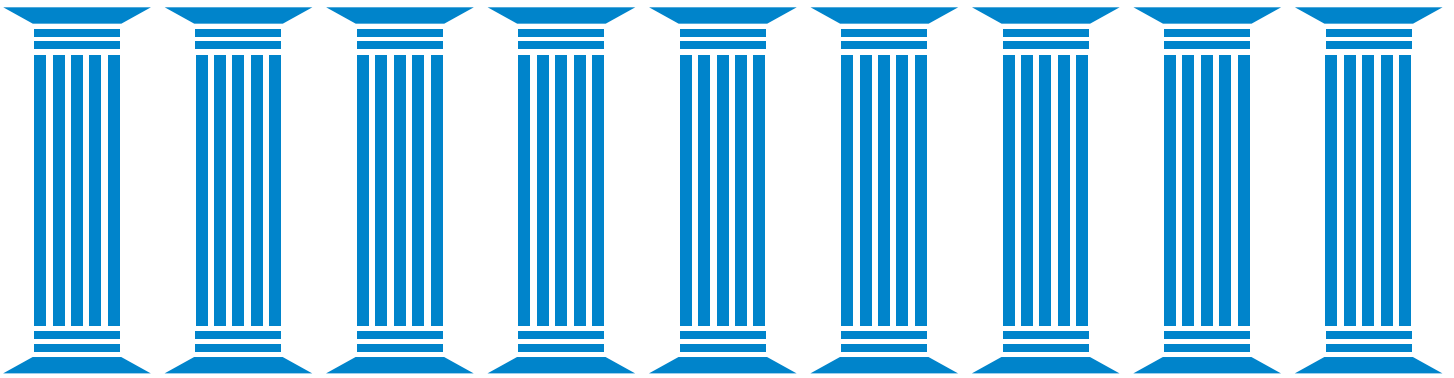


# PLATFORM 2021



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# Preamble



## **The only way forward is together.**

The 34th Legislative District Democrats believe the best way to combat inequity and injustice is by maintaining a unified, relentless front from which we fight to secure and defend the rights and freedoms of our nation. To progress as a society we must recognize and repair the damages of historical oppression, suppression, and violence against marginalized communities. We must also vehemently oppose and deconstruct those policies, systems, and institutions which sustain and perpetuate these atrocities. We also aim to develop and maintain equitable systems and infrastructure which improve the quality of life for all, celebrate and demonstrate an understanding of our nation's diverse cultures, and promote an informed, engaged society.

We believe every human has the right to a livable future, which must include:

- Accessible education;
- Clean air, water, and energy;
- Unencumbered participation in free, fair elections;
- Affordable physical, mental and behavioral health services;
- Secure, permanent housing;
- Living wages and stable, union employment;
- Equal treatment under the law;
- Safety and security in their person; and
- Reliable, clean transportation and utilities.

We recognize the unique, valuable history and cultures of Indigenous peoples. We understand the importance of developing and maintaining lasting, respectful relationships with Tribal Nations and recognize the damage of the injustices our country has committed against them.

We recognize the strength our communities gain from immigrants and believe the aforementioned human rights ought not to be conditional upon one's citizenship status. We affirm the importance of culturally diverse expression through art, and recognize its power in building bridges between people.

As we continue our work, the concept of the collective will drive us forward. The unity of our neighbors, our communities, our state, and our country will forever be by the goal; because the only way forward is together.

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# Executive Summary



## Arts & Culture

We believe in easy access and frequent exposure to, and engagement in, the arts and the elements comprising the world's diverse cultures. Access, exposure, and engagement related to arts and culture is essential for the enrichment, education, and well-being of our society. The arts are an essential aspect of our collective culture and economy. We will support and pursue policies that promote funding for, education about, and creation of art; especially those policies celebrating and amplifying arts and culture of those communities historically and presently marginalized in our society.

## Education

Free, universal, high-quality public education is the backbone of our democracy. Defined as “the paramount duty of the state” in the Washington Constitution, our education system must be designed to develop lifelong learners who think critically and participate in our civic society. The growing demands of globalization, technology, and cross-cultural understanding require that our education system develops the whole student; preparing them for success in life. We recognize that the contemporary institution of public education produces disparate outcomes because of its history of inequity, discrimination, oppression, and suppression. Because of this, we will work to turn our education system into one more accessible and beneficial for all, regardless of one's identity, circumstance, or background.

## Environment, Energy, & Land Use

Grounded in the stewardship of the Coast Salish People, both past and present, whose ancestral practices sustained this land for many generations, we strive to preserve all people's right to clean air, water, food, and soil. We must confront climate change and transition to a clean, sustainable way of life. We will address racial and economic justice while working toward a sustainable, fossil-free future for ourselves and generations to come.

## Government, Voting, & Elections

Our government derives its legitimacy from the consent of the governed, and ought to serve as an instrument for achieving social equity and just outcomes that cannot be achieved through individual action. We build the power of our collective voice through collective organization and civic engagement, developing the institutional change necessary to improve quality of life, fight prejudice and oppression, and empower historically disenfranchised communities. We pledge to improve civic engagement, strengthen our democracy, and promote and preserve fairness and transparency in our elections. We must promote democratic expression locally, nationally, and internationally, engaging and cooperating in peacebuilding, economic generosity, and social justice.

## Health Care & Human Services

Healthcare is a human right and must therefore be a primary focus of our government. Establishing and maintaining a safety net of social services to guarantee the welfare of our nation must include physical and mental/behavioral health care, healthy food, permanent housing, employment services, Social Security, and the protection of these from those who would diminish or do away with their provision. We believe that the right to these social services and basic needs should not be tied to employment and, thus, ought to be extended to the unemployed and retired.

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No person should live in poverty. Through a commitment to a vibrant, just, and sustainable economy that supports living-wage jobs, shared prosperity, equitable taxation, and robust safety nets, we believe we will defend the dignity of all US residents. We fight for the right of all workers to join unions, collectively bargain, and maintain a meaningful role in setting their working conditions. Income and wealth inequality continue to reach new extremes, making corrective public policy increasingly more necessary.

## Law, Justice, & Civil Rights

Government must provide for safety, security, and justice for all. While we have made progress, we recognize that many of our institutions, our laws, and beliefs are rooted in bias and discrimination based on race, ethnicity, nationality, disability, sex, gender, sexual orientation, religion, class, wealth, and more. We must work to minimize implicit, explicit, and institutional injustice and bias; as this effort is central and vital to promoting the welfare of all people. We support those policies which protect and enhance the civil rights of marginalized communities, especially for those who, when exercising their rights, have been met with violence, discrimination, oppression, and suppression. We also support those policies which would undo systems that produce and reproduce inequitable outcomes, reimagine and replace those systems with ones that serve and preserve humanity, and work to promote the general welfare of our communities.

## Transportation & Utilities

We believe in human centered approaches to transportation and utility issues. We advocate for policies that make our community equitable, accessible, safe, and more sustainable. Access to transportation and utilities is a right and necessary to support and expand opportunities for all people. These policies are also cornerstones to fighting climate change, reducing the pollution affecting our low income communities, and increasing access to good-paying, union jobs. Projects in this area of investment are often implemented without consideration for the priorities and values of, or impacts to, communities of color; and in many cases to their detriment. As we expand and improve our infrastructure, it is critical that we value, consider, and plan with communities of color not just to avoid disparate outcomes, but to help lift marginalized communities out of the inequitable circumstances imposed by centuries of injustice.

## Tribal Relations & Sovereignty

Indigenous populations have persevered through colonialism, prejudice, discrimination, and attempted genocide to maintain their distinct and cherished cultures and identities. We recognize and value these unique cultures, histories, and contributions of the Tribal Nations, Native Hawaiians, and Alaskan Natives of our region. All branches of our government must work to establish and maintain lasting, respectful relationships with Tribal Nations and oppose any and all attempts to weaken or limit Tribal sovereignty and self-sufficiency.



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## We Support:

- Increased public funding for arts programs and education.
- Access to the arts and art education as a core subject in public K-12.
- Grants supporting cultural organizations, artists, scholars, and governments to help increase arts participation.
- Public art displays and the incorporation of art into urban planning and design.
- Increasing and preserving landmark districts.
- Programs that celebrate and promote cultural diversity.
- Multi-media public broadcasting.
- Paying artists for their intellectual property.
- Involving artists and cultural organizations in planning and implementing processes;
- Expanding funding for performing arts centers and museums.
- Providing easily accessible arts events, performances, exhibits, and installations for all communities featuring diverse artists.
- Promoting diversity of leadership in agencies and organizations governing, managing, and overseeing policy related to arts and culture.
- Free expression and democratic media, respecting diverse voices, promoting inclusive public conversation, and providing the proper tools for an open society.
- Improving access to the arts, including physically, geographically, and culturally.

## We Oppose:

- Cultural appropriation;
- Government or corporate control of expression.
- Exploitation or restriction of cultures or their expressions.
- Decreasing public funding for art, arts programs, or arts education.
- Decreasing public funding for arts venues, events, performances, or the like.
- Removal or defacing of public art.
- Imposing, reinforcing, or perpetuating barriers to accessing arts, cultural programs, or the education or funding of the same.
- Censorship of the arts and artists due to political content or message.



# Education



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## We Support:

- Universal public preschool.
- Equitable access to public K-12 programs.
- Free, healthy school food programs.
- Maintaining reduced class sizes (17 students per class in K-3; 26 in 4-12).
- Increasing funding and support for special education and students with 504 plans or Individual Education Plans.
- Ensuring districts direct all special education funding exclusively to services for students with disabilities.
- Competitive teacher salaries.
- Expanding vocational education and apprenticeship programs.
- Adopting a non-profit GED system.
- Withdrawing from high-stakes testing consortiums.
- Increasing need-based funding for higher education.
- Tuition-free post-secondary education options, including two-year degrees.
- Schools free of weapons, harassment, intimidation, bullying, violence, drugs, and alcohol.
- Culturally responsive, anti-bias learning environments.
- Guidance-based teaching practices.
- Training for faculty and staff in de-escalation and abuse prevention, identification, and reporting.
- Emphasis on special curriculum areas, such as; arts, language, STEM, ethnic group and cultural studies, sex education, and social-emotional learning.
- Student debt forgiveness.
- Educator and parent-led reform.
- Local laws that enhance Title IX.

## We Oppose:

- Profit-driven curricula and testing.
- Charter schools and the diversion of public funds to charter schools.
- High-stakes standardized testing tied to teacher compensation, funding, grade promotion, or graduation.
- Over-testing of students, biased assessment, mandatory testing, and testing for testing's sake.
- Voucher programs.
- Anti-science curricula.
- Gathering and sharing student and employee personal information for military recruitment, commercial exploitation, or personal or political gain.
- Arming teachers with guns or other weapons.
- Contracting law enforcement as school security.
- Retributive justice practices in schools.
- Unfunded mandates.
- Predatory loan practices.
- Cuts to education funding.
- Capping funding for special education programs and services.
- Personal belief exemptions for vaccinations in schools.
- Weakening Title IX protections and rights.
- Policies restricting the participation of transgender, gender diverse, and non-binary students from any educational activity or other activities associated with their school.

# Environment, Energy, & Land Use



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## We Support:

- Clean, renewable energy.
- Stable, good-paying union jobs for workers transitioning from polluting industries.
- Sustainable, regenerative agriculture and forest management.
- Contiguous nature corridors and forests, including inside urban boundaries, to encourage wildlife and carbon sequestration and to provide peaceful retreats for people.
- Organic family farms.
- Reducing our energy use through weatherizing and electrifying new and existing buildings.
- Encouraging ownership of electric- or hydrogen-powered vehicles instead of gasoline.
- Use of public transit, rideshare and car-share practices, walking and biking.
- Strong growth management policy to reduce sprawl while protecting agriculture, critical areas, open spaces, forests, and waterbodies.
- Encouraging virtual public testimony at land use hearings.
- Encouraging biodiversity of plants and animals.
- Continuing production of carbon-free electricity by nuclear power plants currently in operation, unless they are found to be unsafe.
- More solar installations and wind turbines.
- Recycling and waste reduction.
- Plant-centered diets and locally-grown food.
- Multi-modal green-powered public transit, including regional and local electric rail infrastructure.
- Invasive species management.

## We Oppose:

- Government subsidies to the fossil fuel industry.
- Fossil fuel extraction
- Extraction of natural resources through destructive techniques such as hydraulic fracturing, mountaintop removal, suction dredge mining, open pit mining, and offshore drilling.
- Transport and storage of fossil fuels and hazardous materials without strong environmental safeguards.
- New infrastructure and hookups that promote fossil fuel consumption
- Construction of oil pipelines anywhere in North America.
- Coal-fired generating plants.
- Expansion of roads and fossil fuel-powered public transit.
- New construction with space and water heating powered by natural gas.
- Shortsighted, profit-seeking policies that ignore long-term economic, social, and environmental costs and result in environmental damage.
- Privatization or diversion of public water holdings.
- Consolidation of farmland.
- Monoculture farms.
- Use of gardening and farming chemicals and practices that harm beneficial insects; pollute food, soil, and waterways; and contribute to climate change.
- Privatizing transportation infrastructure.
- Exporting waste to countries with less stringent environmental standards.
- Policies and actions that impose or threaten negative impacts on Tribal land or lands historically or culturally valuable to Indigenous communities, whether or not those communities are recognized as tribes by the federal government (oil pipelines, waste disposal, etc.)
- The environmental racism of locating or relocating polluting industries and other environmental burdens within communities of color.

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## We Support:

- Continuing vote-by-mail, including equitable access to multiple ballot-return options and pre-paid postage.
- Preservation of in-person voting for those who choose or need it, and voting access by email for members of the military and other citizens located overseas.
- Ensuring access to voter tools in the languages used by local communities.
- Automatic voter registration for all persons eligible to vote.
- Continuing early ballot processing.
- Fair and transparent ballot curing.
- Publicly financed campaigns through the expanded use of the Democracy Voucher program.
- Fair, equitable redistricting, independent of partisan influence.
- Preservation of election integrity through careful monitoring, security, and auditing..
- Exclusive use of open-source software for the production, tabulation, and management of election-related data.
- Full, meaningful participation and cooperation in the United Nations, North Atlantic Treaty Organization, and the World Health Organization.
- Overturning Citizen United v. FEC.

## We Oppose:

- Gerrymandering
- Restricting access to voting or voter tools.
- Interference with voting, or the recording, storing, or tallying of votes.
- Voter suppression and intimidation, including onerous voter-identification requirements.
- Undue corporate and foreign influence in elections, our government, or our economy.
- Allowance for qualified immunity for law enforcement officers.
- Expansion of the defense budget outside times of crisis or war.
- Criminalization of free speech or peaceful assembly.
- Regulations limiting or hampering the ability of workers to form and join labor unions or mutual aid systems.

# Health Care & Human Services



Healthcare is a human right and must therefore be a primary focus of our government. Establishing and maintaining a safety net of social services to guarantee the welfare of our nation must include physical and mental/behavioral health care, healthy food, permanent housing, employment services, Social Security, and the protection of these from those who would diminish or do away with their provision. We believe that the right to these social services and basic needs should not be tied to employment and, thus, ought to be extended to the unemployed and retired.

## We Support:

- Securing access to medications and treatments proven to save lives and improve physical and mental health as a human right.
- Healthy outcomes shaping healthy populations.
- Progression toward and adoption of a non-profit, publicly financed single-payer healthcare system.
- Job support and skills training for anyone impacted by shifting to a new system of care.
- Comprehensive care, including physical, mental, dental, vision, reproductive and behavioral health, including treatment and recovery support for substance use disorders
- Care that is free at the point of service.
- Universal healthcare eligibility.
- Care extending from in utero to end of life.
- Provider choice and promoting long term relationships between patient and provider.
- Elimination of medical debt.
- Access to affordable housing for all.
- Improving access to transitional and permanent supportive housing for those experiencing housing insecurity or homelessness.
- Adopting a “housing first” strategy to get people into secure, stable housing and connected to the services they need to thrive.
- Expanding emergency shelter services to accommodate everyone experiencing homelessness.
- Eliminating health divides driven by location, income, race, age, and ability.
- Integrated, comprehensive social services.
- Investment in the education and recruitment of health care and social service providers.
- Providing assistance to meet the needs of children from low-income households.
- Expanding Social Security availability and access, and expanding Medicare to include coverage for dental, vision, and hearing.
- Developing new ways to provide long-term care that is affordable to patients and their families, while improving salaries for caregivers.

## We Oppose:

- Discrimination and racial bias in healthcare and human services.
- Non-healthcare providers profiting from healthcare.
- Financial barriers to care.
- Commodification of healthcare.
- Monopolization of the medication industry.
- Criminalization of substance abuse disorders and mental illness.
- For-profit systems governing our region’s homelessness response.
- Infringements on the human right to bodily autonomy, especially when pertaining to women, and trans and nonbinary people.
- Urban growth without planning for affordable housing.
- The displacement of communities of color.
- Weakening, defunding, or eliminating Social Security.

# Labor & Commerce



No person should live in poverty. Through a commitment to a vibrant, just, and sustainable economy that supports living-wage jobs, shared prosperity, equitable taxation, and robust safety nets, we believe we will defend the dignity of all US residents. We fight for the right of all workers to join unions, collectively bargain, and maintain a meaningful role in setting their working conditions. Income and wealth inequality continue to reach new extremes, making corrective public policy increasingly more necessary.

## We Support:

- Ending the wealth gap and income inequity.
- Legislating 20 to 1 pay ratios between CEOs and their lowest-paid employees.
- Equal pay for equal work.
- Living wages tied to the area's median market housing rate.
- Guaranteed basic income.
- Reducing the work week to 32 hours.
- Equity of opportunity and affirmative action.
- Reinstating Glass-Steagall and enforcing Dodd-Frank.
- Restoring the enforcement power of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau.
- Protecting the Workforce Investment Opportunity Act.
- Progressive wealth taxes, including on income and capital gains.
- Increasing inheritance taxes and wealth taxes on the very rich.
- Investing in credit unions and co-op banks, as well as creating public banking options at the local, state, and federal level.
- Broadband internet for all.
- Disincentivizing outsourcing and offshoring as hiring practices.
- Requiring same or better labor, environmental, and human rights standards in trade agreements.
- Guaranteeing the right to unionize or otherwise collectively bargain.
- Eliminating "right to work" laws.
- Promoting healthy, harassment free workplaces.
- Whistleblower and workplace organizer protections.
- Predictable scheduling practices.
- A \$15 per hour federal minimum wage and local adoption of living wage standards in line with area median income.

## We Oppose:

- Privatization of public assets.
- Discriminatory hiring, pay, and firing practices.
- Affording corporations Constitutional rights.
- Direct and indirect anti-union activity.
- Weakening or removal of antitrust laws or regulatory agencies overseeing commercial enterprise, business practices, or business-labor relations.
- Bailouts for corporations, religious organizations, lobbyists, big banks, health care executives, and Wall Street.
- Tax cuts for the rich.
- Trade deals that negatively impact the ability of workers in the United States to compete on a global scale.
- Workplace harassment and assault.
- Violations of privacy and data rights, especially for the purpose of commercial exploitation.

# Law, Justice, & Civil Rights



Government must provide for safety, security, and justice for all. While we have made progress, we recognize that many of our institutions, our laws, and beliefs are rooted in bias and discrimination based on race, ethnicity, nationality, disability, sex, gender, sexual orientation, religion, class, wealth, and more. We must work to minimize implicit, explicit, and institutional injustice and bias; as this effort is central and vital to promoting the welfare of all people. We support those policies which protect and enhance the civil rights of marginalized communities, especially for those who, when exercising their rights, have been met with violence, discrimination, oppression, and suppression. We also support those policies which would undo systems that produce and reproduce inequitable outcomes, reimagine and replace those systems with ones that serve and preserve humanity, and work to promote the general welfare of our communities.

## We Support:

- Safety and security for all people.
- Equal application of, and protection under, the law.
- Ending the school-to-prison pipeline, finding alternatives that promote social-emotional health and provide necessary services for youth involved in the juvenile justice system.
- Programs promoting mental health professionals and social workers engaging with people in crisis.
- Automatic reinstatement of voting rights for all incarcerated individuals upon release.
- Ending fines, fees, and interest for violations of the law for those who cannot afford to pay.
- Juries that fairly represent the community.
- Immediate and automatic release and record expungement for people serving time for marijuana-related convictions.
- Anti-bias and de-escalation training for law enforcement officers.
- Using services and treatment, not incarceration, as a response to addiction.
- Reentry assistance for formerly incarcerated individuals returning to society.
- Free attorneys for those facing eviction.
- Banning the use of chokeholds and other restraint techniques that risk injury or death.
- Demilitarization of the police.
- Eliminating qualified immunity.
- Renegotiation of police contracts to emphasize community oversight and independent accountability measures.
- Banning the use of tear gas, pepper spray, water cannons, rubber bullets and other hard projectiles against peaceful demonstrators.
- Upholding and defending the rights and welfare of all people.

## We Oppose:

- The use of lethal force against unarmed individuals.
- Mass incarceration.
- For-profit prisons.
- The use of incarcerated individuals as inexpensive or free labor.
- The racist law enforcement practices that have led to and perpetuated the disproportionate imprisonment of people of color.
- Racially or politically disparate treatment of attendees at protests, marches, rallies, or other such demonstrations.
- Cash bail for nonviolent offenses, as an alternative to bail bonds, and as an alternative to jail for those awaiting pre-trial for nonviolent offenses.
- Criminalization of poverty.
- Youth incarceration.
- Criminalization of free speech and peaceful assembly.
- Conviction-poll taxes that prevent people from voting if they owe fines or fees.
- Use of law enforcement or private security on school campuses.

# Transportation & Utilities



We believe in human centered approaches to transportation and utility issues. We advocate for policies that make our community equitable, accessible, safe, and more sustainable. Access to transportation and utilities is a right and necessary to support and expand opportunities for all people. These policies are also cornerstones to fighting climate change, reducing the pollution affecting our low income communities, and increasing access to good-paying, union jobs. Projects in this area of investment are often implemented without consideration for the priorities and values of, or impacts to, communities of color; and in many cases to their detriment. As we expand and improve our infrastructure, it is critical that we value, consider, and plan with communities of color not just to avoid disparate outcomes, but to help lift marginalized communities out of the inequitable circumstances imposed by centuries of injustice.

## We Support:

- Investing in safe, multimodal streets that allow people to walk, bike, and roll throughout our communities.
- Prioritizing investments into transportation deserts and continuing this prioritization until multimodal transportation access is equitable.
- Placement, retention, and maintenance of sufficient sidewalks, crosswalks, and separated bike lanes.
- Clean regional public transportation system with increased frequency and coverage.
- Ending fare enforcement on all transit and transitioning to a free public transportation systems, starting with riders with disabilities, senior riders, and riders from low-income households.
- Guaranteed access to all utilities.
- Publicly owned, affordable broadband for all.
- Expansion of utility rebates.
- Upgrading programs for weatherization and installing energy efficient appliances.
- Ending single-family zoning to allow for increased population density.
- Ending minimum parking requirements and transitioning toward transit-oriented development.
- Reduced speed limits and increased use of photo-enforcement to increase safety and decrease driver interactions with law enforcement.
- Use of zone parking permits and pay lots to fund pedestrian and bicycle improvements.
- Efficient repair of the West Seattle Bridge.
- Efficient upgrading of the Fauntleroy Ferry Terminal to reduce disruptions to the community and reduce idling ferry traffic.
- Solar and wind installations, and community solar projects.

## We Oppose:

- Short-haul flights that can be made by other means.
- Use of utility shut-offs as a method of incentivizing collections.
- Increasing transit fares.
- Reducing access to multimodal transportation options.
- Expanding highways for use by single-occupant vehicles.
- Increasing speed limits.
- Private utilities and transportation infrastructure.
- Increasing density without increasing transportation capacity and upgrading infrastructure to meet the increased demand.

# Tribal Relations & Sovereignty



Indigenous populations have persevered through colonialism, prejudice, discrimination, and attempted genocide to maintain their distinct and cherished cultures and identities. We recognize and value these unique cultures, histories, and contributions of the Tribal Nations, Native Hawaiians, and Alaskan Natives of our region. All branches of our government must work to establish and maintain lasting, respectful relationships with Tribal Nations and oppose any and all attempts to weaken or limit Tribal sovereignty and self-sufficiency.

## We Support:

- Recognizing Tribes as sovereign governments with distinct cultures and governmental structures.
- Respecting the federal recognition process and the sovereignty of the 29 Tribes in our state.
- Consulting with Tribes before initiating programs or projects that directly and tangibly affect Tribes, or their rights, lands, or sacred sites.
- Meaningful, cooperative partnerships between local, state, and federal governments with Tribal governments.
- Improving the value and effectiveness of services we provide to Tribal governments, our understanding of their needs, and the identification of remedies to barriers to service access.
- Recognizing and protecting access to Tribes' historical fishing, hunting, and gathering areas.
- Clean natural resources, transportation, and energy.
- Promoting and preserving the right of Tribes to retain, preserve, conserve, and curate their history.
- Protecting and supporting the Indian Child Welfare Act, as well as local efforts to reinforce ICWA and advance federal protections and support.
- Maintaining food assistance programs to help Tribes provide emergency food to low-income and vulnerable individuals.
- Public education and training for elected officials about Tribal relations, sovereignty, history, language, and culture.

## We Oppose:

- Expansion of non-tribal gaming and other limitations or infringements on Tribal governmental funding.
- Racial bigotry, intolerance, and harassment against Indigenous people.
- Disrespect toward Indian archaeological sites and culture.
- Retraction or weakening of economic opportunity for Tribal Nations.
- Degradation of natural resources.
- Use of litigation to resolve disputes between Tribal governments and local, state, or federal governments.
- Appropriation of Tribal culture and art without benefit to Tribes.
- Investing fewer public dollars per capita in Tribes and Indigenous people..
- Misdirecting funding for Indian programs away from Tribes.
- Exclusion of Tribal members and governments from decision-making processes and policy making.
- Refusal to cross-deputize Tribal law enforcement officers.
- Use of mascots or other imagery offensive to Indigenous people.
- Termination of federal recognition of any recognized Tribes.
- Policies resulting in the involuntary relocation or weakening of Tribal bonds and identity.