

Mission and Values Statement for the Greene County Democratic Committee

The mission of this Committee is to serve the best interests of the people of Greene County, Pennsylvania, by promoting and guiding the principles and core values of the Democratic Party. We will identify and address issues of concern for our local population, and recruit and support viable candidates who will effectively advance our goals of a better, fairer, and brighter future.

2024 Statement of Principles for the Greene County Democratic Committee

This committee supports the overall objectives of the National and Statewide Democratic Party while recognizing that we, in rural southwestern Pennsylvania, have certain priorities that may not align exactly with their current message. As such, the Greene County Democratic Committee supports these core objectives.

RESTORING AND STRENGTHENING OUR DEMOCRACY

Our constitutional democracy is the foundation of our country, and strengthening it starts in communities like ours.

This committee will seek to increase voter registration, participation, and knowledge with the goal of providing accurate information and a safe place for our residents to obtain answers.

This committee intends to help prospective candidates by assuring campaign materials are informative and accessible.

RENEWING AMERICAN LEADERSHIP

Renewing our American leadership starts at the local level. As leadership in our communities improves, leadership at the state level will grow, and that will lead to renewed leadership at the national level.

It is important to encourage Greene County citizens to advocate for their community's needs, to be aware of their legislator's performance, and to hold them accountable as such.

This committee intends to support candidates who are enthusiastic about our communities and plan to lead with intention.

This committee will endorse candidates who care more about the people they represent than the party who endorses them.

HEALING THE SOUL OF AMERICA

While we may not always agree, everyone's opinions should be heard, considered, and recognized. We should be able to have respectful conversations and work together. We believe this idea starts on a local level.

This committee insists that each Democratic candidate commit to engaging with legislators of any party who demonstrate that they will put aside partisanship and personal ambition to work toward legislation advancing the greater good for the people of Greene County.

ACHIEVING UNIVERSAL, AFFORDABLE, QUALITY HEALTH CARE

Health care is a universal need that everyone deserves. It should be affordable and accessible, and no one should have to put their health in jeopardy due to finances.

This committee supports a national effort to negotiate drug costs and lower the cost of prescriptions.

This committee will support Social Security, Medicare for seniors, and Medicaid for all eligible.

This committee believes that everyone has the right to health care as prescribed by their physician, not as dictated by politicians.

BUILDING A STRONGER, FAIRER ECONOMY

Diversification of our industries and economic base is necessary for our future.

This committee supports initiatives that create a well-rounded and varied economy that is not reliant on a single industry.

This committee supports plans to bring new business and industry to our county to provide an array of jobs for our residents.

This committee supports raising the minimum wage to reflect the increased cost of necessities.

PROTECTING COMMUNITIES AND BUILDING TRUST BY REFORMING OUR CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM

Justice should be equal for all. Magistrates, Judges, and District Attorneys have a duty to treat all cases with impartiality and equal justice.

Excessive bail requirements for non-violent crimes create a greater burden on citizens with lower finances, which can cause them to remain incarcerated thereby risking their jobs and domicile before their case has even been heard.

This committee maintains that all Greene County residents should expect to be treated fairly and with dignity by all members of our criminal justice system.

COMBATING THE CLIMATE CRISIS AND PURSUING ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE

Since Greene County's beginnings, many residents have worked to extract, process, transport, and utilize the local fossil fuel deposits. Many of us hear of the climate crisis and fear for our community's economic future.

To address these valid concerns, this committee supports maximizing the economic benefit to our county while simultaneously monitoring and protecting our priceless natural resources.

Greene County can continue to be a livable oasis if we are able to act now to preserve our surface and ground waters, clean air, forests, and farmland.

This committee supports adequate planning to improve the regional economy while preserving the sustainability and quality of life in Greene County for the next generation citizens.

CREATING A 21ST CENTURY IMMIGRATION SYSTEM

Too often, complex immigration issues have been exploited to make political points, without any comprehensive plans or allocation of the needed resources to truly address the issue.

This committee supports prudent revisions in our immigration system, considering both the needs of our local economy as well as the obligation for compassionate treatment of human beings who are fleeing persecution and violence.

PROVIDING A WORLD-CLASS EDUCATION IN EVERY ZIP CODE

America calls itself the "Land of Opportunity," but this can only be true when all children have access to an education that provides the tools for success. In rural areas like Greene County, public schools are essential for achieving this objective. Many local students are falling behind and performing at lower than actual grade levels.

This committee maintains that our public school systems must be provided with additional resources, in both social services and teaching, to assist our children in obtaining the knowledge and skills they need to grow into successful adults.