

Mountain Affiliated Candidate Pledge

The Mountain Party of West Virginia requests its affiliated candidates to affirm the following principles when seeking public office:

I, _____, seeking to be elected to the office of _____, do hereby swear and affirm that:

1. I will run a serious campaign by:
 - a. Acting in good faith, always;
 - b. Fundraising to fulfill campaign obligations, without taking corporate money;
 - c. Maintaining a website, with a method for online donations, and social media;
 - d. Participating in or holding a minimum of one public meeting per month
 - e. Seeking inclusion and attending debates, public forums, town halls, and “meet the candidate” events in my district ;
 - f. Understanding and adhering to campaign finance and election law.
2. I support election law reforms such as:
 - a. Campaign Finance Reform
 - b. Ranked Choice Voting and/or proportional representation
 - c. Same-Day Voter Registration
 - d. Transparent Verifiable Paper Ballots
3. I support a living wage for all workers and their freedom to form unions and engage in collective bargaining.
4. I support a comprehensive Eco-Socialist Green New Deal to move away from fossil fuels and towards 100% green energy. I support agricultural development that is ecologically sound, to protect our air, water and land.
5. I support cannabis legalization and ending the failed war on drugs. I recognize addiction as a health issue, not a criminal one.
6. I support fully funding public and vocational education, pre-k through graduate school .
7. I support healthcare — including dental, mental, vision, abortion, and transition-related care — as a human right.
8. I support policies to eliminate poverty and exploitation statewide, including social ownership of production.
9. I support a progressive tax code and oppose corporate personhood.
10. I support non-violence, the peace movement, and demilitarization, while recognizing the need for self-defense.
11. I support progressive criminal justice reform that seeks to build alternatives to policing and imprisonment.
12. Finally, I will strive to consciously confront barriers such as discrimination based on race, class, gender, sexual orientation, age, disability and all other forms of discrimination, all of which act to deny fair treatment and justice.

Signed: _____ Date: _____