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Agriculture, Food, & Land Stewardship	Protect Groundwater Quantity	Support new groundwater laws, regional management, and state oversight of aquifers to assure that conservation measures are followed, surface waters are protected, and future demand does not exceed the aquifer's capacity for recharge amid climate change and regional population growth.
	Support Organic Waste Diversion	Support Minnesota communities in developing "source-separated organics" (SSO) waste programs to allow diversion of organic wastes from landfills toward productive uses and to conserve landfill space.
	Sustainable Agriculture	Support funding research, technical assistance, and education to rapidly implement regenerative farming, establish perennial crops, rotational grazing, cover crops, and no-till farming, to invest in rural communities and our food and farming system, conserve and build healthy soil, clean our water sequester carbon, and bolster farm income
Civil, Human, & Constitutional Rights	The Minnesota Equal Rights Amendment	The DFL Party makes the Minnesota State Equal Rights Amendment a top priority in 2024: 1. to ensure that the rights of all Minnesotans are secured into our strongest legal document; 2. to promote robust MN State ERA to ensure passage through the MN Legislature this Session; 3.to help lead the charge for a successful robust ERA ballot initiative campaign in 2024.
Consumer Protection	Free Electronics Recycling	Support providing free collection of electronic waste for all Minnesotans to increase electronic waste recycling rate to conserve precious metals and keep this material out of traditional waste disposal streams where it causes pollution and endangers workers.
	Pharmaceutical Pollution	Support extended producer responsibility for the management of waste pharmaceuticals and packaging to protect water quality for wildlife and human health.
	Protect Groundwater Quality	Support protecting the health of MN private well owners from the hazards of contaminated water by providing free water testing and safe alternative sources of drinking water or water treatment systems for impacted wells, because everyone deserves clean, healthy water.

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Education	Prohibition Against Book Bans	We are united against book bans. Be it resolved that we, will act to protect the rights of everyone, especially students, to access a variety of books in schools, libraries, bookstores, online, and elsewhere.
	Protect Our Students and Educators	The following language be added to the Minnesota DFL Action Agenda: The Minnesota DFL demands that the legislature look into how to protect LGBTQIA2S+ students, educators, and staff from the rising level of personal and professional attacks.
Energy & Climate	Green New Deal	Declare a climate emergency and support a Green New Deal to provide a just energy future in which all Minnesotans can reap the health and economic benefits of efficiency programs, renewable electricity, and clean energy jobs. Mandate the use of union labor in development of new energy infrastructure.
Health & Human Services	Healthcare For All	Change Ongoing Platform: Fully support and rank above "affordable health care" health care for all as provided by Medicare for All at the federal level, and the Minnesota Health Plan or expanding MinnesotaCare to All at the state level.
	Minnesota End-of-Life Options Act	The DFL party supports passage of the Minnesota End-of-Life Option Act, affirming that terminally ill, mentally capable adults, should have the freedom and bodily autonomy to request and obtain from their healthcare provider medication they may self-administer for a peaceful death.
	Save Medicare From Total Privatization	MN DFL affirm opposition to Medicare privatization and urge our federal legislator and the Biden Administration to Level the Playing Field as a first step towards increasing healthcare equity by (1) adding benefits to traditional Medicare now only offered in private Medicare Advantage plans (adding vision, dental and hearing, eliminating the 20% Medicare co-pays and setting an out-of-pocket cap, (2) eliminating the excessive administrative cost and profits in the Medicare Advantage and ACO-REACH programs, (3) recouping funds for the Medicare Trust Fund from fraud and abuse by Medicare Advantage plans and ACO-REACH contractors, as confirmed by the Department of Health &

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		Human Services or Congressional investigations, in order to use the money thus saved to support a robust traditional Medicare system that will lower costs and improve benefits, access and equity for all beneficiaries.
	Sustainable Housing For All	Support the "Homes For All" Act, which includes mixed wealth, long-term sustainable, fossil-fuel free housing that is accessible to all.
	Universal, Single Payer Healthcare	The DFL prioritizes and commits significant resources for a campaign to promote legislation for a patient-centered healthcare system, be enacting the Minnesota Health Plan (Marty) at the State level, and the Medicare for All Act of 2023 (Jayapal) at the National level. With this model: Residents will be healthier; Everyone is covered without fear of medical debt; Patients CHOOSE THEIR DOCTOR; The emphasis is on health and thus prevention of poor health; Profit-driven insurance companies do not get to deny care or override doctor's decisions; Doctors get to provide care instead of managing insurance company profits; The complex bureaucracy of "who pays" is eliminated, thus significantly reducing administrative costs, and simplifying the system, for all to understand.
National Security & International Policy	Gaza Ceasefire	The Minnesota DFL supports the human rights of Palestinians and calls for: an immediate ceasefire and cessation of hostilities in the war in Gaza and related conflicts, release of all hostages by Hamas, and release of all political prisoners indefinitely detained without charges in Israeli military prisons, ending of U.S. military funding, and furnishing of weapons of war to the State of Israel, and an end to Israel's illegal occupation of Palestine, system of apartheid, and campaign of genocide in Gaza.
	Restoring Funding To UNRWA	DFL to restore funding to UNRWA (United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine refugees in the Near East), for humanitarian aid to Gaza.
Natural Resources & the Environment	Fossil Fuel Divestment	Support the divestment from fossil fuel holdings by the Minnesota State Board of Investment to protect the pensions of Minnesota civil servants and educators from financial risk and to help move our economy to clean energy sources.

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	Get The Lead Out	Support the reduction of lead exposure in people and animals by prohibiting the use of lead ammunition and fishing tackle.
	No New Fossil Fuels	For new infrastructure projects, mandate the calculation of climate impacts including external and social costs of carbon; deny funding or permits for high impact projects and incentivize those with no significant carbon footprint; transition from existing fossil fuel-based infrastructure as quickly as possible.
	Preserve Minnesota Natural Spaces	Support accelerated action to protect, restore, and improve management of forests, prairie, and wetlands to fight climate change and preserve natural places for people and wildlife.
	Prove It First	Support the Minnesota Legislature holding a hearing on the proposed Prove It First legislation, and support the Governor directing the DNR to withhold all applied for permits for copper nickel sulfide mines in Minnesota until it can first be proven that such mines can be operated safely in our water-rich environment and not violate state, federal, and tribal water quality standards.
	Reduce Plastic Waste	Enact Extended Producer Responsibility for plastic packaging requiring producers to collect 70% of the plastic packaging they generate within five years and reduce the plastic packaging they produce by 50% within ten years. Prohibit ALL toxic substances and materials in plastic packaging.
	Replacing Lead Pipes By 2033	The DFL Party supports ensuring safe drinking water in all Minnesota homes by mapping and replacing lead drinking water pipes by 2033.
Public Safety & Crime Prevention	Ban Assault Weapons, High-Capacity Magazines, Bumpstocks	The DFL resolves to pursue legislation to strictly prohibit the possession, sale, transfer, and manufacture of assault-style weapons, high-capacity magazines and bumpstocks within the state of Minnesota. Such legislation will see that the Minnesota Department of Public Safety, in collaboration with relevant stakeholders, develop and implement comprehensive measures to enforce this prohibition, including but not limited to the establishment of buyback programs, mandatory registration requirements, and penalties for non-compliance. The resolution shall effective immediately upon passage by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota.

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	Supporting Forest/Wildland Firefighter	Minnesota DFL will actively work to diminish the crisis facing front line Forest/Wildland Fire Fighters by extending the temporary pay supplements granted under US PL 117-58 permanently, increasing their base pay to reflect the integral and life threatening work they do, increase pay after completion of training/certificates earned and years served, extending benefits to all fire fighters year round, and protecting them by providing the necessary equipment and tools. In addition, the DFL will support full funding for the fire fighting departments, agencies, and crews.
Racial, Ethnic, Gender, LGBTQ, & Economic Justice	Environmental Justice	Support protections and provide funding for environmental justice communities statewide from pollution, extreme heat, and other environmental harms, and ensure that these communities' voices are fully included in permitting decisions that impact them.
	Support for Ho-Chunk Nation	Amend Minnesota Statutes, Section 10.65 by adding another federally recognized Indian Tribe, the Ho-Chunck Nation, as a recognized "Minnesota Tribal Government."
	Supporting The Gender-Affirming Rights Act	The following language be added to the Minnesota DFL Action Agenda: The Minnesota DFL supports the Gender-Affirming Rights Act.
Transportation Health & Human Services	Clean Transportation	Support development of sustainable transportation in all areas of the state, including safe pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure, mass transit improvements, streetcars, commuter rail, light rail, and buses, reduction of air travel emissions, and charging stations for electric vehicles.