



2019 CPD/A Federal Platform

The Center for Popular Democracy and the **Center for Popular Democracy Action (CPD/A)** build power through community organizing and movement building to create a society in which we all have the freedom to thrive together. Our network of 53 community organizations in 131 cities, 34 states, D.C., and Puerto Rico is led by and for Black and Brown people, working families, women, and immigrants, and develops multi-issue, multi-racial campaigns to address structural inequality.

We believe in and fight for **popular democracy** - imaginative, empowered, sustained participation by all of us in the economy, in our government, in our communities, and in the exercise of our fundamental human rights.

Achieving this vision requires fundamental, systemic change, including dismantling the structures of white supremacy and racial, class, and gender domination that undermine popular, full democratic participation by all people and communities, especially Black, Brown, and Indigenous people.

Federal policy and the federal budget reflect our national priorities and have huge implications for state and local actions and funding. The CPD/A federal policy platform proposes visionary policies and principles that are designed to redistribute wealth and revitalize our democracy, redress historic policy decisions that were developed to maintain and reinforce structural inequality, and guarantee that both fundamental human rights and social goods - including health care, housing, and public education - are not commodities but, rather, collective commitments. **Our 2019 federal policy platform includes:**

Creating a Popular Democracy

Building a People-Powered Inclusive Democracy

- Expand the right to vote and the right to participate in our democracy
- End the disenfranchisement of the millions of people impacted by the criminal legal system
- Enact public financing reforms to amplify the power of small donors and grassroots organizations and enable more women and candidates of color to win elected office
- Create fair and representative districts and build a fair, diverse, and responsive federal judicial system
- End voter suppression and protect the right to vote by restoring and strengthening the power of the Voting Rights Act through the passage of the Voting Rights Amendment Act
- Guarantee access to accurate identity documents and government records for transgender and nonbinary people, without burdensome financial or process requirements

Transforming our Justice System

- Repeal the Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act of 1994, including divestment from systems of deadly violence, over-policing, mass incarceration, and criminalization, particularly as it has been wielded against Black communities
- Develop a new federal policy framework for our justice system that harnesses the experience and expertise of impacted Black and Brown communities
- Invest billions in the health and well-being of communities harmed by systems of criminalization and incarceration
- Decriminalize sex work and protect the health, safety, and economic well-being of people in the sex trades

Securing Fundamental Human Rights for Immigrants

- Create a pathway to citizenship for all undocumented people that ensures immigrants, including Black and Latinx immigrants, have equitable access to healthcare, higher education, and housing and allows communities to go back to their countries
- Move to a system that allows the entry of immigrants based on equity; eliminates quotas and provides a path to safety for refugees of war, poverty, and climate disasters; and upholds communities' right to migrate
- Decriminalize immigration and abolish Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) and any other systems of oppression-based enforcement and detention
- Take away any incentives for corporations and the government to profit from immigration enforcement

Reallocating Wealth and Economic Power

Investing in Equity and Repairing Historic Wealth Stripping

- Enact reparations to correct for centuries of domination, exclusion, and the costs of a history of structural racism for Black and Indigenous communities
- Repeal the Trump-GOP tax scam that cost \$2 trillion and benefits the wealthy and corporations
- Abolish the carried interest loophole and regulate private equity and hedge funds
- Institute a major tax on all corporations whose CEO's receive more than 25 times the annual compensation of their average employee
- Break up corporate monopolies like Amazon to protect workers and communities and implement community control over platforms that function as economic infrastructure
- Ban the surveillance of workers and community members by platform corporations for profit
- Tighten lobbying laws and require disclosure of dark money in elections to expose and regulate the corporations and special interests that are distorting our democracy

Protecting our Workers, Sustaining our Communities

- Ensure that all workers across the country receive a \$15 minimum wage and continue raising pay towards a wage that ensures all families can thrive, pass paid sick and family leave, fair workweek standards, and affordable childcare
- Abolish all forms of forced arbitration and other corporate tactics to undermine worker and community protections
- Strengthen the freedom of workers to join a union or other form of worker organization and end arbitrary termination for all workers
- Protect and expand the rights of transgender and other gender-non conforming people, including in employment, housing, education, health care, the criminal legal system, public accommodations, and the military
- Pass a Green New Deal that ensures a just transition, creates family-supporting jobs, ends the extraction and use of fossil fuels by investing in a clean energy economy, and drives resources to front-line communities
- Invest in a comprehensive infrastructure plan, paid for by the corporations and elites most responsible for the climate crisis, that supports major publicly controlled investments

Guaranteeing Critical Social Goods

Ensuring Safe, Affordable Housing

- Extend and expand tenant protections prohibiting unreasonable rent increases, tenant harassment, and unjust displacement for all tenants
- Regulate corporate and other predatory landlords, including private equity firms
- Invest \$800 billion over the next ten years in the not for profit development and rehabilitation of both deeply affordable, social and public housing, with access to nutritious foods and public transportation
- Fully fund the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and increase its enforcement capabilities to force the federal government to fully embrace the mandate of the Fair Housing Act regarding segregation

Educating for the Future

- Dismantle the School-to-Prison Pipeline, including divestment of all federal funding for police in schools and other criminalizing and militarizing infrastructure
- Repeal the Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act of 1994 and end the Community Oriented Policing Services program and the Department of Defense 1033 program
- Guarantee full and equitable education funding, beginning with full funding for Title I and Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA)
- Massively invest in the expansion of sustainable community schools including culturally relevant curriculum; health, emotional, and food services; restorative justice practices; and authentic parent and community engagement
- End the privatization of public education, including a moratorium on federal funding for the expansion of charter schools and vouchers, increased transparency and accountability for existing charter schools, and a ban on for-profit charter schools

Taking Back our Health Care

- Enact Medicare for All which will cover hospital visits, primary care, lab services, maternity care, prescription drugs, vision and dental benefits, and reproductive health services
- Pass drug pricing reform that covers all drugs
- Pass the CARE Act and end the opioid epidemic
- Repeal the Hyde Amendment and guarantee that all people can access reproductive health care services