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Missouri Green Party Economic Platform – 2018

Overview:

The economic dilemma facing Missouri and the world is that billions lack the basic necessities of life due to an unsustainable addiction to fossil fuels, overproduction of goods designed to fall apart, endless military campaigns, mass incarceration and promotion of a culture that stresses unnecessary purchases.

The Green Party places concern for the well-being of individuals and communities above corporate profits. The Green Party economic platform is a road map to ending control by a very wealthy few and ending the failures of an economic system based on greed and exploitation of people and the Earth and to creating a peace economy.

Green Party Economic Platform - 2018:

Section 1. Rational economics.

To help reduce the production of unnecessary and harmful products, (1) reduce the work week to 36 hours [and perhaps afterward to 32 or 30 hours/week] with no loss in compensation and (2) provide medical care and retirement benefits to all employees so people can choose to work fewer hours per week. Phase out the production of clearly unnecessary products that compromise the quality of life by threatening biodiversity, creating toxins and/or increasing climate change, and seek to build local self-sustaining and integrated communities that stress economic, social, and educational ties.

Section 2. Local community empowerment.

Allow municipalities to approve or disapprove large economic projects, case-by-case, based on environmental impacts, local ownership, community reinvestment, wage levels, and working conditions. Allow communities to set minimum wages and environmental, consumer, human rights, labor, health and safety standards higher than federal or state minimums.

Section 3. Workers' Rights.

3a. Jobs for all at a living wage. Provide a job for all that pays a living wage (at least \$18/hour in 2018) for all workers.

3b. Worker benefits. Paid medical, maternity, and paternity leave and paid child care.

3c. Job protection. When a Missouri business closes a facility or reduces employment at a facility because the business has expanded to a new domestic or foreign location, the business shall guarantee education and retraining that result in comparable employment and salary for those laid off.

3d. Worker control through strong unions. Repeal the bogus “right to work” law. All workers will have the right to be represented by a union upon a majority vote without employer intimidation. Workers in both private and government jobs should have the right to form “industrial unions” representing all workers rather than “craft unions” that divide workers. Require businesses to have a majority of board members who are elected by employees of the business.