

Saint Paul DFL City Convention

Resolutions - Ballot Key & Worksheet

June 17th, 2017

This document represents the consideration and distillation of over 175 resolutions provided to the Resolutions Committee. The resolutions committee role is to clarify the intent of resolutions for ease of understanding by the voting delegates, and if approved, to provide a clear basis for action on the part of elected officials.

The Minnesota DFL, of which we are a part, organizes its efforts in even and odd year cycles, with the latter being focused on local and municipal elections and issues. To be included, resolutions must be relevant to local issues that can be addressed and implemented at the City or School District levels. Issues related to state and federal matters are appropriately addressed to the State Party, which is prepared to receive resolution petitions in even-numbered years only. This committee has no power to address or advance state and federal issues, except in very limited ways, and so we have had to exclude from this ballot most of those that we received. Please bring those great ideas to next year's precinct caucuses.

Please note that category headings are selected to reflect local concerns and issues more closely than those on the State Resolutions form. You will also note the small figures in brackets at the end of some resolutions; these indicate the number of City wards & precincts forwarding similar resolutions reflecting more widespread interest or concerns. [All un-marked resolutions come from single precincts.]

Please read through these proposed resolutions and jot down your preferences for approval in the margin next to the resolution number - so that you can easily transfer your choices to the Official Ballot at the appropriate time. This worksheet is not the official ballot and won't be counted if deposited in the ballot box! Please read the instructions on that Ballot Sheet when you receive it, and be prepared to complete your voting after listening to and engaging in the period of Comment and Advocacy on the agenda.

Civil, Human, & Constitutional Rights

Be it resolved that the Saint Paul DFL party...

- 1)...reaffirms its support for and commitment to LGBTQ equality rights.
- 2)...opposes conversion therapy for LGBTQ people, especially LGBTQ minors.
- 3)...urges the Saint Paul legislative delegation to work to ensure state and federal governments will cover the costs for contraceptives for people living in the United States.
- 4)...urges the Saint Paul legislative delegation to support passage of legislation that repeals all waiting periods for individuals seeking abortion services.

- 5)...supports the St Paul city government in taking steps now to combat sex trafficking [1,3]
- 6)...encourages the city to respect and defend every community member's access to and enjoyment of police, legal, and public services in Saint Paul and not permit city resources to be used in federal deportation actions. [1,2]

Community Development

Be it resolved that the Saint Paul DFL party...

- 7)...supports the city in facilitating the creation of community gardens in vacant lots to promote local food sources and green spaces.
- 8)...urges the city to pursue a sustainable, low to medium density development plan for the Ford Plant property and require Ford to remediate environmental pollution on the land to restore the property to the condition prior to its acquisition by Ford.
- 9)...requests that the city pursue no plans to develop the current Ford Plant site which do not include space for current baseball and softball programs.

Education

Be it resolved that the Saint Paul DFL party...

- 10)...supports universal access to preschool and early childhood education for all students regardless of income or immigration status. [1,2]
- 11)...recommends that St. Paul schools adopt an equity policy that (1) explicitly states the goal of equity of outcomes for all students across all identities and (2) calls for an end to the racial predictability of outcomes.
- 12)...urges Saint Paul schools to advocate for our children's dental health by providing education for parents on the importance of dental care for children.
- 13)...supports a comprehensive, medically accurate, age-appropriate sex education curriculum for all K-12 schools, including coverage of all contraceptive options, sexually transmitted infections, defining affirmative consent and sexual violence issues, and LGBTQ health and relationships. [1,2]
- 14)...urges all St. Paul Schools to include at least 10 minutes of silent, mindful meditation a day.

Energy

Be it resolved that the Saint Paul DFL party...

- 15)...supports inclusive energy financing in the City of St. Paul, allowing access to energy savings for renters and for those living on restricted incomes or with limited access to credit.

Government & Corporate Accountability to the Public

Be it resolved that the Saint Paul DFL party...

16)...recommends that all campaign funding be restricted to individual donations, with no for-profit corporate funding.

17)...urges the city to pass a responsible banking ordinance and divest our tax money from Wells Fargo Bank, which is funding the Dakota Access pipeline.

18)...opposes the privatization of Emergency Medical Services (i.e. paramedical/ambulance services).

19)...urges the mayor's office to establish a series of open forums ("town halls") with Q/A's from the public, to be held at least once each year in each ward.

Health

Be it resolved that the Saint Paul DFL party...

20)...urges the city to adopt an ordinance that raises the minimum legal age for tobacco purchases to 21.

Housing

Be it resolved that the Saint Paul DFL party...

21)...supports quality and safe housing for all.

22)...supports and encourages the development of affordable housing in the central city.

23)...urges the city to provide grants and low interest loans for homeowners for home improvement.

24)...urges the city to oppose tear-downs that change the character of a neighborhood with 'McMansions'; and the Board of Zoning Appeals to grant no variances to allow them.

Infrastructure Maintenance & Utilities

Be it resolved that the Saint Paul DFL party...

25)...supports the city insuring prompt snow plowing during winter season in all neighborhoods. [1,3]

Labor and Employment

Be it resolved that the Saint Paul DFL party...

26)...reaffirms its support of working people, the middle class and labor unions.

28)...supports the passage of an ordinance this summer that brings the minimum wage in Saint Paul to \$15 by 2022 with One Fair Wage for all workers, with no Tip Penalty. [6,12]

29)...supports city party leaders in going on the record in opposition to Corporate Interference, aka "Preemption", via any legislation (such as HF 600/SF 580) that interferes with or preempts local governments' authority to enact ordinances related to the minimum wage or any other benefits, terms of employment, working conditions, or attendance or leave policies that exceed state or federal law. The City Party Leadership will also notify the governor, legislative leaders, and the city's legislative delegation of the adoption of this resolution and ask them to oppose/veto any of the above legislative initiatives. [5,17]

Local Party Issues

Be it resolved that the Saint Paul DFL party...

30)...endorses Ranked Choice Voting for St. Paul municipal elections and opposes any repeal. [7,38]

31)...will work to make all aspects of every convention to be accessible for all.

32)...requests that "One-Box" straight party voting be an option on City of St Paul ballots so that when St Paul ballots permit it, checking the DFL box is a vote for the party's endorsed candidate. *[N.B. This would require the St. Paul Charter Commission to revoke our current system of non-partisan municipal elections.]*

33)...repeal Ranked Choice Voting and return to the primary election system.

34)...should use ranked choice voting in the process of determining its mayoral endorsement.

Media, Telecommunications & Open Access

Be it resolved that the Saint Paul DFL party...

35)...urges the city of Saint Paul to construct its own broadband internet infrastructure - which would be open to leasing by many internet service providers, thus supporting competition and dissuading monopolies and duopolies. [2,4]

36)...supports a policy of "Dig Once": Whenever street excavation work is done, fiber optic conduit and cable should be put into place as well.

Police Accountability & Minority Justice

Be it resolved that the Saint Paul DFL party...

37)...supports the spirit of community solidarity by implementing the following policies recommended by the Immigrant Legal Resource Center in their "Searching for Sanctuary" report, including:

1. Prohibiting the use of local resources to assist in immigration enforcement, such as prohibiting local offices from participating in joint patrols with Immigrations & Customs Enforcement (ICE) officials.
2. Refusing to comply with ICE requests to illegally hold persons beyond their lawful release date in order for ICE to take them into custody.
3. Declining participation in the 287(g) program, which deputizes local law enforcement agents to enforce immigration laws.
4. Refraining from participation in ICE detention contracts, wherein a local jail holds immigrants in detention.
5. Rejecting ICE notification requests, wherein local law enforcement agrees to alert ICE when a particular person is released from custody so that ICE can detain them.
6. Limiting ICE presence in jails by prohibiting access to secured areas of the jail without warrant and enacting procedural protections for immigrants in the jail that allow them to refuse interrogation by ICE agents.
7. Prohibiting jail officers and employees from inquiring into immigration status or place of birth.

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38)...supports equipping all St. Paul police officers with body cameras by December 30th 2018.

39)...urges the City to adopt a strong contract-bargaining position, removing the option of binding arbitration as a recourse for shielding police officers found to have violated Use-of-Force policies, and placing the final authority to discipline or terminate in response to such violations, solely in the hands of the Chief of Police. In exchange, the city would offer to distribute all unused legal settlement funds (currently budgeted at \$750,000/ annum) as an end-of-year bonus to be divided equally among all officers. [2,2]

40)...urges the city to require the Saint Paul Police [*Union?*] to purchase liability insurance to cover the liability costs of officer misconduct instead of paying large settlements out of city taxes.

Public Safety & Crime Prevention

Be it resolved that the Saint Paul DFL party...

41)...requests that control over "Safe Summer Nights" program funds be given over to local neighborhood councils.

Social & Economic Justice Issues

Be it resolved that the Saint Paul DFL party...

- 42)...urges the city to pilot participatory budgeting processes in wards that experience the most racial economic disparities, using a portion of discretionary funds.
- 43)...supports the efforts of nonprofit organizations, working to improve the community, by helping low income residents to meet their basic needs and become self sustaining.
- 44)...recommends that no more future projects, such as splash pads, be considered for contract at Mounds Park, leaving the park as it is and not disturbing the sacred nature of the burial mounds.
- 45)...recommends that the city seek to work with children through hands-on social services instead of incarcerating them in the criminal justice system.

Tax and Budget Policy

Be it resolved that the Saint Paul DFL party...

- 46)...urges the city to limit the use of TIF (Tax Increment Financing) only to assist in development of affordable workforce housing and small business development and opposes TIF for major developments like Stadiums. [2,2]
- 47)...urges the City and its legislative delegation to support legislation increasing the top tax rate in Minnesota to 15%. Half of this increase should then go to Local Government Aid.
- 48)...encourages the city to provide additional funding for parents for child care.
- 49)...recommends that the city consult with the St. Paul community prior to offering or considering offering any tax incentives to developers of the Ford Plant site.

Transportation

Be it resolved that the Saint Paul DFL party...

- 50)...supports build-out of the transit system as proposed by the Met Council. [3,3]
- 51)...endorses the implementation of the St. Paul Bikeways Plan and the Complete Streets Plan in order to increase safety for bicycles and pedestrians. [2,2]
- 52)...opposes any proposals for streetcars, favoring trolley buses instead, if electric power is preferred.

- 53)...invites Saint Paul to institute an ordinance modeled on the "Idaho Stop" rule:
Allowing bicyclists to treat stop lights as stop signs and stop signs as yield signs.
- 54)...supports the removal of two-hour parking limit signs on Rice Street between
University and Pennsylvania Avenues.
- 55)...supports the installation of a 4-way traffic light on Johnson Parkway and Ames
Ave East.

Additional Resolutions by Petition

Be it resolved that the Saint Paul DFL party...

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