

**The Los Angeles County Democratic Party requires all candidates seeking endorsement to review the California Democratic Party Platform.**

**Below you will find the preamble of the current Platform, adopted in 2008. To review the entire Platform, please visit the California Democratic Party website at [www.cadem.org/platform](http://www.cadem.org/platform).**

## **CALIFORNIA DEMOCRATIC PARTY PLATFORM PREAMBLE**

### **California Democrats Present Our Blueprint for the Golden State**

America's strength derives from people coming together and working for the common good. We believe in a strong economy that increases political, social, and cultural opportunity. We believe in inclusion and equality so that all can reach their fullest human potential. We are committed to upholding our Federal and State Constitutions, protecting and defending ourselves and our civil liberties, and ensuring justice, freedom, and equal opportunity. We believe that by standing firm and acting positively on these values, America can reclaim her vision and lead the world as a beacon of optimism and unity.

The people of California deserve a government that supports their hard work and shares their hopes for the future. Our Platform represents the Democratic vision for our State, embracing and implementing the dreams of Californians. We firmly defend these American beliefs, values, and traditions and will work with elected officials and activists to achieve our vision in government and in our communities.

The California Democratic Party will:

- Promote peace, real security, the rule of law, and human rights both at home and abroad;
- Provide guaranteed support for first responders, military servicemembers, and veterans;
- Fight to restore the Constitutional balance among the branches of the federal government;
- Create a 21st century economy built on a diverse workforce educated by quality public schools with the right to organize;
- Support civil rights, the Americans with Disabilities Access and equality in employment, educational, and economic opportunities;
- Ensure universal, comprehensive, and affordable health care for all Californians;
- Protect a woman's right to choose how to use her mind, her body and her time;
- Secure a dignified retirement for our seniors, including Social Security and Medicare for future generations;
- Make California the most energy-independent state, build new industries in the effort to fight global warming and pollution, and protect our natural resources;
- Build smart, sustainable, safe, environmentally sound, and caring communities;
- Support the arts, especially in our public schools; and
- Insist upon fiscal common sense, responsibility, and accountability in California and Washington.