

# WORKSHEET – 2010 Whatcom County Democratic Party Platform

<b>2008 Platform</b> <b>CRIMINAL JUSTICE</b>	<b>Criminal Justice VALUES</b> These should be enduring value statements, which taken together cover the range of criminal justice issues. State in positive terms.	<b>2010 Criminal Justice</b> <b>2-Year Policy Priorities</b> From each values statement, think of one short-term goal that is fairly tangible and concrete, with a preference for local needs.
<p>We believe that government has the responsibility to help alleviate social conditions that contribute to crime. Authorities, communities and individuals must work together for safety, preventing crime and making neighborhoods livable.</p>		
<p><u>We Call For:</u></p>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The restoration of voting rights to felons;</li> <li>• The Release of all imprisoned political activists who have not committed violent crimes;</li> <li>• The reduction of mandatory sentencing for persons convicted of possession of drugs and low level dealers;</li> <li>• An end to the profit motive of the prisons and prison privatization;</li> <li>• The end of racial/ethnic profiling;</li> <li>• The participation and equitable representation of women in the Whatcom County judiciary;</li> </ul>		
<p><b>COMMENTS:</b> what about the death penalty, disparity of justice as shown by DNA evidence in Innocence Project cases, the application of justice to rehabilitate rather than punish, 3-strikes laws as punitive?</p>		
		<p><b>Plan to attend the 2010 Democratic Grassroots Strategy Sessions, Saturday, March 6, 10 am – noon. Locations to be announced at <a href="http://whatcomdemocrats.com">whatcomdemocrats.com</a> .</b></p>
		<p><b>Bring this worksheet with your ideas to the Strategy Sessions so you can discuss them with other Democrats.</b></p> <p><b>More information at 647-7661.</b></p>