

# Democratic Party of Wisconsin 2016 Resolutions

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This packet contains the recommendations of the DPW Platform and Resolutions (DPW P&R) Committee which met on May 21, 2016 and reviewed the resolutions submitted by the Congressional Districts (CDs). In cases of exact duplicates both CDs are credited on the resolution. In a few cases similar resolutions were combined and all involved CDs were given credit. The committee asks that some resolutions be separated for discussion, and sometimes also asks that some resolutions not be adopted (such a recommendation is listed as “No action”; there are none of these in 2016). All resolutions that the committee recommends be adopted carry the recommendation “Adopt”. In most cases where separation or no action are recommended the reason is given. This year a “Party Governance” category has been created for resolutions which do not directly affect the Platform but regard the functioning of the DPW.

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

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3 **16-JHD-01: WELCOMING REFUGEES (1<sup>ST</sup> CD, 52 WORDS); ADOPT**

4 WHEREAS, Wisconsin should be a safe harbor for those from war-torn countries;  
5 WHEREAS, it is humane to respect the rights of those fleeing violence and crime; and,  
6 WHEREAS, the richness of Wisconsin heritage is due to the contributions of its many immigrant populations;  
7 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, the DPW supports welcoming refugees to Wisconsin.

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9 **16-JHD-02: SENATE BILL 533 LOCAL IDs (1<sup>ST</sup> CD, 55 WORDS); ADOPT**

10 WHEREAS, the state legislature has consistently taken away local control;  
11 WHEREAS, ID cards for undocumented residents allow access to bank accounts, library facilities, prescription drugs,  
12 and college dormitories; and,  
13 WHEREAS, local ID cards were never meant for voting or access to state services;  
14 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, the DPW supports issuing local ID cards for undocumented residents.

15  
16 **16-JHD-03: COMPASSIONATE RELEASE (1<sup>ST</sup> CD, 99 WORDS); ADOPT**

17 WHEREAS, it's humane for elderly and seriously ill inmates to be released and cared for by their families;  
18 WHEREAS, it's more economical for these inmates to be released and hospitalized under Medicare/Medicaid, not  
19 available during incarceration;  
20 WHEREAS, elderly and seriously ill inmates who are no longer a threat to themselves or others shouldn't be kept in  
21 our prison system; and,  
22 WHEREAS, releasing these inmates alleviates overcrowding and lack of staff;  
23 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, DPW supports the compassionate release from the Wisconsin Correctional System of  
24 elderly and seriously ill inmates who are no longer are a threat to themselves or others.

25  
26 **16-JHD-04: FAIRNESS TO INMATES SENTENCED BEFORE 1990 (1<sup>ST</sup> CD, 77 WORDS); ADOPT**

27 WHEREAS, persons sentenced before "Truth in Sentencing" are serving longer sentences than any judge intended  
28 them to serve;  
29 WHEREAS, because "Truth in Sentencing" eliminated early release, several thousand previously sentenced persons  
30 have been left in prison; and,  
31 WHEREAS, inmates deserve to be judged under the statutes in effect when they were sentenced and paroled  
32 according to those same statutes;  
33 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, the DPW supports applying the laws that predate "Truth in Sentencing" to inmates  
34 sentenced before 1990.

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36 **16-JHD-05: REVISE PROBATION REVOCATION (1<sup>ST</sup> CD, 71 WORDS); ADOPT**

37 WHEREAS, half of all persons sent to prison each year have not committed another crime, but have had their  
38 probation revoked;  
39 WHEREAS, many revocations are for specious reasons unrelated to the crime committed;  
40 WHEREAS, other states have found ways to handle these situations without further incarceration; and,  
41 WHEREAS, Wisconsin is wasting people's lives and taxpayer money;  
42 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, the DPW supports revising probation revocation to handle non-serious violations without  
43 further incarceration.

1 **16-JHD-06: ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION (7<sup>TH</sup> CD, 95 WORDS); ADOPT**

2 WHEREAS, rural areas have shortages of mental health and Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse (AODA) professionals;  
3 WHEREAS, our local jails are crowded and costly and do not have services to improve those incarcerated with AODA  
4 or mental health issues; and,  
5 WHEREAS, the incarceration of those with mental illness or addictions to AODA is ineffective, wastes resources, does  
6 not improve public safety and is inhumane;  
7 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, the DPW supports and promotes the funding of proven local programs that are alternatives  
8 to incarceration, such as Drug and Alcohol and Mental Health Courts and treatment Day Centers.

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10 **16-JHD-07: EVIDENCE BASED JUSTICE (7<sup>TH</sup> CD, 89 WORDS); ADOPT**

11 WHEREAS, the justice system has racial and economic disparity in arrests and incarceration;  
12 WHEREAS, these disparities cause people to be held pretrial causing crowded jails and increased costs; and,  
13 WHEREAS, in rural areas where judges are not always available or in populated areas where there are not enough  
14 judges, alleged offenders can be held for days before first hearings;  
15 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, the DPW ask that evidence based standards be used in pretrial risk assessments, and that  
16 alleged offenders have first hearings or judicial reviews within forty-eight hours of arrest.

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18 **16-JHD-08: OVERSIGHT FOR WEDC BOARD (2<sup>ND</sup> CD, 73 WORDS); ADOPT**

19 WHEREAS, Republicans have proposed a bill that removes legislators from the board of the Wisconsin Economic  
20 Development Corporation (WEDC), replacing them with business executives; and,  
21 WHEREAS, published reports have exposed WEDC's flawed organization and cronyism, with tens of millions of  
22 taxpayer dollars improperly handed out to businesses;  
23 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, that the DPW demand the WEDC Board maintains current levels of legislative  
24 representation, and that there be added oversight and limitations to its practices.

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26 **16-JHD-09: WEDC OUTSIDE INVESTIGATORS (2<sup>ND</sup> CD, 90 WORDS); ADOPT**

27 WHEREAS, Wisconsin Manufacturers and Commerce (WMC) spent an estimated \$1.5M to elect Attorney Brad  
28 Schimel in 2014;  
29 WHEREAS, the new Chair of the WEDC Board is also the WMC Board Chair, and WEDC's new CEO is a major GOP  
30 donor who gave three times to Schimel's campaign; and,  
31 WHEREAS, the Attorney General has a conflict of interest, and cannot be trusted to fairly investigate WEDC's  
32 wrongdoing;  
33 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, the DPW asks the Dane County District Attorney's office and the U.S. Department of  
34 Justice to open their own investigation of WEDC.

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36 **16-JHD-10: REPEAL ACT 152 AND RESTORE FUNDING TO PLANNED PARENTHOOD (2<sup>ND</sup> CD, 80 WORDS); ADOPT**

37 WHEREAS, Planned Parenthood of Wisconsin is one of the state's largest and most trusted health care providers;  
38 WHEREAS, Act 152 passed in 2015 changes the Title X grant program in an attempt to deprive Planned Parenthood  
39 of \$3.5 million in federal grant money; and,  
40 WHEREAS, Act 152 also reduces funding by an additional \$4.5 million by singling out and altering birth control  
41 reimbursement practices;  
42 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, DPW supports the repeal of this law and supports the mission of Planned Parenthood.

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1 **16-JHD-11: REPEAL ACT 150 WHICH ELIMINATES CIVIL SERVICE PROTECTIONS (2<sup>ND</sup> CD, 100 WORDS); ADOPT**  
2 WHEREAS, ACT 150, passed in 2015 by the Republican led legislature, signed into law by Gov. Walker, opens the  
3 door to improper political pressure on the job and cronyism in state hiring;  
4 WHEREAS, this law allows Republicans to pack state government with political cronies by replacing objective  
5 measures for qualifying for appointments with resumes and centralize hiring in the state Department of  
6 Administration, headed by a political appointee;  
7 WHEREAS, political appointees in agencies would be able to lay off employees without regard to seniority and dole  
8 out bonuses at their discretion;  
9 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, DPW supports the repeal of Act 150.  
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11 **16-JHD-12: SUPPORT EXPANDED MEDICAID COVERAGE (2<sup>ND</sup> AND 3<sup>RD</sup> CDS, 100 WORDS); ADOPT**  
12 WHEREAS, security of Wisconsin families depends on their access to medical care;  
13 WHEREAS, the Legislative Fiscal Bureau estimates Governor Walker's refusal to accept federal Medicaid funds was a  
14 \$351 million cost to Wisconsin in August of 2014;  
15 WHEREAS, the federal government now pays 60% of the cost, but would pay 100% for three years if Wisconsin  
16 accepted the Medicaid Expansion and 90% thereafter; and,  
17 WHEREAS, more than 28 states, including all of Wisconsin's neighboring states, have accepted Medicaid Expansion,  
18 and many others are considering expansion;  
19 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, that the DPW supports the State of Wisconsin's acceptance of expanded Medicaid  
20 coverage.  
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22 **16-JHD-13: REPEAL OF CORPORATE PERSONHOOD (3<sup>RD</sup> CD, 94 WORDS); ADOPT (NOTE: COVERED IN 2016**  
23 **PLATFORM)**  
24 WHEREAS, the US Supreme Court in the January 2010 Citizens United decision ruled that Corporations are persons,  
25 entitled to buy elections and run our government;  
26 WHEREAS, human beings are people, while corporations are legal fictions, without conscience, beliefs, feelings,  
27 thoughts, life, and breath; and,  
28 WHEREAS, the profits and institutional survival of large corporations are often in direct conflict with the essential  
29 needs and rights of people;  
30 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, the DPW supports repealing the Citizens United decision through a constitutional  
31 amendment which clarifies that corporations are not persons under the laws of the United States.  
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33 **16-JHD-14: AFFIRMATION AND PROTECTION OF VOTING (3<sup>RD</sup> AND 7<sup>TH</sup> CDS, 71 WORDS); ADOPT**  
34 WHEREAS, voting is a cornerstone of democracy;  
35 WHEREAS, voter impersonation, the only voter fraud that would be preventable by voter ID, has never been proven  
36 to exist in Wisconsin; and,  
37 WHEREAS, Wisconsin has cultivated a proud tradition of encouraging public participation in the electoral process;  
38 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, that the DPW opposes voter ID requirements and supports same day voter registration,  
39 extended voter registration hours, and additional voting opportunities for Wisconsin voters.  
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41 **16-JHD-15: LOCAL CONTROL (7<sup>TH</sup> CD, 54 WORDS); ADOPT**  
42 WHEREAS, the Walker Administration, the Republican-dominated Assembly, and the Republican-dominated State  
43 Senate have routinely dismantled local government control of budgetary and environmental issues;  
44 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, the DPW demands state government return local control of budgets and the right to be  
45 more restrictive than state regulations to cities, villages, counties, town governments and school districts.

1 **16-JHD-16: SENATE BILL 369 SANCTUARY CITIES (1<sup>ST</sup> CD, 91 WORDS); SEPARATE FOR DISCUSSION (GOAL IS**  
2 **UNCLEAR, LRB ANALYSIS OF BILL AT [HTTP://DOCS.LEGIS.WISCONSIN.GOV/2015/RELATED/PROPOSALS/SB369](http://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/2015/related/proposals/sb369))**  
3 WHEREAS, Sanctuary City should be a good thing, but in this case the bill negatively defines Sanctuary Cities as  
4 cities who violate federal laws;  
5 WHEREAS, AB 450 defines Sanctuary Cities as those who prohibit immigration status inquiries;  
6 WHEREAS, there is no evidence that local municipalities have not adhered to federal law; and,  
7 WHEREAS, provisions in the bill requiring officials to ask about immigration status codifies profiling i.e. asking  
8 convicted criminals whose skin color or name suggest they may be undocumented.  
9 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, the DPW opposes designating certain cities as Sanctuary Cities.  
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11 **16-JHD-17: TO PROVIDE DEMOCRATIC, NON-PARTISAN LEGISLATIVE RE-DISTRICTING SYSTEM (3<sup>RD</sup> CD, 95 WORDS);**  
12 **SEPARATE FOR DISCUSSION (COMMITTEE TO OFFER A SUBSTITUTE COMBINING 16-JHD-17, 16-JHD-18, AND 16-JHD-**  
13 **19)**  
14 WHEREAS, Wisconsin's current process for redrawing legislative district boundaries invites abuse, as evidenced by a  
15 history of legislators drawing the lines to protect incumbents and create "safe" districts; and,  
16 WHEREAS, the undemocratic practice of gerrymandering is used in designing current state legislative districts that  
17 allow political parties that receive less than 50% of the statewide vote to control greater than 60% of the legislative  
18 seats;  
19 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, that the DPW demands legislation that implements a non-partisan system of redistricting  
20 independent of the legislature, creating district boundaries that respect communities by following geographic and  
21 municipal boundaries.  
22  
23 **16-JHD-18: NONPARTISAN REDISTRICTING AMENDMENT (7<sup>TH</sup> CD, 76 WORDS); SEPARATE FOR DISCUSSION**  
24 **(COMMITTEE TO OFFER A SUBSTITUTE COMBINING 16-JHD-17, 16-JHD-18, AND 16-JHD-19)**  
25 WHEREAS, it is a conflict of interest for legislators to redraw their own districts;  
26 WHEREAS, gerrymandering creates too many noncompetitive districts which reduces a politician's accountability to  
27 constituents, promotes polarization, and reduces effective bipartisan compromise; and,  
28 WHEREAS, the current redistricting procedures lack the transparency necessary to reinforce citizens' faith in the  
29 democratic process;  
30 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, that the DPW advocate for an amendment to the State Constitution authorizing to a  
31 nonpartisan commission the responsibility of legislative redistricting.  
32  
33 **16-JHD-19: REDISTRICTING AND GERRYMANDERING (8<sup>TH</sup> CD, 78 WORDS); SEPARATE FOR DISCUSSION (COMMITTEE**  
34 **TO OFFER A SUBSTITUTE COMBINING 16-JHD-17, 16-JHD-18, AND 16-JHD-19)**  
35 WHEREAS, the redistricting process of 2010 resulted in severe gerrymandering of legislative districts all over  
36 Wisconsin; and,  
37 WHEREAS, this gerrymandering has resulted in the negation of individual votes cast in many legislative districts;  
38 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, that the DPW call on the State Legislature to pass legislation, such as is in use in Iowa,  
39 that bans gerrymandering of legislative district and supports the establishment of fair, non-partisan legislative  
40 boundaries before the start of the next redistricting process of 2020.  
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1 **RESOLUTIONS CONCERNING EDUCATION, LABOR, AND ECONOMICS**

2  
3 **16-ELE-01: USE "RESPONSIBLE BIDDERS" FOR GOVERNMENT PROJECTS (1<sup>ST</sup> CD, 100 WORDS); ADOPT (REWODED**  
4 **BY DPW P&R COMMITTEE)**

5 WHEREAS, contractors bidding on jobs that receive tax dollars should be "Responsible Bidders";  
6 WHEREAS, contractors accepted for construction of local projects should agree to pay Worker's Compensation,  
7 Wisconsin Unemployment Compensation, and to abide by wage and hour laws (including overtime) and child labor  
8 regulations;  
9 WHEREAS, contractors that use illegal subcontracting schemes, payroll fraud and job misclassification, or have a  
10 history of doing so, should be excluded from consideration; and,  
11 WHEREAS, accepted contractors should have no current debarments by the federal, state, or local governments;  
12 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, the DPW supports the use of "Responsible Bidders" for local and state government  
13 projects.

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15 **16-ELE-02: FUND EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION (2<sup>ND</sup> CD, 43 WORDS); ADOPT**

16 WHEREAS, children develop from the day they are born; and,  
17 WHEREAS, the adults in many families must all work to support their family;  
18 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, that the DPW request that the state of Wisconsin initiate and fund early childhood  
19 education for all children.

20  
21 **16-ELE-03: REBUILDING THE FOUNDATION OF EDUCATION (2<sup>ND</sup> CD, 86 WORDS); ADOPT**

22 WHEREAS, education is the fabric of opportunity;  
23 WHEREAS, the great state of Wisconsin has always followed the great tradition in the United States of providing  
24 education to all its citizens;  
25 WHEREAS, many businesses in agriculture, tourism and manufacturing depend on an educated, qualified and trained  
26 workforce; and,  
27 WHEREAS, the greatest era prosperity followed the greatest investment made in education, namely the GI Bill that  
28 followed World War II;  
29 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, the DPW supports the full and free education of all Wisconsin residents pursuing an  
30 undergraduate degree.

31  
32 **16-ELE-04: REINSTATE EDUCATIONAL FUNDING FORMULA (3<sup>RD</sup> CD, 35 WORDS); ADOPT**

33 WHEREAS, the State of Wisconsin has embarked on a policy of systematically sabotaging public K-12 education;  
34 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, that Wisconsin restore the state's 1992 commitment to funding two-thirds of the current  
35 cost of K-12 education.

36  
37 **16-ELE-05: ELIMINATE PRIVATE SCHOOL VOUCHERS (7<sup>TH</sup> AND 8<sup>TH</sup> CDS, 80 WORDS); ADOPT**

38 WHEREAS, private school vouchers do not improve student achievement;  
39 WHEREAS, requirements imposed on private schools are less stringent than those imposed on public schools;  
40 WHEREAS, vouchers take resources away from public school students; and,  
41 WHEREAS, private school vouchers increase property taxes and reduce services available to public school students;  
42 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, that the DPW insists no taxpayer money be used for private school vouchers; and,  
43 FURTHER RESOLVED, taxpayer money should be used instead to raise student performance in public schools.

1 **16-ELE-06: SUPPORT FUNDING OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS (8<sup>TH</sup> CD, 98 WORDS); ADOPT**

2 WHEREAS, public education is a cornerstone of democracy and essential to Wisconsin's economic welfare;  
3 WHEREAS, Wisconsin guarantees education for all;  
4 WHEREAS, public schools serve all students;  
5 WHEREAS, private schools are not held accountable to state standards;  
6 WHEREAS, the state cannot afford to support two education systems;  
7 WHEREAS, taxpayer subsidized private schools take resources from public schools; and,  
8 WHEREAS, 95% of Wisconsin's private schools are religiously affiliated;  
9 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, the Legislature discontinue all funding cuts to pre-K-12 districts, technical colleges, and the  
10 34 University of Wisconsin System Schools, and that taxpayer money be used only to support public education.

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12 **16-ELE-07: PUBLIC MUSIC EDUCATION (8<sup>TH</sup> CD, 93 WORDS); ADOPT**

13 WHEREAS, everyone enjoys good music, and it enriches the lives of all that it touches;  
14 WHEREAS, universal childhood music education in China has shown that "perfect pitch" is not a special gift, but can  
15 be learned by nearly everyone; and,  
16 WHEREAS, learning to read music and play an instrument offers a manifold increase in our understanding and  
17 appreciation of music, and also of cultures other than our own, and develops overall cognitive brain function;  
18 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, the DPW endorses an increased emphasis of music education for all ages in our public  
19 educational institutions.

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21 **16-ELE-08: SUPPORT POST-RETIREMENT BENEFITS FOR LOCAL PUBLIC WORKERS (2<sup>ND</sup> CD, 91 WORDS); ADOPT**

22 WHEREAS, post-retirement benefits for local public workers are a negotiated agreement with the local governments  
23 that employ them;  
24 WHEREAS, bills like AB269 put new requirements on local governments that forces post-retirement health care  
25 benefits to be funded with a segregated account or dropped entirely for new hires; and,  
26 WHEREAS, this usurps local control of negotiations between workers and employers, and also will lead to fiscal crises  
27 and services being cut on the local level;  
28 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, that the DPW demand that this bills like AB269 be defeated by the state legislature.

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30 **16-ELE-09: RESTORE FUNDING FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN SYSTEM (3<sup>RD</sup> CD, 99 WORDS); ADOPT**

31 WHEREAS, the University of Wisconsin has long been the backbone of our state's economy;  
32 WHEREAS, almost \$1 billion dollars has been cut from state funding of higher education since 2010; and,  
33 WHEREAS, these cuts have resulted in significant reductions in personnel and other resources at every UW facility,  
34 thereby weakening its ability to "discovery and disseminate knowledge, [and] to extend knowledge and its  
35 application beyond the boundaries of its campuses";  
36 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, the DPW supports state funding of the University of Wisconsin System at a level that will  
37 allow it to rebuild its resources and best serve the state.

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39 **16-ELE-10: REPEAL 2011 ACT 10 (3<sup>RD</sup> CD, 21 WORDS); ADOPT**

40 WHEREAS, Act 10 was a heinous injury foisted upon middle-class Wisconsin;  
41 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, the DPW supports legislation to repeal Act 10.

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1 **16-ELE-11: OPPOSITION TO CORPORATE TAX INVERSION (8<sup>TH</sup> CD, 77 WORDS); ADOPT**  
2 WHEREAS, corporations are allowed to change their USA business address in order to evade USA taxes, known as  
3 corporate tax inversion;  
4 WHEREAS, corporations rely on USA infrastructure in order to produce and sell products in the USA;  
5 WHEREAS, corporations rely on USA educational and training institutions to obtain their best employees; and,  
6 WHEREAS, corporate tax evasion reduces public revenues that would finance infrastructure and education;  
7 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, the DPW supports legislation that would end corporate tax inversion.

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9 **16-ELE-12: MINIMUM WAGE (3<sup>RD</sup> AND 7<sup>TH</sup> CDS, 89 WORDS); SEPARATE FOR DISCUSSION (STATE LIVING WAGE IS**  
10 **>\$15/HR, 2016 PLATFORM CALLS FOR MINIMUM WAGE TO BE THE LIVING WAGE)**

11 WHEREAS, the minimum wage has not been increased since 2009, and does not provide a living wage; and,  
12 WHEREAS, tax funded programs supplementing the incomes for low income workers actually supplement the  
13 incomes of their employers;  
14 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, the minimum wage should be raised to the state living wage immediately, and raised to  
15 \$15.00 by increments over the next five years; and,  
16 FURTHER RESOLVED, special incentives and tax breaks should be given to small established businesses to lessen the  
17 economic effect on them for at least that 5 years.

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## 20 **RESOLUTIONS CONCERNING AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS**

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22 **16-AGE-01: IN OPPOSITION TO THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW ENBRIDGE "LINE 66" PIPELINE THROUGH WISCONSIN**  
23 **(2<sup>ND</sup> CD, 98 WORDS); ADOPT**

24 WHEREAS, Enbridge has been quietly planning to "twin" its Line 61 pipeline running from Superior to Delavan;  
25 WHEREAS, Line 61 is expanding to 1,200,000 barrels per day, larger than any tar sands pipeline outside of Russia;  
26 WHEREAS, if its twin Line 66 is of equivalent size, their combined capacity would be nearly triple that of the  
27 Keystone XL;  
28 WHEREAS, last-minute changes slipped into the state budget let Enbridge use eminent domain to take landowners'  
29 property; and,  
30 WHEREAS, tar sands oil is incredibly carbon intensive and difficult to clean up;  
31 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, DPW opposes Enbridge's construction of Line 66.

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33 **16-AGE-02: OPPOSING THE TRANSPORTATION OF BAKKEN SHALE OIL THROUGH WISCONSIN (2<sup>ND</sup> CD, 100 WORDS);**  
34 **ADOPT**

35 WHEREAS, the advent of fracking has led to an oil boom from the Bakken Shale;  
36 WHEREAS, fracking threatens our land, water and climate, while clean energy alternatives are increasingly available;  
37 WHEREAS, trains carrying Bakken oil tend to blow up in enormous fireballs upon derailment, and are therefore  
38 known as "bomb trains";  
39 WHEREAS, roughly 25 million Americans live within a bomb train "blast zone," including many Wisconsinites; and  
40 WHEREAS, due to its volatility and toxicity, transporting Bakken oil via pipeline is also dangerous;  
41 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, the DPW opposes the transportation of Bakken Shale oil through Wisconsin by either  
42 pipeline or rail.

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1 **16-AGE-02: PROTECT ACCESS TO PUBLIC LANDS ADJACENT TO RAILROADS (3<sup>RD</sup> CD, 96 WORDS); ADOPT**

2 WHEREAS, numerous anglers, birdwatchers and other outdoor enthusiasts have been threatened by railroad police;  
3 WHEREAS, unaccountable railroad police are aggressively enforcing no trespassing laws to prohibit public access to  
4 over 200 miles along the Mississippi River;  
5 WHEREAS, local businesses that cater to river oriented outdoor enthusiasts have seen as much as a 60% decline in  
6 business; and,  
7 WHEREAS, railroads bisect over 120 state-owned properties and DNR officials call these actions akin to the biggest  
8 land grab in history;  
9 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, DPW shall support all efforts to keep public lands bisected by railroads accessible to the  
10 public.

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12 **16-AGE-03: GROUNDWATER/WELLS (3<sup>RD</sup> CD, 84 WORDS); ADOPT**

13 WHEREAS, everyone deserves safe and healthy water;  
14 WHEREAS, high capacity wells potentially adversely impact volumes of groundwater thereby directly threatening the  
15 availability of potable water for human consumption;  
16 WHEREAS, safeguards must be considered to regulate the combined impact of groundwater pumping;  
17 WHEREAS, the depletion of groundwater impacts the health and safety of humanity; and,  
18 WHEREAS, there is no current effective policing of the number of high capacity wells in Wisconsin;  
19 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, that high capacity wells be limited, permitted and monitored by local government.

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21 **16-AGE-04: PROTECTION OF WATER AND WATER RESOURCES (7<sup>TH</sup> CD, 90 WORDS); ADOPT**

22 WHEREAS, ground and surface water resources must be protected;  
23 WHEREAS, water resources are under attack or threatened by large capacity wells, corporate takeover of public  
24 utilities, gaining infrastructures, understaffed regulatory agencies, ecological degradations, climate extremes, and ag  
25 and industry pollution; and,  
26 WHEREAS, safe, clean, uncontaminated drinking water is essential to life;  
27 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, the DPW shall support legislation to protect our lakes, rivers and streams from abusing  
28 corporations, including those involved in frack sand mining, and polluters and to insure clean water from our private  
29 wells and municipalities' wells/water sources.

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31 **16-AGE-08: CONFINED ANIMAL FEEDING OPERATIONS (CAFOS) (7<sup>TH</sup> AND 8<sup>TH</sup> CDS, 96 WORDS); ADOPT**

32 WHEREAS, some farming has evolved into industrialized, inhumane CAFOs with thousands of animals housed at a  
33 single facility;  
34 WHEREAS, it's estimated that each day CAFOs in Wisconsin produce over 47,000,000 gallons of waste, which  
35 contains disease-causing organisms and may be spread on lands above geological structures and biological systems  
36 incapable of filtering it, causing pollution of the peoples' lakes, streams, and drinking water; and,  
37 WHEREAS, laws and enforcement practices fail to protect public health and preempt local control;  
38 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, DPW supports a comprehensive reassessment of all laws governing CAFOs, related local  
39 control provisions, and enforcement.

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1 **16-AGE-06: CLIMATE CHANGE (7<sup>TH</sup> CD, 86 WORDS); ADOPT**

2 WHEREAS, the Natural Resources Defense Council indicates that over the past 50 years the average global  
3 temperature has increased the fastest in history;

4 WHEREAS, carbon dioxide and other air pollutants trap the sun's heat and cause the surface temperature of the  
5 planet to increase; and,

6 WHEREAS, coal fired power plants, automobiles, and inefficient appliances are major causes of climate change;

7 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, that the DPW encourages subsidies for solar, wind, and other green alternative energy  
8 providers and legislation for more efficient standards for appliances and automobiles.

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10 **16-AGE-07: SUPPORT FOR EPA'S CLEAN POWER PLAN (8<sup>TH</sup> CD, 91 WORDS); ADOPT**

11 WHEREAS, climate change requires comprehensive plans to modify humans' effect on the global environment;

12 WHEREAS, the Clean Power Plan rule of 2015 would reduce fossil fuel power plants' release of CO2 into the  
13 atmosphere by 2030;

14 WHEREAS, Wisconsin's Governor has forbidden all state agencies from helping to advance the goal of the Clean  
15 Power Plan; and,

16 WHEREAS, climate change presents the greatest national security threat to our nation;

17 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, the DPW endorses the Clean Power Plan, and calls for actions and legislation that would  
18 achieve the plan's objectives by 2030.

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21 **RESOLUTIONS CONCERNING FOREIGN AFFAIRS**

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1 **RESOLUTIONS ON PARTY GOVERNANCE**

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3 **16-PG-01: ABOLISH SUPERDELEGATE SYSTEM (1<sup>ST</sup> CD, 88 WORDS); SEPARATE FOR DISCUSSION (AT REQUEST OF 1<sup>ST</sup>**  
4 **CD)**

5 WHEREAS, the Democratic Party is the party of inclusiveness and the people;

6 WHEREAS, the stated purpose of the superdelegates is to maximize the ability of people other than elected officials  
7 and party leaders to participate in the nomination process;

8 WHEREAS, the superdelegates are not beholden to the electorate; and,

9 WHEREAS, we believe that contrary to the intended purpose, superdelegates have eroded the faith of the base in its  
10 ability to affect the outcome of the Presidential nomination;

11 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, the DPW supports the abolishment of the superdelegate system.

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13 **16-PG-02: STATE PARTY ELECTIONS (8<sup>TH</sup> CD, 93 WORDS); SEPARATE FOR DISCUSSION (NO PAPER TRAIL WITH ONLINE**  
14 **VOTES)**

15 WHEREAS, the current system requires members to attend the State Convention in order to cast a vote;

16 WHEREAS, the time, travel, and cost of such attendance can be a considerable deterrent to membership  
17 participation; and,

18 WHEREAS, Article 1, Section 4 of the National Democratic Charter affords all members equal opportunity to  
19 participate;

20 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, that the DPW Administrative Committee is instructed to bring forward constitutional and  
21 bylaw amendments at the earliest opportunity to replace the current system of election for Statewide Party Office  
22 with a postal/online ballot of members using "single transferable vote."

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24 **16-PG-03: USE OF PLAIN ENGLISH IN PARTY DOCUMENTS (8<sup>TH</sup> CD, 92 WORDS); ADOPT**

25 WHEREAS, DPW current practice is to insist on the use of pseudo parliamentary language in resolutions which can  
26 lead to arcane, obsolete, obtuse, esoteric, redundant and often repetitive language understood only by a select few  
27 or an enlightened inner circle; and,

28 WHEREAS, the main purposes of the DPW is to clearly explain to the Wisconsin public the political choice that they  
29 are able to make in elections;

30 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, that the DPW Administrative Committee is instructed to bring forward guidelines on the  
31 use of plain English in resolutions and other DPW Publications.

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