

A PROGRESSIVE PATH FORWARD

The People's Budget



Top Ten Reasons to Support *The People's Budget*

- 1) *The People's Budget* invests \$2 trillion in America's crumbling infrastructure while promoting job growth and strengthening our commitment to sustainability.** This is an investment in America which will transform our fossil-fuel energy system, overburdened mass transit, deteriorating schools, lead-contaminated water systems, and crumbling roads and bridges through local hiring and livable wages.
- 2) *The People's Budget* endorses comprehensive immigration reform and opposes immigration bans on Muslims and refugees.** Our country needs an immigration system that honors our values of inclusion, diversity and equality. Today's outdated immigration laws have failed workers, families, businesses and increasingly, our nation's immigrants. Our Budget ends family detention, prohibits family separation at our borders and provides funding for Family Case Management Programs. The CPC Budget also supports continued funding to Sanctuary Cities.
- 3) *The People's Budget* delivers on the promise of child care for all.** We invest \$1 trillion to ensure that families will not have to pay more than 7 percent of their income for child care, whether that care is at home or at a child care center. Our budget also expands pre-k for children across the country.
- 4) *The People's Budget* makes college without debt a reality for all students** by overhauling the student loan system which currently leaves college students saddled with unmanageable levels of debt. *The People's Budget* creates a federal matching program that supports state efforts to expand investments in higher education, bring down costs for students, and increase aid to students to help them cover the total cost of college attendance without taking on debt.
- 5) *The People's Budget* strengthens the Affordable Care Act, while pushing towards a single payer system.** Our budget improves the ACA so that individuals can immediately access affordable quality coverage today and it invests \$12 billion so states can pave the road to transition to a truly universal system in the near future. We reject Republicans attempt to roll-back the progress that has been made, and adamantly oppose their efforts to cut Medicaid, and Medicare. *The People's Budget* protects Medicare's integrity and improves its long-term solvency. It also makes significant policy changes to reduce the costs of prescription drugs: allows Medicare Part D to negotiate drug prices, ends "Pay for Delay" practice which keeps generics out of the market, and increases market access for generics by adopting the CREATES Act.

- 6) *The People's Budget* takes bold action to fight climate change and invest in a clean-energy economy that supports green jobs with good wages. *The People's Budget* requires polluters to pay for their impact on our health and the global climate while eliminating tax breaks that subsidize fossil fuel energy over cleaner energy. It supports funding for a national energy policy focused on renewables and energy efficiency. It also provides funding for communities to adapt to climate change and strives to protect those most at risk from environmental degradation.**
- 7) *The People's Budget* creates pathways out of poverty by expanding proven anti-poverty programs and initiatives and restoring vital programs to our nation to provide prosperity for all. These include a national strategy to reduce poverty in half in ten years and \$12.8 billion investment to end family homelessness. *The People's Budget* restores cuts made to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) and permanently adopts the enhanced levels established in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. It also provides an additional \$10 billion for child nutrition programs and allows those who have lost a job through no fault of their own to claim up to 99 weeks of unemployment benefits for up to two years.**
- 8) *The People's Budget* creates a fair tax system for working Americans. In order to make these bold, necessary investments in working families, we must rewrite the rules of a rigged economy that favors billionaires and big corporations. *The People's Budget* closes tax loopholes, like ending the unlimited tax write-offs for corporate bonuses. Our budget tackles inequality through fair tax system for all Americans, leveling the playing field for working people.**
- 9) *The People's Budget* protects the right to vote and supports criminal justice reforms which strengthen public safety and avoid over-criminalization. Our budget calls for rebuilding trust in the justice system by funding community oriented policing reforms. It also strengthens Department of Justice voter protection programs, protects voting rights by increasing funding to voter protection agencies, and funds public financing of campaigns to curb the influence of special interests in politics. Additionally, the budget makes key investments in America's electoral integrity by upgrading our voting systems.**
- 10) *The People's Budget* makes veterans a priority by increasing funding for veterans' supportive housing to eliminate homelessness amongst veterans and expanding access to mental health care for all veteran and service members. Our budget also invests in job training opportunities for transitioning service members and veterans.**