

LEON COUNTY DEMOCRATIC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE BYLAWS

ARTICLE 1 - OUR MISSION

1.1 The Leon County Democratic party emphasizes justice and equality, protecting the environment, and strengthening the social safety net. We support honest and efficient government with progressive taxation that will fund essential programs and maintenance of public infrastructure. We defend women’s and minority rights and individual rights, multiculturalism, and separation of church and state. Our goals include:

1.1.1 Health care as a right, free quality public education, livable affordable housing, a livable minimum wage, and preserving and strengthening Social Security and Medicare.

1.1.2 Feminism, reproductive rights regardless of ability to pay, and LGBT+ rights.

1.1.3 Equal Protection and Due Process for all, including respectful, ethical, and non-discriminatory conduct by police and courts regardless of sex, age, race, color, ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender identity, religion, creed, or national origin.

1.1.4 Remediating the effects of past discrimination.

1.1.5 Environmental justice, in particular ensuring that historic African-American communities and other marginalized communities do not disproportionately bear the physical and mental health costs of pollution, flooding, or other negative consequences from development.

1.1.6 Ensuring that historically African-American and other marginalized communities receive equitable investment and protection regarding their local natural resources and environment; and that they have a voice in shaping environmental and redevelopment policies.

1.1.7 Free enterprise with appropriate regulation to maintain competition, consumer protection, environmental protection and wise land use.

1.1.8 Redressing the imbalance of power between management and labor by measures such as strengthening labor unions and abolishing the Right to Work provision of the Florida Constitution, and other measures to lessen economic inequality.

1.1.9 Transition to clean renewable energy as soon as possible in order to minimize carbon emissions and fight climate change.

1.1.10 Voter protection, and election reform that achieves secure, easily accessible, verifiable, and transparent voting, accords automatic voter registration to all adult Florida citizens, effectively bans gerrymandering, removes unnecessary obstacles to voting based on criminal history or financial obligations, and ends all voter suppression.

1.2. We work for these Democratic goals by electing Democrats, by informing voters about Democratic candidates and issues, by influencing public office holders to work for Democratic goals, and by building relationships and enthusiasm among Democrats.