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# DEMOCRATS DELIVER FOR ALL NEBRASKANS

General Election

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



## BIDENOMICS



1. HAY SPRINGS PUBLIC SCHOOLS IN SHERIDAN COUNTY \$300,000 for school bus improvements

2. CHERRY COUNTY \$6,821,590 for highways

3. NORTH-CENTRAL NEBRASKA Reducing wildfire risk in North-Central Nebraska - \$182,866

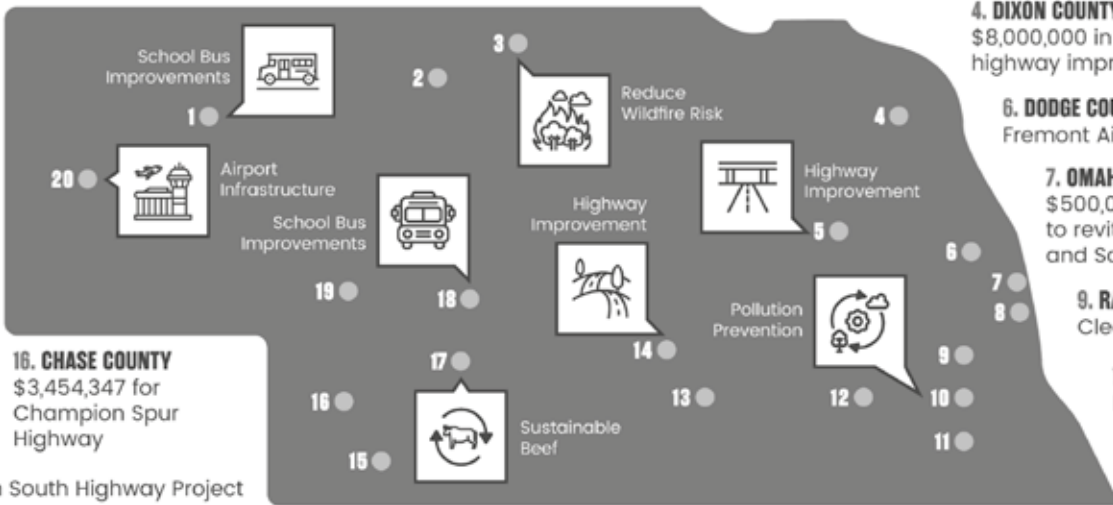
20. SCOTTS BLUFF COUNTY \$2,000,000 for airport infrastructure

19. KEITH COUNTY \$9,311,394 Brule - Ogallala Highway

18. HERSHEY PUBLIC SCHOOLS IN LINCOLN COUNTY \$395,000 for school bus improvements

17. NORTH PLATTE Sustainable Beef - \$20 million

15. HITCHCOCK COUNTY \$6,455,803 for Culbertson South Highway Project



16. CHASE COUNTY \$3,454,347 for Champion Spur Highway

14. BUFFALO COUNTY \$10,000,000 for highway improvements and \$3,000,000 for the Kearney Airport

13. ADAMS COUNTY \$15,854,900 for Hastings groundwater contamination cleanup and \$4,694,814 for highway improvements U.S. 6 & U.S. 34, Hastings

4. DIXON COUNTY \$8,000,000 in highway improvements

5. PLATTE COUNTY Highway Improvement and Performance - \$2,456,029 total

6. DODGE COUNTY Fremont Airport Infrastructure Grants - \$304,000 total

7. OMAHA \$500,000,000 to revitalize North and South Omaha

8. BELLEVUE Bridge Investment Program - \$440,000

9. RAYMOND CENTRAL PUBLIC SCHOOL Clean School Bus Program - \$395,000

10. UNL (LANCASTER COUNTY) Pollution Prevention Grants - \$320,000

11. GAGE COUNTY Clean School Bus Program - \$395,000

12. SALINE COUNTY \$2,126,987 Crete Northwest Highway Project and \$300,000 for Crete Airport Improvements

**BROADBAND** \$400,000,000 to connect Nebraskans with high speed internet.

**INTERNET ACCESS** 64,000 households in Nebraska are enrolled in the Affordable Connectivity Program, Check eligibility, sign up, and find fully covered internet plans at [GetInternet.gov](https://www.getinternet.gov).

**ROADS AND BRIDGES** \$773.9 million in highway funding. \$90 million in dedicated funding for bridges.

**CLEAN WATER** \$75 million dedicated federal funding to replace lead service lines and address dangerous PFAS chemicals.

**TELEHEALTH** \$5,750,000 for agencies to purchase telehealth equipment

**ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING** \$10.9 million to build out a network of EV chargers across Nebraska, enabling tourists and EV owners to travel around the state.

**CLEAN AMERICAN ENERGY** \$24.5 million for home weatherization \$4.6 million through the State Energy Program \$4 million through the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program \$6.2 million to prevent outages and make the power grid more resilient

**LEGACY POLLUTION CLEANUP** \$26 million for capping orphaned oil and gas wells and reclaiming abandoned lands

**SANDHILLS PRAIRIE, STREAM, AND WETLAND RESTORATION- \$4,900,000 (2022)** This grant (from the 30x30 program) to the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission will implement a voluntary, incentive-based program to promote vibrant grasslands and ranching communities.

**CRP LAND** Despite Governor Ricketts lies on his 30x30 Tour, Nebraska is 2nd in the nation in Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) signups. CRP is part of the Biden-Harris administration's broader effort to address climate change and conserve natural resources with rural people at the table. This year's signup results include 417,865 acres in Nebraska.

**AIRPORTS** \$43 million for airport upgrades.

## BIDEN DID THAT!

By: Sam Skirry, NDP Intern

It's been three years since President Biden and Vice President Harris were elected. Nebraskans are still celebrating the historic electoral vote we won, in what we lovingly call Jomaha! Nebraska's small businesses are thriving, employment is rising, inflation is trending down, and millions of dollars have been awarded to help improve Nebraska's future.

The Biden-Harris Administration passed the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, \$108 billion in total, which is making healthcare more accessible, roads more safe, and our communities better equipped to face the challenges of the 21st Century. Thanks to our Democratic leadership in the White House, Nebraska is set to be at the forefront of American innovation in urban, suburban, and rural towns.

The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law is delivering for Nebraskans both today, tomorrow and years from now. Approximately 40,000 new businesses and 46,000 new jobs have been added in Nebraska, bringing the unemployment rate

down from 7.4% in 2020 to 2.3% as of March 2023. Since President Biden took office, companies have committed more than \$1.5 billion in private sector investments across Nebraska. Some companies including Kawasaki (\$200 million), 3M (\$58 million), Google (\$750 million), Novozymes (\$316 million in Blair, Nebraska alone!), Nucor (\$58 million), and Sustainable Beef LLC (\$325 million, alongside creating 875 new jobs in North Platte). Small businesses have benefited from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law too! With

emergency relief, 470 restaurants and bars alongside 2,270 child care programs across Nebraska were saved from closing thanks to funding from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law.

Inflation is at the forefront of people's minds. Given the way the previous administration handled the COVID-19 pandemic and the supply chain shortages that plagued the Midwest, it's no surprise that lowering inflation is

so important to Nebraskans. The Inflation Reduction Act, introduced in 2022, has found ways to reduce inflation and give the American people better opportunities. Insulin copays are at \$35 per month under Medicare, saving Americans millions of dollars and thousands of lives. Medicare beneficiary out-of-pocket costs are capped at \$2,000 for Part D plans protecting hundreds of Nebraskans from overpaying for conditions such as cancer and lung disease. Medicare is negotiating prices for high cost drugs for seniors and

people with disabilities which will continue to lower drug prices and help America's most vulnerable.

MAGA Republicans like Don Bacon have no plan for the environmental future of America. The Biden Administration on the other hand, has continued to deliver on the climate crisis. With our environment at the precipice of collapse, with temperatures soaring and extreme weather becoming commonplace, it is

more important than ever for our country's leadership to deliver sensible climate solutions. The Inflation Reduction Act is pouring billions of dollars into building new clean energy projects that will power our communities with American energy for the next 100 years as well as conservation projects that are saving our land and water. This is all happening without using eminent domain for private gain because Democrats respect and protect property rights.

In Nebraska, the U.S. Department of Transportation awarded \$23.6 million to construct the Lincoln Multimodal Transit Center, which will include bus bays, protected passenger boarding and covered walkways improving the safety and security of travel. Eppley Airfield was awarded \$30 million for a new terminal drop-off area and a full canopy to reduce air pollution and improve access for disabled passengers. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers was awarded \$67 million to help with repairs following the Missouri River Basin flooding.

Everyone loves the mom and pop shop on the corner of their town, but nobody knows how difficult owning (Continued on pg 3)

President Biden and Vice President Harris are helping Nebraskans live "The Good Life."



## Building Nebraska From the Bottom Up and the Middle Out

### SIGN UP TO BE A BLOCK CAPTAIN



## TAKE NEBRASKA BACK FOR THE PEOPLE WITH THE PEOPLE.

#### BLOCK CAPTAINS: Electing Democrats, One Door at a Time

The Republican Party shut down the government because they could not come to the table to find a responsible solution for border security. The Republican Party also gave the biggest government handout in decades to millionaires and billionaires while pretending they were giving tax cuts to our families. Threats to the environment, workplace protections, and healthcare occur on a daily basis. We are angry and ready to take our state back for the people.

The best way to elect Democrats

is on a personal level at the doors — conversations about how to vote and the issues we care about. We must communicate our values. We know the current one-party rule at the state level is bad for democracy. The Nebraska Democratic Party launched a grassroots Block Captain program where you are responsible for connecting with voters in your community to elect Democrats up and down the ballot. In this program, we listened to voters and they told us they do not want to see us only right before an election. So, we are creating an authentic relationship with our neighbors.

#### SIGN UP TO SERVE AS A BLOCK CAPTAIN

NebraskaDemocrats.org  
When you sign up to be a Block Captain you agree to canvass roughly 50 houses in your neighborhood three times a year. This is a commitment of about nine hours a year that will help elect Democrats up and down the ballot. Our goal is to train 1,000 Block Captains across Nebraska. We currently have 700. We are transforming the way we turn out our neighbors and are winning elections, with the grassroots leading the way. In fact, 71% of the 550 Democrats who ran as candidates in 2022 won their

elections! We know some Nebraskans cannot commit to serve as a Block Captain, but grassroots donations help win elections as well—sign up as a Monthly Donor at [nebraskademocrats.org](http://nebraskademocrats.org)



## DEMOCRATS BELIEVE THAT THE ECONOMY SHOULD WORK FOR EVERYONE

HEALTH CARE IS A RIGHT, DIVERSITY IS OUR STRENGTH, AND DEMOCRACY IS WORTH DEFENDING

### Candidates of Color

In 2018, the Nebraska Democratic Party, in partnership with the Black, Latinx, and Native American Caucuses, created a fund to assist Democrats of color to run for office.

If you would like more information please contact [info@nebraskademocrats.org](mailto:info@nebraskademocrats.org).

As Speaker Pelosi says, "our diversity is our strength, our unity is our power."

DONATE TODAY



The Nebraska Democratic Party is committed to making sure more candidates representing communities of color are running for office.

Over the last several years, thousands of dollars have been donated to candidates of color in support of their campaigns.

### TONY VARGAS FOR CONGRESS



My name is Tony Vargas. I'm a former public school science teacher, a state senator, and a father of two wonderful children. My parents immigrated to the United States in search of the American Dream -- a better life, full of more opportunity than they could hope for back in Peru. They both worked several jobs to make ends meet for our family and were able to move our family out of poverty and into the middle class. They instilled in me the values of hard work, caring for our community, and believing the best in people. I'm running for Congress to ensure the American Dream is still accessible for families like mine.

#### If elected I have 3 top priorities:

1. Passing a middle class tax cut to make lives easier for workers and families
2. Protecting reproductive freedom and increasing maternal healthcare protections
3. Protecting Social Security and Medicare for the generations to come

To win this race and make life easier for the middle class, I need your help. Please volunteer and donate to my campaign to flip this seat and finally deliver real representation for workers and families in Nebraska.

[VargasForNebraska.com](http://VargasForNebraska.com)



## Mayor Leirion Shows Democrats How to Run, Win, and Lead

# DEMOCRATS WIN BIG IN LINCOLN CITY ELECTIONS

To see how Democrats can succeed in our state, one need look no further than our capital city. Mayor Leirion Gaylor Baird led the charge for Democrats to secure victories across the board in what is consistently ranked one of the best cities in the country.

Under the mayor's leadership, Lincoln prioritized the safety and well-being of its residents, addressed the imminent impacts of climate change, minimized Lincoln's carbon footprint, focused on local food production, bolstered infrastructure, and changed the cityscape all to support a growing economy.

With her focus on public safety, Gaylor Baird added personnel and resources to meet the needs of this growing city. Not only has she increased the number of sworn officers and civilian staff supporting Lincoln's police department, she made Lincoln's officers the highest paid in the state, helping recruit and retain top talent. She's added fire stations, firefighters, and paramedics, and the numbers show Lincoln is a safe and vibrant community with one of the highest cardiac arrest survival rates in the nation and violent crime at a 30-year low (even while growing by 100,000 people during that time span).

In addition, the mayor is meeting the challenge of a changing climate head on — creating Nebraska's first Climate Action Plan, chairing the EPA's Local Government Advisory Committee, focusing efforts on carbon emission reductions by electrifying the city's fleet and collaborating with Lincoln's public power team to set a goal of an 80% reduction in greenhouse gas emissions by 2050, and, perhaps most importantly, planning for the community's future water needs in the face of increasing extreme weather events by launching a massive infrastructure project to



secure a second water source for Lincoln.

She also recently unveiled Lincoln's Local Food System Plan — designed to make the local food system more resilient by setting ambitious goals to increase and ensure access to healthy food, invest in the local food and farm community to increase local food production, promote food production methods that protect the environment, and reduce food waste.

To many, the most important aspects of her work have been the mayor's focus on infrastructure and the economy — the roads they drive on every day and the economic effects on their pocketbooks. Mayor Leirion has made affordable housing a focus, setting a goal

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to create or rehabilitate 5,000 affordable housing units by the year 2030 — which the city is well ahead of schedule to meet. She's also overseen the city's

largest investments in streets in recent history, leading efforts to build and improve 143 lane miles of residential streets and 123 lane miles of arterial roads — representing a \$211 million investment in infrastructure. And, with her at the helm, Lincoln led the nation in unemployment recovery post-pandemic and has seen a record-setting \$1 billion in new construction activity.

The mayor is able to keep making these strides in Lincoln because she is also focused on lifting up leaders with her. When Pete Ricketts and the Peed family poured millions into the 2023 city election to try and stop this progress, she matched their fundraising with grassroots donors and a coordinated plan. Just like she brought the city together to make changes from first responders to the cityscape we all love, she brought together the state party, county party, allied groups and candidates with one plan for one Lincoln. We are watching the blueprint to build more sustainable towns and cities across our state — Mayor Leirion Gaylor Baird is getting things done.

## A Note from Chair KleeB



Building the party takes all of us. You can be part of the party by volunteering as Block Captain, serving on the State Central Committee, getting involved in your County Party, joining a Caucus and Council, helping elect a candidate or running for office yourself!

As your party chair since December 2016, I am proud to serve as a volunteer in this critical role. Our job at the party is to build state and county infrastructure to support year-round organizing, recruit and train candidates and build the brand of the Democratic Party all with the main goal of electing more Democrats across the state.

We are always here for you to help navigate how to use your skills, talents and ideas to build the party. Because, when we have a strong party, we win elections!



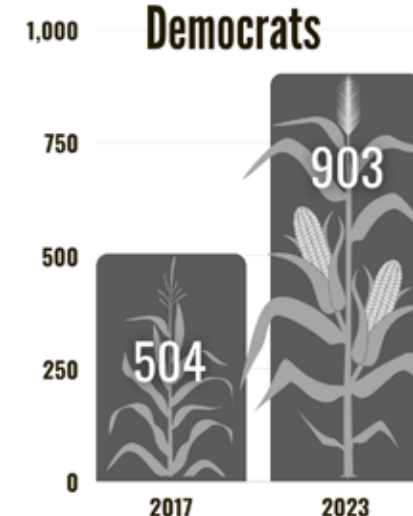
## We All Do Better, When We ALL Do Better.

Biden Did That! (cont from pg 1)

and running a small business is unless they are a small business owner. In Nebraska, 27% of all businesses are a result of self-employed individuals working their tails off to make a living and deliver for their family and community. During the previous administration, small businesses and those who were self-employed would have little to no insurance to help them in case of an emergency or accident. Under the Biden-Harris Administration, the insurance rates have decreased for self-employed adults via the Affordable Care Act putting more money in people's pockets. Again, the Biden-Harris Administration benefits the hard-working American people and

allows small businesses to thrive away from the shadow of large corporations. President Biden and Vice President Harris are helping Nebraskans live "The Good Life." Their policies of helping small businesses grow, giving Nebraskans better peace of mind by lowering inflation, and caring for the Nebraska where your children and grandchildren will grow up. The future is in our hands, and the Biden-Harris Administration is helping us all achieve a long and good life. This is how Democrats Deliver. President Biden and Vice President Harris are just getting started. Re-elect them in 2024 to finish the job.

### Growing the Party Electing More Democrats





## A MESSAGE FROM STATE SENATOR JOHN FREDRICKSON

### NEBRASKA'S FIRST OPENLY GAY SENATOR

This past legislative session showed us there is still so much work to be done to make our state — and our country — a place free from hate.

Pride is more than just a celebration of identity. It's a reminder of the strength that comes from embracing our authentic selves. It's a promise to pursue a world where all Nebraskans are free to love who they love and be who they are, without fear of discrimination, hatred, or bigotry.

We will continue to pursue this future, even in the face of hostility as we've seen in the halls of our state Capitol. It's that promise that allows us to lead the way in fighting bigotry in our own legislature, and taking that fight to the national level as well.

I'm proud to be a part of that fight. And I'm even prouder to be joined by so many Nebraskans who have stepped up, spoken out, and defended our right to live and love as our most authentic selves.

I encourage you to engage in conversations, events, and initiatives that promote inclusivity and support for the LGBTQ+ community — most especially our trans youth — who have faced the brunt of these horrible attacks.

Together, we can create an environment where everyone feels safe, respected, and valued for who they are. And I promise I will never stop fighting until we do.

I won't stop being an advocate for communities across Nebraska. My priorities in the Legislature involve delivering help to those

who need it most. Every Nebraskan deserves access to healthcare, and that's why my personal priority bill, LB 256, enacted telehealth parity in Nebraska, meaning that insurance providers must offer equally favorable benefits for telehealth services as they do for in-person care. Healthcare deserts persist in both rural and urban areas of our state, and telehealth parity allows more Nebraskans to access necessary care.

I will continue to fight for every Nebraskan, regardless of circumstance, during my time as



your state senator, and I would be honored to have you join me in the fight.

I hope you can join me in celebrating love and fighting for a better tomorrow.

*Senator Fredrickson*

## Un Mensaje a Los Latinos de Nebraska

By: José Flores Jr.,  
NDP Communications Director

Como inmigrante de primera generación, me enorgullece trabajar como el Director de Comunicaciones para el Partido Demócrata de Nebraska. La historia de mi familia es muy parecida a la de otras personas que vinieron a este país: trabajé en los campos cuando era niño con mi padre y crecí en un mundo bicultural. La situación es algo diferente ahora con la presencia e influencia latina desde que mi familia emigró de Guanajuato, México hace cuarenta y tantos años.

Los latinos en Nebraska representan más del 12% de la población y siguen creciendo. Representamos una enorme cantidad de poder adquisitivo en todo el estado y una gran diversidad en las empresas. Estamos siendo educados en las universidades. Lo que no tenemos es participación de los votantes. Según el Pew Research Center, los latinos en Nebraska son solo el 7% de todos los votantes registrados. Menos de la mitad de eso realmente votó en las elecciones de 2020. Un 43% de los latinos son elegibles para votar en el estado. ¡Esta es una estadística reveladora!

El momento "aja" llegó hace muchos años mientras dirigía una campaña para obtener el voto. Un colega mío dijo en broma: "¿No es gracioso que te guste registrar a las personas para votar y ni siquiera puedas votar tú mismo?" Dos años más tarde, presté juramento durante una de las primeras ceremonias de naturalización en la nación después del 9/11. Refuerza el punto de que todavía tenemos una enorme oportunidad de registrar votantes e influir en las elecciones

en el mundo de hoy.

Como pueblo, DEBEMOS ser parte del proceso. DEBEMOS ser un bloque informado de votantes. Al igual que con el poder adquisitivo, DEBEMOS flexionar nuestro músculo político. Siendo del sur de Omaha, me doy cuenta de que los problemas en el lado este del estado no siempre son relevantes para los pueblos pequeños en Nebraska. Como sabemos, somos una fuerza dominante en comunidades como Lexington, Crete, Grand Island, Scottsbluff y Schuyler. Ha llegado el momento de utilizar la tecnología, los ataques a nuestros derechos y nuestro creciente número para implementar el cambio.

Hablo con nuestros ancianos que han vivido aquí durante décadas como pilares en la comunidad. Hablo con todos los Dreamers que tienen un interés personal en el futuro de nuestro gran estado. Hablo con latinos de segunda y tercera generación que se han asimilado, pero conocen la lucha que sus padres y abuelos pasaron para ganarse una vida mejor. La gente necesita dejar de villanizar al inmigrante. No somos homogéneos como pueblo, pero todos valoramos los fundamentos: familia, derechos de los trabajadores, reforma migratoria, buena educación para nuestros hijos, vivienda asequible y atención médica. Muchos de estos temas están siendo atacados por extremistas republicanos que escriben y aprueban leyes en Lincoln. El Partido Demócrata de Nebraska, nuestros funcionarios electos y simpatizantes en todo el estado los protegen todos los días.

Usted tiene mi compromiso como un orgulloso mexicano-estadounidense y un orgulloso demócrata para continuar protegiendo los derechos de todos los habitantes de Nebraska. Es hora de que la comunidad latina se une a nosotros para preservar estos derechos que a veces damos por sentados. Tenemos la oportunidad de enviar a nuestro primer latino, Tony Vargas, al

Congreso para representar a Nebraska. ¿Te unirás a mí para hacer historia?

Por favor, comparte este sitio web con cualquier persona para ayudarlos a registrarse para votar: **IWillVote.com**. Mi puerta siempre está abierta, así que siéntase libre de enviarme un correo electrónico para ver cómo puede ayudar a construir el partido con nosotros.

## A Message to Nebraska Latinos

As a first-generation immigrant, I am proud to work as the Communications Director for the Nebraska Democratic Party. My family story is much like others who came to this country: I worked in the fields as a kid with my father and grew up in a bi-cultural world. The situation is somewhat different now with Latino presence and influence since my family immigrated from Guanajuato, Mexico forty-some years ago.

Latinos in Nebraska represent more than 12% of the population and are growing. We represent an enormous amount of purchase power across the state and great diversity in businesses. We are being educated at universities. What we don't have is voter participation. According to the Pew Research Center, Latinos in Nebraska are only 7% of all registered voters. Less than half of that actually voted in the 2020 elections. A full 43% of Latinos are eligible to vote in the state. This is an eye-opening statistic!

My "ah-ha" moment came many years ago while running a get-out-the-vote campaign. A colleague of mine jokingly said, "Isn't it funny that you love to register people to vote, and you can't even vote yourself?" Two years later, I was sworn in during one of the first naturalization ceremonies in the nation after 9/11. It reinforces the point that we still have an enormous opportunity to register voters and sway elections in

today's world.

As a people, we MUST be part of the process. We MUST be an informed block of voters. As with purchase power, we MUST flex our political muscle. Being from South Omaha, I realize issues on the eastern side of the state are not always relevant to small-town Nebraska. As we know, we are a dominant force in communities like Lexington, Crete, Grand Island, Scottsbluff, and Schuyler. The time has come to utilize technology, attacks on our rights, and our growing numbers to implement change.

I speak to our elders who have lived here for decades as pillars in the community. I speak to all the Dreamers who have a vested interest in the future of our great state. I speak to second and third-generation Latinos who have assimilated but know the struggle their parents and grandparents went through to earn a better life. Immigrants need to stop being villainized. We are not homogenous as a people, but we all still value the fundamentals: family, workers' rights, immigration reform, good education for our kids, affordable housing, and healthcare. Many of these issues are under attack by Republican extremists who write and pass laws in Lincoln. The Nebraska Democratic Party, our elected officials, and supporters all over the state protect them every single day.

You have my commitment as a proud Mexican-American and a proud Democrat to continue to protect the rights of ALL Nebraskans. It is time that the Latino community joins us in preserving these rights we sometimes take for granted. We have an opportunity to send our first Latino, Tony Vargas, to Congress to represent Nebraska. Will you join me in making history?

Please share this website with anyone to help them register to vote: **IWillVote.com**. My door is always open, send me an email to see how you can help build the party with Latinos at the table. [info@nebraskademocrats.org](mailto:info@nebraskademocrats.org)

## Support Our Candidates. Over 500 Democrats will be on the ballot in 2024.



**Tony Vargas**  
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**Jen Day**  
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**Dan Esch**  
Douglas County Clerk  
**Roger Garcia**  
Douglas County Commission  
[commissionergarcia.org](http://commissionergarcia.org)

**Christa Yoakum**  
Lancaster County Commission  
**Chelsea Johnson**  
Lancaster County Commission  
**Christine Clerc**  
Bellevue School Board  
[www.clercforbps.org](http://www.clercforbps.org)

**Thomas Burns**  
Bellevue City Council  
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**Don Preister**  
Bellevue City Council  
**Jim Begley**  
MUD Board

**Eric Williams**  
OPPD Board, Subdivision 6  
[WilliamsForOPPD.com](http://WilliamsForOPPD.com)  
**Larry Bradley**  
Papio-Missouri River NRD  
Subdistrict 3

We are highlighting candidates who announced their candidacy so far. Watch our NDP website for updates on candidates up until the filing deadline in early 2024.

We do support some Independent (nonpartisan/ NP) candidates. It takes Democrats, Independents, and "enlightened Republicans" (as Sen. Nelson says) to move forward. We allow Independents to vote in our partisan primaries.



**YOU SHOULD RUN FOR OFFICE! YES, YOU**

Every day, Nebraskans are put to the test with MAGA Republicans passing discriminatory laws and fueling the fires of misinformation and culture wars. Citizens just like you can make a positive change in Nebraska by running for office.

You have the support of the Nebraska Democratic Party, our county parties, and allied groups. Using our training, year-round organizing and other critical resources, will help your campaign get over the finish line. Our training programs are accessible online and in-person, easy to understand, and will help you be the perfect candidate for your community. We are available for one-on-one coaching, and can help you get your campaign off the ground with everything from a Candidate Manual, checklist for the first few months, and how to contact targeted voters.

Hundreds of seats are up for election in 2024 across Nebraska — everything from village boards and public power to state legislators and Congress. Because of strong Democrats like you we have gone from 550 Democrats elected across the state to more than 900 since 2017. Let's get that number to 1,000 in 2024! The Nebraska Democratic Party encourages you to throw your hat into the ring of democracy and keep Nebraska living The Good Life.



# WOMEN, LEADERS, VOTERS

By: Gina Frank,  
NDP Outreach Director

Women across Nebraska have been putting in the hard work to make our state a better place. From running for office to running the state party, women are at the front of every positive move happening. Women are running our most successful and active county parties, and some of the most influential allied groups. We are organizing on issues from climate change to education to workers' rights.

We are doing all this while many of us are raising the next generation of change-makers. Raising children that break down societal barriers, challenge gender norms and roles, and question biases. These young leaders are already changing the world.

Recently, the Women's Caucus held its annual Helen Boosalis Luncheon in August to recognize some of the most exemplary young women across the state, women contributing to their pursuit of higher education in hopes of cultivating the leaders of tomorrow. This year's luncheon highlighted four of Nebraska's young leaders: Swannima Kain, Claire Kiolbasa, Taylor McKesson, and Brooke Phillips.

In their essays to the Women's Caucus, each of the Boosalis Scholarship recipients detailed

a woman in politics she admired. They included Georgia's Stacey Abrams, Hillary Clinton, and Nebraska's own Machaela Cavanaugh as some of the greatest inspirations to the next generation of leaders. Some of the admirable

**"If they don't give you a seat at the table, bring a folding chair."**

- Shirley Chisholm

qualities they wrote about included these women's ability to be "honest and vulnerable," as put by Brooke Phillips.

Taylor McKesson wrote that women like Abrams are "tone-setters." It is hard to be the face of a movement, especially in states like Georgia and Nebraska, where leadership is often met with criticism. Yet, time and time again, we see women step up and serve as advocates for all.

The leadership of women isn't confined to public office. Every woman has a platform—yes, some are bigger than others, but every voice and every voter matters.

With constant extremist attacks on reproductive rights, healthcare, privacy, and interstate travel,

it's easy to feel like the odds are stacked against us.

Recent elections in Kansas and Ohio have shown that the majority of Americans have a deeply held belief that politicians should mind their business and not our bodies.

The Nebraska Democratic Party thanks state senators—especially Machaela Cavanaugh, Megan Hunt and John Fredrickson—for standing up, alongside all of you and the critical allied groups who work every day to protect healthcare access and decisions.

With the recent Nebraska Supreme Court decision to uphold the 12-week abortion ban and attack on trans kids, there's more work than ever to be done to put our country and our state back on a path of progress. This next year will be full of parades, marches, canvassing, calls, talking to friends and family, and making good trouble.

Well-behaved women rarely make history.

**Support Local Groups.**

I Be Black Girl  
[www.ibebblackgirl.com/](http://www.ibebblackgirl.com/)

Planned Parenthood of the Heartland  
[www.plannedparenthood.org/planned-parenthood-advocates-nebraska](http://www.plannedparenthood.org/planned-parenthood-advocates-nebraska)

# UNIONS BUILD NEBRASKA

By: Ron Kaminski, NDP Vice Chair

Organized labor and unions present an opportunity for folks in the workplace to have a voice and advocate for proper treatment.

In my role as Vice Chair of the Nebraska Democratic Party, I push for the betterment of workers in our state, in the Midwest, and across the United States from helping workers get into unions, into registered apprenticeship and training programs, and helping them understand their rights. I do these things to help more workers receive the benefits I have received because I am a union member and we stand up for each other.

The main things unions do include: fighting for good wages and benefits including health insurance and retirement; standing up for workers safety; ensuring working conditions and job sites are healthy and safe.

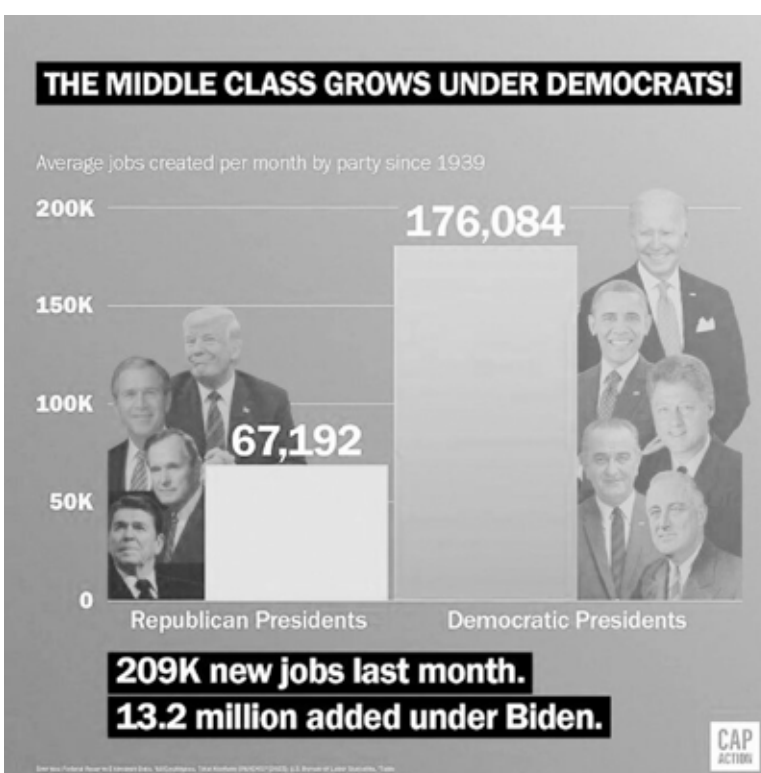
One of the best things about unions are the training programs. Most of these programs include Department of Labor registered apprenticeship programs. These programs have very little cost to trainees and require no student loans. After initial basic training (OSHA/First Aid/CPR), trainees are referred to an employer and begin their jobs. As

they continue classroom training and complete on-the-job-training, they receive increases in pay.

I am a lifelong Democrat because the Nebraska Democratic Party is more willing to stand up for workers including myself. Democrats are willing to stand up for those who don't have a voice; they stand up for equality, and they are eager and willing to improve wages, hours, and working conditions. This compares to the Republican Party, which fights against wage increases, fights against better health insurance and benefits for workers, puts corporations, millionaires, and billionaires above the well-being and safety of average workers, and actively tries to bring back child labor.

My door is always open to discuss unions, help young people join an apprenticeship program or to talk about what the Nebraska Democratic Party is doing to make workers' lives better. Please join us in supporting candidates and elected officials who do the right thing by standing up for workers in Nebraska.

To learn more about construction unions and training and job opportunities, please visit Nebraska Building and Trades Council at: [www.bctnebraska.org](http://www.bctnebraska.org)



Republicans Don't Have a Monopoly on Patriotism or the American Flag

# RECLAIMING THE RED, WHITE, AND BLUE

By: Jack Schiwe,  
NDP Party Affairs Coordinator

Patriotism isn't just about ribs, fireworks, and the American Flag. Patriotism is about celebrating and reflecting upon this country—the good, the bad, and the ugly, and being proud of how far we have come. The thirteen little colonies that declared their independence are now a United States that span from California to Maine, Florida to Alaska, Omaha to Scottsbluff, and from sea to shining sea.

But, sometimes, it can feel weird taking pride in a country that has so many problems. I mean, there are a million reasons to have gripes with this country. We charge stupid amounts for healthcare, don't pay most folks a living wage, don't do nearly enough to help marginalized communities, all while the rich keep getting richer.

However, I think it's time that Democrats reclaim our patriotism and vocally take pride in this great nation. In the last 10-20 years—it feels as if "patriotism" has been hijacked by the party that wants to disenfranchise voters, supports a wannabe dictator, and celebrates insurrectionists.

Despite being a 22 year old kid from the suburbs of Chicago, I do know my country music, maybe it's the Nebraskan in me.

And there's no better commentary on today's phony patriotism than from the late, great John Prine. In one of his greatest songs, Prine sang, "Your flag decal won't get you into Heaven anymore". The song—which was a commentary on the Vietnam War, still holds true today.

The Republican Party thinks that if they sing the National Anthem

loud enough, wear red, white and blue, and buy enough of their little flag decals, they're somehow "patriots".

What's patriotic about beating a Capitol Police Officer to death with an American flagpole?

What's patriotic about trying to forcefully overturn the very free and fair elections that this country was built upon?

There is absolutely nothing that is patriotic about the platform of the GOP—they're trying to instill a dictator in disguise, bringing tyranny to America when it is the very thing that our Founding Fathers fled England from.

Providing liberty and justice



for all, as our Pledge of Allegiance says, is patriotic. Notice the "for all"—that doesn't exclude African Americans, women, the LGBTQ+ community, or any other group. When the Democratic party fights for these things, we should do it under the waving American flag, taking a patriotic pride in our vision for a more just America, not cowering in the

shame of our nation's tyrannical and unjust past. There is nothing more American and patriotic than fighting for those groups, standing up in the face of tyranny, and securing liberty and justice for all.

No current situation better exemplifies the faux patriotism of Republicans than their recent decision to strip women of their

bodily autonomy in Nebraska. Who would've thought that the Republicans, the self-proclaimed arbiters of freedom, want to take away women's rights.

Over 60% of Nebraskan citizens believe that access to abortion should remain legal. And the wide popularity of legal abortion access isn't just confined to Nebraska, with voters in Kansas and Ohio rejecting ballot initiatives that would have limited abortion access.

The freedom touting politicians who want to take away women's rights are simply put, extremist frauds. But their fake freedom act persists, and that means so must the fight for women's rights.

As the fight for freedom continues, we cannot let fake cries of patriotism detract from the true values that our flag waves for. The stars and stripes of our great flag represent freedom, justice, and equality for all.

# HISTORIC INVESTMENTS IN NORTH & SOUTH OMAHA

By: Precious McKesson  
NDP Executive Director

This year, our Democratic state senators brought home the bacon for Omaha—all without the help of Don.

Omaha's Terrell McKinney, Justin Wayne, Tony Vargas, and Mike McDonnell were all instrumental in securing more than \$450 million dollars of funding for Nebraska's largest city thanks to historic investments from the Biden Administration.

Much of the money will be targeted in North and South Omaha,

two historically underfunded communities. These funds will be used to build infrastructure, bring jobs, and employment opportunities to North and South Omaha. Some of the proposed projects include Malcolm X Museum in North Omaha, an innovation center near South Omaha's Q Street corridor, and a tourist hub near 24th Street.

The fight to secure the funding was not an easy one, but the senators of Omaha fought tooth and nail to ensure that every ounce of funding will work toward making Omaha a more prosperous and equitable city, one that every Ne-

braskan, midwesterner, and American can look toward as a model for what happens when we invest in our communities.

When Omaha succeeds, Nebraska succeeds. It's our state's largest city and a hub of economic activity both in the state and nationally. The work of our state senators in securing this funding will do wonders in fostering further growth in Omaha, proving its worth multiple times over as more businesses, people, and developers look to find value in Nebraska in the coming years.



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NEBRASKANS SHOOK THE HALLS OF GOVERNMENT

By: Beth Meyers, NDP Volunteer

The historically nonpartisan halls of Nebraska's Capitol were shaken to the core this year. Where we once saw a legislature that worked to govern, we now see a group of right-wing activists intent on stripping rights from those with whom they don't agree.

Nebraska's spring legislative session brought forth some of the most hateful and heartbreaking bills in the country. We saw legislators throw precedent out the window, choosing to strip women of their bodily autonomy. We took a step back in time to the days when women were considered second-class citizens unable to make their own decisions. We saw the transgender community further discriminated against, their healthcare access restricted due to Republican lawmakers' refusal to listen.

The devastation wreaked by the Republican majority this legislative session is hateful, threatening, and life-changing for many Nebraskans. No longer will women be able to receive necessary healthcare, the LGBTQ+ community has been stripped of life-saving resources, and this is only the tip of the iceberg.

The fight for public education still wages, with Democrats organizing to stop the harmful effects of Republican-led school privatization efforts. For a state whose motto is, "Equality before the law," our MAGA-adjacent legislative

majority seems intent on proving that motto untrue.

Amid the vitriol, Democrats fought to deliver on their promises to create opportunity and hope for ALL Nebraskans. With the odds clearly stacked against them, they delivered bipartisan bills that required cooperation to address the needs of various communities in Nebraska.

Despite the hate, Democrats delivered. Our state senators passed critical legislation that will make the life of each Nebraskan marginally better. Whether it be expanding broadband access in our rural communities, making telehealth access available to those who need to drive hours to see a doctor, or appropriating funding to North and South Omaha—Democrats delivered. While Republicans spent their time this session working to make rights less accessible, Democrats fought day in and day out for the common Nebraskan.

Democrats delivered to expand access to services, eliminate barriers to create more opportunity, and protect the rights and integrity of all Nebraskans. They worked hard for all, not some. To pass this legislation is impressive in itself, but to do it in a legislative session of nasty politics, hate, and pushback sharper than



anything before is a feat of new proportions.

Though it would have been easy to lay down and give up, Nebraska's Democratic senators came in every day and fought tooth and nail for the communities they represent.

They passed comprehensive and inclusive bills that will create tangible change and opportunity for Nebraskans of all backgrounds.

This is just the start of the battle. As we gear up for the next legislative session beginning in January of 2024, the support of Democrats, Independents, and alienated Republicans is more critical than ever. Please support the fight for our great state however you can.

Democrats Delivered for all Nebraskans

Carol Blood

LD 3 - Sarpy County Sen. Blood was on the frontlines of the fight this session. She led the charge in making the state an appealing destination for workers by making it easier for out-of-state educators to maintain their licensing (LB413) and passing a comprehensive workers' compensation bill (LB5). Sen Blood also fought back fiercely against Republican misinformation in the Legislature, ensuring that no hateful comment or false characterization made its way to the floor without a proper rebuttal. She has shown herself to be a true ally to every Nebraskan and has never backed down, all while managing to pass legislation that improves the lives of everyday Nebraskans.



to be protected. Unions and working families are the backbone of the party, and Sen. McDonnell fought for their workers' rights through thick and thin.

Machaela Cavanaugh

LD 6 - Omaha Sen. Machaela Cavanaugh was the poster child of pushing back this legislative session. When Republican state senators attempted to come for the rights of women and LGBTQ+ youth, Sen. Cavanaugh spent every ounce of energy filibustering and fighting against the discriminatory bills. Whether it was via blessing us with some recipes or educating her hateful colleagues on how folks deserve to be treated, Sen. Cavanaugh fought tooth and nail to ensure that all Nebraskans are afforded equal rights. Through character attacks, slander, hateful messages, and sleepless nights, Sen. Cavanaugh was an advocate for Nebraska's communities, and we are deeply appreciative of her leadership throughout the session and moving forward.



Tony Vargas

LD 7 - Omaha Sen. Tony Vargas was a fighter for all Nebraskans this legislative session. Sen. Vargas fought for small businesses by removing burdensome regulations on food truck vendors (LB74). He also worked to address our teacher shortage by removing unnecessary requirements to getting in the classroom (LB724) as well as expanded postpartum care coverage to 12 months for Medicaid recipients (LB419). Time and time again, Sen. Vargas has shown himself to be an advocate for our state's small businesses and families.



John Cavanaugh

LD 9 - Omaha Sen. John Cavanaugh (yes, they're related) continues to be a staunch defender of equality in Nebraska. This session, He worked to eliminate home equity theft (LB577) and also worked to improve the state of Nebraska's mental health resources by expanding the period of time for the study of mental health crises (LB552).



Wendy DeBoer

LD 10 - Omaha Sen. DeBoer has continuously proven herself to be a champion for working families in the legislature. This session, Sen. DeBoer led the charge in expanding child care access for families full time (LB485) and is looking forward to providing for a larger middle bracket cut for income tax.



Terrell McKinney

LD 11 - Omaha Sen. Terrell McKinney continues to be one of the strongest advocates for his community in our legislature. Sen. McKinney worked to secure more than \$450 million to help in an ongoing effort to revitalize North and South Omaha (LB531). The senator also has worked to ensure that students stay in school by working toward the elimination of suspensions for young Nebraskan students (LB632).



Justin Wayne

LD 13 - Omaha Sen. Justin Wayne, serving as Chair of the Judiciary Committee,



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has worked tirelessly to overhaul Nebraska's criminal justice system. This session, Sen. Wayne worked to pass legislation that would ease offenders back to society while protecting Nebraskans (LB50). As well as this, he worked to secure funding for the study and implementation of treatments for PTSD resulting from gun violence (LB792) though it was vetoed by Gov. Pillen.

Lynne Walz LD 15 - Fremont Sen. Walz spent the session advocating for working class Nebraskans. She worked to eliminate fees in the teacher certification process (LB519) and also enhanced school safety measures by continuing to fund the Safe2HelpNE hotline, which created a grant for schools to increase mental health resources and security measures (LB516).



John Fredrickson LD 20 - Omaha Sen. Fredrickson worked to expand telehealth services (LB256) and offer tax incentives for grocers and restaurants who donate their food to pantries and food banks (LB524). He also worked to remove the question of criminal conviction when applying to public universities in order to expand access to higher education (LB222) and ensured that firearm dealers must provide suicide prevention information with all firearm purchases (LB314).



George Dungan

LD 26 - Lincoln Sen. Dungan has worked tirelessly in his continued advocacy for the youth of Nebraska. Sen. Dungan worked to include a bridge to independence for juveniles in the justice system (LB14) and continues to fight to ensure that our state's youth always have a path forward. His background as a juvenile court lawyer shines through in his advocacy for the next generation of Nebraskans.



Anna Wishart

LD 27 - Lincoln Sen. Wishart successfully advanced legislation expanding postpartum care for low-income mothers (LB419). She also led the passage of comprehensive funding reform for behavioral and mental healthcare services that allows providers to take a holistic approach to help Nebraskans suffering from substance use



and mental health issues. As Vice Chair of Appropriations, she prioritized climate equality by working for better water infrastructure which resulted in Lincoln being awarded \$177 million to support the city and surrounding community's second water source needs.

Jane Raybould LD 28 - Lincoln Sen. Raybould's first legislative session was a fruitful one. She worked to ensure that Nebraska's political environment stayed free and fair. Sen. Raybould brought forth bills that would change the Election Act to ensure that folks could be afforded the right to vote early without compromising any election integrity (LB604). She also saw to it that Nebraska continues to have a positive growth environment for small businesses,



Eliot Bostar

LD 29 - Lincoln Sen. Bostar passed more than a dozen of the bills he introduced. This legislation included securing nearly 200 million dollars for Lincoln water infrastructure, establishing funding for the construction of a convention center in Lincoln, capping the price of insulin to \$35 for state regulated insurance plans, expanding access to and limiting the cost of screening for colorectal and breast cancer, establishing the largest direct investment in improving access and affordability of child care in the state's history, creating a source of funding for Nebraska's critical airport infrastructure, mitigating national security threats posed by adversarial telecommunications infrastructure, and a package of incentives for the recruitment and retention of first responders across the state of Nebraska.



Danielle Conrad

LD 46 - Lincoln Sen. Conrad has the second most seniority in the Legislature and her experience as an attorney and policymaker has made her a leading voice for working families and civil rights. Sen. Conrad led the effort to adopt the Child Tax Credit Act, which would help cover basic needs like quality child care to give our kids a good start and address workforce challenges. Sen. Conrad has extensive knowledge of the rules and kept her promise to guard the nonpartisan unicameral legislature while exhibiting leadership to take down the temperature and to find ways to build bridges across the political spectrum to deliver for



RURAL NEBRASKA BILL OF RIGHTS

Nebraska agriculture is facing a crisis. For too many years, family producers — farmers and ranchers — have not made a profit. Unfair practices by big corporations, rising interest rates, scarce loans, abuses of eminent domain and shrinking markets all have reduced income for individual operators and for rural communities.

ACCORDINGLY, THE NEBRASKA DEMOCRATIC PARTY'S RURAL COUNCIL WILL WORK TOWARD:

- 1. PROPERTY TAX RELIEF: Agricultural land should be taxed on the basis of its annual ability to earn income and not on the basis of fluctuating market values for land.
2. OPEN MARKETS: Competition must be restored in the markets to buy seed, fertilizer and supplies and to sell crops and livestock. Vertical integration hurts local markets. Country-of-origin labeling puts control back in the hands of producers.
3. LOCAL FOOD: Producers should have the right to sell to local retail markets, including hospitals and schools. Community gardens and farmers markets should be encouraged.

- 4. LEVEL PLAYING FIELDS: Subsidies should be paid only to actual family farmers and ranchers. Too many subsidies and incentives are handed out to non-Nebraska corporations, off farm managers and packing houses.
5. PROPERTY RIGHTS AND LOCAL CONTROL: We must end foreign corporate ownership of farm and ranch land and protect local rights to control the use of land. Energy development in particular must have clear siting, setback and decommissioning regulations that do not abuse eminent domain for private gain.

- 6. TECHNOLOGY: Producers must be full partners in developing technologies in the hemp industry, biofuels, LED greenhouses, water sensors and onsite solar and wind power applications. Installing broadband is long overdue and our local public power boards, who brought electricity to rural Nebraska, can lead the way again.
7. RIGHT TO REPAIR: Producers should have the right to fix their own equipment.

THE NEBRASKA DEMOCRATIC PARTY'S RURAL CAUCUS ALSO BELIEVES IN A STRONG, PROSPEROUS, NEW FUTURE FOR OUR RURAL COMMUNITIES AND WILL WORK TOWARD:

- 1. ECONOMIC REVIVAL: Low- and no-interest loans should expand small business, provide for the rebuilding of needed infrastructure and renew retail shopping districts. Private-public partnerships should lead the way.
2. HOUSING: The existing housing stock should be updated. And affordable housing should be expanded, particularly for seniors and young people.
3. COMMUNITY SCHOOLS: Local schools must be preserved as the bedrock of local community life.
4. LOCAL HEALTH CARE: Hospitals, community clinics, nursing homes and mental health facilities must remain reasonably nearby for everyone. Transportation to long distance care and long term facilities must be readily available.
5. DEFEND SMALL: Big corporations and big box stores are putting small businesses out of business on our Main Streets. Economic incentives to help local enterprises are needed to stop corporate overreach.

The Rural Caucus of the Nebraska Democratic Party is steadfast in its belief that farmers, ranchers and all rural Nebraskans can grow our State and that we should act rapidly to achieve this Bill of Rights for our people.

- Roger Morgan, Rural Council Chair



working families.

Jen Day

LD 49 - Sarpy County Sen. Day has been and continues to be a fighter for the working class. This session, she worked to expand access



to SNAP benefits to ensure that fewer Nebraskan families have to worry about where their next meal will come from (LB84). She also worked to require the Department of Health and Human Services to provide notice in certain cases of child abuse and neglect (LB64). Sen. Day has shown her advocacy for Nebraska's families and looks to continue to be a fighter as she seeks re-election in 2024.





NEBRASKA'S NEW (UNFORTUNATE) VOTER ID REQUIREMENTS EXPLAINED

By: Adam Morfeld, Former Nebraska state senator

Unfortunately, Pete Ricketts and his endless political bank account pushed an unnecessary voter ID law that passed last November.

United States, State of Nebraska, an agency or political subdivision of Nebraska, or a postsecondary institution (e.g. college student IDs). Expired IDs are acceptable.

Qualifying IDs also include hospital or assisted-living facility records and temporary ID receipts (temporary ID receipts would add a photo under this amendment).

What about Vote by Mail?

Under this amendment, a Nebraska drivers license or state ID number can be written on the ballot request, or voters can provide a photocopy of a qualifying ID (or an impediment certification). So please, still Vote By Mail. This is the way Democrats win!

What IDs qualify?

Documents issued by the

PILLARS OF SUCCESS - OUR PLATFORM

By: Shirl Mora James, NDP Platform Chair

Every house stands upon a solid foundation and in a similar fashion, the Nebraska Democratic Party stands upon its Platform pillars—a Platform created by the people and for all the people of Nebraska.

everyone in between must be heard. These communities have been historically oppressed without a voice in this great Democracy.

The NDP's Platform falls into three large categories, Equality under the law, Building a strong economy and Healthcare for all Nebraskans.

Building an economy that works for everyone, not just those at the top

Money talks and it's important to give everyone a voice in our economic system Political Commentator James Carville wasn't too far off when he said, "it's the economy, stupid" when talking about what voters care about.

Equality and diversity makes our country strong

Equality before the law is critical to the health of our democracy; especially considering the rights of many individuals which are currently under attack.

Quality and affordable healthcare

The final pillar of this party

What if I forgot my ID, can I vote?

Yes, with a provisional ballot, which would need the voter to "cure" the ballot – verify their identity with a qualifying ID – within one week after Election Day by bringing their ID to their county election office.

What about those who do not have an ID?

The Secretary of State is authorized to provide "reasonable impediment certification" for a disability or an illness, a lack of a birth certificate or source documents, or a religious objection to having a photo ID.

If I don't have an ID what does it cost me?

The Department of Health and Human Services and the DMV would charge no fee for copies of birth records for voting. The Secretary of State's Office would reimburse all expenses to the political subdivisions. State IDs for voting purposes would be provided at no cost.

When does this law go into effect?

April 1, 2024. So the new Voter ID law is in effect for the Primary Election on May 14, the Nov. 5 General Election, and for future elections.

Questions? Call 833-336-8683, OR if you're a person with a disability, text ACCESS to 43367



JOIN OUR CAMPAIGN TO PROTECT OUR PUBLIC SCHOOLS

The private school tax scheme in LB753 will hurt kids, Nebraska public schools, and taxpayers. The bill gives tax credits to corporations and the wealthy while shifting the burden of funding essential public programs and services — like public education, health and safety — to the rest of us.



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See more party leaders including our County Party Chairs, State Central Committee Delegates and Committee Chairs at: nebraskademocrats.org



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Help Us Build the Party



Become a Monthly Donor

Grassroots donors sustain our party to help us do the year round organizing across the state. You donations also go to support our core programs—Block Captains, Voter Guides, Vote By Mail, Voter Registration and Welcome to the Party Postcards.

You can also get more information about your County Party on our NDP website.

State and National Convention

Every two years we hold a state convention where we vote on our party's platforms, rules,

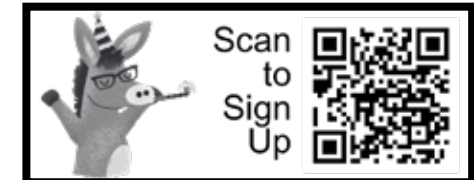


Serve as a Block Captain

To combat the one-party rule, the Nebraska Democratic Party launched the largest year-round grassroots voter engagement program in the state: the Block Captain Program.

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 the hot topics like legislative bills.



Attend Your County Convention

Every two years we hold conventions in all 93 counties across the state. We elect County Party leadership and delegates to the State Convention.

The dates for the County Conventions will fall between May 18 and May 28, 2024.

Watch our website for more information on the exact dates and location for your county convention.

bylaws, and other party business. We also elect State Central Committee Delegates from every legislative district for a two-year term.

Lastly, at the State Convention in presidential years, we also elect Delegates to the National Convention. This is a competitive election and spots are available from each of the Congressional Districts.

Run for Office

There are hundreds of seats up in 2024 from US Senate to public power boards. The NDP trains

candidates all year long and provide access to critical tools like the Voter File, texting, Vote By Mail and more. Complete our form online and we will be in touch to discuss your interest in running for office.

Work for a Candidate

Candidates need campaign managers, social media experts, field directors and more to run an effective race. If you want to volunteer or serve as a staff member on a campaign, fill out our form online and we will be in touch!

Volunteer

Volunteers are the backbone of the party and campaigns. We need volunteers to host yard-sign drive thru events, send postcards to voters, knock doors, phone bank, text bank and much much more.

Get Trained

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

You are invited to join us for the next two training sessions on September 30 and October 14, 2023.

VendorFest: Tools for a Successful Campaign

Omaha: Saturday, September 30, 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

Pillars of a Successful Campaign: Field, Fundraising and Communications

Omaha, Saturday, October 14, 11:00 am - 5:00 pm

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 Roger Morgan, Chair

Black Caucus Pastor Janet Goodman Banks, Chair

Climate Council Gina Frank, Chair

Democrats Experiencing Disabilities Caucus Lacy Smith, Chair

Interfaith Council Brodey Weber, Chair

Latinx Caucus Zachary Mora James, Chair

Native Caucus To be filled at October SCC meeting

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LET'S BUILD TOGETHER

## STEPS TO BUILD A BETTER NEBRASKA

- Register to Vote as a Democrat: [IWillVote.com](https://www.IWillVote.com)
- Vote in the Primary on May 14, and General on Nov. 5, 2024
  - Bank Your Vote Early—Vote by Mail
  - OR
  - Make a Plan to Vote In-Person at Your Polling Location

# #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 2024.
- April Contact—issue survey and vote by mail push.
- July Contact—summer fairs and parades.
- October Contact—voter guides.



## 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!

## 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.
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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.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

## COMPLETE 4 TASKS

Proud Democrat Sticker

## COMPLETE 8 TASKS

Biden/Harris Sticker

## COMPLETE 12 TASKS

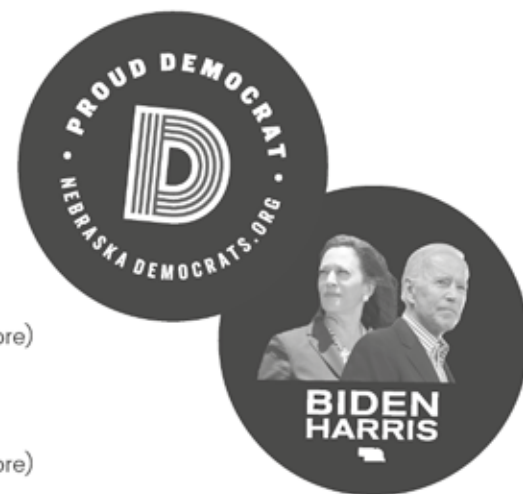
Tote Bag, Hat or Mug  
(your choice from our #NebDems store)

## COMPLETE 16 TASKS

Hoodie or 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 the Ben Nelson Dinner in 2024



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

