

**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 2016.**

**To review the entire Platform, please visit the California Democratic Party website at <http://www.cadem.org/our-california/platform/2016-platform>**

## **CALIFORNIA DEMOCRATIC PARTY**

### **PLATFORM PREAMBLE**

The Platform of the California Democratic Party is a statement of our principles for the people of California, Democratic Party leaders and members, our elected officials, and candidates who seek our endorsement.

California Democrats believe in the equality and inherent dignity of all persons. We believe our state and our national government must protect the rights to freedom of expression and assembly as well as the equality of opportunity, for all Californians.

We believe that justice for all requires constant vigilance and a thorough examination of laws and governmental actions that disproportionately impact diverse segments of society.

This Democratic Platform depends on resolutely defending these American values, which support every individual's hopes and dreams for the future. We will work with elected officials and activists to achieve this vision in government and in our communities.

This Platform is presented below in a series of planks that embody our cherished principles for our residents, our elected officials, and those we seek to elect.