

Democratic Party of Wisconsin 2016 Resolutions

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

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3 **16-JHD-01: WELCOMING REFUGEES (52 WORDS)**

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 (55 WORDS)**

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.
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16 **16-JHD-03: COMPASSIONATE RELEASE (99 WORDS)**

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.
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26 **16-JHD-04: FAIRNESS TO INMATES SENTENCED BEFORE 1990 (77 WORDS)**

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 (71 WORDS)**

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 (95 WORDS)**

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 (89 WORDS)**

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 (73 WORDS)**

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 (90 WORDS)**

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 (80 WORDS)**

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 (100 WORDS)**

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 (100 WORDS)**

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 (94 WORDS)**

23 WHEREAS, the US Supreme Court in the January 2010 Citizens United decision ruled that Corporations are persons,
24 entitled to buy elections and run our government;

25 WHEREAS, human beings are people, while corporations are legal fictions, without conscience, beliefs, feelings,
26 thoughts, life, and breath; and,

27 WHEREAS, the profits and institutional survival of large corporations are often in direct conflict with the essential
28 needs and rights of people;

29 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, the DPW supports repealing the Citizens United decision through a constitutional
30 amendment which clarifies that corporations are not persons under the laws of the United States.

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32 **16-JHD-14: AFFIRMATION AND PROTECTION OF VOTING (71 WORDS)**

33 WHEREAS, voting is a cornerstone of democracy;

34 WHEREAS, voter impersonation, the only voter fraud that would be preventable by voter ID, has never been proven
35 to exist in Wisconsin; and,

36 WHEREAS, Wisconsin has cultivated a proud tradition of encouraging public participation in the electoral process;

37 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, that the DPW opposes voter ID requirements and supports same day voter registration,
38 extended voter registration hours, and additional voting opportunities for Wisconsin voters.

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40 **16-JHD-15: LOCAL CONTROL (54 WORDS)**

41 WHEREAS, the Walker Administration, the Republican-dominated Assembly, and the Republican-dominated State
42 Senate have routinely dismantled local government control of budgetary and environmental issues;

43 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, the DPW demands state government return local control of budgets and the right to be
44 more restrictive than state regulations to cities, villages, counties, town governments and school districts.

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1 **16-JHD-16: TO PROVIDE DEMOCRATIC, NONPARTISAN LEGISLATIVE RE-DISTRICTING SYSTEM AND A NONPARTISAN**
2 **REDISTRICTING AMENDMENT (88 WORDS)**

3 WHEREAS, the redistricting process of 2010 resulted in severe gerrymandering of legislative districts all over
4 Wisconsin; and,

5 WHEREAS, the current redistricting procedures lack the transparency necessary to reinforce citizens' faith in the
6 democratic process;

7 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, the DPW calls upon the State Legislature to pass legislation that supports the
8 establishment of fair, nonpartisan legislative boundaries before the start of the next redistricting process of 2020;
9 and,

10 FURTHER RESOLVED, the DPW advocates for an amendment to the State Constitution giving the responsibility of
11 legislative redistricting to a nonpartisan commission.

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13 **16-JHD-17: SUPPORTING THE PLAINTIFFS IN WHITFORD V. NICHOL (100 WORDS)**

14 WHEREAS, the case of Whitford v. Nichol has been tried in the United States District Court for the Western District of
15 Wisconsin;

16 WHEREAS, the Supreme Court of the United States has directed litigants and lower courts to continue searching for
17 an appropriate standard for deciding partisan gerrymandering claims;

18 WHEREAS, said case calls for the adoption of a metric called the "efficiency gap" for determining the existence of a
19 constitutional violation in the drawing of legislative districts;

20 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, the DPW supports the position of the plaintiffs in Whitford v. Nichol including appeals to
21 the Supreme Court of the United States.

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23 **16-JHD-18: CONTINUE TO REQUIRE COUNTIES TO HAVE COUNTY VETERAN SERVICE OFFICERS (CVSOs) (78 WORDS)**

24 WHEREAS, every Wisconsin County must have a CVSO who provides invaluable service to veterans, especially in
25 rural counties, and 95% of veteran claims are handled by CVSOs;

26 WHEREAS, the CVSO grant provides funds to CVSOs to benefit veterans as they see fit; and,

27 WHEREAS, current CVSO grant rules are hindering the CVSOs' ability to support veterans in rural counties;

28 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, the DPW supports maintaining the CVSO as originally envisioned and reinstating CVSO
29 grants as formulated in 1973.

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32 **RESOLUTIONS CONCERNING EDUCATION, LABOR, AND ECONOMICS**

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34 **16-ELE-01: USE "RESPONSIBLE BIDDERS" FOR GOVERNMENT PROJECTS (100 WORDS)**

35 WHEREAS, contractors bidding on jobs that receive tax dollars should be "Responsible Bidders";

36 WHEREAS, contractors accepted for construction of local projects should agree to pay Worker's Compensation,
37 Wisconsin Unemployment Compensation, and to abide by wage and hour laws (including overtime) and child labor
38 regulations;

39 WHEREAS, contractors that use illegal subcontracting schemes, payroll fraud and job misclassification, or have a
40 history of doing so, should be excluded from consideration; and,

41 WHEREAS, accepted contractors should have no current debarments by the federal, state, or local governments;

42 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, the DPW supports the use of "Responsible Bidders" for local and state government
43 projects.

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1 **16-ELE-02: FUND EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION (43 WORDS)**

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

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7 **16-ELE-03: REBUILDING THE FOUNDATION OF EDUCATION (86 WORDS)**

8 WHEREAS, education is the fabric of opportunity;
9 WHEREAS, the great state of Wisconsin has always followed the great tradition in the United States of providing
10 education to all its citizens;
11 WHEREAS, many businesses in agriculture, tourism and manufacturing depend on an educated, qualified and trained
12 workforce; and,
13 WHEREAS, the greatest era prosperity followed the greatest investment made in education, namely the GI Bill that
14 followed World War II;
15 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, the DPW supports the full and free education of all Wisconsin residents pursuing an
16 undergraduate degree.

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18 **16-ELE-04: REINSTATE EDUCATIONAL FUNDING FORMULA (35 WORDS)**

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

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23 **16-ELE-05: ELIMINATE PRIVATE SCHOOL VOUCHERS (7TH AND 8TH CDS, 80 WORDS)**

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

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31 **16-ELE-06: SUPPORT FUNDING OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS (98 WORDS)**

32 WHEREAS, public education is a cornerstone of democracy and essential to Wisconsin's economic welfare;
33 WHEREAS, Wisconsin guarantees education for all;
34 WHEREAS, public schools serve all students;
35 WHEREAS, private schools are not held accountable to state standards;
36 WHEREAS, the state cannot afford to support two education systems;
37 WHEREAS, taxpayer subsidized private schools take resources from public schools; and,
38 WHEREAS, 95% of Wisconsin's private schools are religiously affiliated;
39 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, the Legislature discontinue all funding cuts to pre-K-12 districts, technical colleges, and the
40 34 University of Wisconsin System Schools, and that taxpayer money be used only to support public education.

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1 **16-ELE-07: PUBLIC MUSIC EDUCATION (70 WORDS)**

2 WHEREAS, music is an integral part of life and living;
3 WHEREAS, music is the creative expression of the human spirit; and,
4 WHEREAS, active participation in music offers a manifold increase in our understanding and appreciation of music,
5 and also of cultures other than our own, and develops overall cognitive brain function;
6 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, the DPW endorses an increased emphasis of music education for all ages in our public
7 educational institutions.

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9 **16-ELE-08: SUPPORT POST-RETIREMENT BENEFITS FOR LOCAL PUBLIC WORKERS (91 WORDS)**

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

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18 **16-ELE-09: RESTORE FUNDING FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN SYSTEM (99 WORDS)**

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

26
27 **16-ELE-10: REPEAL 2011 ACT 10 (21 WORDS)**

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

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31 **16-ELE-11: OPPOSITION TO CORPORATE TAX INVERSION (77 WORDS)**

32 WHEREAS, corporations are allowed to change their USA business address in order to evade USA taxes, known as
33 corporate tax inversion;
34 WHEREAS, corporations rely on USA infrastructure in order to produce and sell products in the USA;
35 WHEREAS, corporations rely on USA educational and training institutions to obtain their best employees; and,
36 WHEREAS, corporate tax evasion reduces public revenues that would finance infrastructure and education;
37 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, the DPW supports legislation that would end corporate tax inversion.
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1 **16-ELE-12: MINIMUM WAGE (85 WORDS)**

2 WHEREAS, the minimum wage has not been increased since 2009, and does not provide a living wage; and,
3 WHEREAS, tax funded programs supplementing the incomes for low income workers actually supplement the
4 incomes of their employers;
5 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, the minimum wage should be raised to at least \$15 per hour immediately, and raised
6 according to market inflation every year; and,
7 FURTHER RESOLVED, special incentives and tax breaks should be given to small businesses to lessen the economic
8 effect on them for at least 5 years.

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10 **16-ELE-13: RESTORE TENURE PROTECTIONS TO UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN SYSTEM FACULTY (100 WORDS)**

11 WHEREAS, the fearless sifting and winnowing underlying the search for truth requires academic freedom;
12 WHEREAS, strong tenure protections are essential to protect academic freedom, the UW mission statement, and the
13 Wisconsin Idea;
14 WHEREAS, the UW Regents recently severely weakened tenure protections, exposing faculty to the threat of
15 retaliatory firing;
16 WHEREAS, faculty at eight UW institutions reacted by passing resolutions of no confidence in the Regents and UW
17 System President;
18 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, the DPW condemns the weakening of tenure in the UW System;
19 FURTHER RESOLVED, the DPW urges state legislators to restore tenure protections equal to those of the finest
20 universities.

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23 **RESOLUTIONS CONCERNING AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS**

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25 **16-AGE-01: IN OPPOSITION TO THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW ENBRIDGE "LINE 66" PIPELINE THROUGH WISCONSIN**
26 **(98 WORDS)**

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

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36 **16-AGE-02: OPPOSING THE TRANSPORTATION OF BAKKEN SHALE OIL THROUGH WISCONSIN (100 WORDS)**

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

1 **16-AGE-03: PROTECT ACCESS TO PUBLIC LANDS ADJACENT TO RAILROADS (96 WORDS)**

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-04: GROUNDWATER/WELLS (94 WORDS)**

13 WHEREAS, everyone deserves safe and healthful water;

14 WHEREAS, high capacity well applications are usually for 1,000 gallons per minute, 1.44 million gallons per day;

15 WHEREAS, high capacity wells increase nitrate and pesticide content of domestic wells and threaten availability of
16 potable water;

17 WHEREAS, a lower water table has resulted in lakes and streams drying up, decreasing property values; 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 in
20 addition to the DNR.

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22 **16-AGE-05: CONFINED ANIMAL FEEDING OPERATIONS (CAFOS) (97 WORDS)**

23 WHEREAS, some farming has evolved into industrialized CAFOs with thousands of animals housed at a single facility;

24 WHEREAS, it's estimated that each day CAFOs in Wisconsin produce over 47,000,000 gallons of waste, which
25 contains disease-causing organisms and may be spread on lands above geological structures and biological systems
26 incapable of filtering it, causing pollution of the peoples' lakes, streams, and drinking water; and,

27 WHEREAS, laws and enforcement practices fail to protect public health and preempt local control;

28 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, that DPW call for a moratorium on all new CAFOs until environmental and local control
29 concerns are addressed.

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31 **16-AGE-06: CLIMATE CHANGE (86 WORDS)**

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

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

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

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

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1 **16-AGE-07: SUPPORT FOR EPA'S CLEAN POWER PLAN (91 WORDS)**

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

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

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

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

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

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12 **RESOLUTIONS CONCERNING FOREIGN AFFAIRS**

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16 **RESOLUTIONS ON PARTY GOVERNANCE**

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18 **16-PG-01: ABOLISH THE SUPERDELEGATE SYSTEM (100 WORDS)**

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

21 WHEREAS, we believe that contrary to this purpose, superdelegates have eroded voters' faith in their ability to affect
22 the outcome of the Presidential nomination;

23 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, DPW supports the abolishment of the unpledged superdelegate system (e.g. either by
24 eliminating them, or by requiring them to vote in proportion to the share of the popular vote each candidate received
25 in their state);

26 FURTHER RESOLVED, DPW instructs its DNC delegation to actively work for this goal.

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28 **16-PG-02: STATE PARTY ELECTIONS (93 WORDS)**

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

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

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

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

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38 **16-PG-03: URGING SUPERDELEGATES TO VOTE IN LINE WITH 2016 PRIMARY RESULTS (95 WORDS)**

39 WHEREAS, the democratic nature of the Democratic Party has been questioned, due to the stated voting intentions
40 of many superdelegates;

41 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, DPW strongly urges Wisconsin's superdelegates to collectively cast their votes on each
42 ballot at the 2016 Democratic National Convention in proportion to the Wisconsin primary vote until if and when they
43 are released by their candidate;

44 FURTHER RESOLVED, failing this, DPW strongly urges each superdelegate to vote on each ballot for the candidate
45 who won the popular vote in the jurisdiction they represent until if and when they are released by their candidate.