

## Civil Rights

The Augusta County Democratic Committee believes in the civil rights of all Americans and opposes any form of discrimination. Period. This includes discrimination based on race, ethnicity, national origin, language, religion, beliefs, gender, age, sexual orientation, gender identity, or disability. We strive to promote civility in our public discourse and speak out against bigotry and other forms of intolerance. While freedom of speech is a fundamental Constitutional right, we condemn hate speech that creates fertile ground for violence. Our values of inclusion and tolerance are sincere and affirm our belief that all people are created equal. More specifically:

- We support racial equality in all areas of American life including economic, political, and social. We must end the institutional and systematic racism in our society that has plagued our great nation since its inception. These offenses to our democracy must end here and must end now.
- We are committed to full equality for women. We support the end to gender discrimination in the areas of education, employment, health care, politics, or any other aspect of our American way of life. In particular, we support the right of women to live free from sexual harassment and assault anywhere and at any time.
- LGBTQIA+ rights are human rights. No one deserves to be mistreated or discriminated against based on sexual orientation or gender identity.
- No one should face discrimination based on disability status.
- We recognize that anti-Semitism is ever present and must be stopped in its tracks whenever and wherever it rears its ugly head.
- We condemn the rise of anti-Islamism that is poisoning our nation.
- As Democrats, we believe in lifting up and valuing the good work of people of all faiths and religions or no faith. No one should be denigrated or fearful because of faith, religion, or beliefs.
- As a nation of immigrants we honor and respect people of diverse heritage and background whether recent arrivals or many generations removed as we also honor and respect those whose ancestors were brought here involuntarily.
- We respect the rights of those people that first settled this land, Native Americans.

- We are committed to working with other community based and nationally affiliated organizations to confront attacks on the civil rights of all Augusta County citizens.
- We oppose the US withdrawal from the UN Human Rights Council.
- We are committed to promoting and protecting the voting rights of all citizens.