

**COMPARISON OF THE  
WASHINGTON STATE DEMOCRATIC PLATFORM  
TO THE 46<sup>th</sup> LD PLATFORM**

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## AGRICULTURE

How the platforms differ

WA	46 <sup>th</sup> LD
Agriculture is the number one industry in Washington	No section on Agriculture exists to my knowledge
<p>Believe:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- that any decisions about breaching, removing, compromising, or encroaching on waterways should be based on sound, credible economic and scientific information;</li> <li>- US dollars earmarked for agriculture subsidies should go to sustainable family farms and not to agribusiness;</li> <li>- The Columbia and Snake Rivers, including the dams that were primarily constructed under Democratic leadership, support the economic health of the Pacific Northwest.</li> </ul>	
<p>Support:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- programs that provide an economic stimulus for survival, protection and improvement of rural communities, including development of affordable high-speed internet access and rural transportation services;</li> <li>- governmental programs, particularly those of the US Department of Agriculture, that assure the survival of family farms;</li> <li>- funding for agricultural commodity programs to assure long-term, economic incentives that help conserve agricultural land and natural resources such as soil, water, forests, and wildlife habitat;</li> <li>- international programs that reduce global warming;</li> <li>- development of domestic and international marketing opportunities for crop and animal products and international trade agreements that assure fair marketing and employment practices;</li> <li>- antitrust laws should be enforced and applied to agribusiness;</li> <li>- management of ocean fisheries to prevent dangerous depletion;</li> <li>- substantial land grant college funding of research in sustainable, non-toxic farming</li> </ul>	

<p>techniques;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- strong organic farming standards;</li> <li>- clear labeling of food including nation of origin, genetically modified organism status, irradiation, and organic status;</li> <li>- requiring inspection of all animals AT RISK OF THIS DISEASE entering the food chain for processing for spongiform encephalopathy.</li> </ul>	
<p>Recognize:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- the need for new and sustainable development in rural areas and encourage various approaches aimed at obtaining resources for such development;</li> <li>- the role of farmers as the ‘stewards of the land’.</li> </ul>	
<p>Strongly advocate adequate governmental support for agricultural research and extension programs to develop, improve and protect crops and livestock and research the requisite projects to improve quality, marketability, and safety of agricultural products.</p>	

## CIVIL & HUMAN RIGHTS

How the platforms differ

WA	46 <sup>th</sup> LD
<b>Titled: HUMAN RIGHTS AND CIVIL RIGHTS</b>	<b>Titled: CIVIL AND HUMAN RIGHTS</b>
<p>USA PATRIOT ACT: Should be evaluated to remove components that are unconstitutional and affect liberty including, but not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- free speech zones;</li> <li>- indefinite detention;</li> <li>- no fly list;</li> <li>- enemy combatants status;</li> <li>- denial of access to counsel;</li> <li>- suspension of the writ of habeas corpus</li> </ul> <p>Insist that the Geneva Conventions be applied to all detainees, foreign or domestic, no matter where they are held</p>	<p>USA PATRIOT ACT: Call for drastic revision and for strict upholding of the Bill of Rights, including due process requirements and protections against unreasonable search and seizure</p>
<p>Believe:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- that the inherent dignity and the equal and inalienable rights of all human beings are the foundations of freedom, justice, and peace in the world</li> <li>- food, shelter, medical care, education and jobs are basic human rights</li> <li>- each person has a right to live free from fear of personal injury</li> </ul>	
<p>Support:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Civil Rights Acts of 1964 and 1990</li> <li>- Separation of church and state, and oppose organized prayer in publicly funded schools</li> <li>- The right to confidentiality of medical records and genetic information</li> </ul>	
	Demand federal recognition of the Duwamish Tribe
	Support vigorous enforcement of the right to vote for all segments of our citizenry. Felons who have served their term should regain their voting rights.
<p>Oppose: Discrimination in employment, housing, public accommodation, military service, insurance, licensing, or education based on race, religion, age, sex, marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity, disability, size, political affiliation, or national origin</p>	
<p>Abhor: Harassment, intimidation, and domestic or sexual violence, and support strong legislation, treatment programs, and education designed to reduce these ills</p>	

<b>WA</b>	<b>46<sup>th</sup> LD</b>
<b>Titled: CORPORATE POWER AND MEDIA REFORM</b>	<b>Titled: CULTURAL AFFAIRS</b>
<p>Believe:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- corporations are vital to our economy and standard of living;</li> <li>- business friendly laws can be beneficial;</li> <li>- corporations should not exert an undue influence on our body politic or use our Constitution in the courts to thwart our democratically enacted laws.</li> </ul>	
<p>Support:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- revoking the charters of corporations that repeatedly violate our laws;</li> <li>- a government created by, of and for the people, not corporations.</li> </ul>	
<p>Oppose:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- the Supreme Court precedent that corporations are people, and further oppose corporation rights as persons under our constitution and their associated constitutional rights, including the First Amendment right to make political contributions in the corporate capacity;</li> <li>- tax breaks to corporations and other corporate welfare, unless a verifiable public interest is served</li> </ul>	
<p>Believe:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- the public owns the broadcast airwaves and the Internet, which should be managed to serve the public interest</li> </ul>	
	<p>Call for reversal of FCC ruling permitting consolidation of media ownership</p>
<p>Support:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- using diversity of ownership as the centermost principle of broadcast licensing;</li> <li>- strengthening media ownership regulations to avoid corporate domination of our airwaves;</li> <li>- encouraging minority and community media ownership;</li> <li>- ensuring that media license holders provide diverse programming;</li> <li>- increased funding for public broadcasting including documentary films and non-commercial news programs;</li> <li>- establishing a system for community-level, non-profit, and non-commercial radio and TV nationwide.</li> <li>-</li> </ul>	

	Demand that the board of <b>NPR</b> be independent and free from party politics; we decry political packing of this and other national boards and commissions.
	In return for their profitable use of public right of way, <b>cable companies</b> should be required to give the public fair compensation including adequate public access channels, technological support, and modest fees for basic cable service.
	Support the establishment of <b>liberal talk-radio</b> locally and nationally, and the development of <b>low-power radio broadcasting</b> for <b>educational</b> and other <b>non-profit institutions</b>
	Support renewal of <b>funding</b> for the <b>National Endowment for the Arts</b> and the <b>Washington State Arts Commission</b> .
	Seek the reinstatement of individual artist grants from the National Endowment for the Arts. <sup>1</sup>

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## ECONOMIC JUSTICE (LABOR & TAXES)

How the platforms differ

WA Titled: LABOR & ECONOMIC JUSTICE	46 <sup>th</sup> LD Titled: ECONOMIC JUSTICE; TAXES
	<b>Also: LABOR</b>
	<b>See Also: HUMAN SERVICES</b>
	Support: Steps to decrease the growing gap between rich and poor, which is fueled by the downward trend in wages, loss of living-wage jobs, soaring executive paychecks, and an increasingly regressive system of taxation too dependent on sales taxes.
Support: <b>Fair pay</b> - minimum wage that is a living wage	(From <b>LABOR</b> ) (7.) We support the establishment of a living wage in Seattle
Oppose: US Corporations going <b>offshore</b> in order to evade US laws and taxes	Call for: Ban on government contracts for any US company that reincorporates <b>offshore</b> to evade taxes
	Support: Cancellation of all tax credits and exemptions for companies that outsource jobs overseas. Our governments should not enter into contracts that permit overseas outsourcing of labor.
Support: Fair Taxation - progressive tax system at both the federal and state level	Strongly Support: - progressive tax system that is fair and equitable to all citizens and businesses at both the state and federal levels, including reduction of Washington's regressive system of taxation too dependent on sales taxes.
	Rescind: <b>Bush tax cuts for the wealthy</b> Re-establish: Federal <b>estate tax</b> for estates of \$5 Million or more
Support: <b>Social Security</b> - a separate and dedicated Social Security Trust Fund; - maintenance of disabled and dependent survivor Social Security benefits; Oppose: Privatization of Social Security	<b>Social Security:</b> Oppose privatizing the program or reducing its benefits
	Repeal <b>Initiatives 601 and 695</b>
	Call for review and sunseting of 500-plus tax exemptions in Washington State Law
	Strongly Support: Protection of both private and public pension plans, and the right of pension-plan enrollees to be included in processes affecting their pensions.

<p>Support:</p> <p><b>Fair Taxation</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- incentives, including targeted tax credits, to businesses that provide family wage jobs with adequate healthcare and pension benefits, and special programs such as on-site daycare;</li> <li>- fair system of paying for growth with impact fees; oppose the cost-shifting of these expenses onto the general public.</li> </ul>	
<p>Support:</p> <p><b>Fair Pay</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- maintenance of state and federal prevailing wage laws;</li> <li>- reducing the wage gap between rural and urban areas of the state, including ensuring adequate housing, wages and health care for farm workers;</li> <li>-</li> </ul>	
<p>Support:</p> <p><b>Fair Pay</b></p> <p>Protection of overtime pay.</p>	<p>(From: <b>LABOR</b>)</p> <p>(5.) We oppose mandatory overtime.</p>
<p>Support:</p> <p><b>Fair Economic and Trade Policies</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- only multilateral trade agreements which are conditioned on environmental standards, human rights and workers rights, and which support democratic transparent processes;</li> <li>- economic policies conducive to the growth of small business and a strong independent farm system;</li> <li>- strict enforcement of all contracting laws, holding violators responsible for payment of all taxes and penalties.</li> </ul>	
<p>Support:</p> <p><b>Worker Rights</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- full funding for enforcement of employment standards, child labor laws, and worker safety laws;</li> <li>- responsible and responsive bidder language in all public-financed works that includes contractor responsibilities on fair wages, health insurance, retirement and training;</li> </ul>	
<p>Support:</p> <p><b>Worker Rights</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>the</b> right of new bargaining units <b>to request</b> mandatory arbitration on the first contract;</li> </ul>	<p>(From: <b>LABOR</b>)</p> <p>(1.e.) a right of new bargaining units to mandatory arbitration of the first contract;</p>

<p>Support:  <b>Worker Rights</b>  The automatic recognition of a union, based on signatures of a majority of those represented (card-check);</p>	<p>(From: <b>LABOR</b>)  (1.d.) Automatic (card-check) recognition of a union upon its obtaining a majority of the cards signed in a bargaining unit;</p>
<p>Support:  <b>Worker Rights</b>  The 15% set-asides for using state certified apprentices on public works projects.</p>	<p>(From: <b>LABOR</b>)  (6.) We support payment of prevailing wage rates on all government contracts, and the practice of 15% set-asides for apprentices.</p>
<p>Support:  <b>Workers Rights</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- the rights of workers to a safe and healthy workplace, free from harassment;</li> <li>- a workers' Bill of Rights that includes rights of assembly, association and free speech, due process, freedom from discrimination, and democracy within unions;</li> <li>- protection of whistleblowers, (including Federal employees);</li> </ul>	<p>(From: <b>LABOR</b>)  (2.) We support a workers' bill of rights that includes rights of association, assembly and free speech, due process, a safe and healthy workplace, freedom from discrimination, legal protection for whistleblowers, and democracy and fair elections within unions.</p>
<p>Support for Economically Disadvantaged:  Welfare reform that will reduce poverty, not just the welfare rolls;</p>	<p>(From: <b>HUMAN SERVICES</b>)  (1.) We support welfare reform that will reduce poverty, not just the welfare rolls. Quality, affordable childcare, education, training and substance-abuse treatment must be provided to help working parents get off welfare.</p>
<p>Support for Economically Disadvantaged</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- funding childcare for citizens transitioning off welfare;</li> <li>- public assistance safeguarding the vulnerable poor who cannot reasonably provide for themselves;</li> <li>- increased affordable and low-income housing, with emphasis on home ownership;</li> <li>- unemployment and retraining benefits for workers laid off or locked out by their employers.</li> </ul>	
<p>Oppose:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- tip-credit minimum wage;</li> <li>- efforts to eliminate restrictions on the working hours of teenagers;</li> <li>- the privatization or out-sourcing of public services;</li> <li>- profiteering, misuse of private data and predatory lending by financial institutions;</li> <li>- supplanting public employees with low-wage, low benefit contract employees or prison labor;</li> </ul>	

<p>Support:  <b>Workers' Rights</b>  The rights of all workers to organize and use mediation, arbitration, and the right to strike without fear of reprisal or replacement;</p> <p><b>Oppose:</b>  Use of permanent replacement workers during strikes;</p>	<p>(From: <b>LABOR</b>)  Call for:  (1.g.) a right to strike without fear of reprisal or permanent replacement</p>
	<p>(From: <b>HUMAN SERVICES</b>)  (2.) We must galvanize the political will to end homelessness in our communities. It is the government's responsibility to take the actions necessary to ensure that all people have safe and affordable housing. Affordable-housing subsidies should be targeted at those who make 50% or less of the Area Median Income.</p>
	<p>(From: <b>HUMAN SERVICES</b>)  (3.) We support public assistance (General Assistance-Unemployable/GA-U) and Medicaid to safeguard the vulnerable poor and people with disabilities who cannot reasonably provide for themselves.</p>
<p><b>EDUCATION:</b>  Support: "Age-appropriate, research-based health and values education concerning issues of sexuality and alcohol/drug abuse for K-12."</p>	<p>(From: <b>HUMAN SERVICES</b>)  (4.) Family planning and science-based sex education are effective tools that must be made available to give individuals and families control over their reproductive decisions.</p>
	<p>(From: <b>LABOR</b>)  (1.) Call for:  (c.) a ban on captive-audience and one-on-one anti-union meetings;  (f.) a streamlined appeals process in the NLRB and meaningful financial penalties for employers found to have been negotiating in bad faith;  (g.) the Seattle Monorail Authority to assure the foregoing rights for those who will operate and maintain the monorail.</p>
<p>(See <b>IMMIGRATION</b>)  We Oppose:  Any immigration policy that denies civil and/or human rights or educational opportunities for immigrants and their children regardless of their immigration status</p>	<p>(From: <b>LABOR</b>)  (3.) We believe that migrant and seasonal workers and their families deserve safe and adequate housing, medical care, education, and sanitary facilities.</p>

	<p>(From: <b>LABOR</b>) (8.) We support extended unemployment benefits and retraining opportunities for workers who are locked out.</p>
	<p>(From: <b>LABOR</b>) (9.) To assure that unemployment statistics are accurate, unemployed persons whose benefits have been exhausted should continue to be counted as unemployed.</p>

**EDUCATION**  
How the platforms differ

WA	46 <sup>th</sup> LD
<p>Support: “No Child Left Behind Specific language: “We support a stable funding source for all basic, gifted, special education state and federal programs and mandates such as ‘No Child Left Behind’”</p>	<p>Call for repeal of “No Child Left Behind” Specific language: “We support repeal of the ‘No Child Left Behind Act’ and the establishment of a program that better supports universal pre-school and kindergarten through college education”</p>
<p>Support:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Schools that are safe from violence, bullying, harassment and retribution</li> <li>- Public education employees’ rights to organize, engage in collective bargaining, and strike without fear of reprisal or replacement;</li> <li>- Age-appropriate, research-based health and values education concerning issues of sexuality and alcohol/drug abuse for K-12;</li> <li>- Methods of funding educational capital projects other than logging public land.</li> </ul>	
<p>Support: Full inclusion of all students into the school environment regardless of race, ethnic origin, religion, sexual orientation, gender identity, economic status or disability</p>	<p>Support: The preservation of equal opportunities for women as mandated by Title IX</p>
	<p>Practical assessments other than “WASL”, that allow for multiple retake opportunities, remediation options and alternative methods of assessment</p>
	<p>College tuition tax deductible or tax credit</p>
	<p>College loan adjustments for choosing public service career</p>
	<p>Increased funding for libraries</p>

## ENVIRONMENT & ENERGY

How the platforms differ

WA	46 <sup>th</sup> LD
<p>Support: Conservation and development of clean, efficient, renewable, and natural sources of power;</p>	<p>Must provide, both domestically and worldwide, development and use of such non-polluting, non-nuclear energy sources as hydrogen, wind, solar, ocean, geothermal and biomass, while strongly emphasizing conservation as a technique for curbing energy consumption.</p>
<p>Support:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Elimination of tax breaks to nonrenewable-energy companies, except for pollution control equipment;</li> <li>- Making polluters pay for cleanup by reinstating the federal tax on toxic waste under the Superfund Program;</li> </ul>	<p>Tax and other incentives should favor sustainable businesses that conserve energy and/or utilize technologies that prevent pollution and keep toxins out of their manufacturing processes and the environment. The Superfund Tax should be reinstated to continue the cleanup of hazardous waste sites at the expense of polluters instead of the general public</p>
<p>Support: Efforts to <b>reduce</b> waste and to promote the <b>reuse</b> and <b>recycling</b> of materials;</p>	<p>Individual and governmental efforts to <b>reduce</b> residential and business waste and promote the <b>reuse</b> and <b>recycling</b> of materials must be expanded, with continued development of recycled-material markets that meet strict environmental and worker health standards. Manufacturer deposits on computers/TVs should be required, together with a safe recycling program by such manufacturers to remove toxic materials from our landfills and from third world countries that aren't set up to safely recycle them.</p>
<p>Support:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Fed Gov't restoration and clean-up of contaminated lands and water, public or private;</li> <li>- Programs to reduce polluted urban and agricultural run-off into waterways and aquifers;</li> <li>- Full disclosure by companies and by the government of the health and environmental effects of all potentially harmful chemicals and substances they produce, store or release;</li> <li>- Higher Corporate Average Fuel Economy Standards and extending their application to SUVs;</li> <li>- Current state law, which requires voter approval of large public energy projects before bonds are issued;</li> <li>- Upgrading our outdated electrical grids so that power can be distributed efficiently and reliably;</li> <li>- Revising the 1872 Mining Act to provide fair market compensation to the public and</li> </ul>	

<p>limiting exploration &amp; extraction in environmentally sensitive public lands;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Utilizing biomass conversion to process American farm products and byproducts into renewable energy, including biodiesel and ethanol.</li> </ul>	
	<p>Environment related decisions must be based on reliable scientific knowledge &amp; adequately funded</p>
	<p>Must encourage domestic and worldwide commitments to sustainable utilization of resources and reduced consumption of non-renewable resources, including fossil fuels. Use of motor vehicles should be reduced. Alternative energy sources must be developed and implemented so as to reduce dramatically our dependence on foreign oil and make the US ultimately self-sufficient in energy, without degradation of environmentally sensitive areas.</p>
<p>Support: Strong measures that reduce greenhouse gases</p>	<p>US must recognize its role in global climate change and renew its participation in the <b>Kyoto Accords</b>. We must pursue, both domestically and worldwide, an aggressive strategy for prompt minimization of greenhouse gas and ozone-depleting chemical emissions.</p>
<p>Support:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- long-term policies that give priority to the preservation of biodiversity, protection of ecosystems and watersheds, and restoration of wild salmon and other endangered species;</li> <li>- strong public policy that restores full funding the National Park Service and preserves wilderness, old-growth, road free areas, wildlife corridors, wetlands, and other environmentally sensitive areas;</li> </ul>	<p>Environmental protections including those previously instituted under the Clean Air, Clean Water, and Endangered Species Acts, but reversed or weakened by the Bush administration, must be reinstated – and the provisions of those Acts vigorously enforced. We must protect and preserve environmentally sensitive areas, including wetlands, and maintain the viability and diversity of plants and animals within watersheds and other ecosystems. Plans to protect the habitat of wild salmon and steelhead, including preservation of Northwest forests and maintenance of adequate river flows, must be fully implemented.</p>
<p>Support: Strengthening the <b>Growth Management Act</b>, and supporting neighborhood and community planners in their efforts to protect our quality of life;</p>	<p>Our state’s <b>Growth Management Act</b> must be enforced and strengthened, to protect against further urban sprawl that eats up farmland, forests, wildlife habitat and our remaining natural resources.</p>
<p>Support:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- efforts to reduce the use of pesticides, herbicides, and other persistent toxic chemicals;</li> <li>- increasing governmental support for organic farming and preservation of agricultural land.</li> </ul>	<p>Use of herbicides, pesticides and other toxic materials must be cut back in order to reduce environmental contamination and protect our food supply and the health of all, particularly children. Organic farming and sustainable agriculture deserve funding and increased support. The export of banned chemicals and toxic waste to third world countries must be ended, and new chemicals tested for their safety before being released into the environment instead of waiting until harm has been shown.</p>

<p>Oppose:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- trading of energy &amp; pollution credits;</li> <li>- tying funding of school construction to destroying old-growth forests or non-sustainable resource exploitation;</li> <li>- any expansion of nuclear power until environmentally safe, long-term waste storage can be guaranteed;</li> <li>- exemption of military bases from environmental regulation.</li> </ul>	
<p>Oppose: Waste disposal and oil exploration in any wildlife refuge, wilderness area, or other environmentally sensitive area;</p>	<p>National parks and wilderness areas must be maintained as pristine areas, with a firm prohibition on mining, drilling, and any other activity likely to deface or pollute those national treasures. Threatened wild and roadless, forested areas must be permanently protected from road building, logging, motorized recreation, and any other type of development. We oppose privatization of professional staff in National Parks and National Forests.</p>
<p>Oppose: Importing new nuclear waste to the Hanford Nuclear Reservation</p>	<p>Hazardous wastes should be treated and disposed of near their origin, in soundly engineered and monitored disposal facilities. Our state should not be a depository for the nation's radioactive waste. Cleanup must be the #1 priority at Hanford, followed by development of technology to reprocess nuclear wastes into useable fuel. There should be no further shipments of radioactive waste to Hanford until the site is brought into compliance with existing regulations, the use of unlined soil trenches has been terminated, and the cumulative impact of past waste disposal has been fully assessed; to fail in these respects would interfere with cleanup and greatly increase risks to public health.</p>

## FOREIGN POLICY

How the platforms differ

WA	46 <sup>th</sup> LD
Paying financial obligations to UN	Full funding of the UN
	Restore international aid for family planning and education
	Increased funding for humanitarian programs that address the root causes of instability & terrorism
The United States should commit to vigorous, serious and persistent even-handed engagement towards a peaceful resolution of the <b>Israeli/Palestinian</b> conflict, promoting negotiations that lead to a viable resolution and ensure security and a good quality of life for the Israeli and Palestinian peoples;	US policy should recognize that <b>Palestinian and Israeli</b> lives are equally precious and that both are entitled to peace, justice, and security. Further US aid should be contingent on (a) commitments not to use the aid for killing each other or for one to occupy the other's territory, (b) dismantling of the Israeli "Security Wall" and return of all lands confiscated by the wall's construction, (c) compensation of dispossessed Palestinians for their losses, and (d) withdrawal of Israeli troops and settlers from the West Bank of Gaza.
<b>Support:</b> <b>Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty</b>	Renounce development of new nuclear weapons and urge the strengthening of international disarmament treaties. Call for an end to government assistance to or contracts for companies that export weapons systems that contribute to the international arms race.
Support: - nonviolent conflict resolution	(not specifically stated, but implied)
Support: - multilateral approach to foreign policy; - Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty; - Child Soldier Treaty	
Support: US foreign policy must empower and support the right of all people to self governance and self determination	Support the Cuban people's right to self-determination in political and economic spheres. Oppose the outmoded and inhumane US policies that restrict commerce and other contact between the Cuban and American people, and call for normalization of relations with that nearby nation, including lifting of the US-imposed embargo and travel ban.
Multinational corporations are not legal persons entitled to equal protection under the 14 <sup>th</sup> Amendment to the US constitution	

Multinational corporations, their affiliates, subsidiaries and/or franchises may not operate above the international rule of law	
WTO: renegotiate or exercise right to withdraw	WTO: call for US withdrawal; be replaced by new enforceable trade agreements incorporating human rights, labor rights, and respect for environmental justice and bilateral environmental treaties. Transparent adjudication processes and include accountable appellate process, and must not override federal, state or local law.
NAFTA: renegotiate or exercise right to withdraw	NAFTA: call for fundamental renegotiation or withdrawal based on the WTO principles above and rejection of (a) the upcoming Free Trade Agreement of the Americas, which would extend it throughout the Western Hemisphere, and (b) similar agreements that have been proposed worldwide.
IRAQ: Support and affirm: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- developing and implementing equitable and rapid exit strategy</li> <li>- nonviolent initiatives aimed at rebuilding civil society and encouraging democracy</li> </ul>	IRAQ: Support: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- complete, timely withdrawal of US forces and the renunciation of plans to build permanent military bases;</li> <li>- prompt creation of a truly democratic, independent and fully representative Iraqi government chosen through free and fair elections, all under UN auspices</li> </ul>
AFGHANISTAN: Support and affirm: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- developing and implementing equitable and rapid exit strategy;</li> <li>- nonviolent initiatives aimed at rebuilding civil society and encouraging democracy</li> </ul>	
IRAN: Support and affirm: nonviolent initiatives aimed at rebuilding civil society and encouraging democracy	
Support: US' ratification of CEDAW (7 <sup>th</sup> Convention to End Discrimination Against Women)	
Support and Affirm: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- encouraging strict health, safety, and environmental standards worldwide;</li> <li>- honoring and upholding rights, welfare, and healthy environment of all indigenous people</li> <li>- increasing federal funding to combat world hunger and the HIV/AIDS epidemic worldwide</li> <li>- call for all governments and corporations to immediately stop production, stockpiling, testing, and use of uranium, depleted uranium, other radiological;</li> <li>- weapons;</li> </ul>	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- closing the School of the Americas, aka The Western Hemispheric Institute for Security Cooperation;</li> <li>- practice fair trade based on sound environmental quality principles, worker rights, and welfare;</li> <li>- creating a cabinet-level Department of Peace to establish non-violence as an organizing principle in both domestic and international affairs, strengthen international institutions and cooperative diplomacy to prevent acts of terrorism and resolve international conflicts;</li> </ul>	
	<p>Call for rejection of proposed Global Agreement on Trade in Services, which would privatize such vital public services as education, water, fire, electricity and human services. Further oppose the International Monetary Fund's structural adjustment policies that compel privatization of vital government services as a condition of refinancing debt</p>

**HEALTHCARE**  
Where the platforms differ

WA	46 <sup>th</sup> LD
Support: Creation of a universal, publicly funded, single-payer, not-for-profit, comprehensive health system preserving choice;	PLUS: including prescription drug coverage for all and the elimination of co-pays
Support: Parity of mental and physical health coverage	INCLUDING: alternative therapies and substance abuse treatment
Support: Amending the Medicare prescription drug benefit to permit access to generic and other cost effective drugs;	(#4) Repeal of the Medicare Modernization Act of 2003. Rather than assisting seniors through negotiated cost controls, this misconceived legislation fosters unrestricted cost escalation by insurance and drug companies by prohibiting both collective negotiation for lower drug prices and competition by Canadian suppliers. Unless the Act is repealed, seniors will be spending more on drugs in 2007, when the Act is in full effect, than they did when there was no Medicare drug benefit at all.
Support: Eliminating discrimination against low income patients in the delivery of equal health care;	Passage of the proposed US Constitutional Amendment introduced by Rep. Jesse Jackson, Jr., that would secure equality of health care for all Americans as a fundamental human right.
Support: A strong Patient Bill of Rights	INCLUDING: (a) protection of medical privacy by closing loopholes that allow the selling and disclosure of medical and pharmaceutical records, and (b) provision for prompt payment of insurance benefits, with availability of legal claims when other remedies fall short.
Support: - regulation and inspection of institutional and residential health care systems; - Federal regulation and inspection of the medical insurance industry.	
Support: Increased funding for prevention programs (such as nutritional education, prenatal care, reproductive health education, and suicide prevention) and disease research and control (including stem cell research).	Call for expanded funding of research into, and treatment of, major diseases such as AIDS. Stem cell research must be freed of the Bush-imposed controls and given expanded funding. Indeed, we demand an end to the administration's broad-scale distortion of scientific knowledge for political purposes, most recently exemplified by the dismissal of experts from the President's Council on Bioethics for disagreeing with his politically motivated ban on stem cell research.
Support: Dedicating tobacco settlement monies only to tobacco-related health care programs and tobacco use	PLUS: Call for further curbs on smoking in public places, to limit exposure to second-hand smoke.

prevention.	
<p>Support:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- privacy protection of jointly-owned (patient/facility) medical and mental health records, prohibiting the sale or disclosure of personal medical or pharmaceutical records;</li> <li>- protection of a woman’s right to private consultation regarding reproductive decisions. Physicians will be allowed to perform reproductive procedures without fear of retaliation, even in the event of legislative changes.</li> <li>- A reasonable medical malpractice rate structure, preserving a right to a jury trial and ensuring fair awards for preventable medical errors. Insurance company stockholders, rather than healthcare providers, will bear the burden of investment losses;</li> <li>- The repeal of the Global Gag Rule that cuts \$34M to UN and international family planning agencies;</li> <li>- The legalization of marijuana for medical purposes;</li> <li>- Preservation of existing VA hospitals and clinics, and increased funding for the long-term care of veterans. We have a moral obligation to care for our veterans.</li> </ul>	
	Funds owed to keep Social Security solvent and ensure access to Medicare and Medicaid must be restored.
	The Supreme Court having acknowledged in 2000 that “tobacco use, particularly among children and adolescents, poses perhaps the single most significant threat to public health in the US,” we call for legislation authorizing the FDA to regulate tobacco as a drug.
	To confront the obesity epidemic, serious programs must be developed and broadly implemented to provide nutritional planning, information distribution, physical fitness opportunities and heart health centers for children and adults suffering from obesity-related conditions.
	<p>The legislature must address our health care crisis by developing an insurance system that is affordable and accessible to all, regardless of income level or place of employment. Under that system:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. each employer shall offer quality and affordable health insurance to its employees, and</li> </ul>

	<p>b. employers of 50 or more that choose not to pay for their employees' health care shall pay, to the State, an amount equal to 80% of the per-person cost of the State's Basic Health Plan (BHP). The funds thus realized would be used to provide coverage to such employees and their families through the BHP, with the resultant savings used to help subsidize health coverage for employees of small employers.</p>
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**IMMIGRATION**  
How the platforms differ

<b>WA</b>	<b>46<sup>th</sup> LD</b>
See Washington State Platform for complete platform	No language exists to my knowledge

# INDIAN TRIBES AND TREATIES

How the platforms differ

<b>WA</b>	<b>46<sup>th</sup> LD</b>
See Washington State Platform for complete platform	No language exists to my knowledge except: Under Civil and Human Rights: (4.) We demand federal recognition of the Duwamish Tribe

## LAW AND JUSTICE

How the platforms differ

WA	46 <sup>th</sup> LD
<p>Believe:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- prevention of crime is as important as reaction to crime;</li> <li>- violence should not become an accepted fact in our communities;</li> <li>- authorities and communities must work together, assume responsibility for safety and prevention of crime, and make neighborhoods livable;</li> <li>- government must help alleviate the social conditions which contribute to crime;</li> <li>- comprehensive crime prevention must include youth programs;</li> <li>-</li> </ul>	
<p>Believe:</p> <p>Corporate officers and board members should be held responsible for the actions of their companies.</p>	<p>(7.) Corporate rights and responsibilities need to be redefined, including a rollback of Constitutional protections afforded on the pretext that a corporation is a “person.” Economic crime by corporate executives should be as subject to imprisonment as are other nonviolent thefts, based on the amount stolen.</p>
<p>Support:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- A new approach to drug addiction focused on treatment and education as opposed to incarceration;</li> <li>- drug courts</li> </ul> <p>Believe:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Property forfeiture should be permitted only after criminal conviction, not on arrest or by seizure;</li> </ul>	<p>(3.) Criminal justice should include greater emphasis on preventive and rehabilitative measures. State and federal policy must include (a) drug education that reflects established scientific knowledge rather than outdated political dogma and myth, and (b) a focus on treatment and rehabilitation of drug and alcohol abusers. Minor drug offenses should be given reduced priority, as prescribed by Seattle’s recently approved Initiative. More drug courts are needed, and asset forfeitures should be based on conviction of a crime rather than mere arrest or assumption of guilt.</p>
<p>Support:</p> <p>The stringent enforcement and maintenance of current state and federal laws regulating the ownership of firearms, while respecting the rights of responsible gun owners;</p>	<p>(5.) We support universal gun registration and licensing, background checks as a prerequisite to all gun sales (including at gun shows), prohibition of fully automatic weapons, and required safe gun storage in the home.</p>
<p>Support:</p> <p>Abolishing capital punishment;</p>	<p>(1.) Governmental killing of a human being in our name is unacceptable. Capital punishment, at both the state and federal levels, must be abolished.</p>
<p>Support:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- adequate state funding for indigent defendants in all criminal cases;</li> <li>- review of mandatory sentencing guidelines</li> </ul>	

<p>and “three-strikes” sentencing, especially for non-violent offenses;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- elimination of all forms of racial profiling by government or law enforcement;</li> <li>- eliminating the conditions closely linked to crime and violence by investing in nonviolent conflict resolution, education, health care, social services, and living wage jobs;</li> <li>- diversion for adult misdemeanors and juvenile offenders, when possible, to alternative victim/offender restorative mediation under the oversight of prosecuting attorney offices.</li> </ul>	
	<p>(4.) Consistent with preservation of civil liberties, we support reasonable security measures at airports, bus and train stations, border crossings and ports, to protect the public from terrorism.</p>
	<p>(6.) To protect personal liberty and restore balance in our courts, Democrats must assign a high priority to confirming judges who have a proven record of adhering to the law without promoting extremist views or personal political agendas.</p>

# MILITARY

How the platforms differ

<b>WA</b>	<b>46<sup>th</sup> LD</b>
See Platform for complete language	No language exists to my knowledge

**TRANSPORTATION**  
How the platforms differ

<b>WA</b>	<b>46<sup>th</sup> LD</b>
<p>Support:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- making investments in public infrastructure that broaden both rural and urban transportation choices and reduce dependence on the automobile;</li> <li>- provide equity and parity in state support among all forms of transportation (i.e. buses, ferries, light rail, heavy rail, monorail, etc.);</li> <li>- public involvement at all levels in developing transportation plans and systems;</li> <li>- multiple funding sources including fuel taxes, excise taxes and user fees, which are as progressive as possible, as appropriate for funding essential transportation projects;</li> <li>- having multiple airports in major urban areas;</li> <li>- elimination of all tax subsidies which benefit motor vehicles not meeting gas mileage guidelines or that are not being used for their original intent;</li> <li>- tax credits given to those vehicles that exceed gas mileage guidelines or use alternative fuels;</li> <li>- inclusion of ferry routes as major collector roads for planning and funding purposes;</li> <li>- vigorously encourage revising safety standards for tires based on real world safety performance for new and retread passenger tires, medium and heavy vehicles;</li> <li>- safer intersections for vehicles and pedestrians through better design, improved traffic control measures, and where warranted, revision of existing practices for traffic control devices to permit longer phasing to pedestrian signals to enable safer crossing at high-volume roadways;</li> <li>- the use of alternative fuels, neighborhood electric and hybrid vehicles through targeted tax incentives;</li> <li>- recognition that aviation, both private and commercial, is a key form of transportation in our state.</li> </ul>	
<p>Oppose:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- tariffs paid solely by ferry riders that exceed the subsidies for operating other components of the state highway system;</li> <li>- major airport expansion without public input,</li> </ul>	

review and vote.	
	Replacement of the increasingly perilous Alaskan Way viaduct must be the highest transportation priority at the local, regional and state levels.
	We favor the development and funding of multiple modes of public transportation, to better serve the public
	The 18 <sup>th</sup> Amendment to the Washington State Constitution must be repealed so that Washington's gasoline tax may be used to fund transit as well as highways.
	In urban areas, we favor transit-oriented development and provision of economical mass transit to attract increased ridership, including monorail and light rail connections between Northgate and downtown Seattle by 2007.
	Corporate Average Fuel Economy standards should be increased and made fully applicable to SUVs and light trucks, and all tax breaks for such vehicles should be eliminated. A luxury tax should be imposed on the purchase of deluxe automobiles and limousines because, in addition to their inefficient use of fuel, they cause heavy wear and tear on all roads.
	We call for increased penalties and rigorous enforcement of the requirement that large trucks stay out of the left lane in certain freeway situations.
Support: Improved facilities for non-motorized movement of people such as pedestrian paths, bicyclists, and people in wheelchairs.	Safe facilities for bicyclists, pedestrians and wheelchairs must be provided, including secure storage of bicycles and a safer environment for people waiting for or disembarking from school buses or other public transportation at locations that are now poorly lit and lack marked crossings.

# THE POLITICAL PROCESS

How the platforms differ

WA	46 <sup>th</sup> LD
Titled: <b>GOVERNMENT AND POLITICAL REFORM</b>	Titled: <b>THE POLITICAL PROCESS</b>
Believe: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- taxes are the price of a civilization; we want our taxes to be levied fairly and spent frugally;</li> <li>- all regulatory agencies should be fully funded.</li> </ul>	
Support: Making election day a national holiday;	(4.) To encourage maximum participation, any day upon which a general election is held should be made a holiday in the relevant jurisdiction(s).
Support: Immediate restoration of voting rights of felons who have completed their sentences;	(5.) We insist that registered voters not be improperly removed from the voting rolls, that felons who have served their time be restored their right to vote, and that any utilization of electronic voting machines be accompanied by an auditable paper record of each vote cast.
Support: Laws requiring all broadcast license holders to provide adequate free airtime to political candidates as a condition of their FC license;	(1.) We demand an end to the corruptive influence of big money in politics, including initiative campaigns. FCC licensing should require that free radio and TV time be provided for candidates and ballot issues before each election, subject to criteria set by the Federal Elections Commission.
Support: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- public financing of all election campaigns;</li> <li>- fair, voter-verifiable, fully transparent and auditable voting systems;</li> <li>- encourage colleges and universities to register students to vote and to open campus polling places;</li> <li>- full Congressional representation for residents of the District of Columbia;</li> <li>- inclusive campaign and debate process that does not exclude credible third part candidates;</li> <li>- enforcement of sunshine laws and transparency in sessions that discuss and make policy;</li> <li>- aggressive congressional investigation of improper connections between government and industry;</li> <li>- universal voter registration of all US citizens who are eligible voters.</li> </ul>	
	(2.) We call for the abolition of the Electoral College, an anachronism that unduly magnifies the role of small states and narrow pluralities in choosing our only nationally elected officials.

	(3.) Washington's initiative process must be reformed so that our elected representatives are not hamstrung in their efforts to make revenue and spending decisions in the public interest.
	(6.) Library property should be added to the list of public places where organizations can register voters in a politicking-free manner that does not hamper library operations.
	(7.) We urge the Washington State Democratic Party to (a) concentrate resources on building a strong and lasting network of grassroots volunteers, and (b) give timely, targeted publicity to the religious surrogate option for representation in any party caucus held on a religious holiday.