

# The Lancaster County Democrat

October 2016



## Candidates for Office, General Election, November 8, 2016

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| <b>Hillary Clinton</b> , President  |  | <b>Tim Kaine</b> , Vice President   |  | <b>Daniel M. Wik</b> , Congress   |
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| <b>Larry Scherer</b><br>Legislature, LD 21  | <b>Jim Gordon</b><br>Legislature, LD 25  | <b>Anna Wishart</b><br>Legislature, LD 27   | <b>Kate Bolz</b><br>Legislature, LD 29   | <b>Patricia A Koch Johns</b><br>State Board of Education                              |
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| <b>Jennifer Brinkman</b><br>County Commissioner,<br>District 2                      | <b>Sarah Wilson</b><br>Lower Platte South<br>NRD, Subdistrict 2                    | <b>Mike DeKalb</b><br>Lower Platte South NRD,<br>Subdistrict 3                      | <b>Joe Skopp</b><br>Lower Platte South NRD,<br>Subdistrict 4                         | <b>Bruce Johnson</b><br>Lower Platte South NRD,<br>Subdistrict 5                      |
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| <b>Chelsea Johnson</b><br>Lower Platte South NRD, Subdistrict 7                     |  | <b>Paul Morrison</b><br>Lower Platte South NRD, Subdistrict 8                       |  | <b>Milt Schmidt</b><br>Lower Platte South NRD, Subdistrict 9                          |

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## Meet Our Candidates

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### JENNIFER BRINKMAN FOR LANCASTER COUNTY BOARD – DISTRICT 2



Thank you, Lancaster County Democrats for your support of my candidacy and the work you have done to help me throughout this campaign. With early voting underway, I have one more favor to ask. If you know anyone who

lives in Northwest Lincoln that can vote for Lancaster County Commissioner - District 2, I hope you will share the following information with them about my background, experience and the reasons I'm running for the Lancaster County Board.

I grew up in Lincoln and have spent the vast majority of my life living, working and raising my family here. I've had experience in both the public and private sectors, working as an advisor to several elected officials and as the owner of my own small business.

I have worked to implement policies at the state and local levels of government and as a liaison to governmental agencies, ensuring that policy results are tracked and communicated to the public. Beyond that, I have demonstrated the ability to build coalitions and bring people together to advocate for community projects. I also have experience working with public-private partnerships, like the West Haymarket development and Nebraska Innovation Campus.

I am an active community volunteer currently serving as Past President of the United Way of Lincoln and Lancaster County Foundation, a member of the Board of Trustees for First-Plymouth Congregational Church, the 2017-18 President-Elect for Rotary Club #14, and a TeamMates mentor.

I'm running because I want to -

- Champion economic development to facilitate continued growth and job creation.
- Address infrastructure needs and pursue sustainable funding to avoid a backlog of projects.
- Ensure access to critical health and safety services throughout the county.
- Develop public-private partnerships to stretch our tax dollars and provide opportunities to reduce taxes.

I have two more events scheduled to help me raise funds and meet voters before Election Day. Please stop by if you can.

- Thursday, October 13th, 5 to 7 pm at Vince Powers & Associates, 411 S 13th St, Suite 300
- Thursday, October 27th 5 to 7 pm at the home of Carl and Janet Eskridge, 128 N 13th St, Apt. 1007

It is a privilege to be the Democratic candidate for this office. I hope if you have some time to volunteer to help me reach more voters before November 8th, you will contact me at 402.580.9610 or at [jennifer@jenniferbrinkman.com](mailto:jennifer@jenniferbrinkman.com).

### Watchful Citizen

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In case you haven't discovered the County Party TV show on community access TV, check us out! The show airs on cable channel 13, at 10:30 p.m. on Tuesdays, 6:00 p.m. on Wednesdays, and 12:30 p.m. on Saturdays.

Current guest is Central Committee member John Atkeison, addressing climate change issues. Watch for interviews with candidates for office in the 2016 General Election.

And check our video archive on YouTube:

<http://www.youtube.com/LancasterCountyDems>.



The world's reaction after watching the first presidential debate!

*Cartoon courtesy of Steve Kemper*

## From the Chair Jane Egan

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It's GO time! Your county party needs YOU! Your country needs YOU! By the time you read this newsletter, it will be less than four weeks to the November general election. The date to cast your vote for President, Vice President and local Democratic candidates is Tuesday, November 8th. On

that date, Americans will choose a new President and many down ballot candidates that could change the course of our country for the next several decades. Your vote could be the difference between moving our country forward and holding onto the gains made by President Obama or allowing an unproven, inexperienced, narcissist into the White House. You cannot sit this one out!

You have a civic duty to not only cast your vote, but to also convince your family, friends, neighbors, co-workers, and anyone else in your universe to vote as well. You can do it by volunteering to call voters, to knock on doors in Lancaster County and talk with voters about our Democratic candidates. You can do it by supporting our candidates' campaigns with your time, talent, and treasure. You can do it by calling the Lancaster County Democratic Party at 402-476-2268 to volunteer. You can do it by going to our online application, <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c054cadaa2daaf49-thebig>, to select a time and date to call voters. You can donate bottled water, sodas, and snacks. You can do data entry, answer phones, and help us maintain our offices at 830 L Street. **You are needed now more than ever before.**

Think about what is at stake. The next President will more than likely appoint two and possibly three Supreme Court Justices as well as lower court justices and attorneys general throughout the country. It is critical that we have a justice system that works for every American, not just the 1% that can buy their own justice. We need to elect Hillary Clinton so that Senator Bernie Sanders has an ally in the White House. Electing Hillary would make Bernie the most powerful Senator in the Senate! Don't throw away your vote by staying home or voting for a third party candidate.

We need to elect Democrats to our own Unicameral to counterbalance the Republican majority. We need to elect Democrats to our school boards, county commission, state legislature and natural resource districts. We simply cannot allow one party to continue to dominate our elected offices and our politics.

Next Spring, we will have more opportunities to elect Democrats to the Lincoln City Council. The Lancaster County Democratic Party stands ready to educate, motivate, and activate volunteers and voters to elect Democrats! **Volunteer now.** You will meet wonderful people who share your views. You will have fun! You will feel great knowing you had something to do with making our county and our country a better place.

Remember! Politics is not a spectator sport! Get Out. Get Motivated. Get Active. Tag! You are it!

## Vote YES on the Southeast Community College Bond Question!

By Jim Garver, Member, Southeast Community College Board of Governors

On the November, 2016 ballot, Southeast Community College will be asking voters in our 15 county southeast Nebraska district for approval for a \$369 million facility bond authority. Here's some background on this ballot question.

I am a member of the SCC Board of Governors and serve on the Finance/ Facilities committee. Our funding comes from property taxes, tuition, and state aid from the State.

As a part of its 2015-2019 Strategic Plan, the College commissioned The Clark Enersen Partners to conduct a comprehensive Facilities Master Plan. The process, which occurred over an 18-month period, involved an assessment of existing conditions of all facilities, a space needs analysis for current and future growth based on demographic and employment trends, and master plan recommendations for current campus locations, as well as new locations.

Southeast Community College plays a vital role for our communities in southeast Nebraska by bridging the higher education affordability gap for many students and families, as well as filling the need for qualified workers in Nebraska. In addition, SCC provides:

- **Open access** to higher education
- Provide **lower cost alternative** for higher education
- Provide **career/technical** and **academic transfer** programs
- **Meet employer needs** for a qualified workforce
- **Offer customized training** to meet local employer needs
- Provide **continuing education courses**

We have expanded online classes by adding 85 sections of classes last year and will provide more remote learning opportunities in rural areas through our new learning centers in: York, Plattsmouth, Falls City, Hebron, Nebraska City and Wahoo.

Southeast Community College has the potential to directly address the increasing demand for qualified workers and the higher education affordability gap. We need to modernize, renovate, rebuild, and expand to meet the needs of our students, families and communities.

We also have waiting lists for our popular programs like welding and nursing, and a need for more employees for businesses in these fields. And with the growing population in southeast Nebraska, there will be even more need for open access to education, lower cost alternatives and proper training for real jobs in our economy .

The proposed **SCC Facilities Master Plan projects** are designed to address the lack of a qualified workforce in career/technical fields and the rising costs of a four-year degree. Potential impacts of the proposed plan include:

- Stimulate local economies through increased capacity to produce skilled graduates in welding, manufacturing, health sciences, agriculture, transportation, and other high-demand career fields.
- Modernize training and learning technologies to match continuously changing industry standards in career/technical fields.
- Expand access to career/technical, academic transfer, dual credit, continuing education, and incumbent worker training programs throughout SCC's 15-county service area.
- Remove or reduce waiting lists in critical career/technical programs.
- **More than 2,000 Lincoln-based students and 200 Beatrice-based students could be accommodated.**

Based on the feedback from our communities, the facilities assessment and an independent needs analysis, the proposed Facilities Master Plan projects include:

- Renovation of the 8800 O St. Lincoln Campus to focus on career/technical programs and the addition of **new Health Science and Emergency Services Education facilities.**
- **Establishment of a new campus near downtown Lincoln** to allow for expansion of the Education Square location and to support its Academic Transfer programs.
- Replacement of facilities on the Beatrice Campus to support its Agriculture, Health Sciences, Business, Career Academy, Academic Transfer, and other programs.
- Renovation of most facilities on the Milford Campus and the addition of new facilities to support its existing Construction, Manufacturing, Transportation, and other

career/technical and new Academic Transfer programs.

- Providing more permanent facilities at our six Learning Center sites.

The proposed projects would modernize SCC's facilities and programs and position the College to meet current and future employer, student and community demand.

### 2016 bond information.

The renovation and construction components of the Facilities Master Plan could be paid for through general obligation bonds, which require voter approval.

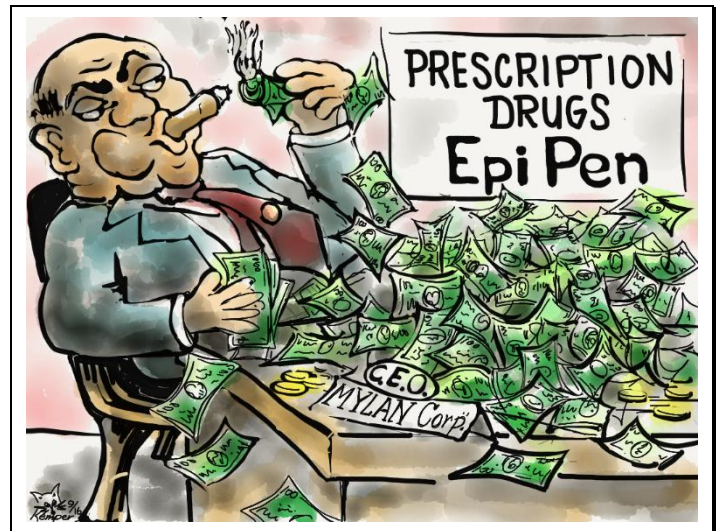
The estimated tax levy would be **3.9 cents** per \$100 of property valuation for the maximum bond amount of \$369 million, meaning a person owning property worth \$100,000 would pay property taxes of an additional \$39 a year until the bond is paid in 30 years or a lesser time period. The bonds would be issued in a series so that the levy would initially be less than \$39 a year per \$100,000 of property.

We will all continue to make SCC a system that makes us all proud.

More information is at:

<https://www.southeast.edu/bondissue2016/>.

Source: SCC Web site



Cartoon courtesy of Steve Kemper

## Meet Our Elected Officials

### State Senator Patty Pansing Brooks Legislative District 28



Greetings, fabulous fellow Democrats! I hope you all are having a wonderful start to fall. Mine has been quite busy, and is shaping up to be even busier, with at least three more interim studies set for hearings, including Whiteclay, as well as Behavioral Health and Programming throughout the Department of Corrections.

In preparation for my Interim Study on Whiteclay, which will be October 11th at 1:30 p.m. (in Room 1510 at the Capitol for those interested) I again traveled to Whiteclay along with Senators Roy Baker, Tanya Cook, and Brett Lindstrom. I have written before about the myriad of problems facing the beleaguered area, and have come to the conclusion that we cannot continue on this course of inaction.

As my fellow Senators and I laid out months ago, we believe in a multi-faceted approach to address some of these problems, including the condemnation and removal of abandoned buildings, the creation of a drug and alcohol treatment center combined with a job training center, the expansion of economic development in the area, a state patrol substation located near Whiteclay with increased trooper presence to increase the laws, and last, wireless broadband access for the region.

During our trip, we held a press conference to announce some wonderful news. After reaching out to Viaero Wireless, they agreed to place a new cell tower just outside of Whiteclay at their own expense. This tower provides broadband access that covers all of the town and extends nearly 15 miles into the Pine Ridge Reservation. This is a wonderful building block for safety, distance learning education, as well as telehealth for the region. With this recent accomplishment, one facet of our approach is in place, and allows for us to continue our efforts in working to HEAL (Health, Education, Access, Love) Whiteclay.

During the interim so far, we have held two hearings for the LR 34 Special Investigative Committee on the Department of Corrections. We will have at least two more hearings before the Session resumes in January. Serving as the Committee's Vice-Chair, I am presiding over the hearings which have covered

overcrowding and staffing issues to date. I am encouraged by the progress we have made. The multitude of problems in our Corrections System require tough questions. I look forward to the continued hearings, in order to better understand all the barriers that hinder Director Frakes from fixing the problems in Corrections, and what the Legislature can do to aid him in the process.

In addition, please remember that despite not being in session, my office doors are always open if you have any issues you would like to discuss with me. I always enjoy the conversations I have with constituents who call or stop by my office to express their thoughts on legislation or just to introduce themselves. Thank you again for the opportunity to represent and serve the people of District 28 in our Legislature! Be sure to support all of our wonderful candidates down the ticket this November 8th, including our first female President, Hillary Clinton!

### Indigenous Peoples' Day By Carl Eskridge, City Council District 4 Central and NW Lincoln

The Lincoln City Council approved a resolution recognizing Indigenous Peoples' Day at our evening meeting on Monday, September 26th, joining 15 other cities nationwide that have taken similar measures. In our case, the issue had been brought to the City Council during Open Mic testimony by representatives of the Lincoln Indian Center at our August 15th meeting.

Approximately 70 people attended the September hearing. The 28 who testified in support of the resolution offered strong, thoughtful and deeply passionate testimony. Council members learned the depth of feelings that our Native American brothers and sisters have about a day that celebrates Christopher Columbus. While some Council members wondered about choosing a different day for Indigenous Peoples' Day, it was clear that the day had to be the second Monday in October. It was important that this day be reclaimed as a day to celebrate the history and the culture of Native American people.

City Council members were moved by the passionate testimony and voted unanimously to recognize the second Monday in October as Indigenous Peoples' Day. Recognizing Indigenous Peoples' Day in 2016 seems particularly important. In 2017 Nebraska celebrates 150 years as a State. How appropriate it is to mark Indigenous Peoples' Day before that momentous event, as Native Americans were on this land long before Nebraska became a state.

It was a great day for the City Council and the City of Lincoln!

## Death penalty no longer good policy

by Allen Curtis

*Allen Curtis was Lincoln police chief from 1988 to 1993 and director of the Nebraska Crime Commission from 1994 to 2005. He is in the Nebraska Police Officers Association Hall of Fame. Curtis is a Republican who supports this bipartisan issue.*



I spent my professional life in law enforcement and was fortunate to serve as the Lincoln Police Chief, and Director of the Nebraska Crime Commission. I believe I understand public safety. For many years I supported the death penalty. There were times I felt I could inflict the death penalty on some of our murderers myself, but that's just an angry and emotional reaction. Such

emotion is common, but it's neither thoughtful nor wise. Today it is clear to me the death penalty is no longer good policy.

In November we vote on the death penalty. I feel obligated to speak up about the ineffectiveness of the death penalty and its inability to keep us safe. The most effective punishments are those that are guaranteed. You may occasionally drive over the speed limit, but you don't when you see a police cruiser behind you. It's the certainty of punishment compelling us, there's no certainty with the death penalty today. We've not had an execution in this state in nearly 20 years. Essentially, it is not deterrence.

Perhaps an even greater reason the death penalty isn't a deterrent is people who commit murder rarely think about consequences. Most murderers are acting out of anger, under the influence of drugs and/or alcohol, are mentally ill, emotionally out of control or a mix of these. There are many law enforcement professionals who agree there's no public safety benefit to the death penalty. In 1995 and 2008, 500 police chiefs across the country were asked to rank the tools they found most effective in preventing violent crime. In these surveys the death penalty was ranked absolutely last. Chiefs

recognized more officers on the street, reducing drug abuse, or having effective programs for the mentally ill were much more likely to reduce crime than having or increasing the use of the death penalty.

In a 2009 poll, 61% of chiefs said death penalty cases were hard to close and take up a lot of police time. This is another problem with the death penalty: it requires a great deal of time and resources not only for police but also for prosecutors and courts. Even if we are comforted by the symbolism of having a death penalty, it has unintended negative consequences for the resources available to protect society.

A recent study by Creighton economist Dr. Ernie Goss says Nebraska's death penalty costs an average of \$14.6 million every year because of the additional investigations, extra trials, decades of appeal, and other mandated processes making death penalty cases different than life without parole. Given the complexity of capital cases and the U.S Supreme Court's strict guidelines for how capital cases must be handled, it's no surprise we have this enormous price tag.

I would prefer these resources be used more wisely to help law enforcement and other parts of the criminal justice and mental health systems. Nebraska has quality men and women in law enforcement, as well as competent professionals throughout the system of justice. I would like to see the \$14.6 million currently spent on a symbolic, unused, death penalty invested in programs professionals consider effective in preventing violent crime. An urgent and current example of this need is the struggling Department of Corrections with their understaffed and overcrowded correctional facilities. It's a shame and dangerous that we are failing to provide our Corrections' officers the support they need to do their jobs. With proper staffing and tools our Correctional facilities can be a secure place for inmates, guards and the public.

Voters have an important opportunity in November to make a wise choice, not an emotional one, about where to put our resources. Choosing to retain the decision of the Unicameral to end Nebraska's symbolic death penalty demonstrates Nebraskans aren't interested in emotional symbols, but want to invest in real solutions to violent crime and smart public safety policy.

# Opinion

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By Debi McGee

I support Secretary Clinton. Why? She is the single most prepared and qualified presidential candidate that Americans have ever had an opportunity to support in the United States.

- Secretary Clinton is compassionate and right. As you look at the world around you, you see people who need support and aren't necessarily getting it. I believe that she will continue to be the voice of the people—all of the people, not just the 1%. She has remained true to her Human Rights values.
- Secretary Clinton has been tested politically like no other politician in the United States. She can be strong and extraordinarily compassionate at the same time. She knows the balance and responsibilities of power and doesn't quit on the people. Heaven knows that most politicians would have wilted and collapsed under the 11 hour hearings while being grilled by Congress on October 22, 2015 who refused to accept their responsibility for denying the funds required when asked to defend our embassies.
- Secretary Clinton knows firsthand the realities of being the president (President Bill Clinton, 1992-2000).

Secretary Clinton believes in the American people and has shared her position on these issues. After you read through the list, I am convinced you will see that she has a thoughtful, insightful plan for the coordination of these issues, many of which overlap, creating multiple ways to improve American lives.

- Fair Tax System. Make sure that the wealthy, Wall Street, and Corporations pay their fair share in taxes. President Hillary Clinton will work to restore basic fairness to our tax code; will close corporate and Wall Street tax loopholes and invest in America; simplify and cut taxes for small businesses so they can hire and grow, provide tax relief to working families from the rising costs they face; and pay for ambitious investments in a fiscally responsible way.
- Criminal Justice Reform. *"People are crying out for criminal justice reform. Families are being torn apart by excessive incarceration. Young people are being threatened and humiliated by racial profiling. Children are growing up in homes shattered by prison and poverty. They're trying to tell us. We need to listen."* Bring law enforcement and communities together to develop national guidelines on the use of force by police officers, making it clear when deadly force is warranted and when it isn't while emphasizing proven methods for de-escalating situations and support legislation to end racial profiling by federal, state, and local law enforcement officials.
- Racial Injustice. *"If we stand with each other now, we can build a future where no one is left out or left behind, and everyone can share in the promise of America—which is big enough for everyone, not to be reserved for a few."* Reform our broken criminal justice system by reforming sentencing laws and policies, ending racial profiling by law enforcement, strengthening the bonds of trust between communities and police; protect the right to vote by fighting to repair the Voting Rights Act and implementing universal automatic voter registration so that every American will be registered to vote when they turn 18 unless they opt out; protect immigrants' rights and keep families together by fighting for comprehensive immigration reform including a full and equal path to citizenship and an end to family detention and private immigrant detention centers; end the epidemic of gun violence in our communities; fight against environmental injustice protecting our air and water; and close the education achievement gap.
- Disability Rights. President Hillary Clinton will work to fulfill the promise of the Americans with Disabilities Act; expand support for Americans with disabilities to live in integrated community settings; improve access to meaningful, gainful employment for people with disabilities; and provide tax relief for families caring for aging relatives or family members with chronic illnesses or disabilities.

- Rural Communities. President Hillary Clinton will spur investment by creating a national infrastructure bank to improve rural transportation and broadband access; support family farmers and ranchers, creating a focused safety net to help family farms; and promote clean energy by assisting farms that conserve and improve natural resources.
- Economy that works for Everyone. *“The measure of our success will be how much incomes rise for hardworking families. How many children are lifted out of poverty. How many Americans can find good jobs that support a middle class life—and not only that, jobs that provide a sense of dignity and pride. That’s what it means to have an economy that works for everyone, not just those at the top. That’s the mission, and I’m asking all of you to join me in it.”* President Hillary Clinton has a five-point plan to meet these challenges with a 100-days jobs plan, breaking through Washington gridlock making an investment in good-paying jobs; making debt-free college available to all Americans; re-writing the rules so that more companies share profits with employees—and fewer ship profits and jobs overseas; making certain that corporations, the wealthy, and Wall Street pay their fair share; and by enacting policies that meet the challenges families face in the 21st century.
- Early Childhood Education. *“I believe getting off to a good start should be our children’s birthright, part of the basic bargain that we have with each other as a nation. Every child should have the tools and the skills to thrive in tomorrow’s economy, especially those kids from our most vulnerable and at-risk communities.”*
- Small Business. President Hillary Clinton will make it easier to start and grow a small business in America by unlocking access to capital; cutting red tape to streamline the process of starting a small business; provide tax relief and simplification for small business; incentivize health care benefits for small businesses and their employees; making sure that small business get paid, not stiffed; and making the federal government more responsive to small businesses.
- Fixing America’s Infrastructure. *“In my first 100 days as president, I will work with both parties to pass a comprehensive plan to create the next generation of good jobs. Now the heart of my plan will be the biggest investment in American infrastructure in decades, including establishing an infrastructure bank that will bring private sector dollars off the sidelines and put them to work there.”* President Hillary Clinton will repair and expand our roads and bridges; lower transportation costs and unlock economic opportunity by expanding public transit options; connect all Americans to the internet; invest in building world-class American airports and modernize our national airspace system; and build energy infrastructure for the 21st century.
- Manufacturing. President Hillary Clinton will strengthen American manufacturing; prevent countries like China from abusing global trade rules and reject trades that don’t meet high standards; revitalize the hardest hit manufacturing communities; crack down on companies that ship jobs and earnings overseas; and invest in America’s manufacturing workforce to ensure that it will always be the best in the world.
- Social Security and Medicare. *“I won’t cut Social Security. ... I’ll defend it, and I’ll expand it.”* President Hillary Clinton will defend Social Security against Republican attacks; expand Social Security for those who need it most and who are treated unfairly by the current system; and preserve Social Security for decades to come by asking the wealthiest to contribute more.
- An end to Alzheimer’s disease. *“If we’re the kind of nation that cares for its citizens and supports families, respects our elders, and takes care of our neighbors, then we’ve got work to do. And we need to do better when it comes to diseases like Alzheimer’s.”*
- Mental Health. *“I believe that together we can make sure that the next generation gets quality mental health care—without shame, without stigma, without barriers. And that we can do so much more to help people right here and now.”* President Hillary Clinton will promote early diagnosis and intervention; launch a national initiative for suicide prevention; integrate our nation’s mental and physical health care systems so that health care delivery focuses on the “whole person” and expand community-based treatment; prioritize treatment over jail for low-level, nonviolent offenders and help train law

enforcement officers in responding to conflicts involving persons with mental illness; enforce mental health parity to the full extent of the law, providing same level of benefits for mental health treatment; improve access to housing and job opportunities; and invest in brain behavioral science research.

- Technology and Innovation. *“We need to get back into the future business, because that’s who we are as Americans. ... And we’re going to focus on what will make the American economy work for everyone, not just those at the top.”*
- Veterans, the armed forces, and their families. *“I believe in making sure that people who sacrifice for us are given all the care and the benefits and support that they need. And I believe strongly that taking care of our veterans is part of our solemn duty as Americans.”* President Hillary Clinton will work to fundamentally reform veterans’ health care to ensure access to timely and high-quality care and block efforts to privatize the VA; build a 21st century Department of Veterans Affairs to deliver world-class care; empower veterans and strengthen our economy and communities by connecting their unique skills to the jobs of the future; and overhaul VA governance to create a new veteran-centric model of excellence.
- Voting Rights. *“Fifty years after Rosa Parks sat and Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. marched and John Lewis bled, it’s hard to believe Americans are still forced to fight for their right to vote—especially in places where the civil rights movement fought so hard all those years ago.”* As president, Hillary will automatically register voters; repair the voting rights act; set a national standard for early voting; and restore voting rights.
- Campus Sexual Assault. *“I want to send a message to every survivor of sexual assault: Don’t let anyone silence your voice. You have the right to be heard.”* President Hillary Clinton has a plan to end campus sexual assault by providing comprehensive support to survivors; ensure a fair process for all; and increase prevention efforts.
  - As First Lady, Hillary supported the creation of the Department of Justice’s Office on Violence Against Women. She cast a global spotlight on the issue in her historic 1995 Beijing speech, where she denounced violence against women as a clear violation of human rights.
  - As Senator, Hillary co-sponsored the 2005 reauthorization of the Violence Against Women Act. Additionally, Hillary introduced the CARE Act twice, to ensure that rape and incest victims had access to emergency contraception in hospital emergency rooms. In response to the spike in reports of sexual assault cases in the military, she introduced legislation to make emergency contraception available to servicewomen.
  - As Secretary of State, Hillary rallied the international community to take collective action to end violence against women. She drew attention to the use of rape as a weapon of war and spearheaded a U.N. Resolution that established guidelines for an international response to sexual assault in war-torn areas.
- Housing. *“Housing can and should be a springboard to opportunity. But to get there, we need to make rental housing more affordable, open up more pathways to sustainable home ownership, and invest in communities that have been left out and left behind. As president, that’s what I’ll do.”* As president, Hillary will curb skyrocketing rental costs in areas of opportunity; remove barriers to sustainable home ownership; help responsible home owners save for a down payment; support counseling programs for the significant financial commitment of home ownership; update underwriting tools to reflect today’s job market; clarify the rules of the road to expand access to home loans; defend the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau; enforce fair housing and fair lending laws; connect housing support in high-poverty neighborhoods to economic opportunity; and revitalize communities being dragged down by physical decay.
- National Security. *“I believe the future holds far more opportunities than threats if we exercise creative and confident leadership that enables us to shape global events rather than be shaped by them.”* As president, Hillary will ensure that we are stronger at home; stick with our allies; embrace all the tools of American power, preventing Iran from acquiring a nuclear weapon and building stronger ties between

Cubans and Americans; be firm, but wise with our rivals, standing up to Vladimir Putin and holding China accountable; and have a real plan for confronting terrorists.

- Wall Street Reform. *“Our banking system is still too complex and too risky. ... While institutions have paid large fines and in some cases admitted guilt, too often it has seemed that the human beings responsible get off with limited consequences—or none at all, even when they’ve already pocketed the gains. This is wrong, and on my watch, it will change.”* As president, Hillary’s plan will impose a risk fee on the largest financial institutions; close loopholes that let banks make risky investments with taxpayer money; hold senior bankers accountable when a large bank suffers major losses; make sure that no financial firm is ever too big or too risky to be managed effectively; tackle financial dangers of the “shadow banking” system; impose a tax on high-frequency trading; prosecute individuals when they break the law; hold executives accountable they are responsible for their subordinates’ misconduct; and hold corporations accountable when they break the law..
- Climate Change. *“I won’t let anyone take us backward, deny our economy the benefits of harnessing a clean energy future, or force our children to endure the catastrophe that would result from unchecked climate change.”* On day one, President Hillary Clinton will set bold, national goals that will be achieved within 10 years of taking office. As president, Hillary will defend, implement, and extend smart pollution and efficiency standards; launch a \$60 billion clean energy challenge; invest in clean energy infrastructure, innovation, manufacturing, and workforce development; ensure safe and responsible energy production; reform leasing; cut the billions of wasteful tax subsidies to oil and gas companies; cut methane emissions across the economy; revitalize coal communities by supporting locally driven priorities and make them an engine of U.S. economic growth in the 21st century; make environmental justice and climate justice central priorities; and promote conservation and collaborative stewardship.
- Immigration Reform. *“If we claim we are for family, then we have to pull together and resolve the outstanding issues around our broken immigration system. The American people support comprehensive immigration reform not just because it’s the right thing to do—and it is—but because they know it strengthens families, strengthens our economy, and strengthens our country. ... We can’t wait any longer for a path to full and equal citizenship.”* As president, Hillary will introduce comprehensive immigration reform; end the three and ten-year bars, defend President Obama’s executive actions—known as DACA and DAPA—against partisan attacks; do everything possible under the law to protect families; enforce immigration laws humanely; end family detention and close private immigration detention centers; expand access to affordable health care to all families; promote naturalization; and support immigrant integration.
- National Service. *“There aren’t many places where people of all ages, all races, all backgrounds, and all beliefs come together in common cause. But service is one of them, and that’s one of the reasons I think it’s so valuable, because in addition to the good work it does, it helps us reconnect with each other to feel more a part of our shared American life. I believe that one of the jobs of president is to encourage more service ... .”* As president, Hillary will expand national service; increase access to higher education; strengthen international service; and bring Americans together.
  - As First Lady, Hillary advocated for Congress to reauthorize AmeriCorps so that tens of thousands more Americans would have opportunities to learn “how much more we get when we give.”
  - As Senator, Hillary fought to protect AmeriCorps from budget cuts, and in 2003 stood alongside 150 mayors and governors in requesting funding to secure and grow the program. She also co-sponsored a bill to base AmeriCorps Education Award on the average public college tuition as a way to reduce student debt and allow more Americans to attend college in a time of rising costs.
  - As Secretary of State, Hillary re-established the Peace Corps’s relationship with Indonesia after a 45-year hiatus. The first program in 2010 sent 19 volunteers, and now that number has grown to more than 100. Also, under her leadership, the State Department provided \$1 million to the Peace Corps to advance renewable energy efforts.

- Combating Terrorism and keeping America safe. *“Radical jihadists, like so many adversaries in our history, underestimate the strength of our national character. Americans will not cower or cave. And we will not turn on each other or turn on our principles. We will defeat those who threaten us. We will keep our country safe and strong, free and tolerant. And we will always defend our friends and allies.”* As president, Hillary has identified her plan to take out ISIS’s stronghold in Iraq and Syria by intensifying the coalition air campaign against ISIS fighters, leaders, and infrastructure; stepping up support for local Arab and Kurdish forces on the ground and coalition efforts to protect civilians; and pursuing a diplomatic strategy aimed at resolving Syria’s civil war and Iraq’s sectarian conflict between Sunnis and Shias—both of which have contributed to the rise of ISIS—working with our allies to dismantle global terror networks; and hardening our defenses at home.
- Jobs and Wages. *“The measure of our success will be how much incomes rise for hardworking families. How many children are lifted out of poverty. How many Americans can find good jobs that support a middle-class life—and not only that, jobs that provide a sense of dignity and pride. That’s what it means to have an economy that works for everyone, not just those at the top. That’s the mission, and I’m asking all of you to join me in it.”* As president, Hillary will launch our country’s boldest investments in infrastructure since the construction of the interstate highway system in the 1950s; advance our commitment to research and technology in order to create the industries and jobs of the future; establish the U.S. as the clean energy superpower of the world—with half a billion solar panels installed by the end of her first term and enough clean energy to power every home in America within 10 years of her taking office; strengthen America’s manufacturing with a \$10 billion “Make it in America” plan; cut red tape to provide tax relief and expand access to capital so small businesses can grow, hire and thrive; ensure that the jobs of the future in caregiving and services are good-paying jobs; pursue smarter, fairer tougher trade policies that put U.S. job creation first and get tough on nations like China; and committed to a full-employment, full-potential economy.
- Workforce Skills and Job Training. *“If you do your part, then you ought to be able to get ahead. You ought to be able to reap the rewards of your work. And when everybody does his or her part, then America gets ahead.”* Hillary’s workforce and skills agenda will help people get good jobs with good wages throughout their careers. As a part of this agenda, Hillary is calling for a tax credit for businesses that hire apprentices, providing much needed on-the-job training—especially for young Americans.
- Raising Wages and Rebuilding the Middle Class. Throughout her life during college and since that time, Secretary Clinton has fought to expand and strengthen the middle class, so she has a jobs program. It isn’t sufficient to give lip service to a single program and Secretary Clinton supports the raising of the minimum wage as well as empowering Americans with the knowledge and skills they need to make a living wage.
  - Secretary Clinton knows the economy of the future depends on a well-educated workforce.
- Affordable Care Act—Secretary Clinton supports the Affordable Care Act or as I like to call it, “Obama Cares, even if the GOP doesn’t.”
  - Because of the Affordable Care Act, insurance companies must spend at least 80% of their income on the insured. Before this legislation, insurance companies routinely rejected claims to pad the pockets of the CEOs and stockholders.
  - Because of the Affordable Care Act, our kids have a safety net time period after graduating high school and college before they are able to secure a job with benefits.
- Student Debt rates must be brought down to achieve debt-free college. Secretary Clinton knows the economy of the future depends on a well-educated workforce which is beyond the reach of many American families.
- Paid Family Medical Leave. *“Too many moms have to go back to work just days after their babies are born. ... And too many dads and parents of adopted children don’t get any paid leave at all. Neither do sons and daughters struggling to take care of their aging parents. None of this is fair to families.”* As

president, Hillary will guarantee up to 12 weeks of paid family and medical leave; ensure that hardworking Americans get at least two-thirds of their current wages; impose no additional costs on businesses including small businesses, and fund paid leave by making the wealthy pay their fair share—not increasing taxes on working families.

- Gun Violence Prevention. *“I believe weapons of war have no place on our streets. We may have our disagreements on gun safety regulations, but we should all be able to agree on a few things. If the FBI is watching you for suspected terrorist links, you shouldn’t be able to just go buy a gun with no questions asked. You shouldn’t be able to exploit loopholes and evade criminal background checks by buying online or at a gun show. And yes, if you’re too dangerous to get on a plane, you are too dangerous to buy a gun in America.”* As president, Hillary will expand background checks to more gun sales; take on the gun lobby; and keep guns out of the hands of domestic abusers, other violent criminals, and the severely mentally ill.
- Women’s Rights and Opportunity. *“Too often, these are called women’s issues. Well, I am a proud lifelong fighter for women’s issues, because I firmly believe what’s good for women is good for America.”* As president, Hillary will work to close the pay gap; fight for paid leave; make quality, affordable childcare a reality for families; increase the minimum wage; defend and enhance Social Security; protect and expand on the Affordable Care Act; confront violence against women; proudly stand with Planned Parenthood; protect women’s health and reproductive rights; and promote women’s rights around the globe.
  - Secretary Clinton worked side by side with Lilly Ledbetter to pass the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act of 2007—legislation that addresses the inequities of equal pay for equal work. *“If there is one message that echoes forth from this conference, let it be that human rights are women’s rights and women’s rights are human rights once and for all.”*
- K-12 Education. *“Education should be the great door opener, and yet we know it often doesn’t turn out that way. I think every child in this country deserves a good teacher in a good school, regardless of the ZIP code you live in.”* As president, Hillary will launch a national campaign to modernize and elevate the profession of teaching; provide every student in America an opportunity to learn computer science; rebuild America’s schools; dismantle the school-to-prison pipeline.
  - As a young law student working for Marian Wright Edelman, Hillary went undercover to investigate “segregation academies” in Alabama.
  - As First Lady of Arkansas, she chaired the Arkansas Educational Standards Commission, fighting to raise academic standards, increase teacher salaries, and reduce class sizes.
  - As First Lady of the United States, she chaired the first-ever convening on Hispanic children and youth, which focused on improving access to educational opportunities.
  - As a U.S. senator, she served on the Senate Health, Education and Labor Committee, as a key member shaping the No Child Left Behind Act, with the hope that it would bring needed resources and real accountability to improve educational opportunities for our most disadvantaged students.
- Protecting animals and Wildlife. As president, Hillary will protect wildlife in the U.S. by keeping public land public; combat international wildlife trafficking; protect pets and domesticated animals; and protect farm animals from inhumane treatment.
- Renewable Fuel/Energy. Secretary Clinton’s support of the bio-based manufacturing and the Renewable Fuel Standard provides economic opportunity throughout the country.
- As Secretary of State, she worked to establish a program to provide food assistance to over 12.5 million hungry children in some of the poorest countries in the world.

Donald Trump is dangerous and a majority of Americans are fearful of the problems and situations that this man with an uncensored mouth will cause from destroying decades of relationships and treaties with our allies to multiple wars. I don’t want this man anywhere near the nuclear button because a man who is as thin-skinned as he is, is a heartbeat away from unimaginable disaster for the United States. Allowing Donald Trump to

become president will punish our veterans, working families, immigrants, the poor, the disabled, the sick, LGBTQ community, and many others who our president is sworn to protect.

Secretary Clinton is not a quitter and she won't quit on the American people. She never has and never will. This election is not a choice of the "lesser of two evils" but instead it is an opportunity, a choice to support this woman who will do so many good things making positive changes for our country and a man who will do nothing but pad his own pockets. Join me in this momentous opportunity such that you can tell your kids and grandkids that you voted in November, 2016 to make a difference, not just for yourself, but for them and future generations. **I can't wait to vote for Secretary Hillary Rodham Clinton for the 45th president of the United States. Can you? Please vote for Secretary Hillary Rodham Clinton.** Your vote counts.



## The P Stand

By Suzanne Jouvenat



I was the victim of fraud. I trusted a financial planner with my assets and lost everything. He touted his successes. He spoke about his millions. He proclaimed to know business really well. He talked about his charitable giving. He assured me on all he could provide and how he could

improve my life. He mentioned God and the Bible. He said “Believe me,” “Trust me,” and “I am very, very smart and I know how to run businesses.”

Just as the collective American people are looking for someone to help them in their frustration and distress from the perceived blocks to the American Dream, I too was longing for a better life. After the devastation of an abusive marriage and fears about financial security, this “amazing” man promised so many wonderful and helpful plans to bring my life back.

It was too late. Two years later I lost my home. The promises continued. “Trust me. I will use my brilliant experience to get everything back.” He had all my assets tied up. I moved into the basement of a girlfriend. Creditors were clamoring. I had my car, my dog, my church, my good friends. A knock on the imposing doors of the FBI Office in Lincoln, NE, led to expose this financial businessman’s true genius: CON MAN.

The United States of America is the land I love. As a loyal citizen, I could not cheat it by declaring bankruptcy because of my own shame for having believed someone so outrageous and being a victim of my own irresponsible ignorance.

I love this beautiful concept of freedom to seek for a better life and achieve valiant goals. I love this Nation of human beings of all classes and colors, talents and tongues, religions and races—this grand place where a person who speaks so disparagingly can exist but **with knowledge** need not be elevated.

In my past writings I have declared my patriotism and the *exceptionalism* of this country which were enhanced through living for years in Europe and Africa. The reason for this blatant disclosure is due to the Fear, Insecurity and lack of Truth in a side of this election as presented in past articles, *The T Effect*, *The F Impact* and last month, *The S Choice*.

The ideals of this Nation project a history of the driving internal spirit of self-responsibility infused with the freedom to act, even to experience being a “loser” due to ignorance and yet go forward with knowledge as a “winner.” My passion in this brief article, *The P Stand*, is my personal stance due to knowledge from my own

life experiences. I know you readers have your own stories that have shaped your views. Take courage by studying the issues, promoting truthful dialogue and seeking the best for this country we love, the *United States of America*.

## Opinion

### The Need to be African American and Free in America: The Struggles are Real and so are the Protests

By Pastor Janet Goodman Banks

Since August of 2016 San Francisco 49ers back-up Quarterback, Colin Kaepernick has sparked a nationwide silent protest across this country. His efforts are in response to the brutality, inequality, racial oppression and social injustice African Americans and People of Color (POC) are experiencing at the hands of Law Enforcement across this Country. Colin is pictured on the front page of the latest edition of *Time Magazine*. Since the start of this protest by Kaepernick, twenty-three African Americans have lost their lives. Many African Americans feel that the gun violence, and killings towards African Americans have been replaced by the post days’ lynchings of the past.

On September 16, 2016, Terence Crutcher, 40, was shot in Tulsa, Oklahoma by Officer Betty Jo Shelby. He was unarmed. His car had stalled in the middle of the street. Video shows Crutcher with his hands up. Shelby fired one lethal shot that killed Crutcher. Shelby was charged with first degree manslaughter. In the affidavit filed in the case, investigators said Shelby told them she “feared for her life” and thought Crutcher “was going to kill her.” The African American communities across the country are stating that this is becoming the “norm” for police to justify their actions.

On September 20, 2016 Keith Lamont Scott, 43, and identified as a disabled black man was shot dead by Charlotte -Mecklenburg, North Carolina Police Officers while reading in his car prior to following Officers’ command to exit the car. He backed out of the car with his hands up. There were eye witnesses to the shooting, a dash-cam and body-cam footage. Protest and “accountability” are leading the battle cries during these peaceful protests across our nation.

Then there are those students, athletes, both male and female, ranging from high school, college and professionals “Taking a Knee” in solidarity with Kaepernick’s peaceful protest. On September 16, 2016 Lincoln Southeast High School Football Players Sterling Smith and Michael Baklykov (White) “Took a Knee” during the playing of the national anthem. Their actions lead to national news. Smith received “Death Threats” and derogatory comments from fans and parents. Smith

said that he was in full support of Kaepernick’s protest and he wanted to start a conversation. It wasn’t an action he took lightly, he said. Lincoln Public Schools officials say they neither endorse nor condemn the players’ actions.

Then, we all in the State of Nebraska, witnessed the “Courage” of the three University of Nebraska-Lincoln football players who “Took a Knee” at an away game at Northwestern on September 24, 2016. The players were Redshirt freshman linebacker Mohamed Barry, Senior linebacker Michael Rose-Ivey and Redshirt freshman defensive end DaShon Neal. Rose-Ivey says, “I cannot hide from responsibilities to be a voice on issues.” These young men received “DEATH THREATS,” statements that they should be “HUNG,” “LYNCHED” and “RACIAL SLURS” over social media. Yes, fans of the “GOOD LIFE STATE” echoed these “HORRIFIC SENTIMENTS” to our beloved Huskers. I, personally read some of those “BIGOTED” comments. I was horrified as an African American woman, mother, grandmother and aunt to African American boys, girls, young men and young women.

It became even worse when the Governor Pete Ricketts called the protest ‘Disgraceful.’ Ricketts says he respects Husker players’ right to protest, but questions timing. So, my questions to Governor Pete Ricketts and anyone who supports his question of timing, “WHEN IS THE RIGHT TIME TO ADDRESS RACE RELATIONS IN THIS STATE AND COUNTRY?” Hal Daub, a former Omaha Mayor and now a Board Regent for the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, stated that the “Players Should be Kicked off the Team” for disrespecting the flag and veterans. Daub went on to say, “It’s a free country.” Daub told the *Journal Star* on Tuesday, “They don’t have to play football for the University either. . . .They know better, and they had better be kicked off the team.” What Daub does not realize is that there are many veterans backing this peaceful protest started by Kaepernick.

On September 28, 2016, Rose-Ivey addressed the media with a powerful statement on why he and the other two young men on the football team knelt during the playing of the national anthem. This young man was very sincere, expressed himself well and touched the hearts of many who saw the coverage. Roes-Ivey was “Man” enough to invite the governor and Daub to have a conversation with him. Head Coach Mike Riley and the Chancellor of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln stood behind the players. Various Faculty staff and students alike supported the three players.

Nebraska played a home game the following Saturday, on October 1, 2016, against Illinois. While the African American Community, allies, family, friends, organizations stood in the stands outside the stadium and glued to the television and radios to see or hear if these three brave young men were going to face any adversity

because of the first amendment rights. The crowd, fans, viewers and listeners were pleasantly surprised that there was no backlashes noted. Rose-Ivey’s dad tweeted, “Thank you Nebraska fans,” and stated that his wife was “in tears of gratitude.” Any mother would have been, as this lovely lady feeling somewhat relieved, that no harm came to her son.

We, as a state, cities and communities in Nebraska, and across our nation, must start having these race relations conversations. Pastors (Black and White) must step up to the plate. I, for one, have been at the plate, and at the table. I will continue to do so. Light overrides darkness. Love can trump-drive out hate. We are our brothers’ (Sisters’) keeper. We are better together.

### Pictures from County Party Spaghetti Cook-off, October 9, 2016



## Labor's Perspective

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### The Values that Undergird Organized Labor

By John Kretzschmar

“What do we want? More schoolhouses and less jails; more books and less arsenals; more learning, less crime; more leisure, less greed; more justice, less revenge; in fact, more of the opportunities to cultivate our better natures.” *Samuel Gompers, first President of the American Federation of Labor, circa 1898*

The American labor movement is built on the idea that this nation should move in the direction of making the American Dream available to everyone who sells her or his intelligence, experience and strength to an employer to earn a living.

At the core of what unions stand for are two inextricably related adages: 1) an injury to one is an injury to *all*; and 2) we all do better when we *all* do better. These sayings and the values they embody represent the best that organized labor has to offer. Have unions always mirrored the popular prejudice of the times? Nevertheless, in the big picture, it can be persuasively argued that the labor movement is our nation's oldest, largest and most successful institution advocating for economic and social justice.

Here's an underappreciated quote from the post-Civil War era about the proper role of organized labor with respect to racial attitudes: “Capital knows no difference between white and black laborers; and labor cannot make any, without undermining its own platform and tearing down the walls of its defence [sic]. The whole united power of labor is necessary to the successful resistance of the united power of capital.” *William Sylvis, President, National Labor Union on the importance of employee solidarity circa 1868*

In 1948 W.E.B. Dubois, the first African American to earn a Ph.D. from Harvard, civil rights activist, historian, and author wrote: “Probably the greatest and most effective effort toward interracial understanding among the working masses has come about through the trade unions. . . . As a result [of the organization of the CIO in 1935], numbers of men like those in the steel and automotive industries have been thrown together, black and white, as fellow workers striving for the same objects. There has been on this account an astonishing spread of interracial tolerance

and understanding. Probably no movement in the last 30 years has been so successful in softening race prejudice among the masses.”

Indeed, the AFL-CIO has encouraged the creation of constituency groups to build skills and knowledge required to empower union members to stand up for the best practice values of all union members. These constituency groups include: The A. Philip Randolph Institute; the Union Veterans Council; the Asian Pacific American Labor Alliance; the Coalition of Black Trade Unionists; the Coalition of Labor Union Women; the Labor Council for Latin American Advancement; and Pride at Work. Among other things, these groups help members build awareness and skills related to collective bargaining, political involvement, organizing the unorganized, and building coalitions and alliances with like-minded groups.

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. understood the promise that unions hold for people who society marginalizes. In 1965, he spoke to that promise in this quote: “The labor movement was the principal force that transformed misery and despair into hope and progress. Out of its bold struggles, economic and social reform gave birth to unemployment insurance, old age pensions, government relief for the destitute and above all new wage levels that meant not mere survival, but a tolerable life. The captains of industry did not lead this transformation; they resisted it until they were overcome.”

In 2007, the vision of organized labor was expressed this way by Linda Chavez Thompson, then Executive Vice President of the AFL-CIO: “The wonderful dream of the AFL-CIO will come true only when every member of our movement—black or brown or white, female or male, lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender or straight, immigrant or native-born, with disabilities or without—is heard, every member has a chance, every member has a voice, every member can rise to the leadership, every member is treated equally.”

When unions fail to live up to these statements, and when unions fail to “walk the talk,” they are deserving of criticism. However, when they struggle to create workplaces and communities where people can become the best versions of themselves possible, organized labor deserves a pat on the back.

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- Hillary Clinton/Tim Kaine

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**Legislature, District 25**

- Jim Gordon

**Legislature, District 27**

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- Retain (which would be a vote to support the legislature's elimination of the death penalty)

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