

Resolution:

Arizona Democratic Party Endorsement of A Main Street Contract for the American People¹

WHEREAS, America's workers continue to suffer the highest levels of unemployment in decades; decreasing retirement, healthcare, and housing security; escalating healthcare costs; and wages that have fallen or stagnated for much of the past three decades, leading to a decline in living standards for many families; and

WHEREAS, in contrast, Wall Street and U.S. corporate profits for the recent third quarter were, *at \$1.6 trillion*, the highest ever recorded; and corporate CEOs, who 25 years ago were paid \$27 for every \$1 earned by employees now receive a ratio of about \$275 to \$1; and more than 40% of US corporations paid no federal income taxes for two years or more during the period from 1998 to 2005; and some of the largest corporations in America, including Exxon/Mobil and General Electric, paid no taxes in 2010, despite billions in profits, yet received tax refunds from the IRS; and

WHEREAS, America's workers have been attacked by some of the wealthiest corporations denying workers their right to collectively bargain and organize; and in dozens of states, rightwing governors and legislators are attempting to rollback collective bargaining rights and make deep cuts in social safety net programs while giving new tax breaks to corporations and super-wealthy individuals; and the House of Representatives is promoting unwarranted deep cuts in federally- funded safety net programs;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Arizona Democratic Party endorses a Main Street Contract for the American People which calls for

- Jobs at living wages, with a new national policy based on reinvesting in America
- Equal access to quality education
- Guaranteed healthcare for all humanity
- A secure retirement, with the ability to retire in dignity
- Good housing and protection from hunger
- A safe and clean environment
- Human rights for all humanity and an end to discrimination
- The right to collectively organize and bargain
- A just taxation system where corporations and the wealthy pay their fair share
- Restoration of the promise of our founding – life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness for all humanity

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Arizona Democratic Party opposes any takeaways and regressive taxes on poor and middle income families and calls for an end to blaming public workers for the economic recession and budget deficits caused by Wall Street greed, corporate tax loopholes, and bailouts.

**Respectfully submitted May 9, 2011,
LD20 Democratic Activists**

¹ Document adopted in several slightly different versions by National Nurses United, AFL-CIO, the California Democratic Party, Progressive Democrats of America and other groups.