



What We Value

We the people of the Democratic Party have proven that we are the party of today and of the future.

FREEDOM

- Freedom is the foundation of democracy and is the light of hope for a better future.
- Freedom of speech and of the press allows us to publicly discuss local, national and global issues.
- Freedom of religion allows us to believe as we wish and to respect the beliefs of others
- Our system of free enterprise allows us to provide for our families, our communities and ourselves.
- Our civil liberties, such as the freedom to marry, to have families and to educate ourselves and our children, inspire the world.
- Civil rights, such as those that protect privacy and equality, should not be forsaken in times of national crises.

ACCOUNTABILITY

- Civic leaders must be open, produce results and insist on integrity.
- Businesses should add long-term value to our communities.
- Access to affordable healthcare ensures quality of life for all.
- Responsible development planning balances the interests of our neighborhoods and livelihoods.

OPPORTUNITY

- Our cultural and economic vitality depends on equal access to a quality education.
- Our schools must foster academic achievement, parental involvement and educator excellence, and be supported with the financial resources necessary to produce the best trained workforce in the world.
- Our commercial culture should attract responsible investment, improve employment prospects, enhance our quality of life, and reward the initiative and entrepreneurship of our workforce.
- Our communities must create a long-term plan for prosperity that balances our economic and environmental interests.

JUSTICE

- Access to our judicial systems must be provided fairly and equally for all.
- Fair and impartial administration of justice fosters economic efficiency and ethical actions.
- Courts must enforce the rights, freedom and safety of all citizens equally.
- Discrimination based on economics or demographics undermines our collective conscience and individual initiative.
- Military justice that insures the fair treatment of soldiers and prisoners enhances the safety and reputation of our armed forces.



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DIVERSITY

- We cherish the unique character of our citizens and celebrate the diversity that enriches our communities.
- A diverse community finds its common value in individual differences.
- Promoting cultural and commercial diversity in our communities will attract financial and intellectual capital.

ENVIRONMENT

- We champion the right of all Americans to a safe and healthy environment.
- Responsible stewardship of our soil, air, open space and water considers the long-term needs of our citizens and communities.
- We support policies and practices that foster responsible agriculture and development that preserves the ecological diversity and future viability of our land.
- Waste and water policies must reward eco-friendly practices and penalize negligence.
- Incentives must be offered to expand the use of renewable and alternative energy.

NATIONAL SECURITY

- We advocate the use of statesmanship and diplomacy as our first line of national security.
- We urge foreign policy that enhances our effectiveness and esteem in the diplomatic community.
- We condemn any manipulation of national security concerns that erodes civil liberties, that reduces administration accountability or that creates an unwarranted justification of lethal force.
- We support the development of a national energy policy that strengthens our national security by fostering renewable and alternative energy sources and conservation to reduce our dependence on oil.
- We support our armed forces with resources as well as rhetoric.
- We advocate military strategy that protects our troops with adequate numbers, strong alliances and winnable missions.
- We support those who serve and have served honorably in our armed forces.

GOVERNMENT

- We will build an efficient government that meets the needs of our citizens and lives within its means.
- We expect government to stay out of our personal lives and to respect the diversity of ourselves and of the peoples of the world.