

DPNM State Platform and Resolutions Committee

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Core Values of New Mexico Democrats

New Mexico Democrats believe that every person matters, no matter what. We support an economy where all people can thrive. We support safe communities and schools, and strong safety-net protections that provide stability and dignity throughout life.

Affordability

Every person deserves affordability and financial stability. We believe New Mexico can build a stronger, more stable economy where people can plan for the future with confidence. People deserve the security of knowing they can cover their bills, save money, and not struggle to survive paycheck to paycheck. Expanding access to housing and essential services, and investing in solutions that work for our communities will lower everyday costs.

Agriculture

We believe in equitable local and sustainable New Mexico farming and ranching, fair water access emphasizing agriculture that feeds New Mexicans, water conservation efforts, and regenerative soil practices. We must increase access to fresh and nutritious foods in all communities, under the direction of impacted communities.

Business

We believe in an economy where businesses of all sizes can grow, innovate, and succeed while supporting the communities they serve. We support small businesses, entrepreneurs, and local employers through fair rules, access to capital, and investments that strengthen local economies. We believe that when businesses succeed responsibly in our state, workers, families, and communities thrive together.

Democracy

We believe democracy is strongest when everyone can participate. We support barrier-free and fair elections, strong voting rights, secure and easy-to-use voting systems, and open transparent campaign funding. We support the separation of powers and checks and balances.

Education & Child Care

We believe in New Mexico's commitment to fully funded public education from early childhood through college, technical, and career training. We remain committed to improving quality, equity, and outcomes in public education and childcare in partnership with local communities.

Energy & Environment

We believe New Mexico can lead the country to a just energy future and transition to renewable energy. In this just transition from oil and gas to renewable energy, it is crucial to have effective enforcement of environmental safeguards that protect water, air, and land, and promote the economic well-being of affected workers and their communities. To address past harms, we need to include the people most affected in the decisions moving forward.

Free and Fair Press

We believe ardently in the protection of the First Amendment and the freedom of the press where everyone deserves access to quality local journalism and reliable information sources that help communities stay informed and hold powerful institutions accountable.

Health Care

We believe every person should have affordable, equitable, and reasonable access to comprehensive, high-quality public or private health care including preventive care, behavioral health services, reproductive care, and vaccinations. We need to increase the number of medical workers in our state. We seek effective healthcare and malpractice policies to ensure the retention of healthcare professionals.

Justice & Equity

We believe our justice system and public institutions exist to establish justice, ensure domestic tranquility, and promote the general welfare by serving all people fairly and equally. We believe all elected and appointed officials should hold themselves to the highest standards of conduct, integrity, and accountability; and are subject to the rule of law. We wholeheartedly oppose any attempt to weaponize public institutions.

Labor & Workers' Rights

We believe all workers have the right to organize and advocate for fair wages, safe working conditions, and job security. We believe unions help build a resilient middle class and a fair economy.

Native Sovereign Nations (Tribes & Pueblos)

We believe in honoring tribal sovereignty, self-determination, and the federal trust responsibility. We support meaningful government-to-government relationships and collaborative policy development with all Native Sovereign Nations in our state.

Protecting our Diverse Communities

Civil Rights

We support the civil rights protections guaranteed by the Constitution and strengthened by laws like the Civil Rights Act. This ensures every person is treated equally, protected from discrimination, and able to participate fully in public life, regardless of race, ethnicity, national origin, disability, or religion, etc.

Human Rights

We support the Universal Declaration of Human Rights of 1948, which affirms that every person—without exception—is entitled to dignity, freedom, and equal protection under the law.

Immigration

We are a nation of immigrants. Immigrants strengthen our communities, our economy, our shared future, and they deserve to be treated with dignity and fairness. We support secure and humane treatment for everyone who wants to make a home in this country. Immigrants, including DACA recipients, deserve a fast, fair, affordable, and safe immigration process.

LGBTQIA+

We believe the rights, dignity, and safety of LGBTQIA+ people in New Mexico. We support equal protection under the law, access to affirming healthcare, and the freedom to live, work, and raise families without discrimination.

Women's Rights

We believe in full equity and equality for women. We unequivocally support a federal Equal Rights Amendment. We believe in a woman's right to make personal decisions without government interference, about their bodies, reproductive care, and life opportunities.

Public Safety

We believe true public safety requires prevention and accountability. We support behavioral health services and justice reform such as youth rehabilitation, job training, and alternatives to incarceration when appropriate. Law enforcement, community policing programs, and social-service agencies should be fully staffed, well-trained, and properly equipped to keep communities safe.

Science & Tech

We believe New Mexico's scientific and research institutions are national assets. We support the retention of these institutions and knowledge within them. We support policies that encourage responsible innovation. We support restoring federal funding for science and technology.

Transportation & Infrastructure

We believe in equitable, clean, and affordable utilities and robust investments in infrastructure and transportation that strengthen communities, support economic opportunity, and advance climate resilience.

Veterans

We honor all who serve. Democrats support equitable and accessible health care, strong benefits, and continued investment in programs that meet the needs of veterans, including those affected by toxic exposures and service-related injuries.

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