



Mission

The Tennessee Democratic Party will advance the values expressed in our party platform, helping to elect Democrats at every level of government and supporting legislation that improves the lives of all Tennesseans. We achieve this through voter registration, statewide organizing, resource development, and coordinated messaging.

Vision

The Tennessee Democratic Party works to elect Democratic candidates committed to improving the lives of all Tennesseans through a platform that empowers the people.



Values

Tennessee, a Place for Equity

Whether Tennesseans live in an urban, rural, or suburban community, all should have equal access to the tools, resources, and opportunities that will allow them to live safe, healthy, and fulfilling lives. The Tennessee Democratic Party will work to advance this core principle by supporting and uplifting the legislation, groups, and candidates who support, promote and embody this value.

Access to jobs that pay a living wage, affordable and accessible healthcare, and superior public education opportunities are human rights. We believe and affirm the human rights of all people, no matter their race, religion, gender, disability, sexual orientation or political affiliation. We are the big tent party and will boldly set out to ensure equity for all.

Section I – Building a Strong and Diverse Tennessee Economy

Build an economy through infrastructure that supports the well-being of families in rural, urban and suburban communities. This includes:

- Jobs with training and growth opportunities
- Wages that supports families
- Quality and affordable childcare and housing
- Safe neighborhoods with access to clean water, fresh food, shopping, recreation, and public transportation
- Legislative protection for strong unions giving voice to employees
- Preserving our natural environment for future generations
- High-speed Broadband access for all

Section II – Secure our Future through Education

Secure consistent support for those who create the tools, curriculum and relationships that enable students of all abilities, ages, and zip codes to learn and succeed. This includes:

- Professional pay for teachers
- Quality facilities that create community pride
- Latest technology that enables all students to succeed in a competitive workforce
- Funding that support education in rural and urban areas
- Services meeting the needs of all students
- Content and curriculum based on facts, not politics

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Section III – Healthcare as a Human Right

Ensure the right to good health and quality healthcare for all Tennesseans, from conception through death.

This includes:

- Access to quality healthcare services, no matter where you live
- Policies that support healthcare treatment and recovery costs, including – paid time off, transportation, and aftercare
- Preventive care that alleviates high treatment costs and improves long-term health outcomes
- Programs that support healthy living through education, a clean environment, and quality fresh food options
- Healthcare that treats the whole person through mental and emotional health, family health services, and substance use rehabilitation
- A progressive approach to maternal and child health, and a woman’s reproductive choices

Section IV -- ...and Justice for All

Legislate and advocate for equitable policies, services, community policing, judicial sentencing, and universal human rights. These include:

- Advocating for people of color, women, people experiencing disability, LGBTQ+, senior citizens, and all whose voices go unheard.
- Advocate for the rights and safety of immigrants in Tennessee until Federal decisions are made.
- Drug and opioid addiction support, legalization of marijuana, and criminal record expungements for non-violent drug offenses
- Community policing models and a reduction of military weapons in local police forces, including – funding, training and community programs
- Domestic violence advocacy and victim support
- Criminal justice system reform, including – vetting candidates for District Attorneys, etc.
- Restorative justice that stops those with mental health issues and non-violent offenses from being sent to jail
- Elimination of private/commercial prisons

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Section V – Eliminating Barriers to the Ballot

Fortify our liberty through free and fair elections. Such freedoms include:

- Multilingual voter messaging, ballot options and requirements for bilingual or multilingual poll workers that speak to the diversity of citizens throughout our state
- Allowing first-time voters to vote by absentee ballot
- Civics curriculum for students of all ages; building a strong foundation and affinity for participation in elections
- Automatic voter registration that guarantees that every eligible Tennessean is included in the process
- Periodic voter roll checks and voter notification that will reduce barriers to the ballot
- Ensuring underserved communities and communities of color are not disenfranchised by limited or relocated voting precincts
- Activating an army of Democratic poll workers and watchers each election season to welcome and empower all voters

Connecting the State

Tennesseans deserve equal access to the resources and opportunities that allow them to live safe, healthy, and fulfilling lives whether they reside in urban, rural, or suburban communities. By working to guarantee access for all, we are committed to transforming Tennessee into a leading state of this nation. We will work diligently to create statewide connectivity with volunteers, organizers, and elected officials to ensure everyone has a seat at the table. The Tennessee Democratic Party commits to the work of successful deployment and implementation of each goal and strategy presented in this platform.