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# DEMOCRATS DELIVER FOR ALL NEBRASKANS

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WORKING WITH YOU TO BUILD A BETTER NEBRASKA THAT WORKS FOR EVERYONE

# DEMOCRATS WIN BIG



By: Preston Love Jr

In 2024, it was my honor to represent the Democratic Party as a US Senatorial candidate. I traveled extensively throughout the state, and my core message was that one-party rule does not work well for all of Nebraska. I emphasized the importance of bridging gaps where possible and maximizing leverage for agreeable policies and programs. As a messenger, I was not rigid or confrontational about my Democratic and personal values, which gave me a sense of Nebraska voters. I received 350,000 votes as my evidence.

The state of the country is proving that divided politics work for



no one. No Party. No Race. No politician benefits from a divided nation. The Trump syndrome creates continued, structural, nonsensical policies that pit the country against each other, to the benefit of no one, except the autocrat in the White House. There is a raging attack upon Democracy, and the majority of Americans and Nebraskans are pushing back.

What this division has uncovered is that beneath the layers of party, race, and geography, there is emerging clarity and evidence

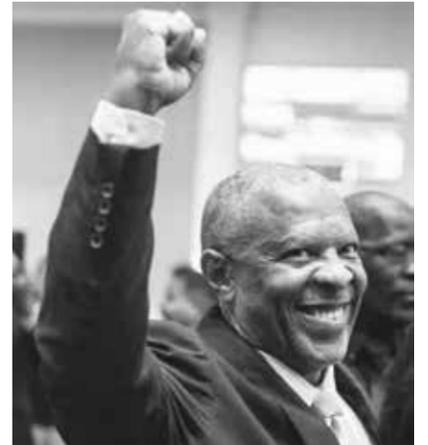
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## A MESSAGE FROM JOHN EWING JR.

By: John Ewing Jr. Mayor of Omaha

It is with great pride and heartfelt gratitude that I welcome you to this edition of our Nebraska Democratic Party newspaper. As Mayor of Omaha and a lifelong public servant of 43 years, I am honored to have the opportunity to connect with you through these pages. This newspaper reflects the values, voices, and vision of Democrats across our great state.

**Nebraska is built on the strength of its communities, and our party is stronger when we stand together—** committed to fairness, opportunity, and justice for all. Whether you live in Omaha, Scottsbluff, or anywhere in between, you are part of a movement that believes in putting people first, protecting our democracy, and investing in the future we all deserve.



This newspaper is more than just a source of information; it's a reflection of our shared hopes and tireless efforts to make Nebraska a better place for everyone. I encourage you to stay engaged, stay hopeful, stay committed, and stay involved. Together, we are writing a new chapter for our state and party — one that lifts every voice and leaves no one behind.

Thank you for being part of this journey. Your passion and participation are what make our party strong.

## LINCOLN SWEEPS CITY ELECTIONS

By: Hannah Wroblewski Lancaster County Chair

Lincoln voters made their voices heard loud and clear, electing a strong, diverse slate of candidates and overwhelmingly endorsing fair housing reforms. I am so proud of the hard work and dedication shown by each of our candidates—they have demonstrated an unwavering commitment to building a better Lincoln for everyone.

I want to extend my deepest gratitude to the countless volunteers and supporters who made this victory possible. Whether you

knocked on doors, made phone calls, sent texts, wrote postcards, or supported in other ways, your dedication powered a robust Get Out The Vote campaign. This clean sweep is thanks to you.

With these victories, Lincoln is poised to advance policies that prioritize fairness, opportunity, and community well-being. Our city will continue to thrive under the leadership of experienced, common-sense representatives on the City Council, Lincoln Public School Board,

and Airport Authority Board. The Lancaster County Democratic Party is immensely proud of this success and looks forward to working with our newly elected leaders to shape a brighter future for Lincoln.

Thank you, Lincoln, for your trust in Democratic leadership. Together, we'll keep moving Lincoln forward—stronger, fairer, and more united than ever.



**Congratulations to our elected Democrats:**

**Lincoln City Council At-Large:**

Tom Beckius  
Bennie Shobe  
Sandra Washington

**Lincoln Airport Authority:**

Vanessa Emlich

**Lincoln Public School Board:**

District 1: John Goodwin  
District 3: Barbara Baier  
District 5: Mara Krivohlavek  
District 7: Dr. Marilyn Johnson-Farr

## OMAHA SHOWS THE POWER OF THE BLUE DOT

By: The Douglas County Democrats Team

Mayor Ewing's election wasn't just a Democratic Party win. It was a collective triumph for Omaha. Neighborhoods across the city powered his campaign. It was fueled by everyday residents, volunteers, and organizers who showed up again and again. They believed Omaha deserved better. Their hard

work and coalition-building paid off in a victory that defied expectations. The result has transformed what's possible for Nebraska.

In the Omaha City Council elections, we continued to win a majority of the seats. Councilmen Festersen, Begley, and Hug were returned to the city council by overwhelming majorities. We have a new councilwoman, LaVonya

Goodwin, who represents the 2nd District. We're also proud of the race Tim Carter ran. He got very close to defeating a long-time incumbent.

What happened in Omaha this year was not an accident. It was not luck. Douglas County and the Nebraska Democratic Party won by doing the hard work. We organized. We listened. We showed up

for each other.

This is just the beginning of what's to come from Nebraska's county democratic parties in 2026. Democrats across our state are choosing courage over cynicism. We want competence over chaos. We choose collaboration over division. In doing so, we can build something our skeptics cannot ignore.

# A NOTE FROM CHAIR KLEEB

**Take note. We're flipping seats and building the party.**

Democrats in Nebraska are making waves in state and national politics. We are showing the Republicans that underestimating us is a mistake. We are leading by example, taking our message to the people and organizing all across the state and the country.

I have been honored to serve as your State Party Chair since 2017, and earlier this year, I was elected as the Association of State Democratic Committees (ASDC) President, and in the process, became the Democratic National Committee's (DNC) Vice Chair. Ken Martin, the DNC Chair, and I are fully committed to rebuilding the national and state party infrastructure and messaging. We've already taken bold steps to fund red state parties at \$270,000 a year, compared to just \$30,000 several years ago, when more money was concentrated in DC rather than on the ground where we win elections.

Our NDP Executive Director, Precious McKesson, was



recently elected by her peers to lead the State Party Executive Directors Association. With her role, she is pushing for institutional change in the state party infrastructure to ensure the staff have the training, tools, and support to

help Democrats win more races. She is leading not just in Nebraska but nationwide to reform our party.

Holding these seats enables us to push our party to make historic investments in state parties. Investments in not just battleground states but ALL states and territories that are key to our collective success. We are moving forward with renewed focus on young people, communities of color, and rural America, talking to voters where they are and about the issues that matter to them, and registering Democrats everywhere. Last year alone, our state party registered 10,000 new voters!

**What does all this building and fundraising mean?**

-Grown from 503 to 1,027

Democrats elected across the state

-Outraised the Nebraska Republicans since 2022.

-Our win rate is 71%.

-Went from 35 county chapters to 57.

-Young Dems had 3 chapters, and now they have 18.

-Over 650 Block Captains are talking to 50 voters assigned to each of them—in their neighborhoods—all year, every year, not just 3 months before an election.

-Ballots were being returned at 81% and now that's 97% because of our aggressive chase program.

-We fund and implement real voter engagement programs from our Block Captains to Voter Guides to Vote-By-Mail and Voter Registration. All of these programs are increasing voter turnout.

We are experiencing record fundraising, strong candidate recruitment, and a growing county and state party infrastructure. With this success, we are committed to ending one-party Republican rule across our state to ensure that when we say we are growing the good life, we mean for ALL Nebraskans, not just the wealthy and well-connected.



We are proving that years of hard work at the local and state levels are preparing us for this very moment.

**This year, we plan on:**

-Winning congressional races!

-Increasing our numbers in the legislature to 17 so we can block the cruel bills Republicans continue to push.

-Winning the Governor's race against Pillen, who has taken our state backwards.

-Continuing to build at the local and county level offices—this is our bench, this is our future.

As Democrats, we are rarely single-issue voters because we care about our neighbors, families, and communities. We understand that the fundamental values of justice and freedom are the threads that bind us together and run through all the issues we care about, leaving no one behind in our diverse and strong coalition.

One more door. One more call. One more text. One more cultural event. One more parade. One more rodeo. This is how we win elections. This is how we restore our democracy.

Getting things done together,  
Chair Jane Kleeb

## RURAL NEBRASKA DESERVES BETTER: WHY I LEFT THE REPUBLICAN PARTY

By: Ben Steffen

I have farmed my whole life, and I was a Republican for most of it, just like my parents. As we watched the state and country change, they saw the Republican party shift in ways they couldn't support and became Democrats. I'm proud of them. They're long gone, but I fundamentally agreed with their thinking and finally changed my registration a few years back. I don't regret it in the least.

I grew up in the dairy business, milking 150 cows a day and running the second generation of our family's dairy business. It was not only a good business for our family, it was also good for our community. Small dairy farms like ours are nearly all gone, replaced by a few huge operations while our rural communities are hollowed out. Today, there's not a single dairy in three of the surrounding counties in my area, and only two or three are left in my county. The loss of these small dairies is just one of the many profound changes that we continue to feel in our rural communities. We see the effects of all this consolidation, the loss of services, as well as the exodus of leadership and workforce. It's tough to watch it and it's tough to live it!

Since 2020, in our state, we have lost 19 nursing homes, 15 of which were in rural communities! Medicare and Medicaid are critical to those facilities, to rural families,

and to our rural hospitals. Losing a nursing home means our loved ones and elderly neighbors are shipped off to counties farther away, families can't visit, and our small towns lose dozens of jobs.

New cuts to Medicare and Medicaid drive another nail in the coffin of our rural senior care. Closing these nursing homes and losing healthcare services is not just a policy issue for me. It's deeply personal. We fought hard to keep our local nursing home alive. The people there are our friends and family. Gutting these federal programs while handing out tax cuts to billionaires isn't just cruel, it's more than I can stomach. It is unconscionable that we are allowing these closures to happen. Our delegation in Congress voted for these cuts! Do you want to see more nursing homes close? I don't!

With these cuts to Medicare and Medicaid, our hospitals and clinics are up against the wall. They will have to make further cuts to service. How far do you want to drive when your husband or wife has a cancer appointment or a heart attack?! How do we expect young families to stay in rural communities with a two-hour drive to deliver a baby? Do you want to see more rural hospitals struggle and cut services? I don't.

Meanwhile, corporations and monopolies are squeezing family farmers. The Packers and Stockyards Act was supposed

to protect us, but now the enforcement is being gutted. The Act was supposed to ensure fair competition in the beef market but now these big companies manipulate markets and face few, if any, consequences. We see consolidation, price gouging, and fewer options for consumers and small family businesses. Our local independent mechanics can't fix tractors anymore because manufacturers hold the rights to repair hostage. That's not capitalism, it's corporate control. How do your grocery prices look? My farm expenses are astronomical!

Our representatives stood by while the USDA was slashed, programs were cut, and key offices were moved to force staff resignations. Our local county USDA offices are overwhelmed with work, strangled by lack of support from our elected representatives in Washington, and chronically understaffed. Now our DC delegation is nowhere to be found as the administration announces they will splinter the entire USDA agency in a restructuring no one asked for! Do you want to drive across two counties to a USDA Service Center? I don't!

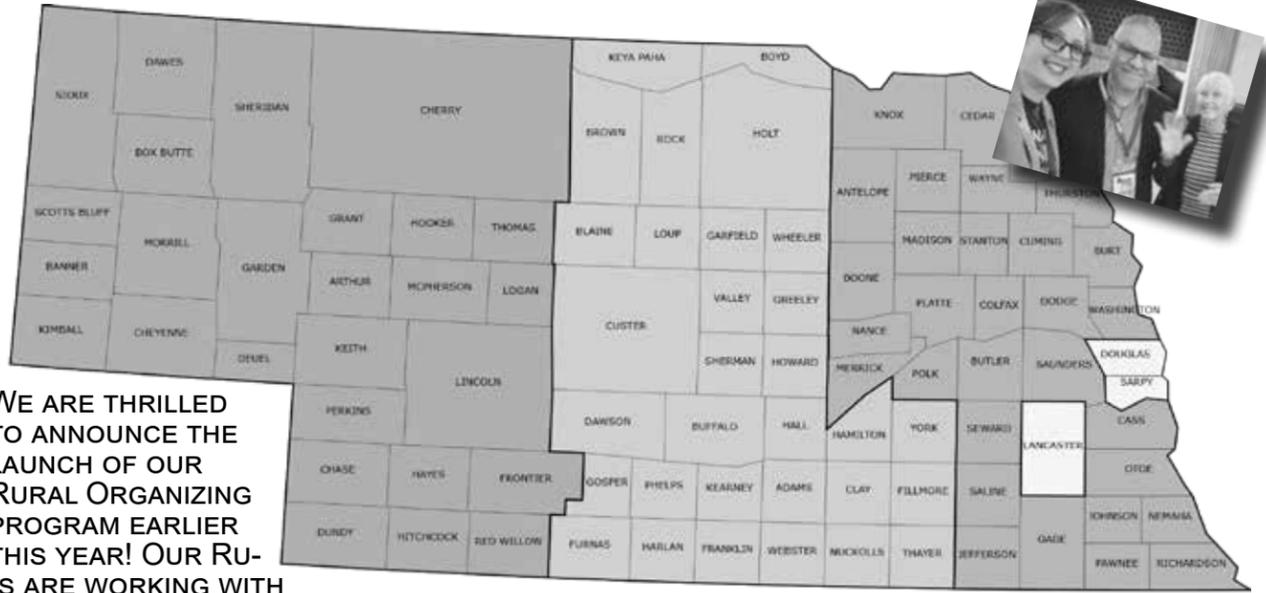
Faith is a big part of many rural communities. I attend the church I grew up in as a child, where I've been a Sunday school teacher and directed the church choir for over 20 years. My faith directs me to care about my community, to care about people who can't take

care of themselves, and to care about strangers. The idea that the GOP owns religious faith is un-American. Do you want a political party to dictate your faith practice? No thank you, I don't.

From better crop yields to life-saving medicine, science and education are cornerstones of rural communities, but Republicans continue to undermine both. They devalue public education and push our tax dollars into private schools where there is no accountability. In rural Nebraska communities, most people cannot even get to a private school. Nebraskans do not like the idea that we're going to take our public tax dollars and invest them in private schools. Nebraskans voted NO! yet our Republicans in Congress added it to the budget bill...directly contradicting our vote! Talk about a slap in our face!

The truth is, rural Nebraska is being left behind. It's not by accident, it's by Republican policy. If we want to save our rural communities, support our families, and give our kids a reason to stay, we must speak up. We have to vote like it matters. Republicans in office are not listening to you and me. Yeah... I'm a Democrat!





WE ARE THRILLED TO ANNOUNCE THE LAUNCH OF OUR RURAL ORGANIZING PROGRAM EARLIER THIS YEAR! OUR RURAL ORGANIZERS ARE WORKING WITH OUR PARTY LEADERS AND ALLIED GROUPS TO STRENGTHEN OUR COUNTY PARTY INFRASTRUCTURE, REGISTER MORE DEMOCRATIC VOTERS, AND RECRUIT DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATES SO THERE IS NO BALLOT LINE EMPTY IN 2026! WE ARE SO PROUD THAT OUR RURAL ORGANIZERS HAVE ALREADY HIT THE GROUND RUNNING BY PROVIDING RESOURCES AND SUPPORT TO COUNTY PARTIES AND ORGANIZING COMMUNITY EVENTS INCLUDING PLANNING PEOPLE'S TOWN HALLS ACROSS THE STATE AND HELPING WITH PARADES, FAIRS, AND POW WOWS.

# MEET OUR RURAL ORGANIZERS

## Western Region

**Tara O'Dell** from North Platte, NE, is our Western Region Rural Organizer. Tara has lived in rural Nebraska most of her life and is the mother of three children: Holden (22), Katherine (21), and MacKenzie (15). She is passionate about rural healthcare and has over 15 years of experience as a registered nurse in critical access hospitals. She has been actively involved in advocating for women's reproductive rights since Roe v. Wade was overturned. Tara enjoys meeting new people, spending time outdoors, has a deep love for animals, and is aiming to create a blue wave in rural Nebraska following a successful town hall in North Platte.

*The Western Region includes Arthur, Banner, Box Butte, Chase, Cherry, Cheyenne, Dawes, Deuel, Dundy, Frontier, Garden, Grant, Hayes, Hitchcock, Hooker, Keith, Kimball, Lincoln, Logan, McPherson, Morrill, Perkins, Red Willow, Scotts Bluff, Sheridan, Sioux, and Thomas counties.*

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## Central Region

**Kathy Jensen** from Juniata, NE, is our Central Region Rural Organizer. Kathy became active with the NDP in 2008 and has held several roles in the Adams County Democratic Party, including Chair and Secretary. She is also a longtime NDP State Central Committee member, was the CD3 Elector in 2020, and served as a delegate to the Democratic National Convention in 2024. Kathy has been integral to ballot initiatives and referendums such as Medical Marijuana, Support Our Schools, Protect Our Rights, and Paid Sick Leave.

*The Central Region includes Adams, Blaine, Boyd, Brown, Buffalo, Clay, Custer, Dawson, Fillmore, Franklin, Furnas, Garfield, Gosper, Greeley, Hall, Hamilton, Harlan, Holt, Howard, Kearney, Keya Paha, Loup, Nuckolls, Phelps, Rock, Sherman, Thayer, Valley, Webster, Wheeler, and York counties.*

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## Eastern Region

**Kris Kinzie** from Wayne, NE, is our Eastern Region Rural Organizer. Kris has been the Chair of the Wayne County Democrats since 2018. She joined the Nebraska Democratic Women's Caucus (NDWC) in 2019 and is the current NDWC Chair and a longtime NDP State Central Committee member. In addition to her Democratic Party involvement, Kris is also an at-large member of the League of Women Voters, sits on the board of Planned Parenthood Advocates of Nebraska, where she serves as the board vice president, and helped found a small group of women activists around the Wayne Area.

*The Eastern Region includes Antelope, Boone, Burt, Butler, Cass, Cedar, Colfax, Cuming, Dakota, Dixon, Dodge, Gage, Jefferson, Johnson, Knox, Madison, Merrick, Nance, Nemaha, Otoe, Pawnee, Pierce, Platte, Polk, Richardson, Saline, Saunders, Seward, Stanton, Thurston, Washington, and Wayne counties.*

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# El Gran y Hermoso Desastre de Trump - Trump's Big Beautiful Disaster



Elected Officials at the memorial service for Marta Nieves

By: *Josè Flores, Jr.,  
Director de Comunicaciones  
del Partido Demócrata de  
Nebraska*

Todos hemos visto en la televisión y el internet las detenciones ilegales e inconstitucionales de nuestros hermanos y hermanas inmigrantes en todo el país desde que Trump asumió la presidencia. Horas de grabaciones muestran a agentes de ICE deteniendo brutalmente a personas, rompiendo ventanas de autos, persiguiendo a nuestros paisanos trabajadores por los campos agrícolas, y amenazando a familiares o personas inocentes durante estas detenciones. Todo esto obedece a una meta arbitraria impuesta por el jefe de gabinete de Trump, Stephen Miller: lograr 3,000 detenciones diarias. Para cumplir con esa cifra, los agentes de ICE han ignorado completamente los derechos civiles y el debido proceso legal. ICE puede perfilar racialmente a cualquier persona en la calle, secuestrarla, llevarla a centros de detención desconocidos y deportarla cuando les convenga, incluso a países donde esa

By: *Josè Flores, Jr.,  
Communications Director  
Nebraska Democratic Party*

We have all seen illegal and unconstitutional apprehensions on television and the internet of our immigrant brothers and sisters across the nation since Trump took office. Hours of footage of ICE agents brutally detaining, breaking car windows, chasing hard-working paisanos across produce fields, and threatening bystanders or loved ones during detainments. Due to an arbitrary goal of 3,000 daily apprehensions by Trump's chief of staff, Stephen Miller, ICE agents have essentially ignored civil rights and due process. ICE agents can racially profile anyone on the street and kidnap them into unknown detention centers and deport them at their convenience, even to unknown countries in some cases. The majority of those profiled are of Latino descent, despite assertions to the contrary by agency heads.

While an all-out attack on immigrants and Latinos plays

persona nunca ha estado. La gran mayoría de las personas detenidas son de origen latino, aunque las autoridades lo nieguen.

Mientras se libra este ataque frontal contra inmigrantes y comunidades latinas, otro golpe del gobierno de Trump contra las familias trabajadoras comenzó el 4 de julio de este año con la aprobación del llamado "Gran y Hermoso Proyecto de Ley" (oficialmente H.R.1). Pero de hermoso no tiene nada.

Para empezar, representa la mayor transferencia de riqueza desde las familias trabajadoras hacia los ultraricos, disfrazada de "reducción de impuestos". Solo mira estos números del Congreso (CBO): más de 4 billones de dólares se añadirán a la deuda nacional. Más de 78,000 habitantes de Nebraska perderán su seguro médico por varias razones, como requisitos más estrictos en los programas o aumento en los costos de las primas. Esto afectará a nuestros ancianos, personas con discapacidad, veteranos

out, another attack by the Trump Administration on working families began on July 4th of this year with the passage of the Big, Beautiful Bill (officially H.R.1). The bill is anything but beautiful.

For starters, it will be the biggest transfer of wealth from working-class families to the ultra-wealthy in the form of tax breaks. Consider some of these numbers from the Congressional Budget Office (CBO). Over \$4 trillion will be added to the national debt. Over 78,000 Nebraskans will lose their healthcare for a variety of reasons, including stricter program requirements and overall insurance premium increases. This will affect our elderly, the disabled, our veterans, and so many more. The nearly trillion (yes, trillion) dollars being cut by the bill will end nutritional assistance for thousands of children who rely on SNAP (food stamps) in our state. It will force hospitals in rural Nebraska to close. When you consider that 44% of rural hospitals are already operating at

y muchas más familias. Casi un billón de dólares (sí, un billón) en recortes afectará directamente la asistencia nutricional de miles de niños que dependen del programa SNAP (cupones de alimentos) en nuestro estado. Además, este proyecto de ley forzará el cierre de hospitales rurales en Nebraska. Y considerando que el 44% de estos hospitales ya operan con pérdidas (según la Asociación de Hospitales de Nebraska), esta ley es como el clavo final en el ataúd. De hecho, dos hospitales ya anunciaron su cierre debido a este proyecto.

¿Y lo más irónico? Los recortes en programas como SNAP y Medicaid no entrarán en vigor hasta después de las elecciones legislativas del 2026. ¿Por qué? Porque los republicanos no quieren ser culpados por las consecuencias devastadoras del presupuesto de Trump. En resumen, retrasaron los efectos más negativos de la ley para asegurarse de ser reelectos en noviembre del 2026.

Y por si fuera poco, Trump y los republicanos del Congreso han aprobado más de 170 billón de dólares para actividades relacionadas con inmigración y control fronterizo. ¡30 billón se destinarán a redadas de ICE y más detenciones (van a contratar 10,000 agentes nuevos), y 45 billón para construir y mantener centros de detención! Todo esto con el



a loss (according to the Nebraska Hospital Association), the bill puts a nail in the coffin for many. Two hospitals have already announced their closures due to the bill.

Here is the most ironic part of the bill. The tax breaks for the wealthy went into effect as soon as the bill was signed. The cuts to funding for SNAP and Medicaid will take effect AFTER the 2026 midterm elections. Why? Because Republicans do not want to be held accountable for voting for Trump's budget bill and its disastrous effects on the most vulnerable. In short, Republicans delayed the most negative provisions of the bill so that THEY could be re-elected in November 2026.

In addition, Trump and Congressional Republicans have given over \$170 billion in funding for immigration and border enforcement-related activity! \$30 billion will go to ICE raids and apprehensions (10,000

fin de ejercer crueldad contra nuestros hermanos y hermanas inmigrantes. Como inmigrante yo mismo, veo y siento estos ataques directos contra millones de personas que ayudan a que este país funcione cada día.

Entonces, ¿qué podemos hacer? Aquí van algunas ideas: Contacta a tu representante en el Congreso y a tus senadores. Hazles saber tu preocupación sobre el impacto del H.R.1. Asiste a reuniones públicas, juntas del partido demócrata de tu condado, manifestaciones y protestas. Si hay candidatos locales postulándose, hazles preguntas importantes y apóyalos si comparten tus valores (el alcalde de Omaha, John Ewing, por ejemplo, ha mostrado apoyo claro a la comunidad inmigrante desde el principio). Si tienes un candidato para la Legislatura de Nebraska, apóyalo con tu tiempo, tu esfuerzo, tu dinero, y claro, con tu voto. Apoya a organizaciones de base que luchan por los derechos civiles y ayudan a familias afectadas por redadas y recortes presupuestales. Dona a tu despensa local de alimentos. Muchas familias lo necesitarán más que nunca cuando entren en vigor los recortes. Y lo más importante: ¡VOTA!

Finalmente, quiero agradecer a los innumerables voluntarios que han defendido a nuestras comunidades más vulnerables en todo el estado. Ya sea dando testimonio en la Legislatura o organizando protestas locales, esos pequeños actos son los que darán frutos. Mi oficina siempre está abierta para dialogar sobre los temas que afectan a los nebraskenses del día a día.

Lucha con nosotros aquí:  
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more agents will be hired), and \$45 billion will go to building and maintaining detention centers. Their whole point is cruelty towards our immigrant brothers and sisters. As an immigrant myself, I see and feel these direct attacks on millions who help keep this country moving forward.

So, what can we do at this point? Here are a few things. Contact your Congressperson and US Senator. Let them know you are concerned about the impact of H.R.1. Attend local town hall meetings, Democratic County Party meetings, rallies, and protests. If you have local candidates running for office, ask them relevant questions and support them if they align with your values (Omaha Mayor Cont. on pg. 5



# KNOW YOUR RIGHTS

**Democrats are fierce defenders of your rights to vote, to choose, and to live freely and with dignity. Our government must protect these freedoms for everyone, not just the billionaires and special interest groups. This is your guide to knowing and defending your rights because the good life belongs to all Nebraskans.**

## Immigration Rights

- Everyone in this country has rights under the US Constitution, regardless of what the current administration would like people to believe.
- You have the right to remain silent- Inform agents that you are exercising that right, then STOP TALKING.
- Remain calm and do not run away- Running away is probable cause to arrest you.
- You have the right to speak with a lawyer if you are placed in ICE custody and do not sign anything without speaking to an attorney first.

### Resources

Immigrant Legal Resource Center  
[ilrc.org/community-resources/know-your-rights](http://ilrc.org/community-resources/know-your-rights)  
 Heartland Workers Center  
[heartlandworkerscenter.org](http://heartlandworkerscenter.org)  
 Center for Legal Immigration Assistance  
[www.clianeb.org/about](http://www.clianeb.org/about)



## Know your Voting Rights

### Voter ID

- You **MUST** have a Nebraska ID (or a US passport) to vote in Nebraska
  - If you work for the state, county, city, or a public school, your staff ID can be used for voting
- ID must have your **NAME AND PHOTO**
- It **CAN** be expired
- It does not need to have an address

### If you have been convicted of a felony

- You regain your right to vote after serving your sentence
- You must submit a new voter registration application to your county election office after you have served your sentence
- You **CANNOT** vote if you are incarcerated, on parole, or on probation



Find more information at  
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## Your Reproductive Rights

- Abortions are still legal and safe in Nebraska. Doctors across the state are taking care of women's reproductive rights despite Republicans trying to control our bodies and decisions.
- Contraception is still legal and available to Nebraskans.

### Organizations that can help:

I Be Black Girl  
 Planned Parenthood  
 ACLU of Nebraska  
 Nebraska Abortion Resources Fund



## Your Rights as a Protester

- You have the right to protest peacefully in public spaces (streets, sidewalks, parks).
- Speech cannot be restricted based on content.
- Permits are usually not required for sidewalk protests if you don't block traffic.
- Permits may be needed for large events, street blockages, or amplified sound.
- You cannot protest on private property without permission.
- Police cannot confiscate or delete your photos or videos without a warrant.
- If stopped, ask "Am I free to leave?" If yes, walk away calmly.
- You have the right to remain silent and to ask for a lawyer.
- You do not have to consent to a search.
- Stay calm, keep hands visible, and don't resist arrest.
- Document violations: take note of badge numbers, take photos, get witness info.

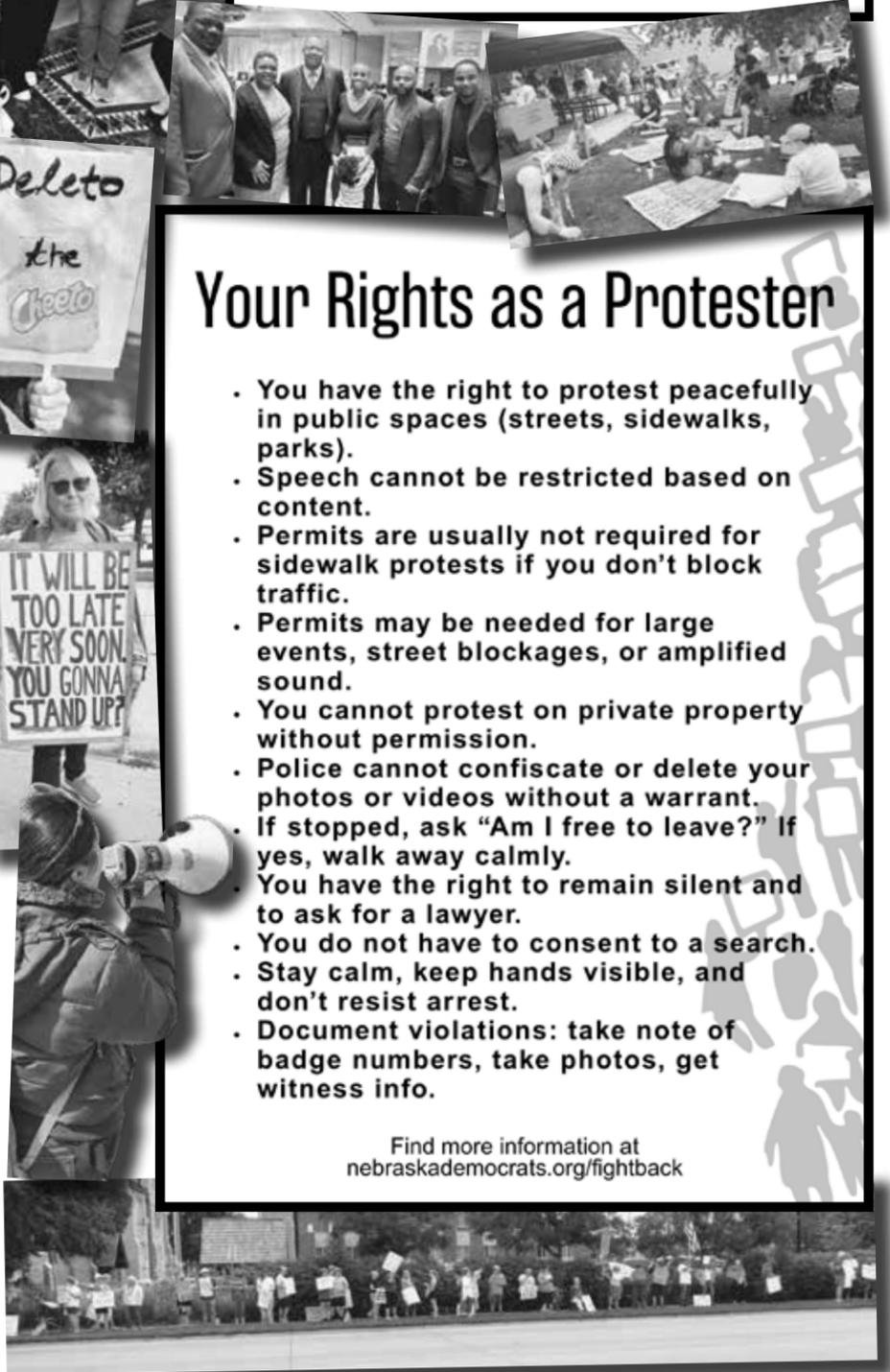
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John Ewing is a great example of being on record for supporting the immigrant community early on). If you have a candidate for the Nebraska Legislature, support them as much as you can with your wallet, sweat, and eventual vote. Support frontline organizations that defend civil rights and support families impacted by ICE raids and budget cuts. Give to your local food pantry. As we head towards 2026, more families will rely on them when the impact of budget cuts hits thousands of Nebraskans. And of course, VOTE!

Finally, I want to thank all the countless volunteers who have protected our most vulnerable throughout our state. Whether it's providing testimony at the Legislature or organizing a local protest, it's these small acts that will bear fruit. My office is always open to discussions on issues that impact everyday Nebraskans.

To fight back at:  
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# SUPPORT OUR FEDERAL CANDIDATES.

## Over 500 Candidates will be on the ballot in 2026



**Eric Moyer**  
District 1  
ericmoyerforcongress.com



**Kishla Askins**  
District 2  
kishlaforcongress.com



**John Cavanaugh**  
District 2  
johncavanaugh.org



**Denise Powell**  
District 2  
deniseforcongress.org



**Crystal Rhoades**  
District 2  
crystal4congress.com



**Becky Stille**  
District 3  
beckystille2026.com

# SUPPORT OUR LOCAL CANDIDATES



**Jayden Speed**  
LD 2 - Cass Co./Lincoln  
speedfornebraska.com



**Erin Feichtinger**  
LD 8 - Omaha  
erinfornebraska.com



**Josh Livingston**  
LD 8 - Omaha  
livingstonfornebraska.com



**John Fredrickson**  
LD 20 - Omaha  
johnfornebraska.com



**George Dungan**  
LD 26 - Lincoln  
georgefornebraska.com



**Patty Pansing Brooks**  
LD 28 - Lincoln  
pattyfornebraska.com



**Danielle Conrad**  
LD 46 - Lincoln  
conradforlegislature.net

## These seats will be up for election in 2026

Run for Office legislature

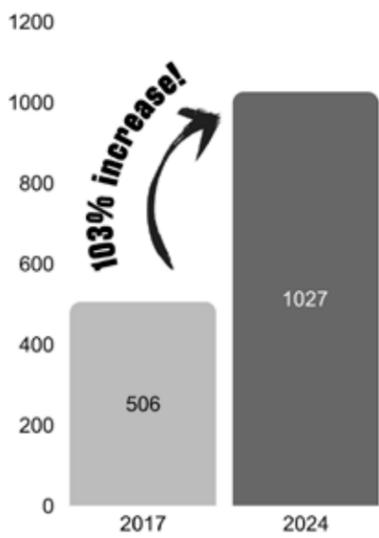
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These seats will be up for election in 2026

mid-plains community college  
upper elkhorn nrd  
lower niobrara nrd  
south central public power district  
stanton county public power district  
county attorney public defender  
board of regents of the university of nebraska  
county treasurer county sheriff  
cedar-rapids public power district  
middle niobrara nrd  
upper republican nrd  
esu #8  
lower loup nrd  
northwest rural ppd  
northeast nebraska ppd  
metropolitan utility district of omaha  
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lower platte south nrd  
esu #13  
u.s. house of representatives  
southern ppd  
nebraska ppd  
middle republican nrd  
north platte nrd  
state board of education  
tri-basin nrd  
twin platte nrd  
city council  
twin platte north nrd  
lower platte north nrd  
lower republican nrd  
lower big blue nrd  
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united states senate  
nemaha nrd  
upper big blue nrd  
south platte nrd  
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esu #3  
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## Elected Democrats Across Nebraska Growing the Party - Growing Nebraska



### Democrats Win Big Cont. from pg 1

that a divided Nebraska, governed by one party, fails to address our needs.

In Nebraska, Republican control of all of the federal offices has been accentuated by the fact that we had 12 years of a Republican mayor of our largest and most diverse city. The election of Mayor Ewing has broader implications than just his race, his party, and, to some degree, his policies. Nebraskans need to realize that there is a dire need for us to put aside all things that have divided us in the past. We need to focus collectively and fight for things that make sense for both our urban and rural communities.

Now, from our largest city, there is new leadership. Leadership that knows what's right and what's wrong and will focus on accomplishing needed solutions. John Ewing is the new leader, replacing

By: Ryan Griffin  
Vice Chair of County Parties

Social media is one of the most powerful organizing tools for Democrats. By utilizing social media, we can reach out to a diverse range of demographics. County parties from all across our state are doing amazing things – from county fairs to parades to town halls — and social media takes their work far beyond their county lines.

When using social media, ensure that we are spreading our message instead of the Republican Party's. They have enough money to do that on their own! To ensure we are only communicating the ideas we wish to convey, these are three simple rules to follow:

### Three Rules for Social Media

- Share and engage with Democratic party and candidate social media
- Don't share posts from Republican officials or organizations.
- If you want to show their message for accountability, screenshot their post and make an original post of your own, commenting on said post

Social media platforms are designed to show you more of the content you engage with. As a result, the more views and shares a post gets, the more the post is amplified by social media algorithms. People often ask, "Why does the GOP message get out so far?" To prevent the promotion of Republican ideological messaging, steer clear of sharing their content.

Take action today! One way you can do this is by following Democratic politicians and organizations. Share their content to help our message gain broader visibility. Let's flood social media with pro-democratic content and show voters that our policies put them first!

Omaha's former leadership void. He will significantly impact the entire state's leadership perspective, which has been shaped by one party's rule and Republican complicity from Omaha. We have reached the point where the party is not the issue; it's bad policy and bad leadership. Mayor Ewing has assumed a leadership role that extends beyond Omaha's boundaries and demonstrates that building bridges is a positive endeavor.

Mayor John Ewing has arrived with the right tools, at the right time, for Nebraska. All of Nebraska should celebrate his victory. Democrats and independents need to recognize that one-party rule has been broken, and it's time to fill the voids across the state, ride the coattails of their success, and celebrate Mayor John Ewing. Now, let's seize the moment.

## Mayor Leirion is Moving Lincoln Forward

- Constructing Affordable Housing
- Prioritizing Mental Health
- Protecting the Climate
- Investing in Infrastructure
- Supporting the Arts
- Growing our Local Economy
- Building Safer Streets and Safer Communities



**Register to Vote**  
Visit [IWillVote.com](http://IWillVote.com) or Scan the QR code



### Thank you to our 2025 interns!

Your work was invaluable! We are so proud of you! Have a great school year! (to the left clockwise)

Jonah Reynolds, Claire Sallee, Valeria Ramirez, Jack Glitter, and pictured to the right, Cale Johnson



# YOUR COMMUNITY NEEDS YOU - RUN FOR LOCAL OFFICE

By: Luke Peterson  
Lower Platte South NRD, Director

Running for office is daunting. I often hear, "Am I capable?" or "Is it even worth my time?" when I ask someone to consider a run. Those doubts are normal. The harder question is where to begin.

My own interest started young. As a kid, I met Governor Ben Nelson. In middle school, I wrote letters to Senator Ernie Chambers after learning about his filibusters. In high school, I followed legislative budgets and watched the Governor's Office closely. By college, I had applied three times before finally becoming a legislative page. That experience showed me that a political career can start at the local level.

Too often, people aim for "big" offices with titles and spotlights. If you care about shaping your community, the greatest impact comes from local offices. In Nebraska, a "local control" state, city councils, school boards, and natural resources districts make decisions that affect daily life more than most realize.

I considered all three. The Lincoln City Council does important work, but the competitiveness of those races and frequent changes to my precinct made it a tough fit. I thought about the school board, inspired by my grandmother, a sixth-grade teacher, and my friend Barb Baier, who showed me how vital school boards are for everything from workforce development to social justice. I

respect school board members because their work is essential, yet often thankless. Still, as a single, childless cat parent, I did not think I was the right messenger.

That left the Natural Resources District. NRD members are often seen as "gatekeepers of groundwater," but the NRD does far more. Created more than 50 years ago when the Legislature handed local control of water, land, and wildlife to districts, the NRD plays a critical role in conservation and resource management.

In 2016, I considered running when I saw an open seat, but the incumbent endorsed another candidate. A year later, another incumbent announced retirement and encouraged me to attend

meetings. I did. In 2018, I ran and won.

Serving on the Lower Platte South NRD has been deeply rewarding. It is a low-profile office, but it is where I can make a real difference without the noise of partisan politics or term limits erasing institutional knowledge. I plan to run again in 2026 because I believe in what we do and how much it matters to Lincoln and the surrounding communities.

If you are thinking about running for office, do not overlook the local level. Whether it is a school board, city council, or the NRD, these roles shape our communities in profound ways. You do not need a spotlight to make a difference. You just need to start somewhere.

# YOUNG DEMS IN PHILLY

By: Chloe Fowler  
NYD Vice President

We had a blast at the Young Democrats of America national convention in Philadelphia this summer!

A huge thank you goes out to Pennsylvania Young Democrats for hosting us and orchestrating an action-packed week of training, panels, and fantastic guest speakers. We are thrilled to have elected Fatima Heyward as our new YDA National President and James Wells as our incoming Midwest VP!

We can't forget to share the obvious: our Delegation Chair and National Committee Representative, Hannah Wroblewski, former State President and current State Senator Dunixi Guereca, and former State President and now re-elected national treasurer Sam Jane led a panel discussion on the Blue Dot!

Senator Guereca was also nominated and appointed as an Honorary Young Dem for Life! This rare appointment grants full non-voting privileges at any YDA National Conference. He joins individuals like James Clyburn, Ken Martin, and NDP State Party Chair and ASDC President Jane

Kleeb on this list!

Our Vice President, Chloe Fowler, was appointed to serve as Secretary on the Credentials Committee and helped charter two new state chapters and a caucus. Jacob Carmichael represented us on the Platforms Committee and ushered us through long, and often late-night meetings to bring a killer platform for us the next two years.

Not to mention, we got to meet former Congressman Beto O'Rourke and DNC Vice Chair Malcolm Kenyatta!

We've got a fun phone bank and special town halls coming up that you won't wanna miss!



## Nebraska Roll Call Speech

2025 YDA National Convention

By: Hannah Wroblewski, NYD Delegation Chair

Nebraska is the home of Arbor Day, Kool-Aid, Runzas, and Carhenge—yes, that's Stonehenge made out of cars. You're welcome.

We're the only state with a unicameral, nonpartisan legislature—and yet we keep electing progressive champions like YDA alum Senator Dunixi Guereca.

Don't sleep on Nebraska. Sure, we have more cows than people—but we're also flipping the script in America's heartland.

In NE-02, we didn't just hold the line—we delivered. Nebraska was the only battleground district in the country to go blue for Kamala Harris and Nebraskan Tim Walz.

This Spring, in Lincoln, Democrats pulled off a full clean sweep—despite Republicans outnumbering us in the city. We won the school board, city council, airport authority, every race.

Then in Omaha, we defeated a 12-year incumbent Republican mayor—and elected John Ewing, Nebraska's first elected Black mayor since Reconstruction, along with a majority progressive city council.



## GET INVOLVED

This is Henry Cline, President of the Nebraska Young Democrats. Our chapters around the state offer a welcoming environment for young Democrats (up to age 36) to network, share ideas, and collaborate on initiatives that matter to us all. Whether you're interested in policy discussions, grassroots organizing, or simply connecting with like-minded individuals, there's a place for you at our table. In the last year we went from 3 to 18 chapters! Find one near you at

[neyoungdems.org/chapters](http://neyoungdems.org/chapters)

If there isn't a chapter near you, consider starting one! All it takes is you and a group of friends to create a welcoming environment for young Dems in your community.

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- Lancaster County Clerk Matt Hansen,
- Airport Authority Board Member Nicki Behmer Popp!

## ENVISIONING A BETTER FUTURE FOR ALL: WHY I'M A YOUNG DEMOCRAT

By: *Jonah Reynolds*  
NDP Intern

I was raised in a household where our values shaped our politics, not the other way around. My father, the son of an Irish immigrant and a university professor, and my mother, the daughter of an attorney and a nurse practitioner, passed along a strong belief in education, service, and fighting for the solutions to problems you see. Political conversations in our house were grounded in science, lived experience, and a sense of duty to others. Our values, rooted in both personal history and public service, led me to the Democratic Party.

Science has always been more than just a subject—it's a worldview. With a theoretical physicist for a father and a biologist for a mother, I learned early on that evidence matters. Scientists are not fueled by ideology; they continually drive towards collaborative discovery, facing fierce peer reviews and stringent methodology requirements along the way. This is why it's been heartbreaking to watch as politicians continue to ignore or deny the proven reality of a world with increasingly acidic oceans, rising sea levels, and increasingly extreme climatic events. Climate change is not a distant threat; it's already here. And while others

stall or retreat, Democrats have been the party that has pushed for urgent, science-based solutions to protect our planet and future generations.

I also believe in people and giving them the tools to succeed. My father teaches at a local community college where many

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of his students navigate school while working long hours, raising children, or becoming the first in their families to attend college. Through him, I've heard countless stories of perseverance—students who once held extensive doubt in their capabilities going on to attend top universities or take on elusive and innovative careers. Those stories aren't just anecdotes; they prove that investing in others transforms lives. That belief in humanity—no matter where someone comes from or starts from—is a key stance and value of the Democratic Party.

My educational path also reflects the necessity of strong public institutions. I attended Title I middle and high schools in Lincoln, both of which benefited from the Every Student Succeeds Act and other Democrat-supported

educational policies. My success in school wasn't solely in the hands of teachers or my textbooks—it was made possible by public investment and policy decisions made by leaders who prioritized access and equity. That support opened doors I didn't even know existed. One example of this was the opportunity for me to graduate

from the rigorous International Baccalaureate program, offered by Lincoln High School, without paying a dime. The doors that opened for me throughout my youth have been overwhelmingly propped open by democratic policies, both locally and federally.

Just as my educational opportunities helped frame my thinking, so did my community. Lincoln has long been a welcoming place for refugees, thanks in part to local and federal Democratic policies. I grew up surrounded by classmates and neighbors from all corners of the world—Yazidi, South Sudanese, Karen, Vietnamese, Afghan, Ukrainian, Syrian, and Iraqi families, among many others. These friendships didn't just teach me about different cultures; they taught me empathy. They ingrained the understanding that behind every resettlement statistic is a family seeking safety, dignity, and hope. Nebraska now ranks as the country's top state in

refugee resettlement per capita, and that's not an accident. This characteristic of Nebraska is a result of Democratic leadership that has seen inclusion as a strength and is a reason I am proud to call Nebraska home.

One of my earliest memories of political involvement was of standing alongside my grandmother at a pro-choice protest. She's long been a vocal advocate for abortion access nationwide, fighting back against encroachments on the right she saw put into law over 50 years ago. Even as a child, I understood the basic principle: people should have the freedom to make decisions about their bodies. Like most kids, I didn't like being told what to do, which made the freedom of choice intuitive to me. Over the years, I've listened to numerous stories from individuals whose lives were changed by having the freedom to choose. I've grown to understand how vital that right is—not just as an ideology, but in practice.

For me, being a Democrat isn't just political. It's about holding compassion, community, and courage in my heart. It's about believing that the government can and should be a force for positive change—whether in a classroom, a courtroom, or a resettlement center. I'm a Democrat because I believe in facts over fear, optimism over contempt, and most of all, people. I am proud to fight for a Lincoln, a Nebraska, and a country that works for everyone with no exceptions.



## REPUBLICAN POLICIES ARE HURTING NEBRASKA

By: *Gavin McCalmont*

Republicans claim to be the party of small government and the working people. Ever since Trump became their preeminent leader, the Republican Party has become a party in pursuit of absolute power. Republicans have become more radical in their crusade to "Make America Great Again." Their pursuit of a great and powerful country has come at a terrible price to the people who voted and supported them, including 59.3% of Nebraskans.

I live in the small town of McCook to enjoy a more affordable cost of living, support my mother in paying off the house we own together, and help her retire comfortably. The town of McCook, which voted overwhelmingly in favor of Trump, will likely feel the effects of harmful Republican policies sooner rather than later.

Recently, the Curtis hospital announced it would be closing due to budget cuts expected from Trump's "Big Beautiful Bill".

This rural hospital, affiliated with McCook Community Hospital, provides access to life-saving care for thousands of rural residents in Southwestern Nebraska.

McCook's water comes from an alluvial aquifer from the Republican River that is pumped from nine wells. The town's outdated lead pipes risk poisoning all residents who depend on this water, requiring many, including my own family, to install a reverse osmosis filtration system. Within the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) passed

THESE FEDERAL BUDGET CUTS WILL THREATEN THE LIVELIHOODS OF OUR FELLOW NEBRASKANS.

under the Biden administration, additional funds were allocated to replace all lead service pipes. Unfortunately, funding for this initiative has been paused under the current Republican-controlled Senate, perpetuating these health risks in McCook and the countless other places that rely on outdated infrastructure.

Additionally, Nebraska, and

particularly its rural schools, are dependent upon federal funding for their improvement. This will strip funding from public schools, which are fundamental to the education and development of young Americans. These cuts will lead to the degradation of local McCook schools, where we educate the next generation of McCook residents. Some of these same cuts will also defund food supplies, depriving low-income citizens of necessities. These federal budget cuts will threaten the livelihoods of our fellow Nebraskans.

Republican lawmakers have long leaned into the negative aspects of cannabis and hemp, choosing to oversimplify the topic and ignore the economic and social potential they have for the state of Nebraska. Hemp is an incredibly versatile crop that can be utilized as a construction material for textiles and ropes, as well as oil for painting and cooking. Hemp seeds are a rich source of

protein for humans and animals. Despite the agricultural potential that hemp has, it is subject to strict regulations made by politicians who oppose cannabis. Medicinal Cannabis was approved by the voters in 2024. The medical use of cannabis, based upon comprehensive studies, can provide life-changing pain relief for a variety of physical and mental conditions that will help many patients including members of my own family. This hyperregulation strips opportunity and relief from Nebraskans and further illustrates that our voices are not being heard.

Now that Trump and Republicans are back in power nationally, we are seeing more policies that deprive citizens of their rights, harm the American economy, and violate the US Constitution. Nebraskans will not be spared from the abuses that are to come under this administration. We must come together to protect the land of the free by fighting against these policies.

## State Senators Delivered for Nebraskans Across the State - Legislative Recap

### Our State Senators were busy this session making Nebraska a better place for all.

#### Victor Rountree

LD 3 - Sarpy County

I was truly honored to work with my colleagues in defending and passing legislation that bettered the daily lives of Nebraskans.

My priority bill, which would have removed SNAP ineligibility for convicted drug felons, was passed by the legislature but subsequently vetoed by the governor. Successful legislation included enhanced veterans hiring preference, elimination of vehicle registration tax for disabled veterans, advanced school registration for children and families with IEPs and Family 504 Plans, and additional restraining order protections for incidents of domestic violence.



#### Margo Juarez

LD 5 - Sarpy County

"I am really proud of my bill supporting the prison population. Independent testing will now be allowed for potential drug contraband. In addition, I am pleased firefighters have another option for retirement distribution."



#### Machaela Cavanaugh

LD 6 - Omaha

Sen. Cavanaugh, fought hard to protect the most vulnerable. Even when facing constant opposition, she made sure those voices were heard.



#### Dunixi Guereca

LD 7 - Omaha

As a freshman senator, I'm proud of the commonsense legislation I was able to pass — including securing funding for the Special Olympics so they can continue empowering our neighbors with developmental disabilities, ensuring courts consider the impact of sexual assault and domestic violence during sentencing, and honoring our heroes by making veterans and military families a protected class.



#### Megan Hunt (NP)

LD 8 - Omaha

Sen. Hunt continues to fight for Nebraskans of all ages, abilities, genders, and income levels. She has spent countless hours defending the marginalized.



#### John Cavanaugh

LD 9 - Omaha

I am proud of the work we did on clean energy, and to make sure the voices of the people were heard, particularly the series of town halls on medical cannabis. I think it is more important than ever, when the Legislature is not listening to the people, that the people show up and make their voices heard.



#### Wendy DeBoer

LD 10 - Omaha

I passed several bills this year, including LB 277 (in LB 311) which is a bill to reduce anti-competition red tape in the transportation industry. I continued our work on the child care subsidy and are optimistic we can pass the bill next year. I also passed LB453 to make guardianships safer and LB362 which modernized our 911 statutes.



#### Terrell McKinney

LD 11 - Omaha

I am proud to have passed LB48, which creates a Family Resource and Juvenile Assessment Center Pilot Program. This initiative provides families and youth with parenting support, mental health support, counseling, and a multitude of other resources to facilitate better outcomes for those identified as being at risk of entering the juvenile justice system. By addressing these worries early, we can prevent deeper involvement in the justice system. It's a smart, compassionate step forward for Nebraska kids.



#### Ashlei Spivey

LD 13 - Omaha

"Being elected to represent the well-being, voices and experiences of communities that are typically pushed to the margins. I am so proud to represent District 13 and the great state of Nebraska. This is an important and vital role and I will continue to fight like hell."



#### John Fredrickson

LD 20 - Omaha

I am most proud of passing my priority bill, which protects access to Nebraska's behavioral health services — both mental health and substance use services by improving safeguards for mental and behavioral health care providers so they can continue accepting Medicaid patients.



#### George Dungan

LD 26 - Lincoln

This session I passed several bills that positively impact Nebraskans! A few of the bills I'm most proud of are LB414, which creates a suicide review team to track veteran deaths, LB22 to keep postpartum mothers and babies healthy, and LB560 to establish new creative districts.



#### Jason Prokop

LD 27 - Lincoln

One of the standout accomplishments for me was the passage of LB173, which I introduced to support dual enrollment opportunities for high school students. This bill allows students to get a jump start on earning their degrees, strengthen partnerships with community colleges, increase access to affordable education, and help meet Nebraska employers' workforce needs. It's a tangible step toward preparing the next generation for success.



#### Jane Raybould

LD 28 - Lincoln

This session, among other projects, we defined what visiting nurses are and the programs they provide, with funding. I'm passionate about clean, safe drinking water. I'm hoping with renewed emphasis, we'll find ways to redirect additional resources to that issue.



#### Eliot Bostar

LD 29 - Lincoln

I am proud that with your support, we were able to pass several bills which will have a meaningful and positive impact on our state and its residents. We improved access and affordability of health care by capping the price of EpiPens, reforming how prior authorizations are determined when seeking care and enhancing access to prescription medication. We increased the resources being put into our child care and affordable housing programs without increasing costs to taxpayers. We established laws protecting our seniors from being scammed. We expanded access to higher education by ensuring that more working families would be able to access our state's universities and colleges by lowering the costs for many Nebraska residents.



#### Dan Quick

LD 35 - Grand Island

I am proud of the work my staff and I put in to pass several good pieces of legislation. LB192, which removes the income level sunset date for SNAP benefits, was the legislation that I felt was the most important and proud to pass. I'm also proud of the fact that I am able to work with anyone, no matter our differences.



#### Danielle Conrad

LD 46 - Lincoln

I was proud to fight to uphold the will of the voters and fight for working families- battling back against efforts to undercut minimum wage increases, earned sick leave, and to ensure swift and robust access to medical cannabis. I am proud to have worked to introduce a tax break on tips and overtime, to have protected voting rights, to expand access to higher education for first responders children who lost a parent in the line of duty, to restore checks and balances through legislative oversight to our states most troubled agencies at Corrections and HHS, and to have worked in a bipartisan manner to cut red tape and regulatory burdens for families and small businesses.



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### Serve as a Block Captain

To combat one-party rule, the Nebraska Democratic Party launched the Block Captain Program, the largest year-round grassroots voter engagement program in the state. Block Captains are neighbors, friends and community members responsible for engaging members of their community and getting them out to vote! The year-round conversations on porches, across fences and in communities are key to helping Democrats win statewide, one voter at a time.

### Run for Office

Hundreds of seats are up this year – from the U.S. Senate to public power boards. The NDP trains candidates all year long and provides access to critical tools like the Voter File, texting, Vote By Mail and more.

### Get Trained

The Nebraska Democratic Party will host training sessions to help candidates and campaign staff learn more about best practices, tools, vendors and services for their campaigns.

### Work for a Candidate

Candidates need campaign managers, social media experts, field directors and more to run effective races. We are hiring paid canvassers; please check out our

website for current opportunities.



### Welcome to the Party Calls

Every month, staff, candidates, officers and elected officials host an online meeting where we go into details on how you can be involved with the party as well as hot topics like legislative bills. Sign up to get reminders of when the calls are so you can get all your questions answered and keep giving us feedback on things we can do better. You never know what elected officials or party leaders will join!



### Volunteer

Volunteers are the backbone of the party and campaigns. We need people to host yard-sign drive-thru events, send postcards to voters, knock on doors, phone bank, text bank and much much more. Let us know if we can count on you to volunteer. Sign up today: [mobilize.us/nebdems](http://mobilize.us/nebdems).



### Join Your County Party

Get more information about your County Party on our NDP website.

### Yard Signs

As the election season heats up, we will have yard signs in our offices, stop by and pick one up, or fill out our form and we will work to get a sign to you. If you have space for a large sign for commercial spaces or on Barns, there is a spot in that form to request a large sign.

*"Speak up, speak out, get in the way. Get in good trouble, necessary trouble, and help redeem the soul of America."*

- Congressman John Lewis

### Join a Caucus or Council

In addition to our State Central Committee and County Parties, we have Caucuses and Councils you can join to meet like-minded Democrats and participate in parades, canvassing and more.

#### Agricultural and Rural

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## STEPS TO BUILD A BETTER NEBRASKA

- Register to Vote as a Democrat: [IWillVote.com](https://www.IWillVote.com)
- Vote in the Primary on May 12, and General on Nov. 3, 2026
  - Bank Your Vote Early—Vote by Mail
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# #NEBDEMS PASSPORT ACTIONS

As kids we all loved getting stickers for doing good work. Adults love stickers too 😊 Participate in democracy and build our party while being rewarded for doing good.

## BE A BLOCK CAPTAIN

Block Captains get a list of like-minded neighbors (Dem and Indy) and are asked to contact them 3 times per year (we provide training and materials). It is a fantastic community-building program that encourages civic engagement all year. Stronger communities make a stronger Nebraska.

- Complete Block Captain voter contact tasks in 2025/2026.
- Fall 2025- Dems Deliver Newspaper.
- Spring 2026 - Primary Reminder and Vote By Mail.
- Summer 2026 - Issues Survey.
- (Fall 2026 - Dems Deliver Newspaper).



## BE THE SECOND HOUSE

The legislature is back in session in January, get ready for extreme bills from the Republicans!

- Contact your senator by phone.
- Contact your senator by email or letter.
- Testify at a hearing.
- Email a committee.



## BE AN ADVOCATE

Your voice means so much to Nebraskans that are seeing their rights stripped away. Especially if an issue doesn't impact you directly, being an ally and having your voice amplifying those that are impacted makes a huge difference.

- Attend a rally.
- Attend a town hall.
- Attend a community meeting.
- Attend a board meeting (e.g. school, city council, county commission, public power, etc.).



## BE A VOTING CHEERLEADER

Research shows us that when neighbors talk to neighbors about issues important to them, people are more likely to vote.

- Encourage someone to register to vote.
  - ★ [IWillVote.com](https://www.IWillVote.com) is an easy website to remember that you can tell people to use!
- Explain the new voter ID rules or how to vote by mail to someone.
- Help a friend get an ID so they can vote.
  - ★ With the new Voter ID laws, it's important to ensure people know they need an ID to vote now. Some people may need childcare so they can visit the DMV, they may need a ride, or help to understand what paperwork they need or how to submit that paperwork.
- Volunteer to be a poll worker.
  - ★ Did you know that County Chairs are tasked with sending a list of poll workers for their party to the county clerk each year in February? Make sure your county chair knows you are interested in being a poll worker!

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## BE A PARTY BUILDER

The Nebraska Democratic Party is the only statewide organization that builds the grassroots infrastructure year-round and turns out Democrats and Independents to vote for Democrats.

- Attend a County Party meeting.
- Join a Caucus or Council.
- Become a State Central Committee member.
- Attend your County Convention in 2026.
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- Put up a candidate yard sign.
- Volunteer for a candidate— you can knock doors, phone bank, text bank or write postcards.
- Become a monthly donor to the party which helps us organize year-round, recruit candidates and turnout voters.



## BE A DEMOCRATIC VOICE



- Write a Letter to the Editor.
  - ★ A short LTE can help people understand current events and is a great way to let others know they are not alone in rural communities.
- Call into a Talk Radio show
  - ★ Did you know the governor has an occasional radio show?!
- Talk about why you are a Democrat on social media (hello you TikTok cool kids).
- Wear a Democratic Party t-shirt, tote bag or hat everywhere you go, visit our online store.

**Please note**, only the #NebDems Passport actions are eligible for rewards. When you complete your actions, send this form to NDP, 3701 O St, Lincoln NE 68510, or email a picture to [passport@nebraskademocrats.org](mailto:passport@nebraskademocrats.org).

We will then be in touch to give you a code for the #NebDems store if you are eligible for one of those items. Actions must be completed between August 1 2025, and August 31 2026.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

## COMPLETE 8 TASKS

Proud Democrat Sticker

## COMPLETE 12 TASKS

Tote Bag or Hat

(your choice from our #NebDems store)

## COMPLETE 16 TASKS

Democratic t-shirt

(your choice from our #NebDems store)

## COMPLETE 24 OR MORE TASKS

Get all of the other perks listed AND a ticket to the Salute to State Senators or a discounted ticket to the Ben Nelson Dinner.



See our website with all the links and details to take action.

