



## **Polk County Democrats Steak Fry Caterer Request for Proposals**

The Polk County Democratic Party is proud to host the 2020 Steak Fry on September 13, 2020 at 1:00 PM at Water Works Park in Des Moines, Iowa. We are expecting coronavirus precautions to still be in place this fall and, like most Americans, are wary of a resurgence. With that in mind, we plan to hold a first of its kind drive-in Steak Fry where people will remain in their cars for the meal service and the duration of the event. Our venue, Des Moines Water Works Park, can hold up to 20,000 cars, which will be more than adequate for this event. We also have strong security protocols in place from last year's Steak Fry where we coordinated with dozens of security teams and local law enforcement agencies.

We are beginning the process of looking for a catering vendor for the event. The caterer will be responsible for sourcing the meals, transporting them to the site, and preparing them onsite. The caterer is also expected to provide their own cooling truck(s), grills, grilling equipment, propane, and protective equipment (masks, gloves, etc.) for their staff. We have hundreds of volunteers who can help with the food service. We will provide our volunteers with protective equipment.

The plan now is that there will be several food preparation sites around the event, so that attendees can socially distance while getting their food. The meal service may start as early as 11:00 A.M. and conclude as late as 3:00 P.M. Attendees will consume the food at their vehicles. Facemasks will be required for anyone outside their vehicles. We will be responsible for trash disposal and cleanup around the park.

In addition to the responsibilities above, we are looking for a caterer who can provide:

- 1,000 to 8,000 meals with the final order to be placed 2 weeks before the event
- A steak meal option (at least ½ inch cooked) for 70% of non-vegan adult diners
- A chicken meal option for 30% of non-vegan adult diners
- A vegan meal option for those who request it
- A kids meal option for those who request it
- Two sides (both vegan so they can be used for all)
- Potentially a cookie or other small dessert option
- Steak sauces
- Bottled water, lemonade, or iced tea for each guest
- Soda refreshments for those who wish to purchase it (all sales go to the caterer)
- Individual cardboard meal boxes for guests to take their food back to their vehicle
- Utensils, cups, napkins, and suitable steak knives
- Flexibility for daily additions up to the day before the event

Creativity will be rewarded. Proposals with pricing are due by 5:00 PM on July 17, 2020. Please email them and any questions to [polkdems@gmail.com](mailto:polkdems@gmail.com). We expect to make a decision on the caterer by August 3, 2020.