

DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF LANE COUNTY

Platform Committee

1/17/2019

RESOLUTION 2019.6

A resolution of the Democratic Party of Lane County

Relating to the Fair Shot for All 2019 legislative agenda

WHEREAS, Fair Shot for All (Fair Shot Oregon) is a coalition of more than 20 racial justice organizations, community groups and labor unions fighting together for economic and racial justice; and

WHEREAS, the DPLC Platform of 2018 advocates for “laws and public institutions [that] are Fair to all, and show respect for each person’s worth, dignity, opinions, and rights” and states that “we facilitate success and diminish economic inequality”; and

WHEREAS, the Fair Shot 2019 agenda includes:

- **Access to the care we need** - Whether it’s to welcome a new child, aid a loved one with a serious illness, or get care themselves, almost everyone will need to take time off from work to deal with a medical issue. But most Oregonians, especially women of color and low-income workers, can’t afford to, and they’re forced to choose between caring for their family or keeping their paycheck. By ensuring all workers can afford to take time away from work when they need to, paid family and medical leave insurance will give families more financial stability during important life events.
- **Stable homes for families** - We all need a safe, stable place to call home. Rising rents are continuing to push many Oregonians—especially members of the LGBTQ community, people of color, and our aging neighbors—out of their homes. By closing the glaring loopholes in Oregon’s landlord tenant laws, we can keep families in their neighborhoods, parents in their jobs, and children in their schools. By ending no-cause evictions and stabilizing rents, we can create more economically stable and diverse communities.

- **Equal access to justice** - Oregon's public defenders are overloaded with cases, meaning many low-income Oregonians, especially those from communities of color, are entering the courtroom without adequate representation. Oregonians without the aid of a lawyer who has the time, ability and resources to present an effective defense are more likely to be unfairly charged, detained and potentially deported. To protect the constitutional right to a fair trial, Oregon must ensure everyone has equal access to legal representation.
- **Fairness and opportunity for immigrant families** - In Oregon, immigrants are part of our families, communities, workplaces, and places of worship. Yet, our current state laws create unnecessary challenges for immigrant families and limit economic opportunity. We must fight together to make sure that no Oregonian lives in fear that everyday activities like going to work, going to school, or reporting crimes to the police will lead to harassment or being taken from their families.
- **Investing in our future** - Oregon's tax structure is broken. Amidst record corporate profits, funding for public education, health care for low-income families and critical services for seniors are on the chopping block. Meanwhile, the tax burden is shifting onto the backs of those who can least afford it, including working families, students and small businesses. The impact is even deeper in many communities of color still struggling to make ends meet under unfair economic policies that favor those with wealth and privilege. 2019 is the year we can level the playing field and create economic opportunity for all Oregonians.

THEREFORE, the Democratic Party of Lane County resolves:

SECTION 1: We support the Fair Shot Agenda; and

SECTION 2: We implore our Lane County legislators to vote in support of these important measures that will create a more just Oregon.

**Resolved by the Central Committee of the Democratic Party of Lane County,
Assembled in Eugene, Oregon, January 17, 2019**

