Resolutions for SD 34 Consideration

Number 1 9 precincts approved

Resolved that

1) Removing the right-of-first-refusal for incumbent network owners, enabling them to block projects from the border-to-border grant fund.

2) Providing stable multi-year funding for the border-to-border fund that would allow the best providers to plan ahead.

3) Removing barriers to municipally-owned networks. In particular, remove the requirement for 65% of the voters to approve introduction of a municipal network.

4) Prioritizing applications to the border-to-border fund from organizations headquartered in Minnesota and which extend to covered areas currently without it.

5) Provide assurance that eliminates a municipality from allowing a single provider

Number 2 8 precincts approved

Resolved that the DFL party asks it federal delegation to fully fund the Social Security program by adjusting the FICA tax and elevating the FICA wage cap. Further, the annual benefit adjustment should be based on Consumer Price Index for the Elderly (CPI-E)

Number 3 7 precincts approved

Resolved that the DFL expects the Minnesota Congressional delegation to work for public administration of pharmaceutical prices with the goal of making the drug prices inflation compatible with that for other medical goods and services

Number 4 7 precincts approved

Resolved that the DFL party commit to saving lives by supporting common sense gun violence prevention measures, including

1) Passing Universal Criminal Background Check and Gun Violence Protection Order bills;

2) Making state funds available for gun violence prevention programs; and

3) Removing prohibitions in current state law against the collection of gun-related data for the purpose of public health research

Be it further resolved that the DFL party commit to blocking any and all attempts to weaken Minnesota’s gun laws and stand opposed to dangerous gun bills, including Stand Your Ground, Permitless Carry, Lifetime Permit to Carry, Campus Carry and the repeal of gun-free school zones

Number 5 7 precincts approved

Resolved that the Minnesota DFL will demonstrate its support for banning discrimination on the basis of gender by aggressively advocating for removal of the deadline for ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment and for passage of legislation to put an Equal Rights Amendment in the Minnesota State Constitution

Number 6 6 precincts approved

Resolved that the State of Minnesota provide:

1) A stipend for those directly caring for senior family members including care in the senior’s home;

2) Periodic training and evaluation for those receiving the stipend
3) A tax credit for those paying for professional in-home care for senior family members
4) An increase of at least five percent in the wages for those providing state-funded in-home care
5) Periodic training and mandatory evaluation of those providing privately-funded or state-funded in-home care

Number 7 ________ 6 precincts approved

Resolved that a bill be introduced to disallow disbursement or reimbursement to any member of the US House of Representative or Senate from the Members’ Representational Allowance fund, or any other disbursement other than salary for any member who does not hold open public town halls in their home district at least two times per calendar year

1) An open public town hall shall be defined as a public meeting to which all constituents are invited with at least 1 week notice to allow or frequent public notices. The town hall will be held in an appropriately sized venue, within district bounds, large enough to hold the anticipated crowd, with sufficient/convenient parking and public transportation where appropriate. The elected official must be physically present before his or her constituents for at least two hours’ time to provide for questions/comments by constituents. The event must be recorded, considered a public record and readily available in an un-edited form

Number 8 ________ 5 precincts approved

Resolved that the DFL support a constitutional amendment to establish that no corporate body shall have the status of “person”; and, further, that no corporate body shall have the rights and privileges accorded to individuals under any provisions of the US Constitution.

Number 9 ________ 4 precincts approved

Resolved that every Minnesotan will be provided with access to lifelong publicly funded education beginning with earliest childhood and continuing with academic and vocational programs all the way through their senior years

Number 10 ________ 4 precincts approved

Resolved that the DFL Party solicits the Minnesota legislature and the Department of Transportation to make laws that will provide adequate and affordable passenger transportation for seniors and handicapped individuals within and between cities, counties and the state.

Number 11 ________ 3 precincts approved

Resolved that the Minnesota DFL use ranked choice voting for all DFL officer elections and Candidate endorsements

Number 12 ________ 3 precincts approved

Resolved that the DFL supports that Minnesota joins the National Popular Vote Interstate Compact, thereby advancing our country toward a future where the presidency is won by the candidate that wins the national popular vote

Number 13 ________ 3 precincts approved

Resolved that the State of Minnesota use its financial and other resources to promote and encourage renewable energy and reduce dependence on fossil fuels; i.e., secure at least 50% of Minnesota’s electricity from renewable sources by 2030 with a goal of 100% renewable energy by 2050

Number 14 ________ 3 precincts approved

Resolved that the DFL regards internet as a utility and supports access to broadband internet, protection of Browser History and Net Neutrality throughout Minnesota
Number 15 _______ 3 precincts approved
Resolved that the DFL support a moratorium on Factory Farms

Number 16 _______ 2 precincts approved
All candidates running for state and federal offices must release the last five years state and federal tax returns to appear on the state ballot

Number 17 _______ 2 precincts approved
Resolved that the DFL oppose any new crude oil pipeline in Minnesota including Enbridge’s proposed line 3 replacement

Number 18 _______ 2 precincts
Resolved that the DFL support the dissolution of the Electoral College

Number 19 _______ 2 precincts approved
Resolved that the DFL supports the creation of a carbon pricing system where big polluters pay for their carbon emissions and the revenue in reinvested in Minnesota families and equitable renewable energy solutions

Number 20 _______ 2 precincts approved
Resolved that the DFL party support school board elections based on districts (ward-type system) rather than at large elections

Number 21 _______ 1 precinct approved
Resolved that the DFL party go on the record to urge the Minnesota Legislature to pass an earned sick and safe time bill for all workers

Number 22 _______ 1 Precinct approved
Resolved that the DFL promote and actively work for the permanent extension of the protections and privileges provided to the so-called “dreamers,” currently reflected in the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program. Furthermore, a pathway to citizenship should be developed and available for all “dreamers.”

Number 23 _______ 1 precinct approved
Resolved that the restriction on not being able to refinance private student loan debt be abolished.

Number 24 _______ 1 precinct approved
Resolved that Minnesota dedicates the time, money and resources to ensure fair and accurate accounting of election ballots with a verifiable, auditable paper trail at all levels of the election process, including caucuses.

Number 25 _______ 1 precinct approved
Resolved that the DFL supports automatic registration of eligible voters when applying for or renewing a driver’s license.

Number 26 _______ 1 precinct approved
Resolved that the DNC Super Delegates should not be included in the nomination of Presidential candidates
Number 27 1 precinct approved

Resolved that the DFL support replacement of the 150 beds lost at the Minnesota Veterans Home-Minneapolis that were lost due to much-needed upgrades including single occupancy rooms and private baths.

Number 28 1 precinct approved

Resolved that the DFL supports a living wage of $15.00 per hour

Number 29 1 precinct approved

Resolved that the DFL Party supports the “Wage Theft Prevention Act to establish a statutory definition of wage theft making it a specific violation of law and provide more authority for increased penalties for employers who fail to keep employment records, and for employers who willfully or repeatedly violate wage and hour laws.

Number 30 1 precinct approved

Resolved that the DFL Party oppose any legislation or constitutional amendment that interferes with or preempts local governments’ authority to enact ordinances related to the minimum wage or any other benefits, terms of employment, working conditions, or attendance or leave policy that exceeds the state or federal law.

Number 31 1 precinct approved

Resolved that the DFL supports the enactment and robust enforcement of antitrust laws to break up concentrations of economic and political power

Number 32 1 precinct approved

Resolved that the Minnesota legislature put additional monies into early childhood education.

Number 33 1 precinct approved

Resolved that the DFL will work to preserve a free and appropriate public education by preserving the public education system; and further that the DFL will not support vouchers for public schools.

Number 34 1 precinct approved

Resolved that the DFL Party supports significant increases in funding for Special Education and English Learner services in order to provide a high quality public education for every child.

Number 35 1 precinct approved

Resolved that the DFL support a ban on assault weapons, except for active military or active law enforcement personnel.

Number 36 1 precinct approved

Resolved that the DFL Party supports the Quality Patient Care Act legislation that requires a minimum standard of safe Registered Nurse-to-Patient staffing to protect patient safety.

Number 37 1 precinct approved

Resolved that legislation be introduced in Congress repealing the law that prohibits the government medicare from negotiating drug prices with pharmaceutical companies