



Democratic Party of Wisconsin State Convention 2024 Platform & Resolutions Packet



DPW PLATFORM AND RESOLUTIONS INFORMATION

The 2024 Platform and Resolutions Committee Report is included in this packet immediately following the guidelines on the process and related rules. The report contains a draft Platform and the resolutions submitted from the Congressional Districts. This report and any floor resolutions forwarded by the committee will be considered for passage at the 2024 convention.

Consideration, debate, and voting on the 2024 Platform and Resolutions will take place for one hour on Sunday, June 9th immediately following DNC Member candidate speeches (Approximately 10:30 AM).

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON FLOOR RESOLUTIONS

If you wish to have the 2024 State Convention consider a floor resolution, you must provide the State Party's Platform and Resolutions Committee with at least fifty (50) hard copies of the resolution, satisfying the requirements of rule F(1)-(6) of the following rules, at least three (3) hours before the convention is scheduled to be called to order on Saturday, June 8, 2024. If you do so, the Platform and Resolutions Committee will consider your resolution and decide in accordance with these rules whether the resolution will be considered by the convention.

Floor resolutions must be submitted by 2:00 PM CDT on Saturday, June 9th. Floor resolutions can be submitted in person to Committee Chair Chris Schmidt (2nd CD) or turned in to DPW Staff in the Credentials Room.

Please note that you can avoid the need to bring hard copies if you submit your resolution before 5:00 PM on Thurs, June 6 by emailing the resolution to: stateconvention@wisdems.org

You may also send resolutions (*to be received no later than Thursday, June 6*) or contact the Chair of the Platform and Resolutions Committee by mail at:

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RULES CONCERNING STATE CONVENTION FLOOR RESOLUTIONS

adopted by the Committee on May 13, 2006 and reaffirmed on May 24, 2008

A. These rules implement Subparagraph 7(4) of Subsection IV(5)(A) of the State Party's Bylaws.

B. Definitions.

As used in these rules, unless the context specifies otherwise:

1. "Committee" means the Platform and Resolutions Committee.
2. "Convention" means a state convention.
3. "Delegate" means a dues-paid Party member or group of Party members who is eligible to be a delegate or delegates to a convention at the time s/he or they submit a floor resolution for the convention in accordance with these rules and who is (are) registered as delegates at the convention by the time the convention takes up the floor resolution. A Party member or group of Party members eligible to be a convention delegate or delegates may submit a floor resolution as prescribed in these rules for consideration at a convention prior to registration of delegates at the convention but the resolution, even if approved or deemed to have been approved by the Committee for consideration by the convention, will be out of order at the convention unless at least one member who submitted the resolution is registered as a delegate at the convention when the convention takes up the resolution.
4. "Floor resolution" means a convention resolution subject to Subparagraph 7(4) of Subsection IV(5)(A) of the State Party's Bylaws that may not be considered by a convention until after it has considered and acted on all resolutions for the convention from congressional district party conventions.
5. "[A]pprove by the Committee" or "disapprove by the Committee" means approve or, respectively, disapprove by the Committee at a meeting of the Committee at which a quorum is present.
6. "Politically significant" means significant to members of the Democratic Party of Wisconsin as a matter of public or Party policy with effect statewide or more broadly.

C. Subject to these rules and the bylaws the rules implement, any delegate may submit a floor resolution for consideration by a convention.



- D. A floor resolution is out of order at a convention unless as prescribed in these rules the resolution has been approved by the Committee for consideration by the convention or is deemed to have been so approved.
1. In determining whether to approve or disapprove a floor resolution for consideration by a convention, the Committee shall consider the resolution in the form the resolution is submitted by a delegate in accordance with these rules to the Committee's Chairperson for the Committee's consideration.
 2. If the Committee approves a floor resolution for consideration by a convention, the Committee shall report the resolution to the Convention
 - a. without substantive amendment to the resolution as it was submitted to the Committee's Chairperson in accordance with Rule D(1) but
 - b. as the Committee may approve, with non-substantive amendments to improve the resolution's grammar, spelling, formal consistency with state convention resolutions, accuracy of facts not critical to the resolution's substance, or the like.
 3. If the Committee approves a floor resolution for consideration by a convention, the Committee may approve reporting the resolution to the Convention with a recommendation that the Convention adopt or not adopt the resolution.
 4. The Committee must, prior to the call to order of a convention on its first day, disapprove for consideration by the convention a floor resolution that a delegate had submitted for the convention in accordance with these rules. Otherwise such a floor resolution shall have been approved by the Committee in accordance with these rules for consideration by the convention or, if not so approved, shall be deemed to have been so approved. Such a floor resolution which the Committee has not actually approved but which is deemed to have approved in accordance with this Rule D(4) shall be reported to the convention (a) in the form the resolution was submitted by the delegate to the Committee's Chairperson in accordance with Rule D(1) and (b) without a recommendation that the convention adopt or not adopt the resolution.

E. Committee Meetings to Consider Floor Resolutions

1. The Committee, at any time after the last of the congressional district party conventions in the same year as a state convention, may act in accordance with these rules at any meeting with a quorum present on floor resolutions that a delegate has submitted for the convention in accordance with these rules.
2. The Committee shall meet for the last time to act on floor resolutions, that delegates have submitted for a convention in accordance with these rules, on the first day of the convention commencing at a time later than three (3) but not later than two (2) hours prior to the time scheduled by the State Party for the call to order of the convention on



that day and adjourning finally no later than such call to order, The Committee's Chairperson shall determine the time at which this meeting will begin at least two (2) weeks before the first day of the convention. This meeting shall be at the convention's site in a room that can comfortably accommodate all members, alternates and representatives on the Committee and all convention delegates reasonably anticipated to be interested in attending the meeting. The time of this meeting and location of the room where it will be held shall be included in pre-convention packets sent to Party members eligible to register as delegates or alternates at the convention and be prominently displayed throughout the convention's site.

- F. A floor resolution, in order to be considered by the Committee for approval for consideration by a state convention:
1. Must be in writing and legible.
 2. Must have no more than one hundred (100) words, not counting the words in its title.
 3. Must have at least one preamble, beginning with the word "whereas".
 4. Must have at least one statement of resolution, including an appropriate form of the verb "to resolve" and "the DPW" as the resolving organization.
 5. Must be line-numbered.
 6. Must bear the name and congressional district party of at least one dues-paid Party member who seeks to have the resolution considered by the convention and is eligible to register as a delegate or an alternate who may be raised to delegate status at the convention (see definition of "delegate" in Rule B). Except as provided in the immediately following sentence, a resolution submitted on behalf of a group of dues-paid Party members must bear the name and congressional district party of each of them, and at least one of the group must be eligible to register as a delegate or an alternate who may be raised to delegate status at the convention. A resolution submitted on behalf of a group that is an official subunit of the State Party, such as a county party or its executive committee, a congressional district party or its executive committee, a standing committee of the State Party, or an officially recognized caucus of the State Party, must bear the name of the official subunit and the name, email address (if any) and telephone number of its chairperson.
 7. Must have at least fifty (50) hard copies, with one copy per sheet and satisfying the requirements of Rules F(1)-(6), delivered to the Committee's Chairperson not before adjournment of the last of the congressional district conventions before the convention in the year of the convention and not later than three (3) hours before the call to order of the convention on its first day.
 8. A delegate who submits a floor resolution for consideration by the Committee is encouraged to provide the Committee's Chairperson, in addition to the hard copies required by Rule F(7),



a copy of the resolution in a digital format suitable for editing with a common word processing program.

9. The Committee shall consider floor resolutions, that satisfy the requirements of this Rule F, for approval for consideration by a state convention in the order in which the fifty (50) hard copies required by Rule F(7) are received by the Committee's Chairperson.
- G. The Committee shall weigh the following factors in determining whether a floor resolution, that by satisfying the requirements of Rule F is eligible for consideration by the Committee for approval for consideration by a convention, should be approved for consideration by the convention:
1. Is the resolution politically significant? A resolution that is not politically significant should not be approved for consideration by a convention.
 2. Is the resolution substantially the same as one that was considered by a congressional district convention in the same year as the state convention but was not adopted by the congressional district convention or, if adopted, was not ranked high enough by the congressional district convention to be sent by that convention to the state convention?
 - a. If the delegates submitting the floor resolution are limited to ones from the congressional district party or parties at whose convention(s) the resolution was rejected or not ranked high enough to be sent to the state convention, the resolution should not be approved for consideration by the state convention unless the political significance of the resolution has increased significantly since these congressional district party convention(s).
 - b. If the delegates submitting the floor resolution are not limited to ones from the congressional district party or parties at whose convention(s) the resolution was rejected or not ranked high enough to be sent to the state convention, the resolution should be approved for consideration by the state convention if the resolution has considerable political significance or the resolution's political significance has increased significantly since these congressional district party convention(s).
 3. Does the resolution address an issue that was of sufficient political significance early in the year and continuing through most of the congressional district party conventions such that, if it were of significant concern to the Party's membership, it should have resulted in a resolution reaching the state convention from a congressional district party convention? If so, the resolution should not be approved for consideration by the state convention unless its political significance increased significantly after most of the congressional district party conventions were held.
 4. Does the resolution address an issue that was not sufficiently politically significant until after most of the congressional district party conventions had been held to reasonably expect that the issue would have been addressed in a resolution reaching the state convention from a



congressional district party convention? If so, the resolution should be approved for consideration by the state convention.

H. Miscellaneous

1. The Committee may *sua sponte* approve floor resolutions, drafted by any of its members, alternates or representatives and complying with Rules F(1)-(5), for consideration by a state convention if it believes the resolutions are necessary to address issues of political significance that should but fail to reach the convention on account of the shortcomings and limitations of the process of congressional district party conventions' providing resolutions to state conventions.
2. A copy of these rules, together with the street address (accessible by non-postal delivery services), postal address, email address (if any), and telephone number of the Committee's Chair shall be:
 - a. included in the pre-convention packet that the State Party mails to all Party members who are eligible to register as delegates or alternates at a state convention, and
 - b. made as widely available as possible through the Web to Party members and other interested persons.
3. The Committee at its discretion may approve including in its report to a state convention floor resolutions it has approved, prior to the deadline for printing the report, for consideration by the convention. To the extent practicable, a hard copy of floor resolutions that the Committee approves for consideration by a state convention shall be made available to all convention delegates before the convention takes up the resolutions.
4. A floor resolution is out of order at a convention if its adoption would contravene a decision by the convention on a resolution that came to the convention from a congressional district convention.

Democratic Party of Wisconsin 2024 Platform

For consideration at DPW Convention in Milwaukee, WI; ~~2476~~2483 words

The changes from the draft distributed to CDs are highlighted

All proposed amendments came from the 3rd CD

Our Commitment to Democracy

We commit ourselves to a Nation and State which are democracies, where voters have unimpeded access to the ballot box and where their opinions are reflected by the representatives they elect.

The Democratic Party of Wisconsin strives to build a free, just, and strong society where all people have equal rights and opportunities to live meaningful, secure lives. We work actively for open, honest, and responsive government accountable to the needs and will of the people. We support democracy and work to prevent authoritarian rule.

Justice, Human Concerns, and Democracy

Every citizen is guaranteed the right to vote. We support same-day registration, multiple avenues of registration, early voting, vote by mail, automatic voter registration, drop-box voting, and making election days official holidays. We oppose voter ID requirements. We have the right and duty to inspect and count all votes and to have a voter-verifiable paper ballot that guarantees accurate vote counting. The Presidential election should be determined by popular vote.

Our goal is a government and an electoral process free of monetary corruption. We support limiting out-of-state campaign contributions and oppose unlimited political spending. The U.S. Constitution must be amended to make clear that corporations are not people; money is not speech. Wisconsin must rescind its call for an open-ended Constitutional Convention.

Empowering people in civic affairs strengthens our nation. Government must be an open institution that people trust, is compliant with open meeting and public record laws, and is elected through transparent, publicly funded state and national elections. We support fair, non-partisan redistricting processes and oversight of elections.

One of the primary duties of government is to ensure everyone can lead dignified, healthy, and fulfilling lives. We value love, commitment, stability, and the nurturing of all family members. We believe all are equal regardless of race, color, class, religion, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, age, occupation, national origin, disabilities, appearance, and political beliefs. We support marriage equality for all couples. We will work to ensure basic civil liberties are forever preserved.

Government must respect, support, and protect freedom of expression. We hold sacrosanct our civil liberties, including but not limited to freedom of speech, right to privacy, presumption of innocence, the principle of *habeas corpus*, and due process under law. All human beings must be treated humanely.

We are the party of diversity, equity, and inclusion. We celebrate our differences, which are a source of strength. Everyone must have an equal opportunity to succeed, an equal voice in government, and equal treatment under the law. We must observe the separation between government and religion.

1 We respect the religious liberties of all people. We welcome everyone. It is vital that the right to
2 choose beliefs and philosophies remain intact.

3
4 We shall pursue legislation and cultural changes that end racial and ethnic profiling, respect Indigenous
5 Nations' sovereignty, include culturally responsive instruction on marginalized communities' histories,
6 and ensure equality among all genders. We shall work for qualified representation at all levels of
7 government that reflects our nation's diversity.

8
9 We condemn all forms of violence, discrimination, and sentiment against anyone on the basis of their
10 identity—religious, racial, ethnic, gender, sexual orientation, ability, or otherwise. We believe Black
11 lives matter. We condemn all forms of anti-Asian sentiment and violence.

12
13 Marginalized groups face formidable challenges including oppression, voter suppression, and
14 inadequate access to nutritious food, healthcare, education, employment, and housing. We shall work
15 to eliminate all forms of discrimination.

16
17 Access to accurate information and a diversity of viewpoints are essential to empowerment. The
18 broadcast spectrum belongs to all citizens. We will work to ensure diverse local ownership of media
19 outlets. We support public broadcasting and community-owned media outlets. We support free and
20 equal access to news media for all candidates for public office.

21
22 We advocate for comprehensive immigration reform legislation providing a reasonable path to
23 residency and citizenship. The legislation must include a fair opportunity for current undocumented
24 residents to achieve legal status.

25
26 We need affordable, quality, licensed daycare centers and government support to pay for childcare. We
27 need public health programs addressing disease prevention, substance abuse, mental health, sexual
28 health, and firearm safety.

29
30 It is essential that we expand Social Security programs for the elderly, disabled, and eligible dependents,
31 including subsidized long-term in-home or nursing home care. We oppose privatizing Social Security as
32 it threatens recipients' financial security as well as the stability of our economy.~~It is essential that we~~
33 ~~expand Social Security programs for the elderly, disabled, and eligible dependents. We oppose~~
34 ~~privatizing Social Security as it threatens the financial security of all recipients and the stability of our~~
35 ~~economy. We must enhance programs for the aging and disabled, including subsidized long-term in-~~
36 ~~home or nursing home care.~~

37
38 Access to affordable, quality healthcare is a right. The best solution to our national health care crisis is a
39 single-payer system. It must provide universal access for individuals of all ages; promote preventive
40 measures; include comprehensive dental, eye, and ear care; provide medications and therapy; and cover
41 all physical and mental illnesses equally. Until that system is available, we support broader coverage
42 and increased funding for the current healthcare programs on local, state and national levels, including
43 BadgerCare, Medicare, Medicaid, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and the Affordable Care Act.

44
45 Personal moral, religious, and medical decisions should be left up to the individual. We believe in
46 freedom to make reproductive decisions, gender-affirming healthcare, family planning, and the right to
47 choose death with dignity including physician-assisted end-of-life. Everyone has the right to obtain
48 properly and legally prescribed medications from any licensed pharmacy on a timely basis. Funding for

1 stem-cell research should be supported on its scientific merits.

2
3 Safety is a right. We must reimagine our police and justice system. Budgeting, training, rules, and
4 systems of oversight must fight racism, build trust, prevent police brutality, and foster safety and justice
5 for all. Wisconsin's costly, high rate of imprisonment compared to other states is racially discriminatory,
6 with no evidence it makes residents safer. We support reducing prison populations through increased
7 use of probation, parole, and specialized courts to divert those suffering from substance addiction and
8 mental health issues from prison to treatment. We oppose prison privatization.

9
10 We oppose the death penalty. It is inhumane and does not deter crime. We believe in equitable
11 sentencing standards and increasing the authority of judges to modify sentences.

12
13 We must discourage dangerous drug use without criminalizing the user and provide rehabilitative
14 treatment for addicted persons. We encourage non-penal sanctions for minor, first-time drug
15 violations. Marijuana should be legal, regulated, and taxed like tobacco and alcohol.

16
17 We support the right to bear arms for their legitimate and ethical use for hunting, sport, and protection.
18 We believe reasonable safety measures must be enacted, including: banning open carry, allowing
19 concealed carry with cause and permits, universal background checks, banning the sale or possession of
20 military weapons and ammunition, a 48-hour waiting period for all gun dealer sales, a red flag law with
21 due process, and limiting the legal capacity of magazines. ~~We support the constitutional right to bear~~
22 ~~arms and their legitimate and ethical use for hunting, sport, and protection. We believe reasonable~~
23 ~~control measures must be enacted, including: concealed carry ban, universal background checks,~~
24 ~~banning the sale or possession of military weapons and ammunition, a 48-hour waiting period for all gun~~
25 ~~dealer sales, a red flag law with due process, and limiting the legal capacity of magazines.~~

26 27 **Education, Labor, and Economics**

28
29 We affirm the Wisconsin Idea. Quality public education for all is critical to a healthy democracy and
30 economy. We advocate for free preschool and K-12 public education. Increased governmental funding
31 is essential for all levels of public education. Public funding for private schools, including voucher
32 programs, diverts resources from and adversely impacts public schools.

33
34 America must support worker training, affordable tuition at state-supported post-secondary institutions,
35 expanded access to grants and scholarships, and ample funding for research.

36
37 We must end the student debt crisis.

38
39 Students have the right to education in a safe, respectful, and nurturing environment, free from
40 harassment and discrimination. We support funding all curriculum content, including arts and physical
41 education. Teacher and support staff compensation, including benefits, must keep pace with inflation
42 and be competitive to comparable positions outside of education.

43
44 Revenue caps on school districts and other local governments must be eliminated. State and federal
45 governments must fully fund their mandates.

46
47 Public investment in the arts and humanities promotes healthy communities and healthy economies.
48 We support increased local, state, and federal funding of arts and humanities.

1
2 Equitable and affordable access to public transportation and high-speed internet must be provided in
3 rural and urban areas.
4
5 A strong and secure state and nation depends on sound economic policy promoting and sustaining full,
6 meaningful employment. Business, labor, and the public must work together to re-establish American
7 jobs on American soil. We support small business as a means of economic growth. We must resist
8 monopolization and outsourcing by eliminating tax breaks to employers who ship jobs overseas and
9 creating incentives to bring jobs back to the U.S.
10
11 We support development and implementation of a strategic reindustrialization plan that identifies and
12 supports domestic industrial capacity in key technologies.
13
14 The Federal Government should provide transitional jobs for all individuals who cannot find work and
15 have no unemployment compensation.
16
17 Public and private workers have a right to a living wage, gender pay equity, safe and equitable
18 workplaces, and secure benefits. Workers' rights to organize, bargain collectively, and strike without
19 fear of reprisal must be restored and strengthened. Election by card check reduces employer
20 intimidation of employees' choice of representation. Employees who benefit from union contracts
21 should pay fair-share dues. We support public employees' rights to speedy mediation and binding
22 arbitration of labor disputes. We support sectoral bargaining and prevailing wage laws.
23
24 Businesses must be held accountable for contracts with their employees. "Right-to-work" legislation
25 and the hiring of strikebreakers are anathema to a strong, justly compensated workforce. Pensions and
26 other retirement funds must be strictly safeguarded and responsibly managed through regulation. In
27 the event of bankruptcy, workers' unpaid wages must be the first claim on remaining assets.
28
29 We support a tax system based on ability to pay. The wealthy are under-taxed. The Federal Budget
30 must reflect responsible spending and fair taxation. The State Legislature must tax corporations equal
31 to or greater than the national average. Local jurisdictions must have authority to modernize their
32 taxation systems.
33
34 Financial markets should be more effectively regulated to prevent fraud, excessive speculation,
35 inappropriate compensation, predatory lending, and the need for taxpayer bailouts of mismanaged
36 firms.
37
38 Mining authorizations should provide adequate tax revenue to support the affected communities in
39 perpetuity.
40
41 American companies should be established here at home, follow our labor and environmental laws, and
42 pay taxes for the good of all. We must protect our industries from competition by enforcing tariffs
43 against nations that tolerate unfair worker conditions and environmental degradation.
44
45 America's wealth should be measured not only by GDP and the Market but also by broad measures of
46 well-being that incorporate factors like health, education, literacy, employment, wages, and
47 environmental quality.
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1 We call for regulation of artificial intelligence technology in the public interest.

3 **Agriculture and Environment**

5 We must preserve responsible family farming by creating market systems that assure a fair return to
6 both farmers and processors. True cooperatives and family-farm subsidies are essential to the economic
7 viability and quality of life in rural areas. We support value-added agriculture which includes farming
8 endeavors outside traditional forms of agriculture. Regulations controlling environmental pollution
9 from agriculture, especially CAFOs, should be strengthened.

11 We support farming systems that are humane to animals, preserve our soil, water and forest resources,
12 and produce wholesome, safe food for consumers. We support agricultural sustainability through
13 growth in “buy fresh, buy local” practices which ensure markets for local farmers and save fuel by
14 eliminating costly transport. We also support truth in labeling of conventional, organic, and genetically
15 modified food.

17 We oppose seed producer patent enforcement that bars seed harvesting by farmers.

19 Climate change poses an existential threat to life on Earth. We support aggressive action, including
20 using the governor’s emergency powers, to decarbonize our economy by 2035 to meet the global
21 heating goals of the 2015 Paris climate agreement. Historically marginalized communities, such as low
22 income, Indigenous communities, and communities of color face the worst consequences of climate
23 change. Our leaders must pay heed to the scientific evidence of climate change and the many inequities
24 in its effects.

26 We support responsible environmental regulations affecting open space, wilderness areas, soil
27 conservation, forest management, industry, and toxic and hazardous waste disposal and cleanup. We
28 must maintain the integrity of our vast surface and subsurface fresh water supply, especially the Great
29 Lakes and the Lake Wisconsin aquifer. We support retaining and expanding publicly owned recreational
30 lands and wilderness. We oppose the transportation of shale and tar sands oil through Wisconsin.

32 We must develop clean, renewable, and sustainable energy sources without relaxing regulation of
33 nuclear energy; encourage the use of fuel-efficient and alternate-fuel vehicles; reduce urban sprawl on
34 prime agricultural land; improve and expand local, regional, and national public transportation systems;
35 and increase recycling and waste management while maintaining biodiversity.

37 We must prioritize public health, environmental protection, and the land and water treaty rights of
38 Indigenous communities in the planning and implementation of all mining projects, including frac sand
39 extraction. We support public, local control of municipal water and sewage systems. To ensure the
40 protection of our state’s valuable natural resources, we support re-establishment of a Public
41 Intervenor’s Office and an independent Department of Natural Resources.

43 **Foreign Affairs**

45 We stand for human rights, social and economic justice, the rule of law, and popularly adopted
46 democratic governments worldwide. Our leaders and policies must honor international law and
47 promote international agreements that provide groundwork for a just, prosperous, environmentally
48 healthy, and peaceful world. Our United Nations dues must be fully paid.

1
2 We call on our government to cooperatively and effectively lead in the pursuit of global accords to
3 improve the human condition and protect the environment. We encourage international efforts to
4 combat poverty, hunger, disease, illiteracy, discrimination, war, genocide, torture, genital mutilation,
5 human slavery and trafficking, capital punishment, pollution, and climate change.

6
7 We oppose trade and immigration policies that undermine our economy, harm working people in our
8 country and elsewhere, and harm the environment.

9
10 We oppose unfettered international arms trade, nuclear, chemical and biological weapons, land mines,
11 radioactive materials in conventional munitions, ballistic missile defense systems, cluster bombs,
12 militarization of space, and American-run or funded internment camps.

13
14 We support a military sufficiently strong to safeguard national security. We must provide for the health
15 and well-being of members of the military during and after their service. We support efforts to
16 eliminate the use of National Guard troops in undeclared wars.

17
18 Our military budget is disproportionately large compared to other nations. It should be reduced. We
19 should curtail the influence of the “Military Industrial Complex.” Greater emphasis should be placed on
20 economic development and diplomacy to achieve global security.

21
22 War is always a last resort. We must address grievances that foster terrorism, not fight wars that
23 perpetuate them. We must abide by the Geneva Conventions.

24
25 We oppose preemptive war, including the use of drone strikes, without verified direct threat to our
26 country.

27
28 We support refugees. We support the rights of people to seek a better life in America. Those rights
29 extend to those fleeing the effects of climate change, political persecution, and threats to their
30 safety. ~~We support refugees. We support the rights of people to seek a better life in America. Those~~
31 ~~rights extend to those fleeing the effects of climate change.~~

32
33 We support restoring America’s commitment to the global community.

34
35 **Conclusion**

36
37 The membership of the Democratic Party of Wisconsin has crafted and adopted this platform. Our state
38 and country will become stronger and better by following the principles herein. We expect all
39 candidates supported by the Democratic Party to support this platform and to work to implement it.

Democratic Party of Wisconsin 2024 Resolutions

Draft for Convention Consideration on 9 June 2024 in Milwaukee, WI

This packet contains resolutions submitted to the DPW Platform and Resolutions (DPW P&R) Committee by the Congressional Districts (CDs). In a one case nearly identical resolutions were combined into a substitute and all involved CDs were given credit. Any other edits made were to conform resolutions to a common format, align them with general party principles without altering overall meaning, and correct spelling, grammar, and punctuation errors. The committee asks that some resolutions not be adopted, denoted by “Do not adopt”. This means that **no action** would be taken.

“Party Governance” (PG) resolutions do not directly affect the Platform but regard the functioning of the DPW. One of those resolutions is recommended for forwarding to the Administrative Committee for further discussion in that venue. PG resolutions are non-binding, forwarding them or making a recommendation to adopt is akin to a formal request from the convention delegates for the Administrative Committee to study and/or address an issue. The best solution for the issue raised may differ from the recommendation in the resolution. It is recommended that those who are advocates for PG resolutions engage Administrative Committee representatives regarding those issues. One PG resolution is listed as “Do not adopt” because the DPW By-Laws were already amended to address the issue within the last year.

Resolutions are considered active for four years after adoption and the 2024 adopted resolutions will be used to advise the DPW Platform drafts in 2026 and 2028.

Please see the adopted convention rules for a full description of the amendment process for the resolutions at the 2024 Convention.

Description of title line:

23-???-##: Title (CDs credited with resolution, word count)

23 Designates the year. ??? designates the category. ## is the number in sequence.

RESOLUTIONS CONCERNING FOREIGN AFFAIRS	3
24-FA-01: The Democratic Party of Wisconsin Calls for an Immediate Ceasefire in Gaza (1 st and 4 th CDs, 99 words) – Do not adopt	3
24-FA-02: Resolution that the U.S. Foreign Policy Officially Adopt a Call for an Immediate and Permanent Cease Fire in the Israeli/Hamas Conflict, the Funding and Facilitation of Desperately Needed Humanitarian Aid to Gaza, and a Concerted Effort to Reach a Two-State Solution to the Broader Conflict (5 th CD, 95 words) – Do not adopt	3
24-FA-03: Change Leadership in Israel (1 st CD, 82 words) – Separate for discussion.....	3
24-FA-04: Support for Ukraine Aid (7 th CD, 71 words) – Adopt	3
RESOLUTIONS CONCERNING EDUCATION, LABOR, AND ECONOMICS	4
24-ELE-01: Adopt a Student Bill of Rights into State Law (1 st CD, 99 words) – Adopt	4
24-ELE-02: Stop The Harmful Effects of Gentrification (1 st CD, 100 words) – Adopt	4
24-ELE-03: Resolution for Strengthening Labor Unions and Economic Justice by Repealing Act 10 and Right to Work Laws (3 rd CD, 92 words) – Adopt	4
24-ELE-04: Resolution to Lower Prescription Drug Prices (3 rd CD, 99 words) – Adopt.....	4
24-ELE-05: Resolution for Teacher and Educator Shortages and Funding for School Supplies (3 rd CD, 100 words) – Adopt	5
24-ELE-06: Resolution for Early Childhood Development Screening and Individualized Education Programs in Rural Wisconsin (3 rd CD, 85 words) – Adopt.....	5

24-ELE-07: Resolution to Expand Affordable Childcare and Empower Families in the Workforce (3 rd CD, 98 words) – Adopt.....	5
24-ELE-08: Alleviating Food Insecurity for K-12 Students (3 rd CD, 91 words) – Adopt.....	6
24-ELE-09: Resolution to Repeal Subtitle A of Chapter 26, U.S.C. (Internal Revenue Code) and Enact a New Subtitle A of Said Chapter Incorporating a Graduated Gross Income Tax on All Forms of Income Including Gift and Inheritance (unearned) without Deductions or Credits of Any Kind (5 th CD, 92 words) – Do not adopt	6
24-ELE-10: Resolution to Repeal Subtitle B of Chapter 26, U.S.C. (Internal Revenue Code) and Enact a New Subtitle B of Said Chapter Incorporating an Added-Value Method for Calculating Corporate Profits (5 th CD, 99 words) – Do not adopt	6
24-ELE-11: Resolution to Amend 26 U.S.C., Chapter 21 (Internal Revenue Code) by Including All Forms of Income Subject To Taxation In Title A Shall Be Subject To FICA And Medicare Taxes Without A Cap Thereon (5 th CD, 100 words) – Adopt	6
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1 **RESOLUTIONS CONCERNING FOREIGN AFFAIRS**

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3 **24-FA-01: THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF WISCONSIN CALLS FOR AN IMMEDIATE CEASEFIRE IN GAZA (1ST AND**
4 **4TH CDS, 99 WORDS) – DO NOT ADOPT**

5 WHEREAS, 66 Congress members called for immediate ceasefire in Gaza, with Representative Pocan
6 “warning that without one, this war leads to further loss of civilian life and risks dragging the U.S. into
7 unwise conflict”;

8 WHEREAS, 28,000+ Palestinians have been killed, majority being women and minors;

9 WHEREAS, collective punishment of Palestinians is an egregious violation of humanitarian law and is,
10 according to South Africa’s ICJ case, genocide; and,

11 WHEREAS, the U.N. Secretary General, General Assembly, WHO, Jewish Voice for Peace, and 80% of
12 Democrats, according to polls, support an immediate ceasefire;

13 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, DPW calls for an immediate, unconditional ceasefire.
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15 **24-FA-02: RESOLUTION THAT THE U.S. FOREIGN POLICY OFFICIALLY ADOPT A CALL FOR AN IMMEDIATE AND**
16 **PERMANENT CEASE FIRE IN THE ISRAELI/HAMAS CONFLICT, THE FUNDING AND FACILITATION OF**
17 **DESPERATELY NEEDED HUMANITARIAN AID TO GAZA, AND A CONCERTED EFFORT TO REACH A TWO-STATE**
18 **SOLUTION TO THE BROADER CONFLICT (5TH CD, 95 WORDS) – DO NOT ADOPT**

19 WHEREAS, since October 7, 2023, 32,000 persons have been killed; over 2 million Palestinians have been
20 displaced and many face dire consequences resulting from Israel's conducting its campaign of defense in
21 civilian areas of Gaza in violation of international law;

22 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, U.S. Foreign Policy shall officially call for immediate and permanent cease fire in
23 the Israeli/Hamas armed conflict and funding of means of providing needed humanitarian aid to Gaza;
24 and shall make a concerted effort to apply pressure to bring necessary parties to negotiations for
25 establishment of a two-state solution for the broader conflict.
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27 **24-FA-03: CHANGE LEADERSHIP IN ISRAEL (1ST CD, 82 WORDS) – SEPARATE FOR DISCUSSION**

28 WHEREAS: The terrorist attack by Hamas on October 7, 2023 was murderous and demands the complete
29 dismantling of that organization;

30 WHEREAS: Netanyahu was so immersed in his authoritarian ambitions that he failed in noticing the
31 danger signs beforehand; and,

32 WHEREAS: The excessive bombing of civilians and denial of aid to Palestinians as a response by
33 Netanyahu was therefore excessive and as criminal as the Hamas attack;

34 THEREFORE RESOLVED, DPW supports the removal of Netanyahu from Israeli leadership via political and
35 financial pressure.
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37 **24-FA-04: SUPPORT FOR UKRAINE AID (7TH CD, 71 WORDS) – ADOPT**

38 WHEREAS, assisting Ukraine with its defense against the unprovoked invasion by Russia is in the national
39 interest of the United States;

40 WHEREAS, other European countries are in danger if Russia is allowed to continue its transgressions
41 unopposed; and,

42 WHEREAS, Ukraine is likely to lose its war with Russia without ongoing aid from the United States;

1 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, the DPW supports immediate action to provide adequate military and non-
2 military aid to Ukraine.

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5 **RESOLUTIONS CONCERNING EDUCATION, LABOR, AND ECONOMICS**

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7 **24-ELE-01: ADOPT A STUDENT BILL OF RIGHTS INTO STATE LAW (1ST CD, 99 WORDS) – ADOPT**

8 WHEREAS, special interests are using veiled talking points on parental rights to limit access to
9 educational materials, demonize educators, and attack public schools;

10 WHEREAS, many so-called parental rights policies are attempts to harm the lives of LGBTQ+ students,
11 especially those identifying as transgender;

12 WHEREAS, students should have the strongest voice in decision making on their education; and,

13 WHEREAS, schools should offer opportunities that are relevant to the future and its leaders;

14 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, the Wisconsin Legislature should adopt a Student Bill of Rights to increase the
15 power of the student voice, expand learning opportunities, and protect vulnerable student populations.

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17 **24-ELE-02: STOP THE HARMFUL EFFECTS OF GENTRIFICATION (1ST CD, 100 WORDS) – ADOPT**

18 WHEREAS, many Wisconsin communities deal with concerns of displacement and low youth retention;

19 WHEREAS, there are proven strategies that reduce displacement from gentrification;

20 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, communities could be preserved through proactive code enforcement using
21 subsidized home repair programs for senior and low-income housing, prohibiting large-scale
22 developments in at-risk neighborhoods, and improving residential infrastructure;

23 RESOLVED, cities should establish Community Land Trusts in underserved neighborhoods and increase
24 renter protections and legal rights to prevent displacement; and,

25 RESOLVED, local hire mandates and Project Labor Agreements should be allowed in Wisconsin;

26 FINALLY, RESOLVED, federal fair housing rules should be re-written to promote equitable investments.

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28 **24-ELE-03: RESOLUTION FOR STRENGTHENING LABOR UNIONS AND ECONOMIC JUSTICE BY REPEALING ACT**
29 **10 AND RIGHT TO WORK LAWS (3RD CD, 92 WORDS) – ADOPT**

30 WHEREAS, the rate of workers pay has not increased at the same rate as CEO pay and rising cost of
31 living;

32 WHEREAS, corporate profits are at an all-time high and wealth is not trickling down;

33 WHEREAS, Act 10 and Right to Work Laws are keeping wages low and disenfranchising Wisconsin
34 teachers, nurses and other unions; and,

35 WHEREAS, the average annual Wisconsin household income needs to meet paycheck to paycheck needs
36 with the median cost-of-living;

37 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, the DPW supports unionizing in all industries while repealing Act 10 and Right
38 to Work Laws.

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40 **24-ELE-04: RESOLUTION TO LOWER PRESCRIPTION DRUG PRICES (3RD CD, 99 WORDS) – ADOPT**

41 WHEREAS, the U.S. continues to have significantly higher prescription drug prices due to limited
42 competition, research and development costs, price hikes, and lack of regulation;

1 WHEREAS, there is an urgent need to alleviate the burden of exorbitant prescription drug prices on
2 individuals and healthcare systems, particularly the most vulnerable; and,

3 WHEREAS, state and federal governments have proven the effectiveness of lowering prescription drug
4 prices by facilitating generic drug competition, negotiating drug prices, and promoting transparency in
5 pharmaceutical pricing;

6 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, DPW supports legislation that encourages public research into prescription
7 drugs, increases competition, and lowers prices through government negotiated prices.

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9 **24-ELE-05: RESOLUTION FOR TEACHER AND EDUCATOR SHORTAGES AND FUNDING FOR SCHOOL SUPPLIES**
10 **(3RD CD, 100 WORDS) – ADOPT**

11 WHEREAS, the U.S Department of Education is reporting record public school educator shortages;

12 WHEREAS, this shortage has several factors including teachers pay, benefits and an inadequate budget
13 for school supplies; and,

14 WHEREAS, teachers often spend their own money for student supplies because they are dependent on
15 parents to donate school supplies to get through the school year;

16 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, DPW supports funding for teachers and educators including but not limited to
17 an increase in pay, increased benefits, higher budget for school supplies, free mental health counseling,
18 grants and scholarships for teaching degrees, certificates, graduate programs and other educational
19 related programs.

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21 **24-ELE-06: RESOLUTION FOR EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT SCREENING AND INDIVIDUALIZED**
22 **EDUCATION PROGRAMS IN RURAL WISCONSIN (3RD CD, 85 WORDS) – ADOPT**

23 WHEREAS, rural communities have a shortage of early childhood developmental screenings;

24 WHEREAS, screenings can catch delays at an early age;

25 WHEREAS, screenings include speech therapy, occupational therapy, gross motor skills, social and
26 emotional behavior, and others; and,

27 WHEREAS, early detection of these delays can give the child resources necessary to catch up and to
28 reduce or eliminate an effect on the childhood and adult development;

29 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, DPW supports early childhood development screens in rural areas with
30 resources to complete the Individualized Education Program (IEP).

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32 **24-ELE-07: RESOLUTION TO EXPAND AFFORDABLE CHILDCARE AND EMPOWER FAMILIES IN THE**
33 **WORKFORCE (3RD CD, 98 WORDS) – ADOPT**

34 WHEREAS, prioritizing the well-being and development of children at an early age is the foundation of a
35 strong workforce, promoting equity and opportunity;

36 WHEREAS, affordable, accessible, and quality childcare options are limited for many Wisconsin parents
37 and caregivers, particularly in rural areas; and,

38 WHEREAS, the cost and availability of care often requires parents or caregivers to stay at home,
39 removing that individual from the workforce;

40 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, DPW supports state and federal investment in quality childcare by providing
41 guaranteed child tax credits, incentivizing businesses for on-site childcare, and fostering partnerships with
42 community organizations to expand affordable care options.

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1 **24-ELE-08: ALLEVIATING FOOD INSECURITY FOR K-12 STUDENTS (3RD CD, 91 WORDS) – ADOPT**

2 WHEREAS, 23% of Wisconsinites are “Food Insecure”;

3 WHEREAS, 80% of SNAP recipients in WI are below 200% of the Federal Poverty Level;

4 WHEREAS, 60% of Wisconsin is a “Food Desert;”

5 WHEREAS, negative social stigma regarding free and reduced lunch affects student self-esteem;

6 WHEREAS, students who eat breakfast have documented improved academic performance; and,

7 WHEREAS, food insecurity disproportionately affects students’ ability to learn, correlating to poor learning
8 outcomes;

9 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, free breakfast/lunch must be available to all K-12 students to eliminate stigma,
10 improve academic performance, and enhance overall health and social outcomes.

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12 **24-ELE-09: RESOLUTION TO REPEAL SUBTITLE A OF CHAPTER 26, U.S.C. (INTERNAL REVENUE CODE) AND**
13 **ENACT A NEW SUBTITLE A OF SAID CHAPTER INCORPORATING A GRADUATED GROSS INCOME TAX ON ALL**
14 **FORMS OF INCOME INCLUDING GIFT AND INHERITANCE (UNEARNED) WITHOUT DEDUCTIONS OR CREDITS OF**
15 **ANY KIND (5TH CD, 92 WORDS) – DO NOT ADOPT**

16 WHEREAS, the Internal Revenue Code is a corrupting influence in our country by its complexity, incentive
17 to hide income or receive special treatment, and skewing of markets; and,

18 WHEREAS, a graduated gross income tax on all forms of income including unearned income without
19 deductions or credits will substantially correct this corrupting influence;

20 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, that Subtitle A of Chapter 26, U.S.C. be repealed and a new Subtitle A of said
21 Chapter 26 be enacted incorporating a graduated gross income tax on all forms of income including
22 unearned income without deductions or credits.

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24 **24-ELE-10: RESOLUTION TO REPEAL SUBTITLE B OF CHAPTER 26, U.S.C. (INTERNAL REVENUE CODE) AND**
25 **ENACT A NEW SUBTITLE B OF SAID CHAPTER INCORPORATING AN ADDED-VALUE METHOD FOR CALCULATING**
26 **CORPORATE PROFITS (5TH CD, 99 WORDS) – DO NOT ADOPT**

27 WHEREAS, the IRC is a corrupting influence in our country by its complexity, and the failure of the IRS to
28 catch corporate tax cheaters; and

29 WHEREAS, an added-value method of calculating corporate profits shall be perceived as a fairer method
30 of taxation;

31 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, that Subtitle B of Chapter 26, U.S.C. be repealed and a new Subtitle B of said
32 Chapter 26 be enacted incorporating a method for calculating corporate profits on an added-value basis
33 and requiring all profits (except a reasonable amount for research and development) be attributed to
34 equity owners and taxed to said owners.

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36 **24-ELE-11: RESOLUTION TO AMEND 26 U.S.C., CHAPTER 21 (INTERNAL REVENUE CODE) BY INCLUDING**
37 **ALL FORMS OF INCOME SUBJECT TO TAXATION IN TITLE A SHALL BE SUBJECT TO FICA AND MEDICARE**
38 **TAXES WITHOUT A CAP THEREON (5TH CD, 100 WORDS) – ADOPT**

39 WHEREAS, Social Security and Medicare are in danger of being unable to pay benefits in the future;

40 WHEREAS, they currently rely solely on earned income;

41 WHEREAS, there is a cap on the amount of income that is taxable; and,

42 WHEREAS, requiring all forms of income to be taxed as support of Social Security and Medicare shall
43 resolve any funding crisis;

1 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, that 26 U.S.C., Chapter 21 be amended by imposing on all income subject to
2 tax in Title A of said IRC the taxes imposed by Chapter 21 as amended and without any cap on income to
3 be taxed.

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5 **24-ELE-12: SUPPORT OF PUBLIC EDUCATION (7TH CD, 61 WORDS) – ADOPT**

6 WHEREAS, public schools are critical to having an informed populace;
7 WHEREAS, an informed populace is crucial to a well-functioning democracy; and,
8 WHEREAS, adequate public funding is vital for quality public schools;
9 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, DPW resolves that all public funds dedicated to education be spent on
10 developing, maintaining, and improving public education; and,
11 FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Wisconsin Voucher program be abolished.

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13 **24-ELE-13: LOCAL GOVERNMENT FUNDING (8TH CD, 85 WORDS) – ADOPT**

14 WHEREAS, the State of Wisconsin has had a surplus fund totaling billions of dollars for several years;
15 WHEREAS, the State of Wisconsin has set regulations on local Governmental bodies, capping their ability
16 to raise taxes and fees to meet yearly budgets; and,
17 WHEREAS, The State of Wisconsin has created a situation that forces local governments to make major
18 cuts to services and personnel;
19 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, DPW supports state laws that substantially increase revenue sharing and the
20 removal of revenue caps on all local government units.

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23 **RESOLUTIONS CONCERNING AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS**

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25 **24-AGE-01: RESOLUTION FOR UPGRADING ELECTRIC GRID INFRASTRUCTURE AND PRIORITIZING**
26 **EXPANSION OF DIVERSE, CLEAN ENERGY PRODUCTION (3RD CD, 100 WORDS) – ADOPT**

27 WHEREAS, there is a shortage of renewable and clean energy, due to a lack of investment in
28 infrastructure for these technologies;
29 WHEREAS, this country has successfully spent hundreds of billions of dollars over one hundred plus years
30 on infrastructure for fossil fuels equating to large supplies and cheaper costs;
31 WHEREAS, to meet future demands for electrification, the electric grid will need significant updates;
32 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, DPW supports the funding of electric grid infrastructure updates to support
33 renewable energy including the exploration and development of safe hydrogen, thermal, nuclear,
34 biomass, wind, and solar in order to lower costs and increase supply.

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36 **24-AGE-02: RE-ESTABLISHING POSITIONS AT THE DNR (7TH CD, 67 WORDS) – ADOPT**

37 WHEREAS, Wisconsin residents depend on the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources to maintain a
38 healthy environment;
39 WHEREAS, the department has eliminated most of its science-based positions;
40 WHEREAS, the department has also eliminated many enforcement positions; and,

1 WHEREAS, Wisconsin has long prided itself on having sound, science-based, properly enforced,
2 environmental policy;
3 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, DPW supports the re-establishment of recently eliminated enforcement and
4 science-based positions at the Wisconsin DNR.

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6 **24-AGE-03: RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF SUSTAINABLE REGENERATIVE FARMING (8TH CD, 98 WORDS) –**
7 **ADOPT**

8 WHEREAS, there are 1258 Wisconsin waterways classified as impaired for phosphorus primarily from
9 agricultural runoff per numerous DNR/USDA/UW studies;

10 WHEREAS, in agricultural areas, such as the highly cultivated regions in south-central Wisconsin,
11 approximately 30% of private well samples exceed the Maximum Contamination Level of 10 ppm for
12 nitrates; and,

13 WHEREAS, Regenerative farming practices allow agriculturalists to create ideal habitation for soil
14 microbes that deliver restorative nutrients to plants that improve soils, increase the nutritional value of
15 the food produced at far less cost and without harmful runoff;

16 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, DPW should demand legislation which prioritizes Regenerative Agricultural
17 Practices.

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19 **24-AGE-04: UTV/ATV USE ON PUBLIC ROADS (8TH CD, 79 WORDS) – ADOPT**

20 WHEREAS, the State of Wisconsin has specific rules/laws for motorized vehicles operating on public
21 roadways;

22 WHEREAS, the State of Wisconsin has regulations on drivers and vehicles using public roadways,
23 including a valid driver's license and insurance coverage; and,

24 WHEREAS, many communities have adopted ordinances allowing UTV/ATV drivers to use certain public
25 roadways.

26 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, DPW supports state laws requiring UTV/ATV vehicles using public roadways be
27 held to appropriate rules, laws and regulations to protect the safety of the community.

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30 **RESOLUTIONS CONCERNING JUSTICE, HUMANS CONCERNS, AND**
31 **DEMOCRACY**

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33 **24-JHD-01: END MASS INCARCERATION (1ST CD, 97 WORDS) – ADOPT**

34 WHEREAS, the United States has the largest incarcerated population in the world, with over 1.8 million
35 people incarcerated;

36 WHEREAS, nearly 75% of those incarcerated are serving time for non-violent offenses; and,

37 WHEREAS, the US annually spends \$80,000,000,000 on incarceration;

38 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, the USA must end mass incarceration;

39 FURTHER RESOLVED, incarceration should be eliminated as a penalty for most non-violent offenses,
40 especially those stemming from mental illness and addiction;

41 FURTHER RESOLVED, treatment and rehabilitation alternatives and re-entry programs must receive major
42 investment; and,

1 FINALLY, RESOLVED, the United States should conduct regular systemic audits of our criminal justice
2 system.

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4 **24-JHD-02: REFORM POLICING (1ST CD, 100 WORDS) – ADOPT**

5 WHEREAS, for many years Wisconsinites have demanded reforms to law enforcement that protect civil
6 liberties;

7 WHEREAS, there has not been meaningful statewide action to address these demands; and,

8 WHEREAS, Americans should stand as defenders of true justice and oppose systemically racist policies;

9 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, DPW calls for statewide reform on Use of Force policies for police and creation
10 of a national database on police misconduct;

11 FURTHER RESOLVED, law enforcement funding should be coordinated with crime prevention through
12 social services, improved healthcare and work hours for first responders, and improving emergency
13 response times; and,

14 FINALLY, RESOLVED, Congress should replace qualified immunity.

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16 **24-JHD-03: ALLOW CITIZEN INITIATED BINDING REFERENDUMS IN WISCONSIN (1ST CD, 97 WORDS) –**
17 **ADOPT**

18 WHEREAS, there is no method for the people of Wisconsin to utilize direct democracy;

19 WHEREAS, 15 States allow citizens to initiate binding referendums for Statute and Constitutional
20 Amendments, and 10 additional states allow some variation of this;

21 WHEREAS, Wisconsin residents have repetitively been asked their opinions through non-binding
22 resolutions on subjects, but have received no action after giving clear opinions;

23 WHEREAS, many States have seen huge progressive victories through direct democracy; and,

24 WHEREAS, government should be of, by, and for the people;

25 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, Wisconsin should allow citizen initiated binding ballot referendums on Statute
26 and Constitutional Amendments.

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28 **24-JHD-04: RESOLUTION ABOUT IMMIGRATION IN WISCONSIN (3RD CD, 99 WORDS) – ADOPT**

29 WHEREAS, Wisconsin has a history of being enriched by the contributions of immigrants, who are vital
30 members of Wisconsin’s labor force in a range of industries;

31 WHEREAS, immigrants in Wisconsin have contributed billions of dollars in taxes; and,

32 WHEREAS, crises around the world have created a need for safe haven for people who can no longer
33 safely reside in their native areas, causing an influx of immigrants into the United States and Wisconsin;

34 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, DPW supports common sense immigration reform, assistance to communities
35 where migrants are welcomed, easy-to-access guest worker programs, and support for individual and
36 family migrants.

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38 **24-JHD-05: MEDICAID EXPANSION (3RD CD, 93 WORDS) – ADOPT**

39 WHEREAS, rural hospitals, healthcare services and medical clinics are failing in Wisconsin at the highest
40 rate in the nation;

41 WHEREAS, closings leave thousands of people without needed services resulting in more crisis situations
42 and deaths;

1 WHEREAS, medical facilities need adequate reimbursement for treatment services and unfunded patient
2 care to maintain operations;
3 WHEREAS, parity needed with those states accepting federal Medicaid expansion;
4 WHEREAS, medical staff re-employment and retraining becomes critical to established
5 care levels; and,
6 WHEREAS, community and mental health care services should be supported;
7 THEREFORE RESOLVED, the adaptation of Medicaid expansion should occur.

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9 **24-JHD-06: RESOLUTION FOR REPRODUCTIVE JUSTICE IN WISCONSIN (3RD CD, 98 WORDS) – ADOPT**

10 WHEREAS, The U.S. Supreme Court overturned Roe vs Wade, shifting the determination for abortion
11 access to state legislatures;
12 WHEREAS, this has resulted in abortion access to be uncertain in Wisconsin, with a 2023 Dane County
13 Circuit Court ruling allowing abortion access under a 1985 state law which is likely to be challenged; and,
14 WHEREAS, the current Republican majority in the Wisconsin legislature refuses to take action on ensuring
15 safe, legal abortions despite a majority of Wisconsinites being in favor;
16 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, DPW supports Wisconsin legislation that would protect abortion access,
17 mirroring that of other states such as Minnesota.

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19 **24-JHD-07: ENDORSE U.S. H. RES. 934 (4TH CD, 98 WORDS) – DO NOT ADOPT, H. RES. 934 IS LED BY**
20 **REP. PAUL A. GOSAR (R-AZ-9)**

21 WHEREAS, the Biden administration continues to hold Julian Assange at the high security Belmarsh Prison
22 in the U.K., solely on remand for extradition to the U.S.;
23 WHEREAS, he is being held for the crime of journalism by the government whose war crimes he exposed;
24 and,
25 WHEREAS, Joe Biden on World Press Freedom Day, 2023 stated, “No journalist – American or not –
26 should have to risk their lives and livelihoods in pursuit of that truth.”;
27 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, DPW endorses House Resolution 934 which calls for all charges against Mr.
28 Assange to be dropped and the extradition request to be rescinded.

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30 **24-JHD-08: NON-PARTISAN REDISTRICTING REFORM (7TH CD, 75 WORDS) – ADOPT**

31 WHEREAS, 72% of Wisconsinites support the creation of a non-partisan method to draw legislative and
32 congressional district maps;
33 WHEREAS, gerrymandered districts discourage competition and legislators are not accountable to
34 constituents; and,
35 WHEREAS, the present Congressional District maps violate the Wisconsin Constitution requirement to
36 “...be in as compact form as practicable.”;
37 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, DPW supports the permanent formation of a non-partisan redistricting
38 commission to draw maps for Wisconsin’s state legislative and congressional districts after every census.

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40 **24-JHD-09: NATIONAL POPULAR VOTE COMPACT (7TH – 100 WORDS) – ADOPT**

41 WHEREAS, the Presidency is the only elected office where the Electoral College decides the winner;

1 WHEREAS, the Electoral College was created in 1787 and does not reflect the changes taken place the
2 last 237 years;

3 WHEREAS, the National Popular Vote Interstate Compact has been ratified by 35 states and 220 of the
4 270 votes needed for adoption;

5 WHEREAS, 63% in the 2022 Pew Research poll support electing the President with the direct popular
6 vote; and,

7 WHEREAS, Wisconsin legislation is pending to support the National Popular Voter Interstate Compact;

8 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, DPW supports the adoption of the National Popular Vote Compact.

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10 **24-JHD-10: PASS THE REPRODUCTIVE FREEDOM ACT (7TH CD, 95 WORDS) – ADOPT**

11 WHEREAS, the 1849 Wisconsin law bans abortion with no exceptions for rape, incest, or the health of the
12 mother;

13 WHEREAS, the Reproductive Freedom Act (RFA) restores the power of individuals to make their own
14 pregnancy healthcare decisions; and,

15 WHEREAS, RFA allows health care providers to provide medically accurate information, patients the right
16 to receive medically accurate information from their health care provider, and ensures that publicly
17 funded pregnancy counseling facilities provide all-options counseling;

18 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, DPW supports the passage of the Reproductive Freedom Act as introduced by
19 State Senator Kelda Roys and Representative Francesca Hong.

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21 **24-JHD-11: AUTOMATIC WEAPONS BAN (7TH CD, 95 WORDS) – ADOPT**

22 WHEREAS, the Second Amendment to the Constitution, ratified in 1791, protects "The right of the people
23 to keep and bear arms,";

24 WHEREAS, the Constitution does not prevent Congress from banning private ownership of weapons
25 unknown to the framers of the Constitution;

26 WHEREAS, weapons are either made or altered to shoot hundreds of rounds per minute are the weapons
27 of choice in mass shootings, street gangs, and other criminals; and,

28 WHEREAS, automatic weapons and large magazines are not used for sport;

29 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, DPW supports an immediate ban on sales of automatic weapons and their
30 accessories.

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32 **24-JHD-12: UNIVERSAL HEALTH CARE (7TH CD, 55 WORDS) – ADOPT**

33 WHEREAS, every citizen should have equal access to medical services; and,

34 WHEREAS, The United States of America is the only industrialized country in the world where access to
35 health care is determined by wealth;

36 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, DPW shall support the establishment of a universal health care system through
37 the 2024 national budget and accompanying legislation.

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39 **24-JHD-13: PATHWAY TO CITIZENSHIP (7TH CD, 80 WORDS) – ADOPT**

40 WHEREAS, the national unemployment rate hit its lowest point in 54 years under President Biden;

41 WHEREAS, immigrants without legal status do not deprive American citizens of employment;

42 WHEREAS, the vast majority of immigrants contribute significantly to the economy of this nation; and,

1 WHEREAS, many immigrants without legal status have established homes and families;
2 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, DPW supports the creation of an efficient, humane program to provide
3 immigrants with established residences and/or families, with legal standing and a path towards
4 citizenship.
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6 **24-JHD-14: STREAMLINE APPOINTMENTS TO THE NATURAL RESOURCES BOARD (7TH CD, 80 WORDS) –**
7 **ADOPT**

8 WHEREAS, the Wisconsin Senate has the authority to confirm or deny appointments to the Natural
9 Resources Board;

10 WHEREAS, appointees have historically represented the Governor’s position on Natural Resources; and,

11 WHEREAS, the current Wisconsin Senate has consistently ignored historical precedence and has
12 attempted to influence policy through inaction;

13 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, DPW supports the right of any Governor to appoint members of the board with
14 minimum oversight of the Senate; and,

15 FURTHER RESOLVED, supports a less contentious method of appointing board members.
16

17 **24-JHD-15: RETURN TO TRADITIONAL MEDICARE (7TH CD, 98 WORDS) – ADOPT**

18 WHEREAS, one-half of Medicare eligible citizens choose an ‘Advantage’ plan;

19 WHEREAS, Advantage plans drain 1.4 billion dollars from Medicare;

20 WHEREAS, some dollars go to corporate overhead, commissions to corporate brokers, payment to
21 corporate lobbyists, selection of the healthiest, prior authorizations, denials and delays in care - all adding
22 to healthcare network collapse and worsening the healthcare of the neediest;

23 WHEREAS, the closing of rural hospital and clinics is evidence of the problem; and,

24 WHEREAS, traditional Medicare is efficient and effective;

25 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, DPW supports laws to stop the drain of the public Medicare fund by eliminating
26 Advantage choice.

1 **RESOLUTIONS CONCERNING PARTY GOVERNANCE**

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3 **24-PG-01: CALLING ON THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF WISCONSIN TO PROVIDE DIRECT FUNDING TO EVERY**
4 **YOUTH PARTY UNIT WITHIN THE STATE OF WISCONSIN (1ST CD, 100 WORDS) – FORWARD TO**
5 **ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE**

6 WHEREAS, youth voter turnout in Wisconsin has continuously reached record numbers in recent
7 elections;

8 WHEREAS, Wisconsin has been well represented at the national level of High School Democrats, College
9 Democrats, and Young Democrats of America;

10 WHEREAS, both county and congressional level parties have stepped up to help fund these organizations;

11 WHEREAS, county party units and their members should not have to bear the brunt of supporting youth
12 caucuses; and,

13 WHEREAS, HSDWI, CDW, and YDW should collaborate more but unequal funding creates barriers;

14 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, DPW should support High School Democrats, College Democrats, and Young
15 Democrats with direct funding each year.

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17 **24-PG-02: PROVIDE DIRECTION FOR COUNTY PARTY NONPARTISAN POST-PRIMARY CANDIDATE**
18 **ENDORSEMENTS (1ST CD, 87 WORDS) – DO NOT ADOPT, THE DPW BY-LAWS NOW ALLOW THIS**

19 WHEREAS, DPW has moved toward supporting candidates in non-partisan races, due to the changing
20 political landscape;

21 WHEREAS, county-level candidate support is best determined by local residents;

22 WHEREAS, county parties may adopt in their by-laws new endorsement processes;

23 WHEREAS, member discussion and voting increases election participation and positive outcomes; and.

24 WHEREAS, clarified local endorsement processes benefit membership and candidates;

25 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, DPW County Parties may opt to vote to endorse candidates for non-partisan
26 offices, post-primary, who are members of the Democratic Party or values-aligned with the Democratic
27 Party.