



PLATFORM April 2008

Resolutions come from individuals at the precinct level and through the County parties. Their proposals are forwarded to the Democratic Party of New Mexico (DPNM) State Platform and Resolutions Committee where they are reviewed and amended by the Committee, which consists of volunteers from around the state. The "Report of the State Platform and Resolutions Committee" is then presented to the membership of the State Central Committee (SCC) and voted on at the semi-annual statewide meetings. Below are our value statements with our major planks followed by a brief summary of all the resolutions passed by the State Central Committee between 2006 and 2008, which are the basis of the DPNM platform. The numbers in parentheses indicate the number of the complete resolution, which may be found in the "Report of the State Platform and Resolutions Committee" presented at the February 23, 2008, SCC meeting.

ECONOMY

We believe in a balanced budget that supports the needs of all citizens by applying progressive taxes, fair trade, and fair labor practices. We support:

- national and state budgets that consider all citizens' needs
- repealing tax cuts for the wealthy
- fair trade practices, repeal of the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA), and withdrawal from the World Trade Organization (WTO)
- fair labor practices

ENVIRONMENT

We value the people, land, water, and air that sustain us and believe that we have a responsibility to protect the environment for future generations. We support:

- efforts to reverse global warming through a comprehensive energy plan
- protecting water resources
- protecting local agricultural resources and seed stocks
- the cleanup of nuclear waste produced during research and commercial nuclear activities

GOVERNMENT AND CIVIL LIBERTIES

We value an ethical, open, and participatory government that protects the freedom and liberty of its citizens. We support:

- protecting constitutional rights and civil liberties, including reproductive choice and freedom to marry
- holding all citizens, residents, and officials accountable for upholding the Constitution and the rule of law
- ethical and transparent governmental practices
- clean and verifiable elections
- fair media practices
- recognizing the contributions of Native Americans

HEALTH, EDUCATION, SOCIAL SECURITY, AND ARTS

We believe that every citizen has a right to universal health care, superior education, a protected future, and freedom of expression. We support:

- adopting a comprehensive, single-payer, universal health care coverage which includes alternative and preventative health care
- strengthening public education
- protecting Social Security
- a vibrant arts community that is advanced by and accessible to the public

MILITARY AND INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

We believe in a multilateral foreign policy that respects the sovereignty of nations, follows international law, honors our veterans, and protects our national security. We support:

- ending the occupation of Iraq
- treating veterans with the respect and honor
- transitioning from nuclear weapons research to developing renewable and alternative energy resources
- advocating international demilitarization of space
- ensuring US observance of international law

Following are summaries of all resolutions passed by the State Central Committee in 2006 and 2008, organized by plank.

ECONOMY

- **National and state budgets that consider all citizens' needs**
 - » preparing local-, state-, and national-level budgets that will keep our nation strong with emphasis on health care, education, research and development, a healthy environment and alternative energy solutions (2008, 2.1)
 - » establishing and enforcing a living wage for all New Mexico workers (2006 Platform)
 - » creating affordable housing, appropriate infrastructure, and economic development opportunities for New Mexico Community Land Grants and their heirs (2006 Platform)
 - » regulating profits from contracts for work and services associated with the occupation of Iraq (2006)
- **Repeal tax cuts for the wealthy (2006, 2008, 19.1)**
- **Fair trade practices, repeal of the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA), and withdrawal from the World Trade Organization (WTO) (2008, 6.1)**
- **Fair labor practices that**
 - » enable small business to compete on an international, national, and state level (2006)
 - » protect the right to organize, collective bargaining, and oppose right-to-work laws
 - » strengthening regulation of payday loans (2006)
 - » pursuing legislation to continue and strengthen a living wage (2006)
 - » use local union printers (2008, 13.1)

ENVIRONMENT

- **Efforts to reverse global warming through a comprehensive energy plan by**
 - » reducing carbon emissions (2008, 4.1)
 - » supporting Al Gore's 10-point plan to combat global warming www.algore.org/Gores_10_Point_Plan_To_Combat_Global_Warming (2008, 4.2)
 - » working towards reducing energy consumption by 25% by 2012 (2008, 4.3)
 - » immediately ratifying the Kyoto Accord (2008, 4.5)
 - » supporting active environmental policies that provide good stewardship of the earth, that promote conservation of non-renewable energy resources, and that promote the development of renewable energy resources to achieve energy independence (2008, 4.6)
 - » supporting the enforcement of the Clean Air Act (2006)
 - » supporting the reinstatement of corporate average fuel economy (CAFÉ) standards of 40 mpg on all vehicles below one ton (2006)
 - » continuing support for preserving Otero Mesa and Valle Vidal (2006)
 - » committing to a moon mission scale program to develop clean energy technologies
- **Protecting water resources by**
 - » supporting the principle of sustainability in analyzing groundwater resources and in regulating water use in New Mexico (2008, 20.1)
 - » respecting the water rights and culture of acequias when considering transfer of water rights to urban use (2008, 1.1)
- **Protecting local agricultural resources and seed stocks by**
 - » supporting seed-saving traditions (2008, 1.2)
 - » expanding conservation and farm and ranch land protection programs (2008, 1.1)
- **Supporting cleanup of nuclear waste produced during research and commercial nuclear activities by**
 - » immediately halting the use of depleted-uranium (DU) weapons and supporting legislation mandating the treatment of all US personnel exposed to DU (2008, 16.2)
 - » cleaning up and safely removing all Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL) waste containment sites

GOVERNMENT AND CIVIL LIBERTIES

- **Protecting constitutional rights and civil liberties by**
 - » opposing unreasonable searches and domestic spying that violates Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act (FISA) (2006)
 - » teaching the United States Constitution and especially the Bill of Rights as a requirement in public school curriculums (2008, 3.1)
 - » repealing the Patriot Act and restoring habeas corpus (2008, 3.2)
 - » protecting the rights granted by our state constitution from compromise (2008, 3.4)
 - » reaffirming the separation of church and state (2008, 3.5)
 - » prohibiting evangelism in the military (2006)
 - » improving human rights for the incarcerated (2008, 3.6)
 - » prohibiting torture (2006)
 - » outlawing discrimination based on sexual preference, including restrictions on civil marriage, and repealing the Defense of Marriage Act (2006)
 - » committing to the right to privacy in health decisions, including reproductive choice and the right to die (2006)
 - » eliminating all discrimination based on race, religion, mental and physical disability, national origin, age, sexual orientation, or gender identity in housing, employment, and public services (2006)
 - » countering the effects of discrimination through affirmative action (2006)
 - » ensuring that prosecutors and courts deal with each individual case to produce outcomes that are equitable and in the best interest of society without dictated standards (2006)
 - » supporting life sentences without parole for capital crimes (2006)
- **Holding all citizens, residents, and officials accountable for upholding the Constitution and the rule of law by**
 - » initiating impeachment proceedings against Vice President Cheney and President Bush (10.1)
 - » abiding by the Geneva Conventions and treating those who do not follow those conventions as war criminals (2008, 3.7)
- **Ensuring ethical and transparent governmental practices**
 - » holding public officials accountable to their oaths of office (2008, 3.3)
- **Ensuring that elections are clean and verifiable by**
 - » supporting election day registration (2008, 8.1)
 - » proclaiming election day a national holiday (2006)
 - » urging Congress to implement the National Voter Registration Act (2008, 8.2)
 - » giving priority to accuracy over speed in vote counting (2008, 8.3)
 - » supporting publicly financed political campaigns (2008, 8.5)
 - » requiring candidates who receive public financing for their campaigns keep their spending local when possible (2008, 8.7)
 - » continued commitment to voter verifiable paper ballots (2006)
- **Supporting fair media practices by**
 - » giving candidates free and equal media time and coverage (2008, 14.1)
 - » reinstating the Fairness Doctrine (2008, 14.2)
 - » restricting corporate ownership of media (2008, 14.3)
 - » protecting public media with greater and guaranteed funding for extended cycles (2008, 14.4)
 - » reducing private control of news media content (2008, 14.5)
- **Acknowledge the tribal sovereignty of New Mexico's Native Americans and recognize their contributions (2006)**

HEALTH, EDUCATION, SOCIAL SECURITY, AND ARTS

- **Promote healthy communities by**
 - » instituting comprehensive, single-payer, universal health care coverage, including alternative and preventative health care (2006)
 - » strengthening the Employee Retirement Income Security Act (ERISA) and defined-benefit pension plans (2008, 9.6)
 - » protecting families from methamphetamine, black tar heroin, and other dangerous drugs (2008, 9.1)
 - » fully fund Medicaid and Medicare programs (2006)
 - » making Gardasil available but not mandatory (2008, 9.4)
 - » limiting the use of mercury-containing vaccines and amalgam dental fillings (2008, 9.2, 9.3)

- **Strengthening public education by**
 - » increasing spending on our public schools until our teachers have pay equivalent to or better than the national average and that our students have graduation rates equivalent to or better than the national average (2006)
 - » replacing No Child Left Behind with a program that promotes high scholastic performance (2006)
 - » maintaining our free education system by eliminating any consideration of voucher plans (2006)
 - » support of programs and funding for creating a permanent place for mental health professionals within the public school systems in New Mexico (2006)
 - » supporting mandatory proficiency in a second language as a requirement for graduation from any state accredited high school in New Mexico (2006)
- **Protecting Social Security by**
 - » ensuring that Social Security will not be reduced, privatized, or otherwise diminished and will be maintained properly to provide a secure base on which future generations can build a dignified retirement (2006)
 - » raising the income limit for payroll deductions specified in the Federal Insurance Contributions Act (FICA) to ensure the future solvency of the Social Security System (2006)
- **Ensuring public access to the arts**
 - » all New Mexicans benefit from the arts. We encourage public support for the advancement of all areas of the arts, including the development of artists (2006)

MILITARY AND INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

- **Ending occupation of Iraq by**
 - » immediately withdrawing both US military troops and contractors from Iraq (2008, 12.4)
 - » calling for turning the reconstruction efforts over to the United Nations and Iraq, with the financial support of the US (2008, 12.4)
- **Supporting our troops and treating veterans with respect and honor**
 - » providing adequate medical services and support for our veterans and armed forces (2008, 9.7)
 - » addressing women veterans' health and psychological care (2006, 2008, 15.1)
 - » holding perpetrators of sexual assault in the military accountable for their actions (2008, 15.1)
- **Transitioning from nuclear weapons research to developing renewable and alternative energy resources by establishing a commission to**
 - » assess and develop the means to convert the facilities at LANL to sustainable industries and technologies beneficial to our nation, such as clean, safe, and renewable energy (2008, 4.4, 16.1, 16.2)
 - » ensure the cleanup and safe removal of all Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL) waste containment sites (2008, 16.1)
 - » develop the means to bring about eventual cessation of development of any new nuclear weapons (2008, 16.1)
 - » bring about eventual cessation of all laboratory activities supporting nuclear weapons and the production of plutonium pits (2008, 16.1)
 - » continue support of the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty (2008, 16.1)
- **Advocating international demilitarization of space by**
 - » halting all upper atmosphere experimentation, dismantling the High-Frequency Active Research Program (HAARP), and developing international laws regarding the use of the upper atmosphere (2008, 18.2)
- **Ensuring US observance of international law by**
 - » opposing any unilateral unprovoked war against any nation that does not attack or invade the US (2006)
 - » working with the United Nations and under treaties to which the United States is a party (2006)
 - » promoting a policy of commitment to international treaties and courts (2008, 11.1)
 - » promoting diplomatic engagement with Iran and ensuring that Congress does not fund military action against it (2008, 12.3)

The full text of all resolutions 2008 platform will be posted on the DPNM website