8 CDs, 30 OUs, 83%]

### **Honor Indigenous Treaties**

Supports the state of Minnesota upholding all of our treaties with Indigenous Minnesota tribes, including those involving manoomin(wild rice). These treaties are defined as the “supreme law of the land” under the U.S. Constitution. Failure to uphold treaties is considered a violation of human rights under international law. [7 CDs, 28 OU, 90%]

### **End-of-Life**

Support passing legislation to allow terminally ill adults a full range of end-of-life options, including medical aid in dying, permitting Minnesotans to make the best end-of-life decisions for themselves and their families. [8 CDs, 27 OUs, 81%]

### **Rights of Water and Wetlands**

Supports government entities' or private citizens' standing to bring action against any entity that damages Minnesota waters and wetlands, which have a right to exist, flow, and be protected against harm. [7 CDs, 14 OUs, 76%]

### **Right to Free Speech and Protest**

Support our 1st amendment right of free speech, to protest and practice civil disobedience. [4 CDs,7 OUs 83%]

### **Citizenship Pathway**

Supports comprehensive immigration reform with a fair, humane pathway to citizenship for undocumented immigrants. [ 5 CDs, 7 OUs, 90%]

### **National Popular Vote –**

Support passage of the National Popular Vote Interstate Compact to elect the President by popular vote [ 6 CDs, 17 OUs, 78%]

### **End Privatization of Public Institutions**

Support ending the practice of privatization of public institutions and services, including prisons, hospitals, and educational institutions, and also including other services formerly conducted by public governmental agencies and civil servants. [ 6 CDs, 10 OUs, 81%]

### **Driver's License for Undocumented**

Support allowing undocumented Minnesotans access to the process of acquiring a Minnesota State Drivers' License. [ 8 CDs, 24 OUs, 85%]

### **End Qualified Immunity**

Support ending the practice of “Qualified Immunity” for law enforcement personnel.[4CD's,9OU's,64%]

**Mental Health**

Support the availability and funding of mental health and substance abuse treatment so all individuals who are in need of help, including children, have sufficient access to these services. [7 CDs, 9 OUs, 91%]

**Support for Indigenous Women**

Support funding and implementation of programs to end the exploitation and murder of missing indigenous women. [7CD's, 7OU's, 92%]

**Schools Share MN Gun Storage Law**

Support public school districts and charter schools (through collaboration with the MN Dept of Education and Dept of Justice) in providing families/guardians information related to child firearm access prevention and the existing Minnesota statute for safe storage of firearms. [7 CD's, 7 OU's, 75%]

**Restorative Public Safety Policies**

Support evidence-based public safety policies that prioritize restoration/rehabilitation. [4CD's, 7OU's, 74%]

**Mental Health Support for Public Safety**

Support a model of public safety that includes more professionals who are trained in mental health issues. [4CD's, 5OU's, 90%]

**MPCA's Responsibility to Resource-Limited Communities**

support legislation to require the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency to mitigate the disproportionate impact of human health hazards on black, indigenous, communities of color, and resource-limited communities when making permitting decisions. [ 3CDs, 5 OUs, 73%]

**Declare Minnesota a Sanctuary State**

Support declaring Minnesota a sanctuary state for people seeking or providing gender affirming care. [Approved by the State Central Committee]

*We present this report as a summary of the passion of our grass roots, a vision of our caring society. We appreciate your support for the DFL's legislative priorities as you move forward this session. Thank you for supporting the people of Minnesota.*