

Advance a People's Agenda!

After years of divided government and a deeply reactionary Republican Party blocking anything progressive at the state level, Minnesota went against national electoral trends and elected Democratic Farmer Labor Party candidates to all executive offices and gave them majorities in the Minnesota House and Senate. However, we know that a DFL-controlled state government won't deliver material wins for the most marginalized and oppressed peoples' in Minnesota without a grassroots movement to push them and hold them accountable. The DFL has traditionally ignored working class and oppressed people in their budget making and decisions while coming to our communities every two years to beg us to save their campaigns by dropping our organizing projects and putting all our efforts into keeping the reactionary GOP at bay. Then, during the legislative session, they ignore the voices of our people and fail to pass the bold policies that working & oppressed people need to survive the crises we face.

This year, with the DFL having total control of the state government, they can't blame Republicans for blocking progress. We demand action from the state government on all issues that affect working class and oppressed people statewide. In that spirit we put forward this People's Agenda and will organize to demand action.

We demand the state legislature & governor enact:

- Tax the Rich, Fund the People
- The right to dignified income and social services
- Housing as a human right
- Healthcare as a human right
- Labor rights and unions for all
- Police accountability and prisoner justice
- Full equality for immigrants
- Demilitarization of Minnesota
- Protection of the environment
- Building the schools all Minnesota students deserve
- Higher education justice
- Democracy for all
- Strengthening of women's and reproductive rights
- Use of the 17 billion dollar surplus on programs for the public good as listed in this document

Tax the Rich, Fund the People

- Restore the Corporate Sales Tax
- Add a fifth and sixth tier to the income tax bracket
- Allow municipalities to tax corporations and income

The Right to Dignified Income and Social Services

- Make expansions of unemployment insurance permanent
- Extend coverage to part-time and self-employed workers (including gig and contract workers)
- Increase funding for SNAP and food programs
- Increase the welfare grant
- Fund public housing as a public good: Increase public funds from the state, county, and city to provide housing as a right

Housing as a Human Right

- Enact a moratorium on foreclosures and evictions: this crisis is ongoing - this protection must continue

- Repeal of the preemption on rent control for municipalities
- No penalties on mortgage deferrals
- State-wide tenant opportunity to purchase act
- Increase spending on transitional housing and ending homelessness
- Increase funding for public housing and require public housing stays in public control

Healthcare as a Human Right

- Pass the Senator Marty's Minnesota Health Plan that would provide health care for all in MN
- Take action to address health inequalities between white and oppressed nationality people
- Enact the right to gender affirming care
- Universal health care not tied to employment
- Ban conversion therapy

Labor Rights and Unions for All

- Raise the minimum wage to \$25/hr indexed to inflation
- Guarantee paid family medical leave for all
- Codify the right to strike and unionize for all workers
- Guarantee paid sick leave and safe time for all workers
- Give real enforcement power to public sector unions filing unfair labor practices

Police Accountability and Prisoner Justice

- End cash bail and end arrests for petty offenses
- Community Control of Police - full repeal of state bans and preemption of civilian oversight
- Release all prisoners incarcerated on marijuana charges
- Free wrongfully convicted people
- End qualified immunity
- End statute of limitations for lawsuits and prosecution of wrongful deaths caused by police

Full Equality for Immigrants

- Issue driver's licenses for all
- Protect municipal identification data
- Halt ICE enforcement
- Guarantee voting access for all

Demilitarization of Minnesota

- Divest Minnesota from arms manufacturers and purveyors of human rights abuses
- Ban the Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps in all public and charter schools
- Explore new sister city programs around the world
- Ban use of the National Guard against protestors and strikers

Protection of the Environment

- Create a sustainable economy while fighting climate change and building green infrastructure
- Support and defend Indigenous treaty rights over natural resources
- Fight pollution and emissions in working class and oppressed nationality neighborhoods and communities
- Prevent any new pipelines from being built

Building the Schools All Minnesota Students Deserve

- Fix the Special Education Cross Subsidy

- Statewide caps on class size of 18:1 and maximum ratio of mental health professionals 100:1
- Tie formula increases to inflation
- Allow all licensed educators to be members of their bargaining unit (including tier 1 educators)

Higher Education Justice

- Enact tuition freezes - no tuition hikes at any public institutions of higher education
- Pass student loan forgiveness
- Pay living wages for both undergraduate and graduate student workers
- Ensure dedicated seats for unionized workers at all public higher education institutions' boards of regents

Democracy for All

- Restore the vote for all
- Practice automatic voter registration
- Implement ranked choice voting
- Lower the voting age to 16
- Grant municipal voting access to all
- Grant 250 million dollars for statewide participatory budgeting

Strengthening of Women's and Reproductive Rights

- Put a constitutional amendment to make pre and postnatal care as well as abortions and contraception a constitutional guarantee
- Ban state funding for Crisis Pregnancy Centers
- Put out governmental warnings about the harms of CPCs
- Earmark money for abortion funds
- Open more abortion clinics state wide
- Provide no aid to other states prosecuting abortion seekers

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