

Policy Directions for Just Economics

Wage Equity and Workplace Benefits: We support initiatives that promote living wage jobs, adequate workplace benefits, and a fair and equitable wage system in every work place.

Examples of policies we would get involved in:

- Living Wage campaigns
- Paid Sick Days
- Wage structure campaigns
- Wage Theft

Right to Organize in the Workplace: We support workers' rights to organize in the workplace without fear of retaliation, we support unions and the right to collectively bargain for fair wages, benefits, and working conditions.

Examples of policies we would get involved in:

- Legislation that would give NC public employees the right to collectively bargain
- Support the Employee Free Choice Act

Meet Basic Needs: We support initiatives that creates better access for all people to basic needs including housing, food, transportation, childcare, healthcare, and other necessities.

Examples of policies we would get involved in:

- Affordable housing
- Better transportation systems
- Healthcare reform

Fair Taxation: We support initiatives that modernize our tax system and provide enough public money to protect and strengthen our public infrastructure while not putting unfair burdens on low to moderate income families.

Examples of policies we would get involved in:

- Together NC and taking a balanced approach to the state budget
- Removing tax loopholes for irresponsible businesses

Discrimination and Other Barriers to Economic Justice: We support initiatives that remove barriers to economic stability, create opportunities for people that have been generationally and systematically oppressed, and provide a fair share for all in the prosperity of the region regardless of race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation or immigration status.

Examples of policies we would get involved in:

- Anti-gay discrimination in the workplace
- Equal Opportunity legislation
- We would oppose the ban on undocumented children attending NC universities

Fair and Safe Workplaces: We support initiatives that provide safe working environments where people are treated with dignity and understand their rights and labor laws.

Examples of Issues we would get involved in include:

- Workplace safety initiatives
- Harvest of Dignity

Representation by Low-Income People in Decision Making: We support initiatives that include low-income people in decisions that affect our lives.

Examples of Initiative we would get involved in include:

- Inclusion of low-income people on boards and commissions

Responsible Economic Development: We support economic development that brings living wage jobs and products and services that enhance and improve our community.

Examples of policies we would support:

- Community Benefits Agreements
- Green Job training programs