

The Lafayette Parish Democratic Party is the party of responsibility. We believe in fulfilling obligations to our public schools, mental health, veterans, law enforcement, and taxpayers first BEFORE giving our treasury to large corporations and special interests.

=1= EQUITY FOR WORKING FAMILIES

Equality

The Louisiana Democratic Party supports equality for all regardless of race, color, class, religion, gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, age, population, national origin, immigrant status, disability, or appearance. The family is the cornerstone of our society, the building block of our civilization. Whatever the form of the family, the Democratic Party realizes the value of human relationships and supports all committed, loving couples. We believe that all the people of Acadiana deserve to be treated equally and fairly and to live free from harassment. That is why we oppose discriminatory laws that divide our communities in any way.

Education

As Democrats, education is our top priority. In the words of former Governor Huey Long, "They gotta have a home, a job, and a decent education for their children." That's why we support adequate, FULL funding for our public schools to give teachers and students the resources they need to succeed.

Furthermore, we believe in keeping college affordable and support efforts to keep debt from being a barrier to a degree. We support workforce development programs at our community colleges.

Health Care

We believe accessible, affordable, high-quality health care is part of the American promise, that all people of Acadiana should have the security that comes with good health care, and that no one should go broke because he or she gets sick.

Voting Rights

The Louisiana Democratic Party supports the 1964 Civil Rights Act and the 1965 Voting Rights Act and opposes any repeal or expiration of these laws. We believe that voting is the right of all citizens, and that nothing should prohibit the free exercise of the right to vote and the expansion of the right to vote.

=2=ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY

Economic Responsibility

We believe good jobs build a strong economy. We support a fair and reasonable tax structure and incentives that help all businesses, not create graft for political contributors. We support a living wage that will lift all the people of Acadiana out of poverty.

Labor

We support organized labor efforts to foster, promote, and develop the welfare of wage earners, job seekers, and retirees in the State of Louisiana, improve working conditions, advance opportunities for profitable employment, and assure work-related benefits and rights, including the right to organize.

Infrastructure

We believe good roads and bridges promote public safety, economic investment, and a better quality of life. That is why we support efforts to build our infrastructure and provide for regular maintenance of existing structures.

=3= ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE

Environment

As responsible stewards of the earth, we must work to build a society that has the capacity to endure. This includes reducing the impact of man's activity upon the earth's ecosystem, responsible management of resource use, and sustainable agriculture practices. Together, our task is to build a civilization that can stand the test of time. Clean water is a human right, and climate change is real.

Disaster Relief

Disaster relief funds should go to the areas affected by the disaster.

We thank our brothers and sisters in Lafayette Country Mississippi Democratic Party Executive Committee for this platform.