

[Note: This is the Rainbow Coalition Party Agenda at the time of the merger with the Massachusetts Green Party.]

MASSACHUSETTS RAINBOW COALITION PARTY AGENDA

Lifting Our Voices -- Many People, Many Colors

TAKE MONEY AND RACISM OUT OF POLITICS

- _ Oppose political parties and politicians who polarize the American people, demonize Communities of Color and the poor, and create scapegoats to avoid solving our nation's real economic and social problems
- _ Promote public financing of elections and the elimination of big money political campaigns
- _ Promote and pass laws to help non-traditional parties get on the ballot

DEFEND HUMAN RIGHTS AND RACIAL JUSTICE/EQUALITY

- _ Strengthen civil rights, affirmative action, and anti-discrimination legislation and programs
- _ Develop policies to combat institutionalized racism
- _ Work for equality in the workplace, the home, and society
- _ Work to protect reproductive rights and end violence and harassment of women
- _ Support laws mandating the enforcement of civil rights and job benefits for all people regardless of sexual orientation
- _ Ensure that immigrants have equal civil, legal, educational, and political rights
- _ Promote and encourage an early investment in our children

MEET BASIC HUMAN NEEDS OF ALL PEOPLE

- _ Ensure that quality food, childcare, healthcare, and education are available for every member of society
- _ Pass and enforce laws, policies, and programs that make affordable housing a reality for Massachusetts residents

INTEGRATE ART AND CULTURE INTO DAILY LIFE

- _ Nourish the mind, soul, and body by supporting the arts in schools and in the community
- _ Promote a spiritual dialogue on the value of the arts
- _ Work to foster people's creative energies

PROTECT WORKERS' RIGHTS

- _ Establish guaranteed living-wage employment for anyone able to work
- _ Provide job training and opportunities
- _ Pass and enforce laws that prohibit permanent replacement workers
- _ Protect the right of workers to organize
- _ Institute a 30-hour workweek so people can provide for and have adequate time to nurture their families and communities

LIMIT MILITARY SPENDING AND ELIMINATE CORPORATE WELFARE

- _ Advocate for reduced military spending
- _ Work to dismantle all nuclear, biological, and chemical weapons
- _ Strengthen enforcement of laws against corporate crime
- _ Eliminate subsidies and tax breaks that benefit America's wealthiest corporations and households at the expense of working people
- _ Work to transform this country's militaristic approach to foreign policy and to eliminate policies and bodies that promote the exploitation of the work force and the environment

PROTECT THE ENVIRONMENT

- _ Pass laws and provide funds to protect our natural environment from toxic waste and excessive demands, thus preserving it for future generations

REFORM THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM

- _ Transform the current criminal justice system into one that gives priority to expenditures for prevention and emphasizes rehabilitation and personal development, particularly before incarceration
- _ Abolish the death penalty
- _ Treat drug abuse as a health problem, not a criminal problem
- _ Insist on fair and humane treatment of all people within the criminal justice system, regardless of race, class, gender