

Park County Wyoming Democratic Party

2024 Platform

Preamble

Park County Wyoming Democrats value democracy, justice, humanity, valid and reliable facts, compassion, freedom, and human dignity. We advocate for laws and policies that support all individuals, families, and businesses. The Wyoming Democratic Party platform planks defend the rights of all individuals, preserve our environment, honor our fundamental civic institutions, and raise up our citizens.

Civil Rights

All individuals regardless of race, gender, language, national origin, ethnicity, religious preference, age, disability, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, or political beliefs, shall enjoy the unalienable rights of liberty, dignity, life, and the pursuit of happiness.

1. We support marriage equality regardless of sexual orientation, gender identity, race, or religious preference.
2. We support racial and ethnic equality without oppressive acts or policies, including against Indigenous Americans.
3. We support reproductive services for women, including legal abortion.
4. We support background checks and education on safe handling and storage for owners of firearms.
5. We do not support ownership of fully automatic firearms, outside of law enforcement or military uses.
6. Carrying firearms into public or private spaces is not a civic right and we support restrictions by legal authority.
7. We support application of laws of the land, federal, state and local, for all peoples and entities.
8. We support equal wages for equal work.
9. We support safe and fair treatment of all workers, including the right for collective bargaining.
10. We support the adoption of non-discrimination laws - to include LGBTQIA+ citizens - at every level of government and hate crime statutes.
11. We support the Equal Rights Amendment.

Good Government Practices

Our government works best when it is transparent, accessible, and public.

1. We support open meeting laws for all elected bodies.
2. We support the separation of church and state at all levels of government.

3. We support accountability measures that require full financial disclosure by all elected officials, and legislation to define conflict of interest standards.
4. We support the use of scientific research and data—free from political influence—to develop and determine public policy.
5. We support the abolition of for-profit prisons.
6. We support strengthening the Social Security system, and no privatization.
7. We support the abolition of the death penalty.
8. We support reasonable and prudent legalization of marijuana.

Economy

A boom-and-bust economic cycle is unstable. To achieve a goal of economic stability, our county and state need tax reforms and economic diversification.

1. We support economic diversification and local and state-level tax reforms to increase state revenues.
2. We support equitable and proportional taxation without exemptions for corporations and investments.
3. We support a restructuring of the Wyoming tax system.
4. We support public-private partnership to support electric vehicle infrastructure to improve tourism in Wyoming.
5. We support the repeal of anti-labor laws and policies.
6. We support a living and equitable wage.
7. We support promotion of diverse employment opportunities for Wyoming citizens.
8. We support facilitation of workforce housing.
9. We support environmental, social and governance investments (ESG).

Education

Park County Democrats support investing in public education, and the Wyoming constitutional mandate that higher education should be “as nearly free” as possible.

1. We support public funding for public education from pre-school to post-secondary and adult education.
2. We support public funding be used exclusively for public education, open to all students in the district.
3. We support equal access to education, both academic and vocational.
4. We respect the education and training of certified teachers and support their academic freedom to teach our children.
5. We support the right of educators to negotiate collectively and participate in the certification process to ensure the maintenance of quality standards in teaching.
6. We support the inclusion of Humanities, Creative Arts, Social, Natural and Environmental Sciences, Civic and Government Studies, Technology, Mathematics,

and Formal Sciences at all educational levels.

Health Care

Access to health care, including mental health care, is humane and necessary for a well-functioning community.

1. We support the expansion of Medicaid in Wyoming.
2. We support adequate funding for public health, community mental health centers, and counseling services.
3. We support comprehensive reproductive health care choices, which include birth control and abortion care.
4. We support efforts to treat and alleviate drug and alcohol dependency and addiction.
5. We support negotiation with pharmaceutical companies regarding prescription drug pricing.
6. We support the grateful, timely, and comprehensive care for all veterans.

Voting and Elections

Our representative democracy requires fair and open elections.

1. We support voting rights of all eligible citizens and the removal of barriers to the ballot.
2. We support same-day voter registration.
3. We support the establishment of a non-partisan commission to determine legislative district boundaries.
4. We support a path to the restoration of voting rights for people with fully adjudicated felonies.
5. We support the repeal of Citizens United, the abolishment of “Super PACS” and campaign finance transparency.
6. We support Open Primaries and Ranked Choice Voting.
7. We support a constitutional amendment to abolish the Electoral College, and propose that Wyoming join the National Popular Vote Interstate Compact.

Public Lands

Public lands belong to the people, and shall remain accessible to the people. They provide aesthetic experience, recreation, grazing, timber harvest, and sanctuary to native flora and fauna.

1. We support responsible stewardship of federally-managed public lands making use of collaborative efforts with natural resource and wildlife advocates, and with full transparency.
2. We support identification and preservation of wilderness areas.
3. We respect and support the ancestral and contemporary stewardship of Wyoming lands by indigenous peoples.
4. We support public access to, and restoration of our public lands.

5. We support fair market prices for federal leases.

Conservation

The conservation of Wyoming's landscapes, and animal and plant life, should be prioritized by local, state, and federal governments.

1. We support that any development should be done responsibly with regard for our wildlife, their natural migration routes, and their critical habitat.
2. We support the use of renewable energy as part of a diverse energy economy.
3. We support even-handed enforcement of land, air, and water quality regulation and adequate funding for the Department of Environmental Quality.
4. We acknowledge that climate change impacts the environment and support efforts to minimize its effects.
5. We support the creation of, and funding for a statewide recycling program.