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PLATFORM OF THE STANFORD DEMOCRATIC PARTY

As Democrats, we believe that our community does better when everyone does better. We hope for a society and community united by shared values and common purpose. Ours is a big-tent Party.

We believe elected officials must be accountable for their actions in office. We stand for transparency in government and compliance with the laws and ruling from the New York State Committee on Open Government. Our aim is to inform, empower and organize citizens. We believe that local government is more than a technical operation, that local decisions are informed by our deepest values, that local budgets are moral documents and local institutions are the most significant point of interaction between the people and their government.

We support:

- Measures that encourage sustainable agriculture, including the encouragement of organic farms that sell locally
- Incentives to help small businesses and local consumerism within the Town of Stanford
- Fiscal responsibility with fair taxation, regular budget reviews and an end to wasteful spending
- The right of job holders within the Highway Department and municipal government to organize and collectively bargain for livable wages and benefits
- The restoration of public transportation that allows pathways to jobs, health and social service facilities for all of our citizens
- A fiscally sound plan to provide a new facility to ensure a safe and healthy work environment for employees of the Highway Department and a safe and secure place to house machinery
- Responsible spending, and the creation of protections against revenue shortfalls
- The aims of the Model Greenway Compact.
- The establishment of historical districts, a town center and areas in which safe paths accommodate pedestrians and joggers
- Projects aimed at retaining our older and young citizens, including the construction of affordable housing and the implementation of necessary services
- The work of our Master Plan Committee
- The preservation of Stanford's rural character and rural activities such as 4H, fishing, horseback riding, hiking and safe hunting