The Nebraska Democratic Party is growing the good life for all Nebraskans, not just a few at the top. Under the state officers leadership—Chair Jane Kleeb, First Associate Chair Frank LaMere, Second Associate Chair Tom Tilden, DNC Members Patty Zieg and Ron Kaminski—the Nebraska Democratic Party is witnessing tremendous growth.

Over 600 Democrats are running for office across the state. 60% of the top of ticket candidates are women. The candidates are the most diverse Democrats we have ever seen, with veterans, nonprofit leaders, teachers, farmers, union members and business owners running statewide.

**Building the Party, Winning Elections**

- Increased monthly donors from 40 in 2016 to almost 300 in 2018.
- Went from 40 County Chairs to 70 County Chairs.
- Trained over 1,000 grassroots Democrats and candidates with our Blue Bench Project.
- In 2017, we flipped the Lincoln City Council and held our majority on the Omaha City Council.
- Our innovative Block Captain project won a DNC Grant to expand across the state with a focus on rural voters. We have 250 volunteer Block Captains with a goal of 500 recruited and trained by the end of the Summer.

**The Resistance Summer project** in 2017 had over 15,000 contacts with Democrats answering the call we heard from the grassroots telling us to talk to them year round, not just during election months.
Started a Coordinated Campaign for first time in over a decade opening up offices across the state and organizing a joint Vote By Mail and GOTV plan to win elections for all Democrats on the ballot.

**Hired diverse staff** to focus on communities ignored for too long including a first-ever Constituency Director with an office in North Omaha that we are committed to keeping there for the long haul not just during the election cycle.

**Results of the 2018 Primary Election show the Blue Wave** is here and the NDP is ready to keep building the party to make sure we turn out voters for Democrats:

- **73% increase in Democratic VBM** ballot requests over the 2014 Midterm Election.
- **Statewide Democratic turnout** increased by 18% from 2014, while GOP turnout dropped 25%.
- **Non-Partisans requesting Democratic ballots** increased 320.8% in just one county showing the extensive outreach the NDP did to Independent voters worked.
- **Legislative Districts**, in which NDP mailed Vote By Mail applications, resulted in increasing voter turnout by 16.3%.

The NDP used technology to turnout the Primary vote with over 20,000 texts and phone calls from NDP volunteers in the last three days of GOTV for all Democratic candidates on the ballot.

“I received many text messages on Primary day. This is the MOST effective tool I have ever seen. I felt engaged and appreciated. Please expand this tool and keep it up!!”

—Democratic Voter

**Three of Gov. Ricketts top right-wing recruits** lost their Primary races for legislature. Ricketts spent more than $75,000 in these three races.

17 Democratic candidates made it through the Primary—a record number of Unicameral candidates for our Party.

#BLUEWAVE2018