

# St. Louis Young Democrats Mission Statement

#### **Racial Justice**

- We will work dismantle systemic racism, with a focus on dismantling systems of oppression present in our criminal justice system and our city
- We believe our government should protect the rights for all, regardless of race, ethnicity, gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, ability, or religion
- We support the movement for Black lives and stand against white supremacy in all forms and facets
- We oppose the militarization of police departments

### Economic Justice

- We believe our city's public assets should remain public
- We believe that development should be centered on the needs of the community, ensuring current residents are not priced out of their homes
- We believe everyone is entitled to a living wage, paid sick live, paid family leave, affordable child care, and a union
- We believe that everyone has the right to access high-quality education regardless of income

### Environmental Justice

- We believe climate change needs to be addressed head-on and environmental justice can only be achieved through economic and racial justice
- We believe that everyone should have access to safe, affordable housing; clean air; reliable and affordable public transportation; healthy, accessible food; and neighborhood-based revitalization efforts.

## Healthcare For All

- We believe that healthcare is a human right & support the push towards Medicare for All
- We believe all people have the right to a safe, legal abortion and all forms of reproductive freedom. Everyone should be able to choose when, if, and how to have a family.
- We support common-sense gun regulations

## Political Ethics

- We believe in the right to vote and oppose all methods used to disenfranchise voters, especially people formerly incarcerated
- We believe in fair elections and a transparent government