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# BRONX-WIDE PEOPLE'S PLATFORM

## CRIMINAL JUSTICE PRIORITIES

### 1. End Mass Incarceration

Reverse the policies that have led to the militarization of the police and the mass incarceration of millions of people in this country. Develop a new federal policy framework like the "Reverse Mass Incarceration Act"[1] for our justice system that shifts incarceration incentives to investment in impacted Black and Brown communities.

## ECONOMIC PRIORITIES

### 1. Provide Universal Family Care

Universal Family Care is a government program that creates care infrastructure, provides a more comprehensive social safety net for all families, ensuring paid medical and family leave, childcare, and universal long-term care.[2]

### 2. Invest in a Federal Jobs Guarantee

A Federal Jobs Guarantee is a government program that provides access to good jobs with living wages, benefits, worker protections, and pay equity so every person can care for themselves and their families and have a secure retirement. It must prioritize historically marginalized communities and secure just compensation for caregivers. It should also ensure the right for workers to organize, collectively bargain, and enforce labor standards in the public and private sectors.

### 3. Scale Cooperative and Social Economy Networks

Harness government resources for the development of cooperative and social economy networks to build shared wealth and ownership in our communities, including policies that subsidize and offer low-interest, interest-free, or federally guaranteed financing to develop cooperatives, community land trusts, and culturally responsive health/care infrastructure that serve the needs of our communities.[3]

## EDUCATION PRIORITIES

### 1. Dismantle the School-to-Prison Pipeline

Too many young people in our communities are punished instead of provided with the educational, emotional, and mental support they need to thrive. Dismantling the school-to-prison pipeline requires divestment from police and policies that criminalize young people in schools and investment in restorative justice practices, school counselors, and other critical supports.[4]

### 2. Make Higher Education Accessible

Everyone who wants to pursue higher education should have the ability to attend college without assuming crippling debt. College should be free for all, including students who are undocumented, formerly and currently incarcerated, older, and low-income. A student loan debt forgiveness program is also critical to provide relief to overburdened individuals and families.

### 3. Invest in Public Education

Every student deserves quality education, regardless of where they live. Public education should be funded fully and equitably through the existing Title 1 program and the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act. All educators should be assured good pay, strong benefits, smaller class sizes, and the right to organize in the workplace.[5]

## ELECTORAL PRIORITIES

### 1. Pass Voter Access Reform

In order to strengthen our democracy we must restore and expand protections within the Voting Rights Act to ensure every person can vote and be counted. We call for universal voter registration, the designation of voting days as holidays, the enfranchisement of formerly and presently incarcerated people, local and state resident voting for undocumented people, and a ban on any disenfranchisement laws.[6]

### 2. Ensure People-Centered Governance

All communities should have the ability to practice self-determination through deep and ongoing democratic decision making with public officials and civil servants around the policies and planning processes that impact their lives. The people should be at the center of setting policy, supporting implementation, and ensuring accountability.

### 3. Establish Publicly Financed Elections

The wealthy in the United States have disproportionate power and influence over our democracy, including our elections. We must promote policies that promote public financing of elections for transparent and democratic engagement in the process.[7]

## ENERGY PRIORITIES

### 1. Pass the Green New Deal[8]

The Green New Deal is a comprehensive plan to achieve 100% renewable energy by 2030, transitioning from an economy that poisons people and the planet to one that provides living-wage jobs, secures clean air and water, and invests in frontline, low-income communities of color most impacted by climate change.

## HEALTH PRIORITIES

### 1. Pass Medicare for All

Everyone deserves truly affordable and quality healthcare. Medicare for All is a federal program for a universal, single-payer health care, guaranteed for all regardless of employment or immigration status. This would create a public, not-for-profit health care system that takes power out of the hands of corporations and puts it in the hands of the people.[9]

## HOUSING PRIORITIES

### 1. Provide a Homes Guarantee

A Homes Guarantee is a federal program that ensures that all people have safe, sustainable, high-quality, and truly affordable housing as a human right. This includes investing in existing public housing, additional social housing, programs that de-commodify housing and give communities control and ownership over their homes, tenant protections, and the creation of good, union jobs for communities that have been disproportionately impacted by gentrification, displacement, and racist housing policies.[10]

### 2. Secure Fair Housing Protection

The Fair Housing Act aims to protect people from discrimination when they seek to rent or purchase a home, access a loan or other financial assistance, among other housing-related activities.[11] affordable, low-income and communities of color continue to face housing practices and policies. The fair housing rules must be amended to prioritize federal investment for communities that have been disproportionately impacted.

## IMMIGRATION PRIORITIES

### 1. Create Pathways To Citizenship[12]

The U.S. must provide amnesty and clear pathways to citizenship for all immigrants, including those who are undocumented, Dreamers and their parents, immigrants who have Temporary Protected Status, Deferred Enforced Departure recipients, as well as refugees and asylum seekers. Additionally, the costs and administrative barriers to gaining citizenship should be greatly reduced.

### 2. Support Undocumented Communities

All immigrants should have equitable access to healthcare, higher education, and housing as human rights. In order to protect some of our nation's most vulnerable residents, we must disconnect our immigration and criminal justice systems. This includes ending deportation, coordination between local law enforcement and Immigration and Customs Enforcement, and public charge policies that determine immigrants' eligibility for visas or permanent residency based on whether they might access public benefits in the future. Additionally, we should extend data privacy protections to the undocumented community.

[1] <https://www.brennancenter.org/our-work/policy-solutions/reverse-mass-incarceration-act>

[2] <https://universalfamilycare.org/>

[3] <https://peopleseconomy.org/>

[4] <https://populardemocracy.org/sites/default/files/FINAL%202019%20Federal%20Platform.pdf>

[5] <https://populardemocracy.org/sites/default/files/FINAL%202019%20Federal%20Platform.pdf>

[6] <https://policy.m4bl.org/political-power/>

[7] <https://campaignlegal.org/sites/default/files/Public%20Financing%20Fact%20Sheet.pdf>

[8] <https://www.congress.gov/116/bills/hres/109/BILLS-116hres109ih.pdf>

[9] <https://www.congress.gov/bill/116th-congress/senate-bill/1129/text>

[10] <https://homesguarantee.com/>

[11] [https://www.hud.gov/program\\_offices/fair\\_housing\\_equal\\_op-p/fair\\_housing\\_act\\_overview#\\_The\\_Fair\\_Housing](https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/fair_housing_equal_op-p/fair_housing_act_overview#_The_Fair_Housing)

[12] <https://communitychange.org/portfolio/immigrant-rights/>