

King County Democratic Central Committee
2010 Legislative Agenda
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1. Revenue

- **Repeal I-960 and raise revenue to provide adequate funding for vital state services** – repeal provisions requiring supermajority votes to approve tax and revenue issues, raise at least \$1.7 billion in revenue.

2. Tax Reform

- **Repeal non-performing corporate tax breaks**, sunset all tax exemptions every 10 years
- **Implement a state income tax on millionaires**

3. Banking, Foreclosure and Predatory Lending Reform

- Require lenders to use mediation, require proper maintenance of foreclosed homes, give homeowners right to rent former homes, increase state enforcement powers, and give whistle-blower protections to employees at lending institutions.
- **Establish a public Washington State Bank** similar to North Dakota's for infrastructure

4. Human Services

- **“Disability Lifeline”--Protect poverty programs**: Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), Apple Health for kids, Basic Health, Emergency Food Assistance, Medicaid, mental health, substance abuse treatment and General Assistance for people with disabilities
- **Prohibit source of income (e.g., Sec. 8) as a means to discriminate**
- **Pass Fair Tenant Screening Act** to regulate screeners and make reports go for 60 days

5. Housing

- **Promote State Housing Trust Fund** at 50% of previous level of effort (or \$50 million) as a shovel-ready jobs bill
- **Workforce Housing Fund**—construct or purchase 25,000 rental units through housing authorities/nonprofits for working families at or below 80% of median income
- **Homebuilding Revitalization Act**—give homeowners recourse to remedy defects in new homes that need repair

6. Environmental Priorities:

- **Invest in Clean Water Bill** (HB 1614) raise funds for clean water infrastructure and storm water control by imposing a per-barrel fee on petroleum products.
- **Safe Baby Bottle Act** will phase out harmful bisphenol-A (BPA) in baby bottles, etc.
- **Create recycling program for fluorescent lights** - require lighting producers to provide a convenient statewide recycling program for fluorescent lights to prevent exposure to and release of toxic mercury

7. Public Health and Safety

- **Secure Medicine Return** - require drug producers to provide secure collection and environmentally sound disposal of unwanted, unused, or expired medicines, as they do in other countries.

8. Election and Initiative Reform

- **Public Financing of campaigns for Washington State Supreme Court** - optional public financing for campaigns, providing adequate sums to run competitive campaigns
- **Universal Voter Registration** – opt out, not opt in, legislation for motor voter registration
- **Same-day voter registration**
- **Increase initiative filing fee to \$100**; \$25 when file with Secretary of State, \$75 when re-file for ballot title and summary; alt - \$100 or \$100 signatures

- **Require signature gatherers to be Washington State residents**
- **Set up Citizen's Initiative Review Process** like recent Oregon legislation.

9. L&I "Retro Reform"

- **Greater regulation and transparency of L&I insurance pool refunds**(S 6035)

10. Labor

- **Collective bargaining for musicians, early childhood educators, 2-year college faculty, lecturers and interpreters**
- **Require prevailing wages** to be paid on public/private partnerships and projects involving public money or public land

11. Education

- **Redefining funding formula for basic education**
- **Transforming underperforming schools**
- **Levy Equalization**

12. Criminal Justice

- **Revise three strikes and sentencing guidelines**
- **End sentences of life without parole for juveniles**, HB 1507.
- Legalize, regulate and **tax marijuana** for adults
- Abolish the **death penalty**

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