

Candidate Statement

2022 General Election
David Delk

Occupation: Retired

Occupational Background: Sales & Management - Office Furnishings

Educational Background: BS Portland State University, sociology

Prior Governmental Experience: Chair, OR Progressive Party

I will not accept corporate/PAC campaign contributions; will limit individual contributions to \$50

Toward a world of peace and justice

\$838.9 billion dollars - the expected 2023 war budget. Far more than any of the Trump military budgets. Each year's is larger than the last.

This budget is US weapons manufacturers corporate welfare. Money spent on weapons of destruction should instead be spent meeting the needs of real people, people who are houseless, living in poverty, seeking higher education or an abortion or medical care, and addressing the climate crisis.

Move money out of the war budget and into budget's for human needs including to address the climate crisis, ending income and wealth inequalities, student debt.

I will not vote for any "defense" budget unless it is a reduction of at least 50% over the prior year's budget.

I will support:

Addressing climate crisis

- Green New Deal
- create public mass transit systems, in and between cities
- ban fracking and end all fossil fuel subsidizes

Ending income/wealth inequalities

- fair taxes on multi-millionaires, billionaires, corporations, wealth
- fund the IRS - audit high income tax evaders
- abolish student debt
- free college tuition
- no cap on Social Security taxes; increase benefits
- minimum wage - at least \$18/hour, inflation adjusted
- PRO Act - increase unionization
- improved Medicare - increased benefits via a single payer healthcare system
- allow Medicare/Medicaid to negotiate drug pricing
- universal preschool; paid sick; family leave

Fair elections for all

- public funding of all elections (federal, state and local)
- limits on campaign contributions/independent expenditures and full disclosure of dark money
- pass constitutional amendments - right to vote; declare money is not speech/corporations are not people

Control the power of the US Supreme Court

- more Supreme Court justices, 18 year term limits
- remove Supreme Court jurisdiction to invalidate campaign finance laws