

ALBANY COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY

2026 PLATFORM

Albany County Democrats – Here for Good

This platform reflects our vision, as Democrats and as concerned citizens committed to bringing democratic principles into public policy for the betterment of our shared community. These principles are provided to help guide the campaigns of Democratic candidates, to inform voters as they consider their political alignment, and as a statement of the shared values and aspirations that have brought us together.

We recognize that in a legitimate democracy, “government” is the mechanism through which citizens exercise our collective commitment to one another. That commitment is embodied in the United States and Wyoming Constitutions and, importantly, in the social contract we have long embraced to protect one another and the environment which sustains us.

Democracy and Civil Rights

The government must faithfully reflect the will of the people. It must be transparent, accessible, and scrupulously honest. It must diligently protect individual rights from intrusion by government and by powerful forces serving their own, rather than public, interests. It must embrace the co-equal status of the Legislative, Administrative, and Judicial branches and the checks and balances inherent therein.

1. We applaud Wyoming’s record of free, fair, and secure elections and oppose those who allege crises to justify attacks on voting procedures.
2. We oppose voter suppression efforts and gerrymandering to create partisan, racial, or economic advantage,
3. We recognize and welcome the historic contributions of immigrants to our country and demand their inclusion in the application of civil rights.
4. We embrace the diversity of backgrounds and opinions that strengthen our society, and recognize the rights of indigenous peoples.
5. We support the autonomy of the individual, free from government intrusion or bias regarding reproductive choice, gender identity, ethnicity, religion, or disability.
6. We highlight the importance of freedom of expression and of the press, and support academic freedom in our educational institutions.
7. We call for economic justice. For democracy to function, corporate greed and government corruption must be reined in.
8. We are proud of the USA as an international beacon of freedom and responsible self-government and we condemn all actions that compromise those principles.

Environment

The natural and human-made environment are the basis of our love for Wyoming and for the clean air, land, and water resources that sustain us.

1. Public lands now and forever belong to the public. Access to public lands must not be compromised.
2. The energy extractions necessary to maintain society must focus on sustainability and minimizing long-term impacts to public health, natural resources and wildlife.
3. Wyoming cannot be a dumping ground for waste materials generated elsewhere.
4. Public safety is an important part of the environment in which we live, work, and go to school. We support background checks and locally-established exclusion spaces to reduce gun violence and suicides.

Public Services

From hiring the first frontier sheriff to laying the first water line, the government exists to provide public services, as we pool private resources to accomplish collectively what is difficult to accomplish individually.

1. We recognize that taxes are the necessary foundation for collective action, and emphasize that taxes be collected fairly and applied to maximize public benefits.
2. A well-funded and well-rounded education is foundational to our prosperity, our environmental well-being, and our responsible participation in our democracy. Public funds dedicated to education must be allocated by elected officials in the best interests of the community, and never delivered into private hands.
3. Public services must maintain affordable access to quality physical and mental health care for all citizens.
4. We recognize the special concerns of those seeking to start careers and families in Wyoming and of those challenged by advanced age. We must improve housing affordability and support growing families where possible.

The Albany County Democratic Party is committed to building a more just, equitable, and sustainable future for all Wyomingites. We believe democratic principles create positive change and we will continue to advocate for policies that reflect our values of opportunity, sustainability, and integrity. Together, we will build a brighter future for Wyoming.

