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We express our thanks to everyone who submitted resolutions, and to the counties that participated in this process. We enjoyed meetings hosted by several counties where we learned of local concerns. We've been fortunate to have input from regular guests and visiting experts, and recognize the efforts of prior members who provided the groundwork that got us here. We appreciate committee members for all their time and hard work putting together our 2014 Platform.

Presented alphabetically, these areas are addressed in this platform:

Agriculture	Education	Immigration	Native Americans
Arts	Elections	International Relations	Public Safety
Civil Rights	Energy	Labor	Taxation
Earth First	Government	Lands	Veterans
Economy	Healthcare	Media	Water

We the people of the Democratic Party of New Mexico support governance that fosters the common good, creates opportunity, and protects our rights, as enshrined in the Federal and State Constitutions. We are a state rich in resources, environmental beauty, a diverse and inclusive population, technological excellence, and rich cultural and artistic traditions. We are in a unique position to become the alternative energy and sustainability capital of our country, while responsibly managing our existing natural resources. We seek to inspire students to excellence, entrepreneurs to success, and inventors to creative innovations and technologies. Recognizing the increasing effects of climate change, we advocate for awareness, and prioritize our stewardship of the Earth. The platform hereafter stated reflects the ideas, passions, and significant concerns of our grassroots citizens as a testament to our Democratic values and our commitment to work toward solutions for the benefit of our state.

Agriculture

- We support expanding farm and ranch land protection programs (2008).
- We support protecting our traditional and heirloom seed stocks, as well as farm lands and local water rights.
- Make it easier for individuals and communities to develop yard and community gardens through supportive land-use policies and zoning (2011).
- We must work at creating opportunities for entrepreneurial development of grocery stores, farmers' markets, community-supported agriculture (CSA's) and similar businesses (2011).
- Cultivation of non-psychoactive hemp should be encouraged for industrial use and reclassified as a crop separate from any drug-scheduling system (2010).
- We support legislation to remove the regulations on growing industrial hemp, that our state economic development institutions provide education and assistance to develop hemp industries, and that we support New Mexico in becoming a leader in the hemp industry, creating employment opportunities and product export markets.
- We support protecting farmers from lawsuits by companies who produce patented genetically modified seeds, when the farmers' crops are corrupted from nearby company fields (2011).
- We advocate that genetically modified (GM) salmon not be approved by FDA for human consumption, and GM salmon rearing must be restricted to inland facilities with no contiguous connection to waters containing native salmon, and confined and controlled in such a manner that there is no chance for their escape, or intentional or unintentional release into the wild through human error or intention, or as a consequence of major weather events (2012).

- GM products must be labeled as genetically modified whenever or wherever sold so that consumers can make their own informed decisions about whether to consume such food; and that such food not be permitted to be exported to other countries without specific labeling.
- Local communities must be allowed to adopt ordinances banning the use of neonicotinoid pesticides in their communities.

Arts

- The arts and humanities must be supported for a flourishing community to exist as it is an equalizer for the diverse communities in our population.
- Because all New Mexicans benefit from the arts, we encourage public support for the advancement of all areas of the arts, including the development of artists, and to increase their accessibility to the public (2006).
- Restore funding for the “National Endowment for the Arts and Humanities” to its highest funding level (2009).
- We recognize our diverse heritage, and the cultural value and contributions of our diverse communities to the State of New Mexico.
- We commit to addressing in a positive fashion all issues affecting the Hispanic community (2011).
- The New Mexico Department of Agriculture and the Department of Tourism should collaborate to create an agritourism program.

Civil Rights –

We uphold the following rights for all citizens:

- Constitutional rights are universal regardless of race, color, creed, gender, religion, national origin, sexual orientation, gender identity, physical ability, or age. We advocate the elimination of all discrimination based on race, religion, mental and physical disability, national origin, age, sexual orientation and gender identity in housing, employment and public services (2006).
- The rights of free speech, peaceful assembly, due process and habeas corpus must be upheld.
- Personal sovereignty, including reproductive health decision-making, domestic partnership and marriage equality, are fundamental rights.
- The right to privacy in health decisions, including reproductive choice and right-to-die (2006).
- Religious choice, including freedom from religion and reaffirm the separation of religion and state in all local, state, and federal government institutions, and those funded by the government, including the military and the public schools (2008). There shall be no forced participation in religious activities, nor withholding of services to people with differing beliefs.
- Counter the effects of discrimination through affirmative action (2006).
- Our citizens should be protected from personal and domestic violence, through both education and through the courts. Victims of these crimes deserve any and all the support they need.
- Oppose unreasonable searches and domestic spying that violate the “Foreign Intelligence Surveillance” Act (FISA) (2006). We advocate the repeal of the sections of the National Defense Authorization act (NDAA) that are in violation of the rights granted by the Bill of Rights.
- We adamantly oppose the war on women, and we request the immediate reintroduction and passage of the Equal Rights Amendment (ERA) to insure that all women are treated as equal citizens in this country.
- We vigorously oppose any and all restrictions of a woman’s sovereignty.

- The “New Mexico Commission on the Status of Women” should be funded and maintained without a sunset provision. (2011)
- Every citizen shall have the liberty of marriage equality.
- Laws against human trafficking must be enforced.
- Ensure that prosecutors and courts deal with each individual court case in such a manner that outcomes are equitable and are in the best interest of society, using judicial discretion instead of artificial, generalized legal standards. (2006).
- Improve human rights for the incarcerated (2008).
- We vigorously oppose reinstatement of the death penalty.
- Marijuana should be decriminalized.
- Repeal the Patriot Act, as it violates many state and federally defined civil rights (2008).

Earth First (2013)

- We must end the silence surrounding climate-change and dialog about this greatest crisis seen in knowable history and recognize that climate-change and environmental destruction are the most important issues of this age.
- We request that our legislators consider our fragile planet *Earth first* when permitting, licensing or regulating any industry and to promote actions, industries, legislators and legislation that protect our planet.
- We request that legislators create laws that provide financial incentives for the development of sustainable, environmentally friendly technologies.
- We must develop and support ways of life that encourage conservation, energy independence, and protection of our air, water and eco-systems.
- We support enactment and vigorous enforcement of the laws that protect our environment (2006).
- We support global efforts to clean up and prevent pollution, and promote steps to reverse climate change. Our national labs should be funded to work on these matters (2008).
- We insist that any and all environmental protection regulations that Governor Susana Martinez eliminated or reduced be reinstated forthwith.

Economy

- We must support and revive environmentally responsible local and national manufacturing and agriculture (2009).
- We support job-creation legislation for local infrastructure projects (2010).
- We support investment in mass transit and infrastructure (2011).
- We support local community banks (2010).
- We support expanding unemployment benefits (2010).
- We incrementally increase local food procurement by government agencies to 10% by 2016 (2011).
- We support local and regional food chains, community gardens and the related infrastructure involved in the processing, packaging, and distribution of food (2011).
- Prepare local, state, and national-level budgets that will keep our nation strong, with emphasis on healthcare, education, research and development, a healthy environment and alternative energy solutions (2008).
- Government should not abrogate public responsibilities including, but not limited to, education and corrections by diverting public funds to private interests and/or institutions.
- Create affordable housing, appropriate infrastructure and economic development opportunities for the heirs of New Mexico Community Land Grants (2006).
- Strengthen regulation of payday loans (2006).
- Ensure that Social Security will not be reduced, privatized or otherwise diminished, and will be maintained properly to provide a secure base on which future generations can build a dignified retirement (2006).

- When public money is used for research, resulting information and technologies should be considered public property.
- We must pursue policies on asset building, education, health, housing, jobs, taxes, wages, and work supports that measurably reduce the poverty rate in New Mexico.
- The financial meltdown must be investigated and all perpetrators prosecuted.
- Derivatives, hedge funds and other such investments be regulated and traded on an open and transparent exchange as equities and bonds are traded.
- Financial rating agencies only engage in independent ratings of entities where they have no interest themselves. Rating agencies must not be immune from being prosecuted for fraud.
- “Too Big To Fail” financial institutions should not be allowed to exist.
- Remove the Merkley-Levin amendment to the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act which allows banks to engage in proprietary trading in hedge funds or private equity funds that is not at the behest of their clients.

Education

- We believe that a high quality public education is a basic right this is a sound investment with real and tangible returns for our citizens and economy and is a necessary component of a healthy democracy.
- We thank teachers for their contributions to education, and we recognize their expertise, professionalism and caring. We should support them in all ways possible (2011).
- We reject school vouchers, as they undermine the resources of public education (2006).
- We urge our New Mexico legislators to find additional and more effective ways to fund education in New Mexico for the benefit of our children and their teachers (2011).
- The “No Child Left Behind” and “Race to the Top” Acts should be replaced with programs that promote high scholastic performance (2006).
- We believe that Government appropriations and policies in education must be based on sound science.
- We support free public education for every student from pre-K through vocational and/or post graduate degrees.
- We must adequately fund and incentivize advanced research and labs to restore our country's scientific edge and global competitiveness.
- We support proficiency in second languages as a requirement for graduation from any state-accredited high school in New Mexico (2006).
- We support enforcement of mandatory state standards for the study of civics, citizenship, the political process and how these affect us (2009).
- We support inclusion of the United States Constitution, and especially the Bill of Rights, as a requirement in public school curriculums (2008).
- Financial and digital literacy should be a part of all New Mexico public school curriculums.
- We strive to undertake concrete measures to increase racial harmony within schools in order to reduce the impediments to student performance caused by adverse incidents (2011).
- We will foster anti-bullying and anti-cyberbullying programs and policies, such as “Rachel's Challenge” and conflict resolution programs and policies in all schools (2011). We support and fund programs to create a permanent place for mental health professionals within the public school systems in New Mexico (2006).
- We support an amendment to our State Constitution giving oversight and regulatory authority to the New Mexico Public Education Commission in regards to budget, licensing and policy; the Secretary of Education should be appointed by this Public Education Commission and have a New Mexico Education Administration Certification. Should a vacancy

occur on the Public Education Commission, the Public Education Commission shall appoint a resident from the district in which that vacancy occurs to the position, until the next regular election (2013).

Elections

- We support the “Move to Amend the Constitution” movement, to make disclosure of all donations public, and to prevent corporate interests and Super PACs from dominating our elections (2012).
- All political campaigns should be publicly financed (2008).
- We support prioritizing accuracy over speed in vote counting and the continued use of paper ballots (2008).
- Require candidates who receive public campaign financing to purchase campaign materials locally whenever possible (2008).
- Campaign contributions should be limited and should not be used to purchase our public officials (2009, 2011).
- We support same-day registration and reject photo ID requirements for voting as there is no substantive documentation of fraud (2008).
- We support making the federal “Election Day” a national holiday (2006).
- We urge immediate passage of the proposed “Democracy is Strengthened by Casting Light on Spending in Elections” Act (the “DISCLOSE” Act), to remove the secrecy behind the funding of political advertising, and to force corporations and front groups to inform voters which entities are funding political ads and attacks (2011).
- Corporations must be subject to the same rules regarding campaign contributions as are persons (2011).
- Request that all County Clerks maintain lists of voters who have requested the automatic mailing of ballot applications and extend the service of mailed ballot applications to all registered voters in New Mexico (2011).

Energy

- We support active environmental policies that result in good stewardship of the Earth, promote conservation of non-renewable energy resources, and promote the development and use of clean, renewable and sustainable energy resources to achieve energy independence (2008).
- We support efforts to reverse climate change through a comprehensive energy plan, and commit to a moon-mission-scale program to develop clean energy technologies (2008).
- We support the continuing efforts to significantly reduce energy consumption, including the reduction of our carbon footprint (2009).
- The proposed Keystone XL pipeline should neither be approved nor built.
- We support increasing funding for alternative clean energy research (2009).
- We support an increase in funding of the state Oil Conservation Division to fully staff all district offices with qualified personnel. The Oil Conservation Division must provide a wage scale commensurate with the oil industry to attract personnel qualified to do the important work of overseeing drilled wells, witnessing and verifying the integrity of all well bores, and enforcing state and EPA regulations. We urge civic and public involvement and oversight of this process.
- As fully 30% or more of our state general fund revenue and much of our capital outlay as well as jobs, comes from our oil and gas resources, we support science based policy and regulation that assures these resources are harvested for the mutual benefit of all New Mexicans. These activities must take place with the utmost care and respect for our environment, preserve jobs, employ the latest technologies available, and be fully transparent.

- Create energy independence from foreign oil by developing all of New Mexico's natural resources: oil, gas, wind, solar, geothermal and biofuels, while encouraging fuel efficiency.
- We believe that public institutions should invest their portfolios in industries that are Earth-friendly and support human rights (2013).
- We support an increase of renewable energy production in PNM's portfolio.
- We support legislation which requires all companies that generate power to expand the use of co-generation (2009).
- We want the NM Legislature to pass laws and the NM Public Regulation Commission to establish policy and promulgate regulations for payment to local energy producers that supply the utility service. Payment should be at the competitive peak rate, and occur no less than annually (2011).
- We support a moratorium on building new nuclear facilities until a safe technology is created.
- Safely remove all Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL) waste containment sites to a nuclear waste disposal facility and clean up nuclear waste produced during research and commercial nuclear activities (2008).
- The shipping of high level toxic nuclear waste to NM or WIPP from Hanford Nuclear Reservation should be ended.
- We support the creation of a Public Regulation Commission website which gives consumers access to information on all state programs and incentives on energy conservation and efficiency (2009).
- Reinstate the "Corporate Average Fuel Economy" (CAFE) standard of 40 mpg on all vehicles below one ton (2006).
- We support increasing tax credits and/or funding for real property owners who employ construction (new or remodeled) of clean energy applications on their properties; the research, development, or implementation of clean energy principles by individuals or businesses; establishing clean energy businesses and industries; creating clean energy jobs, and incorporating or retrofitting business or industry methods and technologies with clean energy principles (2011).
- All chemicals used in hydraulic fracturing must be disclosed to the appropriate government regulators and as public information. The industry must be able to account for all water, from its origination source, the amount used and recovered, the quality of what water is recovered, and where the water ultimately ends up.

Government

- The balance of power between branches of government must be maintained. We oppose claims of a unitary executive authority. All officials must be held accountable for their actions (2008-09).
- New Mexico Legislators should be salaried (2009).
- We advocate for the requirement that all legislative meetings be open to members of the public (2009), and that New Mexico legislative sessions and committee meetings be transmitted live to the state website, be available live to public access channels, and easily found in archives (2010).
- We believe public comment is a citizen's right, and an imperative at government legislative committee and interim hearings. Since cancellations are sometimes necessary, we support requiring that these cancellations must be posted by five o'clock the previous evening (2009).
- We support creating a "Clean Bill Act" requiring that any proposed addendum to proposed legislation must relate to the subject matter of that particular legislation (2009).
- We support a constitutional amendment that the definition of "personhood" shall not include corporations and that overturns (2011) the "Citizens United" decision by the United States Supreme Court (2010).
- We advocate that the U.S. Congress pass a law that "Anyone in government employ (including elected officials) having regulatory oversight, fiduciary, procurement, or budgetary control over the financial or defense business must wait five

years after leaving the government before working in or for that field or a related business.

- We must improve accountability by eliminating voice votes in all legislative bodies on bills that involve budgetary issues or those that have any financial impact on taxpayers.

Health and Healthcare

- Health is a basic need and right, and the New Mexico State Constitution should be amended to reflect that right (2011).
- Publicly financed healthcare should cover dental health, mental health, and vision, as well as preventative care.
- Medicare and Medicaid must be fully funded and fully supported and be expanded to cover all US citizens and residents regardless of age (2006).
- We strongly urge the NM Legislature to mandate that its Legislative Financial Committee continue to analyze the health care insurance exchanges and the alternative "New Mexico Health Security Act" (2011).
- Our congressional delegation should work to eliminate the requirement to wait until 2017 before requesting waivers from the federal "Affordable Health Care" Act (2011).
- Insurance companies must not be gatekeepers of our healthcare.
- We must attend to the health of those exposed to depleted uranium.
- We support the right to privacy in our healthcare decisions, including those regarding reproductive choice, quality of life and end of life (2006).
- We support First Lady Michelle Obama's war-on-obesity by encouraging good nutrition and health through education and advertising guidelines and the implementation of food gardens at every elementary and middle school.
- We support making it easier and more affordable for all schools and senior centers to purchase and prepare fresh, local produce and protein, and increase access to fresh and healthy foods, particularly in low-income neighborhoods, both rural and urban.
- Protect families from methamphetamine, black tar heroin, and other dangerous and prescription drugs through education, law enforcement and treatment (2008).
- Limit the use of mercury-containing vaccines and amalgam dental fillings (2008).

Immigration

- Migration is a normal human behavior and is a human right (2010).
- We must reform our immigration policies to allow people to make this country their home, as we have in previous generations (2010).
- We must prioritize unifying and keeping immigrant families intact (2010).
- We must ensure and defend the basic rights of every person living or working in the United States, regardless of citizenship status (2010).
- We must cease harassment, seizures and other abuses of undocumented immigrants (2010).
- We support the "Development, Relief and Education of Alien Minors" Act (DREAM Act) (2011).
- We encourage the development, adoption and enforcement of pragmatic immigration laws and regulations (2010).
- We recognize the mutual history and common interests of Mexico and the United States (2010).
- We encourage the equal treatment of Mexico and Canada as our North American neighbors with respect to border and immigration enforcement issues. (2010).
- We wish to create a legalization program which allows a path to citizenship, and that allows immigrants living in the U.S. in the year in which the legislation is passed to remain here without penalty (2010).

- We support the improvement of temporary worker programs (2010).
- We encourage Democrats to work with local immigrant-rights coalitions, churches and community groups to assist undocumented immigrants, ensure passage of a general legalization program and win fair treatment for all immigrants (2010).
- Abandon all vestiges of prohibition against dual citizenship for naturalized citizens (2010).

International Relations

- We advocate abiding by the Geneva Conventions and treat those who do not follow those conventions as war criminals (2008).
- Prohibit religious evangelism in the military (2006).
- Regulate profits from contracts for work and services associated with the occupation of sovereign nations (2006-09).
- Our perspective must be one of peace and diplomacy rather than armed conflict (2009).
- We must ensure U.S. observance of international law by opposing any unilateral, unprovoked war against any nation that does not attack or invade the U.S. (2006).
- Create a federal "Department of Peace and Non-Violence" (2010).
- We must reapportion our military budget to provide for social needs and infrastructure.
- We seek worldwide demilitarization of nuclear weaponry and advocate for international demilitarization of space (2008).
- We must halt all upper atmosphere experimentation, dismantle the "High-Frequency Active Research Program" (HAARP), and develop international laws regarding the use of the upper atmosphere (2008).
- We advocate observing international law and the prohibition of torture (2006).
- We support foreign aid to indigenous and impoverished countries (2010).
- We support the immediate suspension of all appropriations by the US Congress for the continuation of war in Afghanistan, and provide for the immediate safe withdrawal of all US troops from Afghanistan (2011).
- We advocate transitioning from nuclear weapons research to the development of renewable alternative energy resources (2008, 2010).
- We must bring about eventual cessation of development of any new nuclear weapons (2008).
- We must immediately halt the use of depleted-uranium (DU) weapons (2008).
- The US Department of Defense should immediately stop the use of white phosphorus munitions in Afghanistan and in any other armed conflicts in the future.
- We must bring about eventual cessation of all laboratory activities supporting nuclear weapons and the production of plutonium pits (2008).
- We support the continuation of the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty (2008).
- We support working with the United Nations and honor all treaties to which the United States is a party (2006).
- We promote a policy of commitment to international treaties and courts (2008).
- We promote diplomatic engagement with Iran and ensure that Congress does not fund military action against it (2008).
- We support prioritizing diplomatic over military solutions, utilizing international institutions to achieve this goal, with armed forces only to be used as a last resort (2009).
- We oppose the privatization of our military.
- War profiteers should be punished and contract mercenaries should be withdrawn from all conflicts.
- We advocate investigating potential instances of war profiteering, and vigorously prosecute any war profiteer identified (2009).

- We urge the US Congress to stop the use of private companies in armed conflicts being carried out by the US military. We support laws that require defense contractors to be based in and be incorporated in the US and to maintain their bank accounts and their financial assets inside the US. We support having a strategic goal of keeping all critical defense manufacturing in the US.
- The Democratic Party of New Mexico reaffirms its opposition to going to war with Iran.
- If we go to war, it must be paid for as we fight it, and appropriations must be put in trust for our war veteran's future expenses.

Labor

- We support using local union shops, businesses and workers (2008).
- We support the rights of workers to be upheld with fair and just labor laws.
- We support the establishment and enforcement of a fair and living wage for all New Mexico workers (2006).
- We reaffirm our support for the rights of workers to organize and to bargain collectively (2009, 2011).
- We demand safe working environments.
- Our "fair trade" agreements must allow American businesses to compete in a global market without exploiting the workers and the environment in other countries.
- We oppose membership in the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA), the Central American Free Trade Agreement (CAFTA), and the World Trade Organization (WTO), and the Transpacific Partnership (TPP).
- We support reviving the "Employee Free Choice" Act (2009).
- We support fair labor practices that enable small businesses to compete on international, national, and state levels (2006).
- We oppose right-to-work laws (2009).
- Our state legislature should use actuarially sound practices, when funding the Public Employees Retirement Association (PERA) and Educational Retirement Board (ERB). The stability and security of the state employees' pension plans should be paramount, so payments to them should never be deferred or altered. (2011).
- We must strengthen the "Employee Retirement Income Security Act" (ERISA) and strengthen defined-benefit pension plans (2008).
- We support US Postal workers and the "United States Postal Service Pension Obligation Recalculation and Restoration Act of 2011" (HR 1351) to restore reasonable payment for postal service retirement benefit funding.

Lands

- Our national resources belong to all Americans and should be used to further the common good. We support community sovereignty over their lands.
- Private enterprises must not pollute or otherwise damage that which is in the commons.
- Profits by the private sector from our common resources must be regulated.
- Natural resources, public infrastructure, public schools, healthcare, national parks, forests, prisons, monuments and public utilities must never be privatized.
- Open access to all public lands for such uses as grazing, hunting, fishing, and other traditional uses must be promoted and protected; and we oppose any change in existing laws and/or policies which would diminish any historical and traditional access to these lands. We support the adequate funding to manage these lands so they may remain open to all citizens.
- We support preserving New Mexico's Otero Mesa and Valle Vidal (2006).

Media

- Public access to the internet and the airwaves must be ensured.
- Give candidates free and equal media time and coverage (2008).
- Reinstate the “Fairness Doctrine” (2008).
- Restrict corporate ownership of media and enforce the “Sherman Anti-Trust” Act (2008, 2009).
- Reduce private control of news-media content (2008).
- Protect public media with greater and guaranteed funding for extended cycles (2008).
- Government should create the infrastructure required for universal access to broadband.
- The internet must remain open and uncensored to reflect the diversity of our cultures, values, experiences and perspectives
- Universal access to broadband is a right of all New Mexican citizens and government should fund and regulate the infrastructure necessary to achieve that end.

Native Americans

- We support the State Tribal Collaboration Act and the notion that state government is obligated to collaborate on issues of importance to tribes, thus ensuring that Tribal governments shape the policies that affect their communities (2011).
- We support and strive to protect tribal sovereignty, self-determination and prosperity (2011).
- We celebrate and honor the rich heritage and contributions of our native Pueblos, Tribes and Nations.
- We encourage public education about the specific and unique perspectives and cultures of our native populations (2010).
- We support existing ethnic and native agricultural practices and seed-saving traditions (2008, 2011).
- We encourage county chairs in counties with Native American populations to maintain contact with the tribal leadership of those communities, to work towards open communication and participation in the democratic process (2011).
- We must actively recruit greater Native American participation and membership on the State Central Committee (SCC) of the Democratic Party of New Mexico (2011).

Public Safety

- Forbid any ammunition on any school bus under any circumstances, other than in the possession of a certified officer of the law (2011).
- We advocate that “non-lethal” weapons, such as pepper spray and tasers only be used in defense and never in offense; and that any instance of the use of these weapons by police or military authorities be investigated, and if the use was without reasonable justification, the offenders be disciplined.
- We support the “New Mexico Coalition Against Domestic Violence,” to ensure that all necessary measures are taken to eradicate family violence in our state (2010).
- We support legislation to rehabilitate instead of incarcerate convicted drug offenders We support funding a fair and more equitable criminal justice system and as an alternative to incarceration, provide offenders with treatment and rehabilitation whenever possible (2010).
- We advocate that food sources and pharmaceuticals must be proven safe before distribution.
- All ingredients in our packaged foods must be listed. Any genetically modified food must be labeled as GMO. Labels on all domestic and imported food and other products such as plants and toys, whether artificial or natural, should list the country of origin and disclose the presence of any substance that has been determined to be harmful to consumers, such as pesticides, fertilizers, lead and mercury (2009).
- Proof of fiscal responsibility of all drivers must be required to protect property or victims of personal injury, regardless of citizenship status (2011).
- We oppose low-altitude flights over rural lands in northern New Mexico.

- We support the enactment and enforcement of aggressive laws against illegal gun trafficking and gun violence.

Taxation

- Taxation must be responsible and fair to support our infrastructure and the needs of our population.
- Special tax cuts for the wealthy must be repealed (2006, 2008).
- The income cap in the “Federal Insurance Contributions” Act (Social Security - FICA) should be removed to ensure the future solvency of the Social Security System (2006, 2009).
- Budgets must consider the needs of all citizens.
- We recognize that corporate success is dependent on a robust economy built by public investment in our infrastructure, including transportation, and a well-educated and healthy workforce.
- All corporations doing business in New Mexico should contribute their fair share of taxes, so existing loopholes must be closed by the state legislature (2010).

Veterans

- We must fulfill promises made to veterans, treat them with respect for their service to our country, and comprehensively meet their needs upon discharge.
- We must provide adequate medical services and support for our veterans and armed forces (2008).
- Address women veterans’ health and psychological needs (2006, 2008).
- Amend current benefits to veterans to include tax exemptions for both automotive licensing and property (2009).
- We must hold perpetrators of sexual assault in the military accountable for their actions (2008).
- Veterans and military families should have a caucus within our party (2010).
- We must support our troops currently committed to the conflicts our nation is engaged in by taking them out of harm’s way, compensating them commensurate with that commitment, and adopting peace as a guiding principle (2010).
- Any person who, by conscription or enlistment, served and was discharged honorably from any branch of the US armed forces should be made a citizen upon discharge. This should be retroactive to service-persons previously removed from the United States (2011).
- Support legislation providing the Congressional Gold Medal to each of the Americans who suffered the Bataan Death March in the Philippines during World War II (2011).

Water

- Support legislation that keeps our water supply clean, safe and sustainable for future generations.
- We support incentives to be put in place for xeriscaping, reduction of residential and industrial water use through voluntary and technological measures.
- Industries must seek ways to reduce water use and reduce pollution.
- We support legislation that protects our critical high elevation, high quality watersheds, ecosystem health, flora and fauna, and citizens dependent on them from potentially irreversible damage caused by the extraction of minerals.
- The water rights and culture of acequias must be considered before transferring water rights to urban use (2008).
- Create a state-wide Citizens’ Water Resource Council with elected representation from all stakeholders. Water resources oversight should include interstate compacts, water rights, wet water quantity and quality, and the importance of assuring the future existence of water-efficient local agriculture.
- All possible safeguards for air quality and ground water quality should be maintained and strengthened (2011).