

2018 MIDTERM ELECTIONS

PROTEST TO POWER PLATFORM

Greedy corporations and the wealthy few have used hatred, fear and trickery to rig the system and keep us divided for too long. From family farms to big cities, from coast to coast, we're fighting for community over greed, justice over racism, and people and planet over big corporations.

In this time of crisis, we rise up, joining in protest and in power, in tough times and in victory. We rise up for a government that protects the right of all people to thrive. For a society where every person has a say in our collective future. We refuse to let hatred and fear divide us.

We rise together.

We build people power together.

We will win together.

RACIAL JUSTICE

We rise up against the racism embedded in every facet of our society. We know we cannot address the real and deadly damage racism does without facing how genocide, slavery and xenophobia shaped our country and keep us divided. We work to dismantle and remake the institutions that reinforce white supremacy. We fight for targeted bold solutions that invest in healing and rebuilding including housing justice, good jobs, community-owned clean energy and clean water, restorative justice instead of criminalization, state violence and mass incarceration, sovereignty and dignity for Native peoples and quality education for all.

GENDER JUSTICE

We rise up to tear down barriers based on gender, sexual orientation and gender identity across all aspects of our social and political life. From missing and murdered indigenous women to violence against trans people, we stand against corrosive and toxic gendered violence. We work for bold

solutions to dismantle gender-based oppression including guaranteed access to health care, equal access to economic success, strengthening and expanding civil rights and the justice system and an end to gendered violence and harassment.

ECONOMIC SYSTEMS BUILT FOR PEOPLE NOT PROFIT

We rise up against an economy rigged to serve corporations and the wealthy few. We pledge to end historic wealth inequality and to build an economy where all people can thrive. We fight for a fair global system that puts an end to corporate abuse of global markets and workers around the world. We build cooperative solutions and defend workers' rights. And we fight for a financial system that places people's needs above profit and speculation.

TRUE DEMOCRACY

We rise up to demand democracy that truly represents the people. Too often, our voices have been denied, suppressed and silenced. Governing power belongs in the hands of all the people at every level. We fight to enshrine voting rights and protections in law and in reality, reform our broken campaign finance laws and win fair redistricting. Together, we will make real the unfulfilled promise of our democracy.

HEALTH CARE IS A HUMAN RIGHT

Health care is human right that must be guaranteed by our government. We rise up for health care that serves our health and community wellbeing, not the profits of drug corporations, insurance companies or Wall Street. And we demand a health care system that guarantees high quality medical, dental, and mental health care for all; at the time we need it, regardless of where we live or who we are. Profits have no place in health care.

MASS LIBERATION & REBUILDING OUR COMMUNITIES

We rise up for mass liberation, not mass incarceration, criminalization, state violence, biased policing and unjust courts. We demand an end to the criminalization of poverty, mental illness, addiction and homelessness. Together we will build truly safe communities with restorative justice, harm reduction, treatment and real investments in the communities targeted by mass incarceration and systemic racism.

TRUE CLIMATE JUSTICE

We must heal the toxic damage done to low-income communities and communities of color, including on Native lands. We rise up for clean water, healthy land, an end to extraction and real response to the climate crisis. We know that those most harmed by corporate pollution, disinvestment, colonization, structural racism and the climate crisis must be at the center of the solutions. And together we will create good union jobs and build a publically owned clean energy economy that puts people and planet first.

HOUSING JUSTICE

Housing is a human right, fundamental to human dignity. We rise up for affordable, safe, sustainable housing for every person, no matter where they live or who they are. We insist that all communities--not just the wealthy few-- should have access to quality housing near good schools, jobs and culture. We need housing for the homeless, dramatically expanded public housing, more cooperative ownership and housing for people, not bank profits. We rise up for reparations for the communities bankrupted by Wall Street speculation and shut out from generational wealth by decades of racist, government sanctioned policy.

DIGNITY IN WORK

We rise up for access to good jobs for all, with living wages, benefits and pay equity so every person can care for themselves and their families and have a secure retirement. We demand that technology improves our lives, instead of forcing us into unstable work or unemployment. We recognize the value of all work, both in and out of the home, and demand that all jobs are safe, respected and fairly paid. We rise up for the freedom of working people to organize in unions and cooperatives and build better lives for themselves.

RESPECT & SOVEREIGNTY FOR INDIGENOUS NATIONS

We honor the wisdom and resilience of Native Tribes and peoples and their critical leadership in our collective movement. We demand that all levels of government honor treaty obligations and respect tribal sovereignty. We will not forget the painful realities of colonization and genocide and the ongoing impact of structural racism. We stand alongside indigenous people for full realization of tribal sovereignty. From environmental justice to health to economic development to state violence to voting rights, we demand that Tribal Nations and indigenous communities get the resources, investment and legal rights to ensure the protection of their treaty, legal and inherent rights to protect their land and resources, culture and sacred sites for the health and wellbeing of all.

EDUCATION EQUITY

We rise up for free, high-quality public education from preschool through university. We demand that in every community there are strong neighborhood public schools that meet the needs, interests, and abilities of every child – girls; rural, urban, and poor students; LGBTQ students, differently abled students, immigrant students and students of color. We believe in education that reflects our true history and prepares students to lead. We will end the criminalization of our children, fight to keep them safe in schools and push back every effort to privatize public education. We demand free college for all and an end to the crushing burden of student debt.

A JUST IMMIGRATION SYSTEM

We rise up for a country that welcomes all, including a pathway to citizenship for Dreamers, their parents, TPS recipients and a safe haven for refugees and asylees. We must end the policies that rip families apart, militarize our borders, exploit the labor of workers for corporate profits and shut people out because of their race or religion. We will fight for a just immigration system that affords a full place in our society, our economy, and our democracy for everyone.