

# Democratic Party of Wisconsin 2025 Resolutions

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1 **RESOLUTIONS CONCERNING JUSTICE, HUMANS CONCERNS, AND**  
2 **DEMOCRACY**

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4 **25-JHD-01: END DARK MONEY IN CAMPAIGNS (96 WORDS)**

5 WHEREAS, dark money in politics is a major source of misinformation;

6 WHEREAS, dark money use by unknown corporations, people, and PACs outside of Wisconsin is an  
7 affront to Wisconsinites;

8 WHEREAS, there is no oversight for truthfulness of dark money ads;

9 WHEREAS, dark money unduly influences campaigns without accountability;

10 WHEREAS, Wisconsinites deserve to know where dark money originates; and,

11 WHEREAS, dark money influences campaigns with no accountability for truthfulness and source of said  
12 money;

13 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, the State of Wisconsin should enact laws preventing dark money's use in  
14 campaigns and/or to identify sources of said dark money.

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16 **25-JHD-02: A WISCONSIN EQUAL RIGHTS AMENDMENT NOW (87 WORDS)**

17 WHEREAS, the DPW is committed to the principle of equality;

18 WHEREAS, the Wisconsin Constitution, while containing some protections against discrimination, lacks an  
19 explicit, comprehensive guarantee of equal rights based on sex, leaving Wisconsinites vulnerable to  
20 discriminatory laws, practices, and inequity; and,

21 WHEREAS, a Wisconsin ERA would provide essential, stronger legal protections against discrimination  
22 based on sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, and race, ensuring equal rights and opportunity for all  
23 Wisconsinites;

24 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, that the DPW supports the passage of an Equal Rights Amendment to the  
25 Wisconsin Constitution.

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27 **25-JHD-03: RESOLUTION TO RESTORE HOSPITAL SERVICES IN UNDERSERVED AREAS IN WISCONSIN (95**  
28 **WORDS)**

29 WHEREAS, recent hospital closures in Wisconsin have significantly impacted access to healthcare,  
30 particularly in rural communities;

31 WHEREAS, these closures strain local emergency services, increase travel times for critical care, and  
32 exacerbate health disparities; and,

33 WHEREAS, access to affordable healthcare is a critical need that must be ensured for all residents,  
34 regardless of location;

35 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, the DPW calls for state legislation and funding to support rural healthcare  
36 infrastructure and mental health services, to incentivize healthcare providers to serve underserved areas,  
37 and to explore innovative solutions to ensure continued access to essential medical services in Wisconsin.  
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**25-JHD-04: RESOLUTION TO DEMAND RATIFICATION OF THE "EQUAL RIGHTS AMENDMENT" AS THE 28<sup>TH</sup> AMENDMENT OF THE US CONSTITUTION (88 WORDS)**

WHEREAS, the Civil Rights Act of 1964 has prohibited discrimination on the basis of sex;

WHEREAS, the proposed Equal Rights Amendment to the US Constitution serves to strengthen this prohibition;

WHEREAS, thirty-eight states, including Wisconsin, have ratified the proposed amendment since its introduction in 1921; and,

WHEREAS, President Biden held that the ERA should be certified by the National Archives and officially added to the US Constitution;

THEREFORE, RESOLVED, the DPW appeals to the National Archives to add the ERA as the 28<sup>th</sup> Amendment to the US Constitution.

**25-JHD-05: RESOLUTION TO REFORM CAMPAIGN FINANCE (99 WORDS)**

WHEREAS, the Supreme Court's 2010 Citizens United ruling gives corporations and wealthy donors unprecedented ability to spend unlimited funds to influence elections;

WHEREAS, unrestricted donations create conflict of interest, where politicians put the interests of wealthy donors, corporations, and special interests over interests of their constituents; and,

WHEREAS, such capital expenditures are not available to the vast majority of Americans;

THEREFORE, RESOLVED, the DPW supports a Constitutional amendment and immediate legislation that defines only people as people; restricts individual donation amounts to candidates or special interest groups; eliminates PACs; and prohibits corporations from donating to political parties or candidates.

**25-JHD-06: OPPOSE THE SAVE ACT (80 WORDS)**

WHEREAS, 69 million married women citizens lack proof of citizenship that matches their legal name;

WHEREAS, more than 21 million U.S. citizens lack any or ready access to documents that prove citizenship; and,

WHEREAS, the Wisconsin GOP set up the November 2024 citizenship amendment to the Constitution as a predicate for requiring proof of citizenship to register or re-register to vote;

THEREFORE, RESOLVED, the DPW opposes the SAVE Act and the Executive Order on American Elections which suppress voters rights.

**25-JHD-07: PRESERVE MEDICAID FUNDING (61 WORDS)**

WHEREAS, in 2025, 1,300,570 Wisconsin residents relied on Medicaid;

WHEREAS, 60% of nursing home residents receive Medicaid assistance;

WHEREAS, 47% of Medicaid beneficiaries are children, 15% are disabled and 10% are age 65 or older; and,

WHEREAS, many medical clinics and hospitals in Wisconsin would close without Medicaid funds;

THEREFORE, RESOLVED, DPW opposes any cuts in funding for the Medicaid program.

**25-JHD-08: TRUMP IMPEACHMENT AND REMOVAL FROM OFFICE (94 WORDS)**

WHEREAS, the 14<sup>th</sup> Amendment to the Constitution states that all persons born in the U.S. are citizens;  
WHEREAS, President Donald J. Trump, on January 20, 2025, did sign Executive Order (EO) 14160, which declared that not all people born in the U.S. will automatically be citizens; and,  
WHEREAS, Donald J Trump, by signing EO 14160, did violate his oath of office;  
THEREFORE, RESOLVED, that, having violated his oath of office, President Donald J. Trump be impeached by the U.S. House of Representatives, and be found guilty and removed from office by the U.S. Senate.

**25-JHD-09: PROTECT TRIBAL SOVEREIGNTY (50 WORDS)**

WHEREAS, there are eleven federally recognized tribes in Wisconsin; and,  
WHEREAS, they have written promises - called by our US Constitution "the Supreme Law of the Land";  
THEREFORE, RESOLVED, the DPW shall oppose all attempts by the Federal executive branch to abrogate those treaties and/or any challenges to tribal sovereignty.

**25-JHD-10: RESTORE HUMANITY IN IMMIGRATION POLICY (88 WORDS)**

WHEREAS, the detention and deportation or imprisonment of humans without due process is inhumane and unjust, and is a harbinger of fascism;  
WHEREAS, we are a nation of immigrants, with Indigenous excepted;  
WHEREAS, our social and economic welfare depends and thrives on our diverse and talented immigrants; and,  
WHEREAS, sanctuary states and cities are being threatened with stoppage of funds;  
THEREFORE, RESOLVED, the DPW supports the people, cities, and states who will not aid or abet any person/agency that acts against immigrants without lawful and humane due process.

**25-JHD-11: RESOLUTION CONDEMNING THE WEAPONIZATION OF ANTISEMITISM (87 WORDS)**

WHEREAS, the Trump Administration has used antisemitism as a political wedge to divide Americans, attack academic freedom, and justify slashing funding to universities and critical research; and,  
WHEREAS, the DPW condemns antisemitism in all its forms and stands in solidarity with the Jewish community at home and abroad;  
THEREFORE, RESOLVED, that the DPW opposes the exploitation of Jewish safety to advance political agendas, calls on leaders to confront antisemitism with integrity, and affirms that robust academic dialogue, vigorous political debate, and free expression are foundations of democracy.

**RESOLUTIONS CONCERNING FOREIGN AFFAIRS**

**25-FA-01: SOLIDARITY WITH UKRAINE (100 WORDS)**

WHEREAS, on February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2022 Russia invaded Ukraine, causing war and massive suffering;  
WHEREAS, Democrats stand for international cooperation and against misguided isolationism;  
WHEREAS, Vladimir Putin and his nationalist allies, like Donald Trump, have endangered humanity in their attempt to weaken democracy and global alliances; and,

1 WHEREAS, the Ukrainian people deserve a diplomatic path to peace and guaranteed security for pre-  
2 invasion borders;  
3 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, DPW stands in solidarity with the people of the world who are fighting against  
4 this war in solidarity with Ukraine;  
5 FURTHER RESOLVED, DPW condemns the Trump Administration’s attempt to realign American interests  
6 with those of Putin.  
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8 **25-FA-02: RESOLUTION TO RESTORE SUPPORT TO USAID (95 words)**

9 WHEREAS, the mission of the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) is to promote  
10 self-reliance, democracy, and humanitarian aid globally, improving health, education, and economic  
11 opportunities;  
12 WHEREAS, USAID addresses global health challenges, instability, and promotes economic growth that  
13 benefits both the U.S. and partner countries; and,  
14 WHEREAS, USAID programs have faced drastic cuts or restructuring under recent federal policies  
15 resulting in a devastating impact on the agency and the people it serves;  
16 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, the DPW supports the immediate restoration of USAID and the continuation of  
17 its mission of peace and prosperity for all.  
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19 **25-FA-03: THE DPW THANKS REP. POCAN AND URGES THE WI CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION TO JOIN HIM**  
20 **IN CO-SPONSORING “BLOCK THE BOMBS ACT, H.R.3565” (99 words)**

21 WHEREAS, Congressman Pocan co-sponsored H.R.3565, blocking bombs to Israel;  
22 WHEREAS, Senator Sanders states there’s a mountain of evidence demonstrating that American weapons  
23 are being used in violation of U.S. and international law;  
24 WHEREAS, UNICEF notes 50,000 children killed or injured since October 2023 and asks, “What level of  
25 horror must be livestreamed before the international community takes bold, decisive action to force the  
26 end of this ruthless killing of children?”; and,  
27 WHEREAS, the Democratic Party base is overwhelmingly supportive of restricting weapons to Israel;  
28 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, the DPW thanks Representative Pocan and urges Wisconsin's Congressional  
29 Delegation to co-sponsor H.R.3565.  
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32 **RESOLUTIONS CONCERNING EDUCATION, LABOR, AND ECONOMICS**  
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34 **25-ELE-01: RESOLUTION TO INCREASE SPECIAL EDUCATION REIMBURSEMENT TO 90% (83 words)**

35 WHEREAS, Wisconsin reimburses only an average of 29.16% of special education costs, straining local  
36 budgets;  
37 WHEREAS, rising special education costs divert funding from general education;  
38 WHEREAS, students with disabilities deserve full access to resources and support;  
39 WHEREAS, Wisconsin ranks among the lowest in special education reimbursement;  
40 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, the DPW supports increasing the special education reimbursement rate to at  
41 least 90%, that state funding be guaranteed without annual cuts, and that Wisconsin fully fund special  
42 education to ensure equitable opportunities for all students.  
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**25-ELE-02: RESOLUTION TO ABOLISH THE WISCONSIN SCHOOL VOUCHER PROGRAM (100 WORDS)**

WHEREAS, Wisconsin's private school voucher program diverts millions from public schools;  
WHEREAS, voucher schools lack the academic, financial, and transparency standards of public schools;  
WHEREAS, studies show vouchers do not improve achievement and chiefly benefit wealthier families;  
and,  
WHEREAS, tax dollars fund private school tuition for 80% of students who have never attended a public school;  
WHEREAS, public funds should support public education;  
THEREFORE, RESOLVED, the DPW supports abolishing taxpayer-funded private school vouchers and that all voucher funds be redirected to public schools; and,  
FINALLY RESOLVED, that Wisconsin ensures all students receive a high-quality education in fully funded public schools.

**25-ELE-03: RESOLUTION TO STRENGTHEN TEACHER RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION IN WISCONSIN (94 WORDS)**

WHEREAS, Wisconsin faces a teacher shortage, especially in rural and low-income districts;  
WHEREAS, low pay, lack of benefits, and unsustainable working conditions contribute to high turnover;  
WHEREAS, teachers deserve competitive salaries, full collective bargaining rights, and professional respect; and,  
WHEREAS, Wisconsin must attract and retain high-quality educators to maintain strong public schools;  
THEREFORE, RESOLVED, that DPW supports increasing teacher salaries and benefits to compete with neighboring states;  
FURTHER RESOLVED, that Wisconsin restores full collective bargaining rights for educators; and,  
FINALLY RESOLVED, that Wisconsin funds teacher training programs and loan forgiveness to attract new educators.

**24-ELE-04: RESOLUTION TO PROTECT THE TEACHING OF ACCURATE HISTORY IN WISCONSIN SCHOOLS (97 WORDS)**

WHEREAS, students deserve a factual education that includes all historical perspectives, including those of marginalized communities;  
WHEREAS, efforts seek to restrict discussions on race, gender, and systemic inequality in classrooms;  
WHEREAS, censoring history deprives students of critical thinking skills and full societal understanding;  
and,  
WHEREAS, teachers should educate free from political interference;  
THEREFORE, RESOLVED, the DPW supports policies protecting the teaching of accurate history in public schools;  
FURTHER RESOLVED, that Wisconsin opposes laws restricting discussions on race, gender, and social justice; and,  
FINALLY RESOLVED, the DPW stands with educators facing political attacks on curriculum and instructional materials.

**25-ELE-05: RESOLUTION TO RESTORE DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION (DEI) PROGRAMS IN WISCONSIN (89 WORDS)**

WHEREAS, DEI programs promote equal opportunities and inclusive learning and work environments;  
WHEREAS, Wisconsin's public institutions have faced political attacks and funding cuts targeting DEI;  
WHEREAS, eliminating DEI programs disproportionately harms marginalized communities and limits opportunities; and,  
WHEREAS, diverse workplaces and schools strengthen Wisconsin's economy and democracy;  
THEREFORE, RESOLVED, the DPW supports restoring and fully funding DEI programs in public institutions;  
FURTHER RESOLVED, that Wisconsin enforces policies ensuring equitable access to education and employment; and,  
FINALLY RESOLVED, the DPW opposes all efforts to defund or weaken DEI initiatives statewide.

**25-ELE-06: EXPAND SCHOOL-BASED MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES (83 WORDS)**

WHEREAS, Wisconsin faces a shortage of school counselors, psychologists, and social workers;  
WHEREAS, youth mental health concerns, including anxiety and depression, are rising;  
WHEREAS, school-based mental health services improve student well-being and academic success; and,  
WHEREAS, many Wisconsin schools lack adequate mental health funding;  
THEREFORE, RESOLVED, the DPW supports increased funding for school-based mental health services;  
FURTHER RESOLVED, that every school have at least one full-time mental health professional; and,  
FINALLY RESOLVED, that Wisconsin expand funding for early intervention and crisis response programs.

**25-ELE-07: RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT CARETAKING COVERAGE FOR DISABLED INDIVIDUALS (94 WORDS)**

WHEREAS, Medicaid is the primary way the disabled pay for necessary caretaking services;  
WHEREAS, Medicaid income limits often require the disabled to choose between gainful employment and caretaking services;  
WHEREAS, the disabled must be empowered to make their own decisions, including about where to work;  
WHEREAS, private health insurance providers do not cover caretaking services for the disabled;  
THEREFORE, RESOLVED, the DPW supports policy requiring private and public health plans to include caretaking services for the disabled without income limits, or if income limits remain, that they reasonably reflect the high cost of care.

**25-ELE-08: ADDRESSING PUBLIC SCHOOL REFERENDUMS (91 WORDS)**

WHEREAS, our communities continue to find it necessary to use referendums to fund major parts of their public schools;  
WHEREAS, there were 130 school related questions on the November ballot and 89 on the April ballot;  
WHEREAS, many communities were forced to increase property taxes to fund their public schools; and,  
WHEREAS, unfunded mandates continue to be passed by our legislature;  
THEREFORE, RESOLVED, that DPW address the issue of fair distribution of public school funding by calling to reform the current school funding formula to reduce the need for school referendums.

**25-ELE-09: ACADEMIC FREEDOM (91 WORDS)**

WHEREAS, academic freedom is critical to the advancement of knowledge;

WHEREAS, the threat of withholding university funding for research and cultural programs for failing to conform to political mandates is an attack on academic freedom;

WHEREAS, government policies that ban words, phrases, or books are an attack on academic freedom; and,

WHEREAS, the First Amendment guarantees the freedom of speech, the press, religion, the right to assemble, and by extension, the freedom to think;

THEREFORE, RESOLVED, the DPW demands our government honor the first amendment and cease attacks on academic freedom.

**RESOLUTIONS CONCERNING AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS**

**25-AGE-01: RESOLUTION TO FUND AND PROMOTE FARM TO FOOD ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS THROUGHOUT WISCONSIN (89 WORDS)**

WHEREAS, Wisconsin Local Food Purchase Assistance Program (LFPA) addresses food insecurity by connecting farmer/growers with local food distributors;

WHEREAS, hundreds of farmers and food banks have participated over the last several years, distributing \$4.18 million in food to serve the needs of communities across Wisconsin; and,

WHEREAS, this program is funded in part by the USDA, and recent Federal actions have created uncertainty about the availability of future grant funds;

THEREFORE, RESOLVED, the DPW supports policy to utilize Wisconsin state revenue to fully fund the LFPA program through 2027.

**25-AGE-02: WISCONSIN LOCAL FOOD PURCHASE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (93 WORDS)**

WHEREAS, farmers are the backbone of economic and community development;

WHEREAS, providing farmers with a steady, reliable payment necessary for them to plan;

WHEREAS, since 2021 Wisconsin farmers were given financial remuneration from the USDA for providing food pantries with freshly grown, locally produced foods, but that support has been withdrawn;

WHEREAS, good nutrition enhances health outcomes and reduces health care costs; and,

WHEREAS, food pantries support working people and those unable to work;

THEREFORE, RESOLVED, the DPW supports the federal government reinstating financial support for the Wisconsin Local Food Purchase Assistance Program.

**25-AGE-03: LEGALIZE AND STREAMLINE WORK PERMITS FOR MIGRANT AND IMMIGRANT AGRICULTURAL WORKERS TO SUPPORT WISCONSIN AGRICULTURAL WORKFORCE NEEDS (78 WORDS)**

WHEREAS, immigrant and migrant workers perform 70%+ of the labor on Wisconsin dairy farms;

WHEREAS, loss of immigrant and migrant worker labor puts Wisconsin's dairy industry at high risk of collapse; and,

WHEREAS, new strict Federal immigration policies threaten the availability of immigrant and migrant workers for Wisconsin dairy farmers;



1 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, the DPW supports policy ensuring an adequate agricultural workforce through  
2 legislative action to create work permits and streamline legal processes for migrant and immigrant  
3 agricultural workers.

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5 **25-AGE-04: LOCAL CONTROL OF CONCENTRATED ANIMAL FEEDING OPERATION (CAFO) PERMITS (82**  
6 **WORDS)**

7 WHEREAS, Wisconsin's Department of Natural Resources permits 342 CAFOs;

8 WHEREAS, CAFO permits do not address air pollution, methane digesters, biosecurity, road damage, fire  
9 protection, or property values;

10 WHEREAS, local governments have the authority and responsibility to pass ordinances protecting health  
11 and property; and,

12 WHEREAS, eight Wisconsin towns and three counties have passed CAFO Operations Ordinances;

13 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, the DPW oppose state legislative action to preempt local control of the  
14 operation of CAFOs and support allowing local government to adopt more restrictive regulations.

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16 **25-AGE-05: CLIMATE CHANGE (87 WORDS)**

17 WHEREAS, scientists have established that our climate is changing at an alarming rate due to human  
18 activities, particularly the emission of greenhouse gases;

19 WHEREAS, climate change including rising temperatures and extreme weather events pose significant  
20 threats to future generations; and,

21 WHEREAS, Wisconsin has a responsibility to take measures to build a more resilient future;

22 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, the DPW supports legislation for the development and installation of renewable  
23 energy, prioritizing the protection and restoration of our forests, wetlands, and waterways to enhance  
24 their ability to absorb carbon dioxide.

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26 **25-AGE-06: PROTECTION OF OUR WATER (93 WORDS)**

27 WHEREAS, access to clean, safe, and affordable water is a human right;

28 WHEREAS, the aesthetic, recreational, agricultural, and industrial use of water benefits our lives and  
29 economy;

30 WHEREAS, lead pipes, PFAs, chemical and biological runoffs, leaking pipelines and a warming climate  
31 create human loss and suffering, property loss, social costs, loss of wildlife and habitat; and,

32 WHEREAS, as Indigenous treat water as Sacred and Alive, so should we;

33 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, the DPW supports legislation to monitor, remediate, and protect our water and  
34 supports full funding and staffing of our agencies that oversee this.

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36 **25-AGE-07: RENEW KNOWLES-NELSON STEWARDSHIP FUND (93 WORDS)**

37 WHEREAS, the Knowles-Nelson Stewardship fund, created by Governor Tommy Thompson in 1989, is the  
38 nation's premier stewardship program;

39 WHEREAS, the program has purchased 750,000 acres of land for recreation by the public;

40 WHEREAS, the program supports construction of recreational infrastructure in state and local parks;

41 WHEREAS, the fund is critical to the preservation of Wisconsin's most endangered natural resources; and,

42 WHEREAS, the fund will expire in June of 2026;

1 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, the DPW supports renewing the Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Fund with an  
2 amount of \$100 million per year for a period of ten years.

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5 **RESOLUTIONS CONCERNING PARTY GOVERNANCE**

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7 **25-PG-01: RESOLUTION TO SECURE FUNDING FOR COLLEGE DEMOCRATS OF WISCONSIN (91 WORDS)**

8 WHEREAS, the DPW relies on the efforts of College Democrats of Wisconsin (CDW) in organizing,  
9 mobilizing, and energizing college students across the state, contributing to greater voter turnout and  
10 grassroots activism; and,

11 WHEREAS, CDW requires stable and sufficient financial support to effectively support student organizing  
12 efforts, growing chapter development, statewide initiatives, and materials;

13 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, DPW shall commit to increasing funding and work in collaboration with CDW's  
14 Chair and Finance Director to assess funding needs, ensure transparency, and to incorporate CDW  
15 funding as a formal line item in its annual budget.

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17 **25-PG-02: ESTABLISHING PERMANENT ORGANIZING OFFICES IN NORTH AND SOUTH SIDES OF MILWAUKEE**  
18 **(98 WORDS)**

19 WHEREAS, Milwaukee's North and South Side communities have distinct needs and have faced unequal  
20 access to political resources;

21 WHEREAS, the DPW is committed to equity, grassroots power, and civic engagement; and,

22 WHEREAS, the DPW believes year-round, on-the-ground organizing is key to systemic change;

23 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, that the DPW shall establish and maintain permanent field offices on the North  
24 and South sides of Milwaukee, in collaboration with the DPMC, to support year-round organizing and  
25 community-building; and,

26 FURTHER RESOLVED, that these offices shall prioritize accessibility, representation, and sustained  
27 partnership with local residents.