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### **Sioux County Democrats Hit Record Attendance for Midterm Caucus**

Sioux County Democrats hit a record high for caucus attendance during a midterm election year, with 81 people attending the county party's Iowa Democratic Caucuses Monday evening, Feb. 2.

Prior to the caucuses, which were held at the Sioux Center Public Library, the Sioux County Democrats hosted a Pro-Immigrant Rally along Highway 75 in front of the library. More than 350 people of all ages—in a line that stretched for blocks in both directions—held signs showing their support for their immigrant neighbors, colleagues, students, and classmates.

"I feel energized by both events," said Anita Cirulis, chair of the Sioux County Democrats. "It was wonderful to see the crowd that came for the rally, and we did some great work building our county party during the caucus."

Those who attended the caucus learned about the 17 Democratic candidates running for statewide or national offices. Caucus organizers collected an average of 50 signatures for the nomination petitions for each of those candidates to help them get on the June 2 primary ballot.

The Central Committee of the Sioux County Democrats gained two new members, both young women in their 20s from Sioux Center. Nine individuals registered to vote as Democrats, eight caucus attendees signed up for the Sioux County Democrats mailing list, and 21 volunteered to help the county party in ways that align with their interests, talents and time.

Caucus attendees also elected 20 people to serve as delegates to the March 21 county convention and adopted eight resolutions to be considered for the party's platform. Those resolutions covered issues that included environmental protections, international relations, birthright citizenship, Immigration and Customs Enforcement, term limits, and civil rights protections.

"The Iowa Democratic Party emphasized that the caucuses are an opportunity to build our county party in both breadth and depth," Cirulis said. "This is a great start to the work we'll be doing for the 2026 Midterm Elections. We need to replace the Republican majorities in our state and nation with elected officials who will protect our democracy and work for all Americans instead of multi-billionaires and corporate monopolies.