

Senate District 64 DFL Resolutions Results

<p>A total of 385 ballots were cast. Resolutions receiving 231 affirmative votes met the 60 percent standard for adoption. Senate District 64 can pass along to 52 resolutions (not counting Local and Party Issues). 53 resolutions passed. Number 51 had the lowest total and will not be forwarded.</p>	
<p>Passed – 255 votes</p>	<p>Agriculture and Food</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Minnesota DFL Party supports introduction of legislation to make legal the cultivation of industrial hemp and the subsequent processing thereof.
<p>Passed – 326 votes</p>	<p>Civil, Human & Constitutional Rights</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. The Minnesota DFL Party will support changes in Minnesota law to: support police action directed towards prosecution of all traffickers who bring innocent children into the United States to sell as child sex slaves; support police action directed towards prosecution of traffickers and patrons (users) of child sex slaves, not against the child sex slaves; support provision of victim funds to protect and provide for child sex slaves while they are waiting to be witnesses against the child sex slave traffickers; support change of Minnesota law to language which dignifies and provides victim support for rescued child sex slaves; and supports change in Minnesota law to enable collection of data in compliance with federal requirements so that Minnesotans can know how many sex traffickers and patrons are being prosecuted in Minnesota. (7 precincts)
<p>Passed – 325 votes</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Each DFL candidate for governor should, acting in the role of Commander-in-Chief of the Minnesota National Guard, commit to suspending all discharges under the “don’t ask, don’t tell” policy until Congress has made a decision concerning repealing or retaining the Federal law. (3 precincts)
<p>Passed – 240 votes</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. The Minnesota DFL Party supports appointment of an independent, non-partisan commission to examine and report publicly on torture and cruel, inhuman and degrading treatment of detainees in the period since September 11, 2001, to further holding accountable all U.S. officials, regardless of rank or position, who authorized, implemented or failed in their duty to prevent the torture and ill-treatment of prisoners. (3 precincts)
<p>Passed – 291 votes</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5. The Minnesota DFL Party support comprehensive reform of U.S. immigration laws that provide for: a road to legalization and the option of citizenship for all immigrants; the prioritization of family reunification in all policies; the protection of workers’ rights and civil liberties for all; and end to the immigration enforcement and detention policies that tear apart families and communities. (3 precincts)
<p>Passed – 288 votes</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 6. The Minnesota DFL Party supports the right of any patient (or a healthcare agent when the patient cannot speak for her or him) to refuse or to discontinue artificial nutrition and hydration, which is a medical treatment and not a form of basic care. (2 precincts)
<p>Passed – 236 votes</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 7. The Minnesota DFL Party supports legalizing physician aid in dying, similar to what exists today in Oregon and Washington: a terminally ill, mentally competent adult whose diagnosis is verified by two physicians can request and receive from his or her physician a prescription for lethal medications that will end his or her life quickly and painlessly. (1 precinct).
<p>Passed – 290 votes</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 8. The Minnesota DFL Party supports the inclusion of gender equality in the Minnesota Constitution and the United States Constitution. (4 precincts).
<p>Passed – 290 votes</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 9. The Minnesota DFL Party supports a Constitutional Amendment to eliminate the legal status of personhood of corporations established by judicial decisions and clarify that corporate speech and expenditures of money by corporations, directly or indirectly, meant to affect the outcome of an election, is subject to

Passed – 281 votes	appropriate regulation. (2 precincts).
Passed – 285 votes	10. The Minnesota DFL Party work to ensure that all Minnesotans fully complete the 2010 census. (1 precinct).
Passed – 260 votes	11. The Minnesota DFL Party encourage our state elected officials to take a balanced approach to stopping sexual violence by investing state dollars in 1) services for victims and survivors, 2) prosecution, incarceration, and treatment of offenders, AND 3) primary prevention services to stop sexual violence before it happens. (1 precinct).
Passed – 238 votes	Consumer Issues
Passed – 268 votes	12. The Minnesota DFL Party take a stand against the inhumane conditions in puppy mills by supporting new laws that will grant the State of Minnesota the authority to license large breeders of dogs, inspect facilities, enforce laws and regulations, and impose stronger civil and criminal penalties for animal suffering.
Passed – 253 votes	13. The Minnesota DFL Party support source reduction strategies such as minimizing and eliminating pharmaceutical use to the extent possible and banning their disposal to the sanitary sewers or landfills.
Passed – 260 votes	Education
Passed – 308 votes	14. The Minnesota DFL Party support of public education finance reform that provides equitable, sustainable, predictable and sufficient funding for Minnesota schools. (3 precincts)
Passed – 248 votes	15. The Minnesota DFL Party supports legislation to close the achievement gap--- including limiting class sizes in high need areas, grades K - 5, to a ratio of one teacher to 18 pupils.
Passed – 312 votes	16. The Minnesota DFL Party expects elected officials and endorsed candidates to oppose voucher proposals that provide public funds to private schools.
Failed – 205 votes	17. The Minnesota DFL Party supports responsible sexual education programs that include information about abstinence, contraception, and disease prevention. (2 precincts)
Passed – 237 votes	18. The Minnesota DFL Party supports increased state investments to offer home visits and parent education to every first-time parent, double the number of at-risk children who participate in high quality early learning, implement a statewide quality rating and improvement system for child care, and create a cabinet level position to lead a statewide system of child development and early learning services.
Failed – 153 votes	19. The Minnesota DFL Party support state investments to help parents access quality child care and other early childhood programs such as Early Childhood Family Education, Family Literacy, Early Childhood Special Education and School Readiness to help children prepare for kindergarten and lifelong success. (2 precincts)
	Energy
	20. The Minnesota DFL Party supports the implementation of a statewide Minnesota solar electricity feed-in tariff program. (2 precincts)
	Health and Human Services
	21. The Minnesota DFL Party supports full funding of the National Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program and urges the Governor and the Commissioner of Health to protect the SAGE screening program from future budget cuts.
	22. The Minnesota legislature pass bills that mandate both private insurance and Medical Assistance payment for doula care, that the governor sign the bills, and that the Minnesota delegation to the United States Congress introduce and support legislation in both houses for national Medicaid payment for doula care.

Failed – 218 votes	23. Support Medicare as a “money in and money out” and not a for-profit insurance or enterprise with the understanding that Medicare will be properly funded.
Passed – 334 votes	24. All Minnesotans have access to quality, affordable health care – without exception.
Failed – 65 votes	25. Repeal the state-wide mandate for the fluoridation of municipal water supplies.
Passed – 252 votes	26. The Minnesota DFL support legislation that guarantees a minimum standard for paid sick leave from work for all Minnesota workers. (two precincts)
Passed – 269 votes	27. Minnesota not balance the state budget on the backs of persons receiving state supports that enable them to live healthier lives, develop their skills, and increase their participation in their communities, including supports for persons with disabilities. (three precincts)
Passed – 327 votes	28. The Minnesota DFL Party supports the preservation of the GAMC program by fully restoring the funding that was unfunded by Governor Pawlenty. (five precincts)
Passed – 301 votes	29. The Minnesota DFL Party supports increased funding for homeless youth services so all youth can access safe and stable housing with support services; improved coordination of appropriate housing options for youth and homeless prevention resources; and improved transition services and supports for youth aging out of foster care to ensure they have the knowledge, skills, and resources to successfully live independently and prevent future homelessness.
Passed – 274 votes	30. The Minnesota DFL Party supports the State of Minnesota focusing the effort to ending poverty in this state over the next ten years by restoring work as a way out of poverty, refocusing public assistance to streamline services, supporting everyone's capacity and potential, helping Minnesotans build and maintain financial assets, revitalizing our communities through infrastructure and person to person support, modernizing our system of education to build the best workforce in the nation and developing an ongoing structure to monitor Minnesota's efforts to end poverty.
Passed – 313 votes	31. The Minnesota DFL Party supports and will work to enact a universal, single-payer health care plan on the federal level and the single-payer Minnesota Health Act at the state level. (seventeen precincts)
Passed – 312 votes	32. The Minnesota DFL Party will work to achieve universal health care coverage in Minnesota in the next five years, beginning with Minnesota's children.
Passed – 277 votes	33. The Minnesota DFL Party supports full funding of the entire continuum of homeless services to end homelessness in Minnesota, thereby increasing funding for emergency shelters and rent subsidies, and assuring that appropriate supports and services required by people who are homeless or near-homeless are in place so that once housed they will not be at risk of losing that housing. (two precincts)
Passed – 241 votes	34. The Minnesota DFL Party supports legislation that would require mandated minimum safe registered nurse-to-patient standards to protect patients and staff. (three precincts)
Failed – 215 votes	35. The Minnesota DFL Party supports improved health outcomes and safety for patients, promoted through strong collective bargaining agreements for nursing staff.
	Government Accountability to the Public
Failed – 201 votes	36. The Minnesota DFL Party supports adoption of Instant Runoff Voting (also known as Ranked Choice Voting) for state and local elections. (three precincts)

	Labor & Employment
Passed – 269 votes	37. The Minnesota DFL Party supports making job creation a top legislative priority and passing a short-term jobs bill to get people back to work to help pull our economy out of this lengthy recession including a wage subsidy program for businesses to hire new workers at livable wages. (three precincts)
Passed – 296 votes	38. The Minnesota DFL Party expects our elected officials and endorsed candidates to support green job manufacturing and installation initiatives that pay prevailing wages that can support workers and their families. (two precincts)
Failed – 206 votes	39. During the 2010 Legislative Session the Minnesota DFL Party expects our elected officials to support passage of a large bonding bill, focusing as much of the dollars as possible on planned retrofitting, rehabilitation, and remodeling projects that can be undertaken very quickly; and that our elected officials support the Construction Coalition Jobs bill (SF 2078).
Passed – 267 votes	40. The Minnesota DFL Party supports legislation ensuring that publicly funded green jobs and training opportunities reach low-income people and people of color, agencies in charge of public investments meet their women and minority hiring, contracting, and training goals, and our government is accountable and transparent in its processes and reporting.
Passed – 271 votes	41. The Minnesota DFL Party expects our elected officials and endorsed candidates to support state legislation requiring employers to disclose to job applicants that a background check is being performed and to make a copy of the results available to the applicant.
Passed – 285 votes	42. The Minnesota DFL Party expects our elected officials and endorsed candidates to support continued extension of unemployment benefits as determined by prevailing economic conditions as defined by the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development. (2 precincts).
Passed – 233 votes	43. The Minnesota DFL Party expects our elected officials and endorsed candidates to oppose any state or federal attempts to weaken or reduce the funding to state and federal dislocated worker programs and that these funds be used solely to assist workers who lose their jobs to retrain for new jobs that pay just as well or better.
Passed – 275 votes	44. The Minnesota DFL Party expects our elected officials and endorsed candidates to support passage in Congress of the Employee Free Choice Act to ensure that workers who wish to form and join unions have the freedom to do so without the fear of employer retaliation.
Failed – 219 votes	45. The Minnesota DFL Party expects our elected officials and endorsed candidates to support state legislation that prohibits state agencies from contracting with companies that outsource work and job opportunities to other countries.
Passed – 265 votes	46. The Minnesota DFL Party expects our elected officials and endorsed candidates to support removal of any tax credits and/or reductions for companies that "off-shore" their employees or those that lay off large numbers of employees.
Failed – 164 votes	47. The Minnesota DFL Party expects our elected officials and endorsed candidates to support the option of Labor/Management negotiated Project Labor Agreements on public construction and renovation projects.
Passed – 258 votes	48. The Minnesota DFL Party supports the efforts of Twin Cities janitors to create good jobs and a green future for janitors and their families.
Failed – 209 votes	49. The Minnesota DFL Party supports improved health outcomes and safety for patients promoted through strong collective bargaining agreements for nursing staff.
Passed – 259 votes	50. The Minnesota DFL Party supports legislation that all construction projects funded in whole or in part by state or local tax dollars require that construction workers be paid the prevailing wage and support enforcement provisions necessary to ensure compliance. (three precincts)

Passed – 232 votes Not Forwarded	National Security & International Policy 51. The Minnesota DFL Party urges that the U.S. Congress cease funding for depleted uranium munitions and curtail sales of uranium-core bullets and shells abroad. (two precincts)
Failed – 115 votes	52. The Minnesota DFL Party urges that the State of Minnesota divest from all Israel bonds investments. (3 precincts)
Passed – 270 votes	53. The Minnesota DFL Party supports bringing home our troops from Afghanistan and Iraq as soon as possible.
Passed – 258 votes	54. The Minnesota DFL Party supports prosecution of people who have tortured.
Passed – 233 votes	Natural Resources & the Environment 55. The Minnesota DFL Party supports legislation placing a three year moratorium on the construction of new commercial digital billboards or conversion of existing billboards to digital billboards throughout Minnesota.
Passed – 292 votes	56. The Minnesota DFL Party supports addressing the risk to Minnesota's water from nonferrous mining, especially sulfide ores, in our state through strengthening existing financial assurance regulations to ensure that mining companies fulfill their obligations to fund mine clean-up activities, even in the event of bankruptcy or other unforeseen events through upfront bonding to cover damages. (five precincts)
Passed – 240 votes	57. The Minnesota DFL Party opposes the PolyMet proposed mine in Northeast Minnesota due to the lack of an Environmental Impact Statement, because Polymet's proposed sulfide mining would open the door to a mining district between the PolyMet site and the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness, and because sulfide mining adds sulfates to watersheds, triggering the chemical reaction by which mercury becomes methylated, and bio-accumulates in fish tissues.
Passed – 272 votes	58. The Minnesota DFL Party supports following Montana in the adoption of the International Plumbing Code which will allow use of "grey water" from showers and laundry to be used in toilet flushing and underground irrigation.
Failed – 149 votes	59. The Minnesota DFL Party supports prohibiting the development of nonferrous mining in Minnesota.
Passed – 340 votes	Public Safety & Crime Prevention 60. The DFL Party supports closing the gun show loophole and requiring that all potential gun buyers at gun shows pass a background check before buying a gun.
Passed – 304 votes	Tax & Budget Policy: 61. The Minnesota DFL Party believes that the current budget short-fall cannot be addressed through budget cuts alone and must make raising revenues a significant part of the state budget solution by including tax revenues as part of the balanced approach to addressing budget shortfalls, and necessary revenues should be raised in a way that makes the overall tax system fairer. (two precincts)
Passed – 321 votes	62. The Minnesota DFL Party supports restoration of progressivity to the state income tax to provide for an equitable distribution of the tax burden and that additional tax revenue be considered by an equitable progressive increase in income tax.
Passed – 273 votes	63. The Minnesota DFL Party supports returning the Minnesota's level of taxation and "price of government " (proportion of the gross state product going to local and state public services) to the level of the 1990s prior to cuts under Governor Ventura, when Minnesota was a leader among states in economic, education, health and quality of life measures

<p>Passed – 301 votes</p>	<p>Transportation</p> <p>64. The Minnesota DFL Party expects our elected officials and endorsed candidates to support ongoing planning, funding, and implementation of a comprehensive, state-of-the-art transportation system not only for today but for our children and grandchildren.</p>
<p>Passed – 282 votes</p>	<p>65. The Minnesota DFL Party supports statewide and local Complete Streets policies to ensure that roads are planned and designed to fully consider safety and access for all users. (four precincts)</p>
<p>Failed – 201 votes</p>	<p>Local or Party Issues</p> <p>66. The Ramsey County Attorney's Office and Saint Paul City Attorney's Office end their zealous prosecution of cases from the Republican National Convention protests and that they start serious investigations into claims of police brutality and improper tactics.</p>
<p>Failed – 180 votes</p>	<p>67. DFL rules be amended to stipulate that after the first two hours of a DFL Caucus or Convention, any alternate delegate who is credentialed shall not be required to involuntarily surrender those credentials.</p>