

THE
LAUDERDALE COUNTY, ALABAMA
DEMOCRATIC PARTY
PLATFORM

This is the platform of the Lauderdale County, Alabama, Democratic Party. We believe in the principles this country was founded on, including the establishment of government under a federal constitution. This system gives certain power to the national government and reserves certain power to the states, but provides for the federal courts to determine questions about compliance with the Constitution of the United States. The states then delegate authority to local government, which is where we, as Lauderdale County Democrats, play our role as the people of Lauderdale County govern themselves within that system. This document is an attempt to express our positions on the various issues over which Lauderdale County has authority. We believe in the Constitution of the United States of America and encourage anyone who disagrees, from time to time, with the implementation of that Constitution to work within legal means to reform errors. We do not require allegiance to a certain position on any specific issue; we encourage open discussion of the issues in order to seek better understanding. We do not impugn the motivation or religious beliefs of any person with whom we disagree.

Democrats believe we have moral duties to each other as we live in community. Although each of us must take responsibility for himself or herself, our community prospers if we work to help those who are unable to help themselves and act together to maximize the opportunities available to everyone in our community to have a better life, enjoy liberty, and to pursue happiness. We believe in compassion for those who are in need.