

National Rainbow Coalition, Inc.

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Planks that the National Rainbow Coalition would like to see adopted by the Democratic Party Platform Committee.

INVEST IN AMERICA

Public and private pension funds now total over \$3 trillion. The Democratic Party supports a \$500 billion Rebuild America Plan using a portion of public pension funds, government secured -- using workers' money to meet workers' needs -- as a central source of seed money for patient, long-term development capital. Without a plan of this scale, our country's decline will continue, working peoples' prospects will diminish, and our cities will grow more desperate.

EDUCATION

The Democratic party supports equal state funding for education as a way of ending the disparities between poorer inner-city and rural communities, and richer urban and suburban communities. We support a doubling of federal spending on education over the next four years.

WORKERS' RIGHTS

The right of all workers, including public employees, to organize and bargain collectively through the union of their choice is a precious American right that has been attacked by the Reagan and Bush administrations. Among other steps, labor laws should be revised to reduce management abuse of labor rights and other anti-union tactics. We must work to end substandard wage competition for public contracts. We will continue to fight for Striker Replacement legislation and the repeal of Section 14B of the National Labor Relations Act, which undercuts the ability of unions to organize workers.

HEALTH CARE

The Democratic Party supports a national health care plan that provides universal, comprehensive health care through a single payer system

SOUTH AFRICA

The Democratic Party supports the creation of a South African/American Enterprise Fund that will provide a new interim government with \$240 million to help in the development of democracy in South Africa. Such a plan is an exact duplication of what the U.S. is doing with the Polish-American Enterprise Fund. Both countries have 40 million people.