

Senator

Kamala Harris



Political Experience: District Attorney, City and County of San Francisco, 2004-2011; Attorney General of California, 2011-2017; U.S. Senator, 2017-present

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Workers' Voice & Labor

Increasing Minimum Wage: [Supports](#) \$15-per-hour minimum wage to protect low-wage workers.

Strengthening Unions & Workers: [Proposes](#) requiring corporations to show they are not engaged in pay discrimination, imposing a fine on those that fail to close their pay gaps by requiring they pay 1 percent of their profits for every 1 percent wage gap they allow to persist, and requiring companies to disclose whether they are “equal pay certified” on their websites.

Labor Law Reform: [Co-sponsored](#) the Family and Medical Insurance Act in 2017 and 2019 to provide workers with up to 12 weeks of paid family and medical leave.

Education

Public Education: [Proposes](#) to make the largest federal investment in teacher pay and close the teacher pay gap during her first term; the average public school teacher will be given a \$13,500 raise. Also [supports](#) legislation to “provide qualifying teachers with a new, incremental loan-cancellation program.”

Early Education: [Proposes](#) increasing the federal government’s investment in child care to ensure working families do not pay more than 7 percent of their income on child care.

College Affordability: [Proposes](#) allowing student debt-holders to refinance to lower interest rates, ensuring “no student pays more than they can afford and cracking down on for-profit colleges.”

Freedom to Teach & Student Testing: [Proposes](#) narrowing the race and gender pay disparities to lift up women teachers of color.

Teachers Strikes: [Stated](#) she “unequivocally stand[s] with the teachers striking ... and hope[s] for a quick resolution.”

Vouchers & Privatization: [Opposes](#) private school vouchers and cited vouchers as a reason for opposing DeVos’ nomination for secretary of education.

Healthcare & Workplace Safety

“**Medicare for All:** [Proposes](#) guaranteeing Medicare for All in order to eliminate premiums and out-of-pocket costs; ensuring comprehensive care, including dental and vision; and ensuring people are not denied services or doctor choice.

Affordable Care Act: [Proposes](#) people will have the ability to immediately buy in to Medicare, with a 10-year phase-in period.

Public Option: [Proposes](#) keeping a public option during the 10-year transition period and then moving into a single-payer system.

Prescription Drug Costs: [Proposes](#) setting a fair price for all prescription drugs, and taxing pharmaceutical companies above the fair price at 100 percent. As [attorney general](#), she won a more than \$320 million settlement from insurance companies that defrauded Californians.

Opioid Epidemic: [Proposes](#) prosecuting those profiting from the health crisis they have helped cause.

Gun Violence Reform: [Proposes](#) mandating near-universal background checks, closing the “boyfriend loophole,” and banning assault weapons.

Jobs & the Economy

Trump's Tax Cuts for the Wealthy: [Proposes](#) reversing Trump's tax cuts for the wealthy and redistributing them as a tax credit of up to \$6,000 to working families each year. As state attorney general, she fought Wall Street and [won \\$20 billion](#) for California homeowners harmed by the foreclosure crisis.

Rural America: [Proposes](#) offering loan forgiveness for rural healthcare professionals, [providing](#) aid to rural families to upgrade and maintain their water and septic systems, and accelerating the deployment of clean energy to rural areas.

Social Security: Opposes privatization, and supported a bill to expand Social Security benefits and strengthen the retirement program by increasing benefits by about \$1,342 a year for seniors now making less than \$16,000 annually and increasing cost-of-living adjustments.

Infrastructure: [Proposes](#) modernizing our transportation, energy and water infrastructure by making bold investments in innovative technologies to build a carbon-free future.

Democracy

Voting Rights: [Proposes](#) to restore the full protections of the Voting Rights Act and make Election Day a national holiday.

Citizens United: [Proposes](#) requiring public disclosure of donors by dark-money interest groups and appointing Supreme Court justices who prioritize Americans' right to vote over corporations' desire to buy elections.

Immigration & DACA: [Supports](#) a path to citizenship for immigrants, supports Dreamers, supports eliminating barriers, and opposes family separation.

Civil Rights: [Proposes](#) passing the Equality Act, putting a third gender option on federal identification cards and documents, and [ending the use of](#) private prisons.