

Doylestown Democrats Platform

These are our fundamental guiding principles. We believe in the democratic process and aim to restore the integrity of government. Implicit in this platform is the shared belief that government has a legitimate role in implementing these core values. We will revisit this statement to ensure that it remains an accurate reflection of our goals:

Universal Liberty & Justice

Equal Rights – We support equal rights for all persons, regardless of age, gender, race, religion, national origin, ethnicity, disabilities, sexual orientation, or economic status. We believe in protecting and expanding laws that guarantee these rights in order to achieve greater tolerance and understanding in our community.

Civil Rights/Civil Liberties – We must protect and restore our Constitutional rights to liberty, privacy, free speech, and the separation of church and state. We pledge to ensure access to the courts and fight disparities especially in the criminal justice system.

Reproductive Freedom – We must assure access to all reproductive health options. All women have the right to make informed decisions about their reproductive health.

Equal Opportunity to Succeed

Education – Strong public education is essential to a healthy democracy, a vibrant economy, and a sustainable community. We support increased emphasis on effective early childhood education, affordable higher education, elimination of under funded and ineffective federal mandates, and fully funding our public libraries.

Health Care – We must ensure universal access to affordable quality healthcare, including prenatal care, prescription drugs, mental health treatment, and long-term care for those in need.

Workplace Fairness – All Americans have the right to a living wage. We must safeguard the rights of workers to organize unions and to strike. Employers must value families and allow employees to tend to family and medical needs.

Integrity in Government

Democratic Renewal – We believe in the democratic process. We support electoral and campaign finance reform. We aim to restore the integrity of government by eliminating the inordinate influence of big money on elections and the legislative process.

Economic Justice – We must not encumber future generations with deficits that impair our ability to provide essential government services. We support progressive taxes that expect more

from wealthier citizens. We must ensure retirement security, close the digital divide, and promote economic growth. We must protect and create jobs. We pledge to support businesses which act responsibly and hold accountable those who do not act in the interest of the community.

Responsible Leadership in the World

National Security & Global Stewardship – We believe that peace and security are best achieved not only through a strong military but also through international cooperation. We encourage respect for international institutions and support policies that respect rather than exploit our neighbors. We recognize that preemptive military actions increase the threat to our national security. To preserve personal security, we support policies that counter the culture of violence, at home and abroad.

Environment – We have a responsibility to respect and protect our environment. We recognize that there are powerful economic and social forces at the national, state, and local level that threaten our health and natural resources. We must fight sprawl, protect family farms, ensure clean water and air, and preserve the natural and historic resources that make our region unique.

We pledge that this will not be a static document. Instead, we will use it as a springboard for action.