Changes to the 2019/2020 Platform:

**Plank: Preamble**
**Adopted Changes:**

We honor, celebrate, and support a diverse California, including immigrant and indigenous communities, veterans, artists, children and seniors, and will work to ensure they receive all needed resources.

**Plank: Children, Young Adults, and Their Families**
**Adopted Changes:**

- Support state and local policies to address the vaping epidemic among youth across the state by banning the sale of all flavored vaping products; and,

**Plank: Criminal Justice**
**Adopted Changes:**

- Support the increased oversight of juvenile justice agencies and the implementation of trauma-responsive justice systems grounded in adolescent development to yield better outcomes for youth and reduce racial and socioeconomic inequalities;
- Work toward ending the systemic bias that harms students with disabilities and disadvantages students based on racial and socioeconomic status.
- Advocate for limiting use of carotid restraints, a use of force that has resulting in unintended deaths;

**Plank: Disabilities**
**Adopted Changes:**

- Encourage municipalities and local governments to establish disability advisory bodies, such as commissions on disabilities, to assist in considering issues, needs, accommodations and unique perspectives of people with disabilities;
- Prioritize making California a leader in embracing inclusive educational practices and achieving successful educational outcomes for students with disabilities;
Plank: Education
Adopted Changes:

- Strive for full proficiency in English language arts and mathematics especially for historically low performing demographic subgroups such as socioeconomically disadvantaged students, students with disabilities, foster youth, English language learners, and certain historically underperforming ethnic groups;
- Work to close our opportunity and achievement gaps by leveraging the flexibility of Local Control Funding Formula, engage parents and communities to develop accountability plans benefiting all students, particularly low income, English learners, foster children and students with disabilities;
- Build a system that ensures every child graduates from high school ready for college or career and civic life based on school accountability, rigorous and achievable expectations for students and educators;
- Protect the right for educators and classified staff to organize and be represented by a union of choice;
- Seek to end zero tolerance policies that criminalize student behavior, work to identify the root causes of behavior and institute school discipline reforms that are centered around counseling, education and positive behaviors;
- Ensure that sworn peace officers in schools are adequately trained to work with children and teenagers, that the use of force against students is unacceptable except in extreme circumstances, recognize and address persistent issues of bias such as institutional racism, and understand the need for increased empathy of potential atypical reactions of students with disabilities;
- Advocate for schools to use restorative policies and practices and to engage in regular bias training in regard to student discipline situations to halt the school-to-prison pipeline;
- Support implementation of the Fair, Accurate, Inclusive and Respectful (FAIR) Education Act in public education and advocate for adequate funding to train teachers and develop curriculum that incorporates the history and contributions of LGBTQ people;
- Support and fully fund ethnic studies as a required public secondary school course with a curriculum that requires students to critically analyze the impact of all forms of discrimination against vulnerable communities, indigenous communities and communities of color, while also analyzing social movements to challenge racism, sexism, antisemitism, islamophobia, and all other forms of oppression;
- Support only those charter school that are managed by public and elected boards, not for profit, transparent in governance, have equitable admissions, adopt fair labor practices and respect labor neutrality, and supplement rather than supplant public education programs.
Plank: Energy and Environment
Adopted Changes:

• Support a green new deal: A comprehensive energy security and climate protection law calling for full decarbonization of the United States economy running on net-zero emissions by 2050, creating millions of good jobs; investing in green infrastructure and industry; securing clean air and water, climate and community resilience, healthy food, and access to nature for all;

• Urge Congress and the California legislature to implement a green new deal that achieves 100 percent clean electricity by 2045, with hiring preferences for formerly incarcerated and socially and/or economically disadvantaged peoples; deploys building and vehicle electrification and zero-net, carbon-free infrastructure; transitions away from extraction and refining of fossil fuels; creates substantial setbacks separating fossil fuel extraction from residential communities; upgrades America’s buildings for efficiency and safety; adopts low-carbon, plant-based food, and small-scale and organic farming; expands affordable housing close to jobs; involves labor unions in the process of job training and worker deployment; creates a network of public banks to finance green infrastructure; respects Indigenous rights; ensures that local implementation of the transition from fossil fuels is led from the community level; and, ensures that frontline communities affected by environmental degradation are given priority to mitigate poor planning and zoning decisions of the past;

• Demand a state plan specifying how cars and light-duty trucks can meet climate-stabilizing targets by defining enforceable measures to achieve necessary fleet efficiency and per-capita driving limits; and,

Plank: Equality of Rights and Opportunity
Adopted Changes:

• Denounce the Doctrine of Discovery as a violation of inherent human rights of individuals and peoples and support dismantling legal structures and policies based on that doctrine to allow Indigenous Peoples to self-govern;

Plank: Health Care
Adopted Changes:

• Protect the gains in health care coverage established under the Obama administration and support and implement universal comprehensive health care and health coverage for all Californians regardless of income or employment status that includes medical, dental, and vision care, hearing aids, full reproductive health services that respects a woman’s right to choose, preventive services, prescription drugs, mental health and substance abuse counseling and treatment, and long term care;

• Support expansion of the current Affordable Care Act (ACA) to include a public option to achieve universal coverage;
Plank: Internet and Free Speech:
Adopted Changes:

• Vehemently defend the right to engage in First Amendment protected speech critical of the U.S. or any government by opposing all legislative and other efforts to penalize or criminalize such speech.

Plank: National Security
Adopted Changes:

• Support efforts to strengthen our defense against cyber threats to our national security and election security while protecting individual privacy rights and civil liberties;
• Support strong consumer data privacy legislation in the United States in order to protect Americans against the increase in identity theft;
• Secure our ports of entry by improving information and intelligence sharing among federal, state and local law enforcement and by enhancing inspections at all airports, seaports, land crossings, and cargo containers while protecting individual privacy rights and civil liberties;
• Encourage the US and Mexican governments to immediately suspend, investigate, and prosecute state actors implicated in intrusive border surveillance programs in violation of individual civil rights;
• Encourage congress to increase funding for programs that support or build capacity for organizations that defend human rights.

Plank: World Peace and International Relations
Adopted Changes:

• The current Republican administration is aggressively demolishing success in American diplomacy achieved in the Obama administration. It has rolled back the diplomatic advances with Cuba and Iran, abandoned the Paris Climate Accords, and violated the Iran nuclear agreement, harming innocent people in many countries and making the world a much more dangerous place for all. The Administration has created chaos in U.S. relations with other countries and demonstrated support for many autocrats and human rights abusers. The Republican budgets demonstrate this administration’s priorities, drastically cutting appropriations for the State Department and humanitarian aid while making dramatic and unnecessary increases in military spending. These are not Democratic priorities
• Proactively seek durable peace in the Middle East, including ending support for the Saudi-United Arab Emirates aggression in Yemen, opposing Turkish repression and aggression against Kurdish civilians in Northern Syria which has undermined years of cooperative security work to stop ISIS and Syrian terrorizing of innocent citizens and rejoining the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (2015 Iran nuclear agreement) and strive to discourage the further proliferation of nuclear weapons in the region, encourage democratic forces in Iran without undermining its government, and strive to restore normal U.S.-Iran relations;
• We support efforts among representatives of Israel, Gaza, and the West Bank to de-escalate tensions through good-faith negotiations that recognize Israel’s future as a sovereign, secure, and democratic Jewish state and that can lead to security and independence for Palestinians. Israelis and Palestinians deserve security, recognition, and a normal life free from terror and incitement. Palestinians and Israelis should be free to govern themselves each in their own viable states in peace and dignity.

• Restore and reaffirm U.S. support for the United Nations as an essential institution for the pursuit of peace and justice employing diplomacy under international law and for the crucial worldwide efforts to end poverty and prevent climate catastrophe;

• Condemn incendiary rhetoric by anyone that reinforces North Korea’s fear of a U.S. invasion and nuclear attack and undermines diplomatic efforts with North Korea; support direct talks with North and South Korean Leaders toward denuclearization of the Korean Peninsula;

• Ratify and abide by the terms of the key treaties that advance the causes of peace and human rights including the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty, the Chemical Weapons Convention, the Biological and Toxins Weapons Convention, the Landmine Treaty, the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court, the Convention on the Elimination of all forms of Discrimination Against Women, the International Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, the Convention on the Rights of the Child and the International Convention on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights;

• Work towards achieving global nuclear disarmament. Continue to pursue the Obama Administration’s “interagency discussions and international negotiations regarding the reduction and elimination of weapons of mass destruction throughout the world.” Recommit to arms control agreements that the current administration abandons. And oppose any first use of nuclear weapons and pre-emptive nuclear strikes.

• Reallocate defense expenditures in a manner commensurate with actual threats. Enhance efforts to deprive terrorists of weapons of mass destruction by moving multilaterally to diminish weapons stockpiles, moving back the hands of the Doomsday Clock published by the Bulletin of Atomic Scientists as it relates to nuclear weapons and the threat of nuclear war;

• Make the United States a global leader in healthy and democratic economic development, designing policies that prioritize worker rights, preserving the environment, fight the climate crisis and channel the benefit of globalization to ordinary people in all countries.

• Pursuant to the Universal Declaration of Human Rights Articles 13 and 14, the Kashmiri Pandit community has the right of return to their ancestral homeland and to be free of persecution in their return.