JUNETEENTH AGENDA: Wide-Ranging Policy Proposals to Address Police Accountability and Systemic Racial Inequities

Criminal Justice & Police Accountability

Banning Chokeholds and other Unnecessary Police Actions
To combat police brutality and end dangerous and unnecessary police actions

Prosecutorial Reform
To empower an Inspector General to investigate cases of police misconduct and use of force

Decertifying Police Officers
To decertify police convicted of misconduct

Banning "No Knock" Warrants
To prevent police from executing "no knock" warrants and entering a property without notification

Duty to Intervene
To require police to intervene if another is engaging in brutality or misconduct

Requiring Body Cameras
To ensure all Connecticut police are equipped with body cameras

“Walking While Black” & Custodial Arrest Reform
To reform arrest policies in order to curb unnecessary detentions and custodial arrests

Increasing the Power of Civilian Review Boards
To provide more power to Civilian Review Boards when reviewing an investigation

Amy Cooper Law
To charge persons who call 9-1-1 making false accusations against someone based on race, gender, or religion

Better Police Training
To provide better and more frequent anti-bias training for police

Economic Opportunity

Renaissance Districts
To create “renaissance” investments in affordable housing, retail, and social services programs, focused on the education, health, and economic development for that neighborhood’s residents

Supporting Minority-Owned Businesses
To provide additional support for minority-owned businesses

Expanding Workforce Development
To get more students involved in job-training programs
**Educational Inequality**

**Minority teacher Support & Recruitment**
To address the racial diversity of our teaching staff

**Expanding Access to High-Opportunity School Districts**
To break down the historic inequities in our public education system where a child's zip code too often determines the quality of their education

**Addressing Entrenched Educational Disparities in Connecticut**
To address the educational disparities highlighted and exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic

**Native American History in School Curriculums**
To ensure the history of Native Americans is taught in our public schools

**Housing, the Environment, Voting Rights, and Recognition**

**Increasing Affordable Housing Opportunities**
To increase access to and the availability of affordable housing, especially in areas with disproportionately low amounts of affordable housing

**Addressing Unequal Zoning Restrictions**
To address the major impact that local zoning laws contribute to housing discrimination

**Addressing Environmental Injustice**
To tackle the racial inequities exacerbated by pollution and emissions, which disproportionately impact minorities

**Expanding Access to Absentee Ballots**
To provide increased access to absentee ballots for voters and election workers concerned about their health and safety during the coronavirus pandemic

**Juneteenth as a State Holiday**
To establish Juneteenth, June 19, as a state holiday
Connecticut Senate Democrats

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Healthcare Reform

**Addressing Overall Health Equity Problems**
To address major health disparities by race and ethnicity which result in poorer health, premature deaths and hundreds of millions of dollars in health care costs

**Strengthening COVID-19 Testing & Contact Tracing**
To improve Connecticut's approach to key COVID-19 prevention tools and to ensure a more equitable response

**Addressing Disproportionate Cases and Deaths of Minority Populations from COVID-19**
To address entrenched health disparities and strengthen state resources in the event of future public health emergencies

**Strengthening Telehealth**
To expand telehealth services used during the COVID-19 pandemic

**Capping Insulin Costs**
To cap exorbitant insulin costs and provide patients access to emergency insulin supplies

**Supporting Community Health Workers**
To fund community health workers who are an essential liaison between the health care and social services systems

**Health Care Data Collection and Reporting**
To expand data collection and reporting by race, gender, and other guidelines in order to expose health disparities and better guide health policies

**Nursing Home Safeguards**
To increase protections and strengthen procedures for nursing homes

**Curbing Junk Health Insurance**
To regulate the practices of so-called “junk” health insurance policies which deliberately target minority communities and people who have lost their jobs

**Protecting Workers**
To ensure everyone injured on job, especially those impacted by COVID-19, get increased protections, including workers’ compensation

**Tackling Insurance Premiums**
To examine and regulate expected insurance rate increases during a time of economic distress and record insurance company profits