

Cowlitz County 2016 Platform

Union

We support the Employee Free Choice Act and common site picketing.

We support all employees having the right to organize and join a union.

We oppose right to work laws.

We support union training centers and union apprentice programs.

Economy

We oppose the Citizens United Supreme Court ruling and support its repeal. We endorse I-735, and the idea that corporations are not people.

We support an increase in minimum wage to \$15 an hour.

We support the re-enactment of the Glass Steagall Act.

We support breaking up the big banks and prosecuting those who caused the great recession.

We support families being able to stay on daycare subsidies longer.

We support changing how the US government calculates the raise in Social Security and SSI benefits from food to medical and raise income level participation.

We oppose reducing the rate of food stamps.

We oppose Trans Pacific Partnership (TPP).

We support placing a tax system which penalizes companies for sending jobs overseas and money to offshore accounts.

We support putting labor rights, environmental regulations and employment safety regulations into any trade agreements.

We support the Equality Pay Act.

We support buying American products.

Human Rights

We support the passage of the Dream Act.

We support Employment Non-Discrimination Act (ENDA) and The Equality Act which could end discrimination for the LGBTQ community.

We support putting the Equal Rights Amendment (ERA) into the United States Constitution.

Education

We support public education as the cornerstone of our society.

We support lowering the class size in public grade schools.

We oppose charter schools.

We support the federal government putting more money towards special education.

We support the repeal of No Child Left Behind.

We support free college tuition at public colleges and universities.

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Health Care

We support the Affordable Health Care Act (ACA) and want a public option or single payer being put in the law.

We support Planned Parenthood and oppose any of the laws which take away this important health care organization. Planned Parenthood provides family planning, health care counseling, breast exams, health care classes and abortion services.

We support reproductive rights with family planning methods, which include keeping abortion safe and legal, with family planning methods.

Local Government

We support the city of Longview going back to the Cowlitz River for water.

We support Cowlitz County welcoming refugees; and oppose them being discriminated against due to their religion or other factors.

Crime

We support taking marijuana off Schedule One of the Federal Drug Law.

We support businesses being able to do banking in states where marijuana is legal.

We support the Black Lives Matter Movement.

We support the elimination of the Death Penalty.

We support background checks on guns for gun shows.

We support changes in the drug laws to make punishment the same for rich and poor.

We oppose the privatization of prisons.

We oppose “three strikes, you’re out” laws.

We support changes in the criminal justice system like Drug Court, Hope Court and Mental Health Court.

Environment

We support Environmental Impact Statements (EIS) as being good for quality of life.

We support researching, developing and implementing alternatives to fossil fuels.

We support the labeling of genetically modified organisms (GMO’s).

We support a ban on fracking.

We support recognition of climate change as an urgent global crisis demanding attention.

Foreign Policy

We support Human Rights and the Geneva Convention.

We support using war only as a last resort.

We support a Nuclear Weapons Freeze.

We oppose torture.

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Federal

We oppose efforts to privatize the U.S. Postal Service.

We support removing the onerous legislation that continues to hamstring the operation of universal, free postal service. This is a cornerstone to our democracy.

Elections

We support automatic voter registration.

We oppose the use of Super Delegates within the Democratic Party nominee elections.

We support a Primary System for Presidential Elections to replace the Caucus System in Washington State.