

WAHKIAKUM COUNTY DEMOCRATS: PLATFORM

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Value Statement: We value community, dignity, fairness, opportunity, respect and tolerance. These values support the ideals of liberty and justice as provided for in the Constitution.

1. **FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY:** Public funds are resources to be mindfully acquired, used for the common good and not to be wasted or treated carelessly.
2. **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:** We support policies that sustain an economically viable community, local businesses including forestry and fishing, and entrepreneurial innovation such as working remotely and creating income resources based on the development of our history and culture.
We support livable wage legislation, equal opportunity and fairness for all. Workers have the right to organize and bargain collectively to determine their pay, benefits, and working conditions.
3. **ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP:** The protection of our natural environment is integral to our health and wellbeing. Immediate and sustained responses are necessary to blunt the effects of climate change and to protect clean water and air.
4. **LOCAL FOOD PRODUCTION:** Among all our goals, the ability to feed ourselves locally is the most basic. We embrace policies that support and protect farmlands from encroachment and non-farming.
5. **INFRASTRUCTURE:** We support efforts to ensure safe, secure, and reliable transportation, communication, water, power, and internet for both private and public sectors..for their care
6. **HEALTHCARE:** High quality health care is an essential human right and we advocate for systems that support physical and mental wellbeing including maternal and child health and dental care for everyone. Everyone must be fully informed of the legal options for their care and be given prompt access to treatments of their choice.
7. **EDUCATION:** Public education is a cornerstone of our civic life. Public support for education from birth through advanced levels of study is essential to our happiness, prosperity and success.
8. **SOCIAL JUSTICE:** Our rural communities are diminished by social and economic injustices. We must correct the growing gap between rich and poor, the lack of decent and affordable housing and the acknowledged inequities of Washington State's regressive tax system and uneven application of laws.
9. **MILITARY AND VETERAN AFFAIRS:** We pledge support for our troops and honor our veterans. The core task of the U.S. military is to provide for the common defense. Our military must be adequate to provide for our nation's defense and never be open to abuses of power by any branch of government.
10. **RIGHT TO VOTE:** We strongly support laws that make it easier to vote and oppose laws that make it harder to vote. We applaud the ballot system that does not require postage.
We insist on checks and balances in our electoral systems so we can be confident our elections are free from corruption or undue influence.
11. **CIVIC INVOLVEMENT:** The hallmark of every free society is to engage in civic matters and support candidates of their choice. However all financial and in kind support of candidates should be disclosed to the public as well as their supporting groups.