

# MINNESOTA DFL RESOLUTION FORM

*(Submit one resolution per form and one subject per resolution.)*

The State DFL Ongoing Platform embodies the principles of the Minnesota Democratic Farmer-Labor Party. The State DFL Action Agenda is a set of recommended public policy positions which the Party supports and will promote during the next two years. This form must be completely filled out for a resolution to be considered

Congressional District:	Organizing Unit:	Precinct:
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Proposed by: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name) (City) Contact Phone #/E-mail

This resolution should be considered under the following category: *[check one]*

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture, Food, & Land Stewardship             | <input type="checkbox"/> Media & Internet Issues                           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Civil, Human, & Constitutional Rights             | <input type="checkbox"/> National Security & International Policy          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Community Development & Local Business            | <input type="checkbox"/> Natural Resources & the Environment               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Consumer Protection                               | <input type="checkbox"/> Public Safety & Crime Prevention                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Corporate & Business Accountability to the Public | <input type="checkbox"/> Racial, Ethnic, Gender, LGBTQ, & Economic Justice |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Education   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Retirement Security</b>             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Energy & Climate                                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Tax and Budget Policy                             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Government Accountability to the Public           | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Health & Human Services                           | <input type="checkbox"/> Veterans' Affairs                                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Labor & Employment                                | <input type="checkbox"/> Local or Party Issues                             |

Individuals at their precinct caucuses can submit resolutions. When a majority of the caucus adopts a resolution it advances to the Organizing Unit convention for consideration to send to the State Platform, Issues, and Legislative Affairs Committee. Resolutions having support from at least five Organizing Units drawn from at least two Congressional Districts may be selected for consideration at the State Convention (for inclusion in the DFL Ongoing Platform or Action Agenda).

## RESOLUTION TITLE **Divestment**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the DFL supports the continued divestment from fossil fuels funds by the Minnesota State Board of Investment to protect the pensions of Minnesota civil servants and educators from financial risk and to help move our economy to clean energy sources.**

*You may add a brief explanation or your two or three strongest supportive points here.*

- Besides the obvious moral argument for divestment, the financial risk of continued investment in fossil fuel funds makes this a poor investment. These assets will become stranded assets and of little value as we move away from fossil fuels to a clean energy economy.
- Litigation risks increase as the cost of climate related disasters soar. Local governments are holding energy companies responsible for infrastructure and property damage.
- Governments are also using cap and trade or carbon taxes to reduce greenhouse gas emission. This makes high carbon energy sources more expensive and less profitable, and sends a clear market signal to switch to renewable energy sources. Solar and wind are often less expensive than any other energy option.
- Numerous institutions made divestment announcements recently. The leaders of these institutions declared that they are taking these divestment actions as prudent fund managers. Recent announcements of divestment were made by: New York State Common Retirement Fund, Macalester College, the University of Minnesota, Harvard University, Boston University, the MacArthur Foundation, the Ford Foundation, some California State Universities, and Dartmouth College.

*To be filled out at the Precinct Caucus:*

**This resolution was:** [ ] Adopted [ ] Defeated

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